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GARY FREDERICK

Gary Frederick, who was Central Washington University's athletic director for 19 years (1980-99), was inducted into the NAIA Hall-of-Fame in Oct. 1997 at the NAIA National Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

Frederick was also selected the NAIA National Administrator of the Year for the 1987-88 year.

During Frederick's tenure at CWU, he helped develop the Wildcat athletic program into one of the top NAIA small-college programs in the country. Under Frederick's leadership, the university moved most of its athletic programs into the PacWest Conference and NCAA Division II affiliation last fall.

For 10 consecutive years between 1982-83 and 1991-92, CWU was ranked in the Top 8 in the NAIA Men's All-Sports competition. Central won the 1986-87 men's all-sports title.

Frederick, 62, has a long affiliation with Central. After graduating from Raymond High School in 1955 where he was all-conference in football, basketball and baseball, he enrolled here.

He lettered in football three years (1956-58) and earned second team all-conference honors in 1957 and first team honors in 1958 at offensive center.

He graduated in 1959 with a bachelor of arts degree in education and later earned a masters in physical education from Central and a doctorate in secondary education from the University of Idaho in 1974.

Frederick coached basketball and baseball at Thorp High School (1959-60); football, basketball and track at Waitsburg High School (1960-63) and football and baseball at Central Kitsap (1963-67) before returning to Ellensburg in 1967.

From 1967 until 1983, he served as an assistant football coach and was head baseball coach from 1968 until 1978 when he resigned to take over the chairmanship of the physical education department.

He gave up the that job when he was named to succeed Adrian "Bink" Beamer as athletic director in the fall of 1980.

Frederick is CWU's winningest baseball coach. In 11 seasons his teams won 234 games and lost 147 and qualified for the NAIA College World Series in 1968 and 1970. Three times (1969, 1970 and 1971) he was named District 1 Coach-of-the-Year.

Frederick also served as CWU's women's basketball coach between 1983 and 1993. In 11 seasons, his teams won 164 games and lost 146 and twice (1986 and 1988) he was named District 1 Coach-of-the-Year. In the 1987-88 season, he led CWU to a 31-5 overall record and its only District 1 title.

For the past five springs, Frederick has served the university as its women's softball coach, compiling a record of 67-113.

Frederick was on sabbatical during the 1993-94 school year and served the NAIA as its interim Director of Championship Events.

Misc: Born 7-16-37 at Hoquiam. Wife's name is Bobbi. Has three adult sons, Brooke, Rick and Rob. Bobbi has two adult children, Anna, and David.

Athletic Director University Advancement