



## **Larry R. Strain**

### ***SPORTS***

Larry was born deaf in Milbank, South Dakota. When he was four, Mr. Mylebust visited his family and informed them that Larry could attend SDSU. There he continued on until graduation. In the eighth grade, Larry started to learn sports. Football was the first sport he learned and enjoyed it especially because of a wonderful role model of his, which was Mr. Eli Lundy. Larry may be a short guy but he played like a giant. He averaged 1 to 3 touchdowns per game, thus making them win the football championship in 1953 and 1954. Not only football was his interest, but basketball and track also. In basketball, Larry was known to make points and the team entered into the District Tournament. For track, he made first and second place fairly often in the 100 and 220 yard dash run along with the 800 yard relay.

Continuing on with his passion for sports in the 1960's, Larry participated and won five straight championships in softball. Not only that, Larry also played basketball for Dallas Association for the deaf winning three times in the Southwest Athletic Association for the Deaf and three times in American Association for the Deaf. In 1980, Larry received the Midwest Athletic Association for the Deaf Coach of the Tournament plaque. Larry has coached for many years, thus showing his passion for sports.