



Brother Rollin T. Gridley was born in Janesville, Wisconsin on December 13, 1903. He entered the University of Arizona in 1924 in the College of Education. There he pledged the Beta Phi Chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity. During his undergraduate career he played on the varsity football team under J. F. "Pops" McKale and played on the varsity basketball team as well. An exceptional student, he was named to the Bobcats senior men's honorary. He received a bachelor's of arts in education in 1927.

Upon leaving the university, Brother Gridley taught social studies and was both a football and basketball coach at Tucson High School from 1927 until 1947. He coached the Tucson High School basketball team to the state basketball championship during the 1933 - 1934 season. His football teams at Tucson High were undefeated through three seasons from 1943 - 1946. In 1950, he became the principal of the Adult Evening School and then was named principal of the new Catalina High School in 1957. All in all, Brother Gridley served a total of 42 years as a teacher, coach, and administrator for the Tucson Unified School District. In 1974, the new Gridley Junior High School was

opened and named in his honor. In 2000, the Tucson Unified School District governing board voted to name the football stadium at Tucson High School after him. He is the first person in TUSD history to have two facilities named after him.

Brother Gridley received many accolades and honors in his adult life. He was named to the University of Arizona Hall of Fame in 1982, the Arizona Basketball Hall of Fame, the Arizona Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the Pima County Athletic Hall of Fame, and the Tucson High Badger Foundation Hall of Fame in 1983. He was named a Life Member of the U of A Alumni Association and received its Slonaker Outstanding Alumni Award in 1979. The Rollin T. Gridley Scholarship is awarded at the University of Arizona annually to an Arizona high school student. He was the Kiwanis Sunshine Club president in 1954.

Brother Gridley's life exemplified the spirit of giving back to your community through his professional and philanthropic activities. He was a Life Loyal Sigma Chi and routinely attended Sigma Chi alumni functions and events. He never hesitated to say, "I am proud to be a Sig."