



JOHNSON

Inducted into celebrated Helms Athletic Hall of Fame for Athletic Directors in 1970 . . . Three-letterman at University of Michigan and national champion in physical efficiency (weight lifting and running) . . . Joined UNM athletic staff in 1920 . . . Until his retirement in 1959, he taught virtually every P.E. course at University and was head coach of almost every Lobo sport . . .

"Old Iron Head" served 11 years as head football coach, had only four losing seasons and compiled a 40 win - 31 loss - 6 tie

record . . . Coached Lobo basketball teams to a 163-137 record over a 16-year span, including 11-1, 14-2, 13-4 and 16-4 seasons . . . Produced All-Border Conference selections in football and basketball who later became leaders in athletic and business world . . . Yet, ironically confidants believe his first love was track and field . . .

Singlehandedly built Zimmerman Field - UNM's football stadium until 1960, constructing the field's first grandstand, leveling the gridiron with horse and plow, and laying the pipeline to water the grass he planted . . .

UNM's Alumni Lettermen Club recognized their all-everything coach in 1952 by sponsoring a trip to the Helsinki Olympic Games, thus realizing a life-long dream for "Coach" . . .

Thus, it was only following script that UNM's excellent physical education and athletic building built in 1957 containing teaching facilities, two basketball courts and a nationally recognized swimming pool should be named - Roy W. Johnson Gymnasium.

