

## CARL "BILL" GENTRY

Bill Gentry has spent 35 of his 60 years teaching in the Albuquerque Public schools (APS) system. And in 29 of those years he's served as head football coach of Highland High, compiling an awesome, record-setting 230 wins - 72 losses - 5 ties mark that ranks among the nation's 25 best prep totals, according to a USA TODAY survey. It ranks 20th in the U.S. in total number of wins (230), 25th in winning percentage (76%).

Bill graduated from UNM in 1951 after playing guard for Dud DeGroot's Lobos, gaining a BS degree. He attained his MS degree in 1958 — the year he joined Highland.

In that 29-year span with the Hornets he has won three state championships, including 1986 with tonight's Team of

the Year.' Further, Bill compiled two undefeated years at Highland, saw his team win its district 14 times and finish Class AAAA runner-up three years.

Twice Bill has been a national finalist for U.S. Coach of the Year in high school football and twice has been named Albuquerque TRIBUNE 'Coach of the Year' (1972, 1978).

Bill and wife, Mary, have two sons, William and Thomas, and a daughter, Marcy.

Our congratulations to the only football coach in New Mexico's history to pass the lofty 200-win strata!