



Richard Hanson

Alpine, TX 2004

## BIOGRAPHY: Rich Hanson

Born: 8-8-54, Scottsbluff, Nebraska  
Parents: Richard, Sr. and Helen  
Brothers: Ken, Larry  
Wife: Corine  
Children: Gene and Celina  
Grandchildren: Brianna and Loren

### Academics:

Kingman High School (1972)  
Northern Arizona Univ. (BSed, 1976)  
University of Arizona (MS, 1977)

My family saw a lot of the western United States while I was growing up. We settled in Kingman, Arizona, when my brothers and I were of "junior high" age. As a freshman, I was unsuccessful playing football, but had a great time serving as manager of the baseball team.

The freshman baseball coach happened to be the head football coach and he set me up with the Cramer Student Trainer Course: "Athletic Training in the Seventies", which I completed in the summer of 1970. I had a great time helping my friends, most of whom played two or three sports. In the summers, I attended student athletic trainer workshops at both Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona.

I chose to attend NAU to work with Mike Nesbitt as an intern. We had a very small but outstanding staff. It was Mike and the student trainers; no assistants, and, for awhile, not even a graduate assistant. So, we did the job, and learned on the run. Mike emphasized classroom excellence and two of my fellow students received academic recognition from the NATA. This has been an NAU tradition, ever since. Mike also made sure we had a teaching credential; that was where the jobs were and athletic trainers "need to be on the faculty". In 1976, I was named outstanding graduate in Physical Education.

Phil Voorheis and I were accepted into Dr. Gary Delforge's graduate program at the University of Arizona. The class of 1977 consisted of twenty one students, from all over the country. I was assigned to work at the University, with Warren Lee. Having such a small program was a tremendous advantage. At that time, it was an extremely intense, one year program and we needed each other's support. Because of its small size, however, the University dropped it in 19--. Dr. Delforge then demonstrated a central characteristic of our profession, he figured out how to get the job done anyway. It is now, an even better, two year program at the Arizona School of Health Sciences in Chandler, Arizona. I consider myself to be the luckiest athletic trainer on the planet. I learned my profession from Mike Nesbitt, Warren Lee and Gary Delforge; all of whom are enshrined in the National Athletic Trainers Association Hall of Fame.

Then, it was time to find a job. Phil and I sent dozens of letters to small colleges throughout the western United States. We each wanted to find a little NAU of our own. Bob Beeten, in Colorado Springs invited me to come to the olympic training center. I could sleep in a dorm and eat in the cafeteria, but there was no salaried position. Because Phil was an Eastwood graduate, we sent applications to the El Paso area. Ruth Meredith called and offered Parkland High School.

I accepted the paying job; the training center would always be there, and one of my great regrets is that I never followed up. The first year at Parkland was very tough. Fortunately, in those days, the athletic program was small and I learned how to cope. Teaching Biology was a different matter; I survived that thanks to Milton Henry.

The following year, an extraordinary group of professionals began showing up at Parkland. We were a small school playing a 5A schedule but we started to have fun, and we started to win. When Cyndi Rains became my partner, she and I were able to expand and improve the sports health program and I started to enjoy success teaching, as well. In 1993, Corine and I married and life was very good, indeed.

There were many changes at Parkland over the eighteen years, and in 1995, I transferred to Riverside. In 1996, several of my old friends reunited at Fabens High School and I was invited to come along. In the summer of 2000, Tom Redlinger called for me to fill a vacancy at Montwood High and I am ever grateful to him and Cheryl Hochhalter for teaching me how the big schools have to operate, in a district progressive enough to have three athletic trainers on staff.

In 2001, I was elected to serve the athletic trainers in far west Texas on the Board of the new Texas State Athletic Trainers Association. Serving in this capacity has allowed me to meet many outstanding athletic trainers across the state. It rejuvenated my enthusiasm for our great profession. Presently, I work at Socorro High School in the finest sports health facility I have seen in any high school, anywhere in the country.

There are many people to thank for all I have learned and for the extraordinary support I have been blessed with throughout my life:

**My precious family**

**My NAU family:**

Rob Evers  
Doctor Hershey  
Mike Nesbitt  
Jim Newberry  
Jeannie Powers  
Doctor Reno  
Father Rudy Rosales  
Phil Voorheis  
Cheryl Weatherton  
All of the "Blue & Gold"

**My Parkland family:**

Rene Barreras  
Irv Bloxdorf  
Ron Bohls  
Jim Davenport  
Dan Ferguson  
Ronnie Hernandez  
Rod Kettelhut  
Cyndi Rains

**My SISD partners:**

Santiago Chavez  
Cheryl Hochhalter  
Tom Redlinger  
Juan Renteria  
Marcie Strutz

**The firefighters:**

Tom Blum  
Robyn Boyce  
Greg Carlin  
Bob Casson  
Dave Conrad  
Merril Keifer  
Dave Law  
Collins Ottipoby  
Porter Williams

**The pilots of Helicopter 361**

# EL PASO ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

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## Personal Information:

Born: August, 8, 1954 Scottsbluff, Nebraska  
Wife: Corine  
Children: Gene and Celina  
Grandchildren: Brianna and Loren

## Education:

University of Arizona: MS, 1977  
Northern Arizona University: BSed, 1976  
Kingman High School, Kingman, AZ

## Friends and Business Associates:

Listed on attached biography. Contact information available on request.

