



J. L. GERARDI, Ph. D. (Condensed Vita for CBA)

Dr. J. L. Gerardi, a native of Colorado, was born and raised in Trinidad. He received his A. B. degree from the University of Northern Colorado, His M. A. degree from U C L A, and his Doctor of Philosophy in music education from the University of Colorado.

Dr. Gerardi served as band and orchestra director for the Englewood Public Schools from 1963 to 1988. During that time he conducted junior and senior high school marching bands, concert bands, jazz ensembles and orchestras. His famous "Pirate" marching band appeared nationwide, including two trips to the Portland Rose Festival where they won the sweepstakes trophy both times, and two unprecedented trips to march in the famed Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade. Before moving to Englewood, Dr. Gerardi taught for two years in Durango. He also served as assistant principal at Flood Middle School in Englewood from 1990 to 1993. In addition to his former duties with

The Englewood Schools, Dr. Gerardi served as the Director of Entertainment for the Denver Broncos Football Club and Director of the Denver Broncos Band from 1968 to 1998. He served as a member of the CBA Board in the area of public relations, and assisted with the state marching band contests for 22 years.

Dr. Gerardi was in constant demand as a clinician, guest conductor, and adjudicator both in and out of Colorado. He directed and played trombone in many professional bands in the Denver area, including the National Western Rodeo Band, Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey Circus Band, the Titans and the Denver Kicks Band.

Dr. Gerardi has received numerous honors including, being named to the **Colorado Bandmaster's Hall of Fame** by the Colorado Bandmasters Association, being named **Director of the Year** by Phi Beta Mu, his honorary band fraternity, and being named to the **Colorado Music Educators' Hall of Fame** by the Colorado Music Educators Association, and the **Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame**. He was named **Citizen of the Year** by the City of Englewood and was selected as **Outstanding Music Educator** by the National Federation of Interscholastic Music. He was named **Alumnus of the Year** by the College of Music at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Dr. Gerardi also received the coveted "Citation of Excellence" award from the National Band Association.