

PROFESSOR JOHN P. HEINRICH

John P. Heinrich announced that he would retire as basketball and football coach on the eleventh of December, 1964.

Coach Heinrich had a very distinguished career through his years. He had played college football at Washington State College, where he was captain of the team in his senior year. He graduated from the University of Washington. He came to the University of Puget Sound in 1945 after a very successful coaching career at Tacoma's Stadium High School. While coaching at Stadium, he won three Cross-state championships and two Prep football championships. His thirteen-year record at Stadium was sixty six won, twenty four lost, and twelve tied.

While at Stadium he was very closely associated with the University of Puget Sound and he also was associated with the officials' organization in the County. After three years as basketball coach at the University of Puget Sound, he also became head football coach in 1948. In his seventeen years at the University, his teams have won eighty-nine, lost forty six, and tied eleven. He outranked all other coaches in the State in years of service.

Upon his retirement, President Thompson said, "We look on this as an opportunity to use the outstanding background, training, and abilities which Coach Heinrich possesses. We look on it as a great service to the University."

He said that the Administration, Athletic Committee, and Board of Trustees would soon name a successor.

John Heinrich is a very personable individual and takes a very unusual interest in each individual student and does a great deal of career and personal counseling as well as coaching. He has a very even temper. He has a good sense of humor. The students call him "Coach" and they have had great regard and affection for him through all the years.

For his life-time career he had two hundred twenty wins, one hundred twenty losses, and twenty six ties. He won awards and memberships in the National Association of Inter-collegiate Athletics, Helm's Hall of Fame in 1957, and was placed in the Tacoma-Pierce County Sport's Hall of Fame in 1959. He was selected as the first honorary coach from an All Methodist College and the University team in 1962. He has coached four players who are named to the All-American football team.

Upon his retirement as coach he was named Director of Athletics and Head of the Physical Education Department where he was very outstanding in his leadership.

When he retired a second time from this position, he was asked to become a counselor in teacher training for our students who are training to become coaches and teachers of athletics. He served that very successfully until 1979 when he asked again to be relieved of his responsibilities.