



Aikman inducted into Hall

Former Dana resident Pat Aikman stands before a display of All-Star memorabilia at Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in New Castle. See story. (Photo furnished)

Dana native inducted into Ind. Hall of Fame

Pat Aikman, a Dana native, was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in Indianapolis at the Hall's annual dinner on Wednesday, March 19.

Aikman graduated from Dana High School in 1953 as valedictorian and DePauw University in 1957.

He created *The Star's* Mr. Football program in 1992 and Indiana Junior All-Star teams in 1996. Under his direction, the first live telecast of the Indiana-Kentucky games took place and produced a record revenue (\$143,500) for charity from an All-Star doubleheader in Indianapolis.

He also started the Indiana All-Star Reunion Recognition program. Aikman retired from *The Star* in 2000, but continued as All-Star Games Director until retiring in

September 2007.

Aikman was also awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Frank O'Bannon and serves as a Stephen Minister in his United Methodist Church.

He now lives in Carmel and recently became Special Project Coordinator for the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, based in Indianapolis.

At the Hall of Fame dinner, Aikman was presented the St. Vincent Hospital Silver Medal for contributions to high school basketball in Indiana by a person other than a coach or player.

Aikman is the brother of Clinton/Ft. Myers Beach resident Michael Aikman and his parents were Herbert and Charlotte Aikman of rural Dana/Bono.