## Employment History:

Socorro High School	2002-Present
Montwood High School	2000-2002
Fabens High School	1996-2000
Riverside High School	1995-1996
Parkland High School	1977-1995

I have served as head or associate athletic trainer in El Paso for twenty-eight years. I was honored to be the host athletic trainer for the:

Texas State High School Wrestling Championship (1993)  
Region 1 Wrestling Tournament (2001, 2002)  
The Cotton Relays (1996-2000)  
District Championships and tournaments too numerous to remember, in all sports.

At Parkland High School, I sponsored the Letter Club and organized many blood drives.

**Professional Affiliations and Offices Held:**

National Athletic Trainers Association (1973-Present)  
Southwest Athletic Trainers Association (1977-Present)  
Sun City Athletic Trainers Association (1977-Present)  
Texas State Athletic Trainers Association (2001-Present)  
American College of Sports Medicine (1985-2000)

Vice President (1999-2000)  
Director, Region 1 (2001-2004)  
Re-elected (2004-Present)

**Speaking Engagements:**

Cramer Student Trainer Workshop (1977)  
New Mexico State University Student Trainer Camp (1990)  
Sun City Athletic Trainers Association (Directed the professional symposium in 2000)  
Sun City Athletic Trainers Association  
Student Trainer Workshop Speaker/Facilitator (2001, 2002, 2003, 2005)  
(Why Athletic Trainers Do What They Do)  
TAHPERD Regional Convention (Heat Illness in Athletics)

**Honors and Awards:**

Outstanding Graduate in Physical Education (NAU, 1976)  
Graduate Certificate in Athletic Training (UA, NATA, 1977)  
Teacher of the Year (PHS, 1979)  
NATA 25 year award (1998)  
"Thank You" Plaques:  
PHS Football (1979)  
PHS Physiology Class (1991)  
FHS Baseball (1997)  
MHS Wrestling (2001)  
MHS (2002)  
Sun City Athletic Trainers Association: Hall of Fame (2005)

I am also honored to have been elected to serve the athletic trainers in Texas as Director of Region 1 of the Texas State Athletic Trainers Association, which was founded in 2001.

February 12, 2005

To Whom it May Concern:

Richard Hanson was the Athletic Trainer at Parkland High School when I joined the coaching staff there 25 years ago.

While working with Coach Hanson at Parkland, I found him to be a very professional and knowledgeable always having the student-athlete's safety his main priority. He has maintained an orderly and well structured training room, allowing for quick, but efficient treatment.

I have known Richard to always work closely with all of the coaches, and has made himself available to the coaches and athletes at any time. As a result, it has not been uncommon for Richard to put in 12 to 14 hour days. He would see that the athlete received proper treatment, returning the injured athlete to competition as soon as possible as long as there was no danger to the athlete.

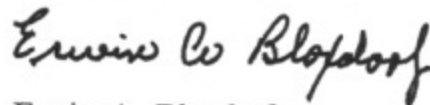
As a classroom teacher, Mr. Hanson has always demanded that the students learn. Even though he has been a taskmaster, he has been highly thought of by the students and his colleagues.

I personally have found Richard to be a very loyal, faithful and compassionate friend.

It is my personal belief that Richard Hanson is highly deserving of induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame.

If I may be of any further assistance, please be free to call me at 755-0300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erwin A. Bloxdorf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "E" and "B".

Erwin A. Bloxdorf



Wednesday, March 2, 2005

Dear Hall of Fame Committee Members,

It is my pleasure to recommend Richard Hanson for induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame as an Athletic Trainer.

Richard has served the student athletes in El Paso for the past 28 years working in three area school districts. During that time our paths have directly crossed three times. Richard was the first high school athletic trainer I ever worked with when I took a coaching position at Parkland High School (1979-1981). I again worked directly with Richard when I became an assistant athletic director with Ysleta ISD while Richard worked at Parkland and Riverside High Schools (1989-1996). Richard and I are once again working together as I serve as the Socorro ISD Athletic Director and he serves at Socorro High School (SISD 2000-Present). Richard is one of the finest athletic trainers and educators I have had the opportunity to be associated with during my 25 years in El Paso.

Richard serves the athletes and coaches in all sports very effectively. The cover photo is from last year's baseball playoffs. As tournament director, I depended on Richard as a lead athletic trainer for the TIWA 1993 State Wrestling Tournament hosted by YISD; as well as, for the UIL Region I Wrestling Tournaments held at Socorro High School in 2001 and 2002.

