



Frank Sancet '33

Has been elected to membership in the

Beta Phi Hall of Honor Class of 2004

Brother Sancet was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1907 and moved to Arizona in 1915, becoming an outstanding student-athlete for the UA, lettering in football, basketball and baseball. Graduating from the University of Arizona in 1933 with a bachelor's degree in physical education, Brother Sancet continued his education and received a masters degree in education from Northern Arizona University in 1940.

Brother Sancet enjoyed an exemplary career as a leader of young men. As head baseball coach at the University of Arizona for over two decades, Brother Sancet compiled a winning record and championship record that is unparalleled in the ranks of intercollegiate baseball coaching.

Brother Sancet built the Arizona baseball program into a national collegiate power. He finished his 22-year tenure as head coach with a school-record nine College World Series appearances, three national championship game appearances and an 831-282-8 career record. When he retired in 1972, his .744 winning percentage ranked as the best all-time in school history.

The UA Athletic Department honored Brother Sancet by dedicating the University of Arizona baseball stadium, then known as Wildcat Field, as Frank Sancet Field on April 19, 1986.

During his 22 years as coach of the Wildcats, Arizona advanced to the post-season 17 times and won nine district championships. He won four Western Athletic Conference South titles and finished second five times in the 10 seasons Arizona played in the conference under his leadership. A total of 66 players signed professional contracts, 15 of which went on to play in the Major Leagues. In addition, 39 players received All-America recognition, 32 were All-WAC South and eight were named to the All-College World Series Team.

In addition to serving as assistant and head baseball coach, he was also an assistant coach for the UA football team and was the head coach for the freshman basketball team. Besides being a coach and teacher at the UA, he was athletic commissioner for the Southern District for the State of Arizona with the principle duty of recruiting, training and assigning officials for all sports. He was a coach on a special State Department tour of Central America in 1963 and was recognized as an outstanding ambassador for the U.S. in the role of teacher-coach. He was also selected by the NCAA to be the District 7 representative on the Rules Committee.

Brother Sancet was named to the ABCA Hall of Fame in 1972, the University of Arizona Athletics Hall of Fame in 1976 and the Pima County Sports Hall of Fame in 1991. Additionally, Brother Sancet was named a Significant Sig by the Sigma Chi Fraternity in 1971.