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An honor for Tony Canino, a tribute to Pete Haase

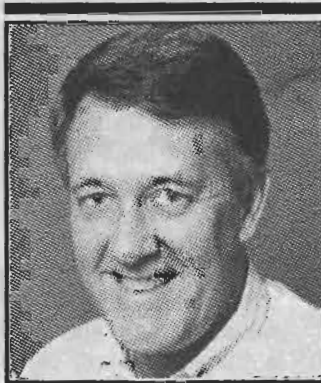
Putting the finishing touches to winter: Hinsdale Central is honoring Tony Canino, one of its greatest coaches, by naming a gymnastics invitational after him.

What better person to think of the honor and implement it than today's head coach, Neil Krupicka. He was Canino's captain the first time Central won a conference championship (1966-67) with Canino going on to win three state titles and Krupicka four.

An emotional man who has carried himself through serious illnesses with his positive approach, Canino broke down and cried when told his name would be on a plaque along with an inspirational poem he wrote that can be found in the gymnastic programs.

"It's not like we could name a field after him, but this will be just as lasting," Krupicka said.

Canino says he's trying to keep up with the times. "I'm thinking of getting my hair shaved on the sides, buy a gold necklace and wear a diamond earring."



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Hinsdale Central boys' gymnastics coach Neil Krupicka was instrumental in renaming the West Suburban Conference Invitational after former Red Devil coach Tony Canino. (Doings photo by Scott Hardesty)