

**FRAN BRAUNGER** -- Fran Braunger was a long-time elementary physical education teacher and coach with St. Peter Public Schools from 1963 to 1992. Along with his teaching duties, he coached track and field for 33 years, including being named Section Coach of the Year in 1975 and 1990, and organized SPHS's first cross country program which he coached for 16 years.

Prior to moving to St. Peter, the Morgan, Minn., native taught in Nicollet for three years (1959 to 1963) after receiving his teaching degree from Mankato State University. Fran was the first elementary physical education teacher in St. Peter, which was truly a ground-breaking experience.

He was a very well respected coach both within the halls of St. Peter High School and around the area and was someone who was well known for presenting himself as a top professional and role model.

Community involvement was also very important to Fran as he devoted countless hours to organizations such as the Nicollet County Relay for Life, American Cancer Society (Swim-O-Thon and Daffodil Sale) and the St. Peter Area Food Shelf.