

*At this time we would like to welcome back Jefferson's second head track coach, Ron Schirm.....Ron is being inducted into the Jefferson J-Hawk Track Hall of Fame today. He is accompanied by his wife Donna Rae.*

Ron began his teaching and coaching careers at Wilson High School. At Wilson he taught physical education, and coached football and track where many of his athletes competed successfully in state and national meets. In 1966 Ron moved to Jefferson High School. There he became an assistant coach in both football and track. After the death of Jefferson's first head coach, John Ask, Ron took over the program in 1975. He led the boys track team for 22 years before retiring in 1996. During Ron's tenure the track team set 9 school records – 8 of them which still stand today. He coached two Drake relays to championships in the 4x200 and the 4x800. In 1983 he was named MVC coach of the year....his team were the MVC champions.

Ron worked with, and mentored, many successful coaches during his track career at Jefferson. His assistant coaches included Jack Fisk, R.J. Noonan, Dennis Roloff , Todd Hahlen, Parrish Copeland, Jim Dostal, Bret Ranard, Ron Tower and Bob Allen. All of these familiar names worked for Ron in the J-Hawk track program.

Ron has received several awards over the years. He was elected to the Coe College Hall of Fame, was named the Assistant Coach of the Year by the Iowa

Football Coaches Hall of Fame, was selected into the Jefferson High School  
Booster Club Hall of Fame, was named the Outstanding Jaycee Award and won  
the Gatorade Coaches Care Award. Today we want to add to his list of  
accomplishments as we also induct Coach Schirm into the Jefferson men's track  
hall of fame.

Congratulations to Coach Ron Schirm - we wish him the best of luck as he  
continues to enjoy his retirement.