



SOUTH DAKOTA  
HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION



*1st Annual*  
AWARDS BANQUET



Saturday, November 18, 1972  
6:30 P. M.

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(downtown Sioux Falls)



## PAST PRESIDENTS PAGE

This page is dedicated to those men who have served the South Dakota High School Coaches Association as President. May it inspire other coaches to serve their organization in some way.

<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>
1939	Paul Marschalk
1940	Paul Marschalk
1941	Paul Marschalk
1942	No Meeting - WW2
1943	No Meeting - WW2
1944	No Meeting - WW2
1945	No Meeting - WW2
1946	Joe Dunmire
1947	Rube Waltman
1948	Rube Waltman
1949	Bill Hauge
1950	Bob Burns
1951	Duane Clodfelter
1952	Duane Clodfelter
1953	Floyd Mitchell
1954	Jim Marking
1955	Mylo Jackson
1956	Bill Mitchell
1957	H. W. Haddorn
1958	Don Allen
1959	Tom Prendergast
1960	Bob Schroeder
1961	Clar Lilevjen
1962	Howard Naasz
1963	Burdell Coplan
1964	Rich Greeno
1965	Wendell Handley
1966	Bob Brooks
1967	Marlyn Goldhammer
1968	Max Hawk
1969	Jerry Applebee
1970	Jack Doyle
1971	Jack Schuver

# **SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION**

## **1972 Officers and Directors**

<b>PRESIDENT:</b>	Dale McElhany	Watertown
<b>PRESIDENT ELECT:</b>	Mike Stadem	Dell Rapids
<b>EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:</b>	Max Hawk	Yankton
<b>DIRECTORS:</b>	Dan Barker	Madison
	Jerry Opbroek	Mitchell
	Dave Strain	Rapid City
	Bob Dubbs	Groton
	Harvey Naasz	Winner

## **COACH OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

### **1971-72 Recipients**

1971 Football	Burdell Coplan	Canton
1972 Basketball	Bob Dockter	Miller
1972 Wrestling	Dick Bleth	Faulkton
1972 Track	Dave Vogelgesang	Willow Lake

1971-72 Distinguished Service Award  
Dr. Merritt Auld  
Yankton

# **SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION**

## **1st Annual Awards Banquet**

**November 18, 1972**

Master of Ceremonies .....	Max Hawk
Invocation .....	Fr. V. F. Ramaeker
Welcome .....	Dale McElhaney, President
Introduction of Special Guests .....	Dale McElhaney
Introduction of Guest Speaker .....	Dale McElhaney
Lt. Gov. William Dougherty	
Presentation of Awards .....	Dale McElhaney
Football Coach of the Year	
Basketball Coach of the Year	
Wrestling Coach of the Year	
Track Coach of the Year	
Distinguished Service Award	
Special Awards .....	Dale McElhaney
	Max Hawk
Benediction .....	Fr. V. F. Ramaeker

# **SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION**

## **1971 FOOTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR**

### **BURDELL COPLAN**



Burdell Coplan is the Athletic Director and Head Football and Track Coach at Canton High School, Canton, South Dakota. A graduate of Watertown High School and the University of South Dakota, he owns a record of 112 wins, 30 losses, and 9 ties. His undefeated season in 1971 brought Canton's win streak to 17 games, and 21 games without a loss.

Coplan was also named District 7 Football Coach of the Year in 1971. District 7 includes South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming.

# **SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION**

## **1972 BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR**

### **BOB DOCKTER**



Bob Dockter attended high school at Cresbard and graduated from Northern State College in 1967. During his six years of basketball coaching, all at Miller, South Dakota, he had a lifetime record of 58 wins and 10 losses.

In 1970-71 his team was 18-4 and in 1971-72 they were 24-0 capturing the Class "A" State Basketball Championship. His was only the third team in South Dakota history to have a perfect season en-route to a state championship.

For these accomplishments the S.D.H.S.C.A. chose to honor Bob Dockter as their 1972 Basketball Coach of the Year.

# SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION

## 1972 WRESTLING COACH OF THE YEAR

### DICK BLETH



Dick Bleth is currently the wrestling coach at Faulkton High School, Faulkton, South Dakota. He attended high school at McIntosh and graduated from Northern State College in 1967. During college he lettered three years and was the wrestling team captain during his senior year. He owns a 5-year coaching record in wrestling of 49 wins and 11 losses in dual competition and the 1970-71 and the 1971-72 State Class "B" Championship.

For these accomplishments the S.D.H.S.C.A. elected him 1972 Wrestling Coach of the Year.

# **SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION**

## **1972 TRACK COACH OF THE YEAR**

### **DAVID VOGELGESANG**



Dave Vogelgesang graduated from high school at Highmore and attended the University of South Dakota at Springfield. He then coached track at Willow Lake for four years.

His 1971 track team won championships at the Watoma Relays in Watertown, the Lake Central Conference meet, the Hamlin County Conference Championship, the Doland Invitational, and the Region Three "B" meet. Although his team did not win the State Class "B" Track Championship, they did capture runner-up honors. For these accomplishments the S.D.H.S.C.A. elected Dave their 1971 Track Coach of the Year.

**SOUTH DAKOTA HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION**

**1972 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT**

**DR. MERRITT AULD**



The S.D.H.S.C.A. "Distinguished Service Award" is given for "outstanding achievement and contributions to high school athletic programs and dedicated loyalty to the highest and best in high school athletics". The 1972 recipient is Dr. Merritt Auld, a practicing physician from Yankton, South Dakota.

Dr. Auld served as the school board member of the South Dakota Activities Association for six years, on the Yankton Board of Education for fourteen years, as team doctor for Yankton High School since 1946, and was very instrumental in promoting high school wrestling with weight control research. He presently serves on the Medical Advisory Board for the Activities Association. For his long service and continued interest in high school athletics the S.D.H.S.C.A. present him this honor.