Richard is also a leader among his peers. For the past four years he has been selected as the regional representative to the Texas State Athletic Trainer's Association. He has been an officer in the Sun City Athletic Trainer's Association and has been selected for the SCATA Hall of Fame this year (2005).

Richard is not flamboyant; he does his job day in and day out serving the students in El Paso. He has been effective with a partner, as a solo trainer and as part of a trio of trainers at different times in his career. He is the person you would trust your life with and El Paso is fortunate that Richard Hanson has chosen to serve our athletes during these four decades.

Sincerely,

Ron Leiman  
Athletic Director

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To: Ron Leiman <rleiman@sisd.net>  
Subject: Information on Rich hanson

Ron,

Here is some information about Rich... Please let me know if I can further assist you. Thanks.

Sincerely,

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P.E. & Health Department Chair  
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**Explanation of why Rich should be selected to this elite group of people:**

I personally feel, Mr. Richard "Rich" Hanson, has earned this honor. Rich has worked many hours for this profession, not only at the district level but at the state level as well. He has worked many hours for his community and countless number of hours promoting his profession to the general public. Rich has improved many lives while being an athletic trainer, not only for his own students but anyone who needed some help or just some friendly advice. Rich is always the first one to lend a hand to anyone who needs some help with any kind of project. Rich is one of the most dedicated, professional human being I have had the privilege to work with. I consider him my mentor and a very close personal friend.

If I only had half the knowledge of what he has...

Rich deserves this honor because of the extreme professional and all-round great guy that he is.



## **Information about Richard "Rich" Lee Hanson**

- Married: Corine
- Children: Gene and Celina
- Grand Children: Brianne and Loren

### **Educational Background:**

- Graduated from Kingman High School in 1972
- Graduated from Northern Arizona University with a BSed
- Graduated from University of Arizona with a M. S.

### **Employment Background:**

- Parkland High School 1977 – 1995
- Riverside High School 1995 – 1996
- Fabens High School 1996 – 2000
- Montwood High School 2000 – 2002
- Socorro High School 2002 – Present

### **Member of Community Organizations:**

- Organized many blood drives while at Parkland High School
- Member of several booster clubs while working at the various campuses

### **Services to the Athletic Training Field at the Local Level:**

- Speaker / Facilitator of the Sun City Athletic Trainers Association (S.C.A.T.A.) sponsored student trainer's workshops in 2001, 2002, 2003.
- Vice- President of SCATA 1999 – 2000
- Facilitated the annual Professional Symposium for SCATA in 1999 – 2000
- Presenter at the Regional TAPHERD Conference in 2002
- Facilitated the NMSU Student Trainer Workshop in 1990
- Facilitated the Cramer Student Trainer Workshop in 1977
- Currently the Regional Director for District 1 for the Texas State Athletic Trainers Association since 2001. Was recently re-elected to a second term.

### **Special Honors / Awards / or Achievements Received:**

- Teacher of the Year at Parkland High School in 1979
- National Athletic Trainers Association "25 Years of Service" Award in 1998
- Numerous outstanding achievement awards from various organizations at the High school level he has worked.

# SOCORRO HIGH SCHOOL



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February 14, 2005

Mr. Ron Leiman  
Athletic Director  
Socorro Independent School District  
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Dear Mr. Leiman,

I would like to take this opportunity to highly recommend Mr. Richard Hanson for induction into the El Paso Athletic Hall of Fame. I have a very unique perspective on Mr. Hanson. I have actually known Mr. Hanson since I was a junior in high school because he was my science teacher at Parkland High School in 1987.

Speaking as a student, Mr. Hanson was one of the best teachers I ever had. He made his physiology and anatomy class fun and interesting and he challenged his students on a daily basis. His class was one of the most difficult courses I've ever taken, but to this day, I still remember many of the things he taught in class. Mr. Hanson never accepted excuses for failure. There was never any reason good enough to justify one of his students not performing to their maximum potential. He always set very high standards for his students and he expected us to push ourselves to excel academically. His class prepared me for what I was going to experience in college and I am truly grateful to him for pushing me as hard as he did.

Since I was never a student athlete myself, I never had the opportunity to work with Mr. Hanson as an athletic trainer. However, as a teacher and coach at Socorro High School, I have been fortunate enough to interact with Mr. Hanson as a colleague. I can honestly say that the coaches and students at Socorro High School are very fortunate to have Mr. Hanson as one of their athletic trainers. His knowledge and skill, as well as his years of experience, provide our students with the best care possible. If anyone ever deserved recognition for their years of selfless dedication and service to students and to student athletes, it is Mr. Hanson.

If there are any questions, or if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me at (915) 937-2081.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lori A. Springer-Salazar, MPA". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Lori A. Springer-Salazar, MPA  
Socorro Cheer and Yell Leading