

## ROBERT S. O'BRIEN



Known as a tall, slender man with a subtle grin and twinkle, O'B was the School's varsity baseball coach and holds the record for the most varsity baseball victories of any baseball coach at K-O.

He also coached football and basketball. Joel Lorden recalled that he kept things calm on the football field.

Lee Levison said that O'B's values and his "way" have helped shape the soul of this school, while Jack Sitarz '65 wrote that O'B's quiet but firm leadership always provided a sense of calm and confidence that helped players perform at their best. His focus was on winning, but the victory had to come fair and square. Cutting corners was not allowed.

Dick Caley said, "O'B taught me the deceptively complicated craft of throwing the baseball, something I have continued to do since."

A standout athlete at Trinity, where he played catcher, O'B also coached the West Hartford Legion Team in the '60s and '70s.