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## Where are they now/Hal Kinard

Since graduating from Colorado A&M (now Colorado State University) in 1955, Hal Kinard has led an exciting life. Right out of college he was drafted into the Army and served for two years at the end of the Korean War. Kinard then returned to his alma mater as a graduate assistant for the men's basketball team under coach Jim Williams, whom he had played for during his career.

Until he retired at the age of 65, Kinard was involved in education, not only teaching and coaching, but also having a stint as an assistant principal. In the midst of his career, Kinard married his wife, Sandra. The cou-

ple have three grown sons. Now he works part time for Allnut Funeral Services and helps one of his sons with his lawn business.

Kinard played on the 1954 men's basketball team that won the Skyline Conference title and went on to play in the first round of the NCAA Tournament against Santa Clara. Although it was an exciting time for the men's basketball team, the memory that sticks out in Kinard's mind most is the game that sent them to the tournament.

"I remember when I was a junior, we had to win a game against Utah. Right at the end of the game, I was pressing and

the Utah center got mixed up and scored in our basket," Kinard said. "We appreciated that since we only won by four points."

These days you still can find Kinard by the basketball court attending CSU basketball games at Moby Arena.

"I'm a really close friend of Coach Williams," Kinard said. "He has a table on the floor, and sometimes my wife and I will get to sit down there. But now I'm just a spectator like everyone else."

Kinard has accomplished so much in his life, and he has been recognized for all he has done. Fort Collins' newest jun-

ior high school was named in his honor.

"It was very humbling, then overwhelming," Kinard said of the naming. "Then my wife and I decided we wouldn't worry about it and just have fun with it."

That was not Kinard's only recognition. In 1993, he was inducted into the CSU Athletic Hall of Fame.

"It's nice to be in the CSU Hall of Fame," Kinard said. "I didn't think I was one to be in there. It's a nice honor, and CSU has been really good to me."

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