

## THE NORMAN J. HUBNER ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

It's only fitting that **Dick Baumgartner** be enshrined in the Norman J. Hubner Athletic Hall of Fame, because Hubner coached "Bummy" in basketball and always listed him among his favorite players. He lettered in basketball from 1947-49 and scored 515 points during his career. He led the Slicers with 251 points during a banner senior campaign after which he was named MVP and Kaminski free throw champion. That 17-9 season (1948-49) marked the last time the Slicers would win a sectional title for 27 years. He also served as student body president as a senior.

In addition, Baumgartner played football and ran track. As a senior end, he caught 20 passes for 332 yards and ran 17 times for 103 yards. He scored seven touchdowns and one extra point. He was named to the post-season team in the Eastern Division of the Northern Indiana Conference. In track he was a member of the state-champion mile relay team.

While attending Indiana University, he lettered two years in basketball and one in track. He started coaching basketball while in the U.S. Army. He later coached four Indiana All-Stars during a 19-year career and had a combined record of 350-135 at Roachdale, Crawfordsville and Richmond. In 1958 he guided Crawfordsville to a state runner-up finish. Overall he won 17 sectionals, nine regionals and one semistate, plus four North Central Conference titles. A past president of the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, he was named to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 1997.

For over 42 years, the ex-Slicer star has been recognized as one of the nation's foremost experts on shooting. He invented the "Sure Shot" method, which he has used in his basketball camps for 34 years, has written three books and produced nine videos and DVDs.

