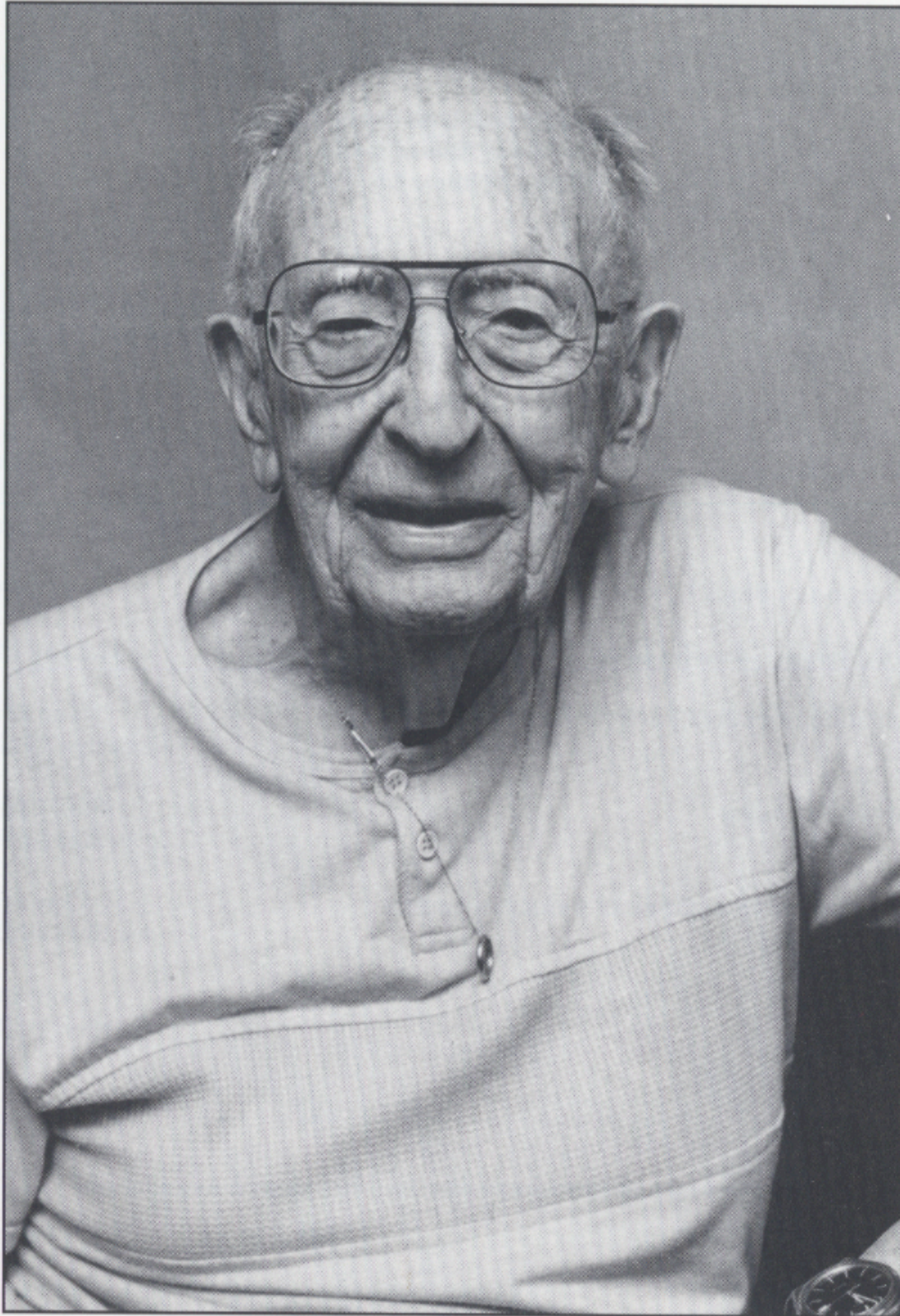


Arthur L. Acker



1891 - 1990

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Our friend, educator, mentor, coach and Athletic Director passed away in December, seven months short of his one hundredth birthday. He was truly Chico State's "Man of the Century." Between 1923 and 1947, he served as the coach of Wildcat football, basketball, track and field, baseball, boxing, and tennis teams. That time span has earned the title of the "Acker years." While Art coached every sport at one time or another, his most sustained efforts were with basketball and football. He posted 338 wins against 207 defeats, covering 24 seasons in basketball. His football teams won 54 games, had 59 losses, and tied eight times over 15 years. In addition to his success in athletics, Art's dedication to education earned him numerous accolades. This dedication kept him involved until his retirement in 1961, after serving as head of the physical education division and as Director of Athletics at Chico State for 38 years. From 1961 to 1990 he was a frequent visitor, kibitzer, coach, and fan to many athletes and their friends. The women's basketball team profited from his coaching and inspiration up until his last days. We have lost a great friend; many will try to fill his shoes, but few will succeed. So long, Art.

CHICO STATE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

LANCE ASTRELLA, Denver, Colorado

Gymnastics: 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969
Wrestling: 1965, 1966

Lance exemplified the term "student athlete." In addition to his achievements in wrestling, he was captain of the gymnastics team for three years. He received the Blue Key Outstanding Athlete Award and the President's Trophy for the outstanding scholar athlete. He also received honors in both economics and chemistry. After Chico State, Lance received a law degree from Pacific McGeorge School of Law. He now has his own law firm in Denver, specializing in Natural Resources, Energy, and Environmental Law and catering to an international clientele. Lance has also founded two private corporations involved in environmental technology. He won the Colorado State Power Lifting contest and achieved the Third Degree Black Belt in Shotokan Karate.

DAVID BORJON, Kelseyville

Boxing: 1960, 1961, 1962
Football: 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962
Track: 1960, 1961, 1962

Dave boxed his way to All-Conference recognition for three years, was conference champion at 165 pounds for three years, and was All-American for one year. In track, he received All-Regional recognition in the steeple chase. Since graduation, Dave has coached and taught in Lake County for 26 years. He has been very active in the Lake County Hospice and has chaired the Cancer Society fundraising effort. As a member of the County Arts Council, Dave has worked with disturbed children. One of his letters of support described him as an active person who never tires of doing things for others, especially children.

MARIE CASAMAJOR, Santa Rosa

Basketball: 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972
Field Hockey: 1968
Softball: 1968, 1969, 1970
Volleyball: 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1972

In addition to her sports participation, Reecy was active in her sorority, Pioneer Day, and was named Most Outstanding Senior in 1972. She has taught and coached since 1974 at Healdsburg High School and in Windsor and Healdsburg junior high schools. She was named Outstanding First Year Teacher at Windsor in 1977. Reecy has been active in golf and in organizing benefit golf tournaments in Sonoma County. She recently won the 1991 Bennett Valley Women's Golf Championship, after finishing second in three of the past five tournaments. For the past 24 years, Reecy has been a staff member at Kennolyn Camp in the Santa Cruz Mountains, which provides outdoor living experience for young people 6-16.

DALE EDSON, Chico

Basketball: 1962
Bowling: 1963, 1964, 1965
Field Hockey: 1962, 1963, 1964
Softball: 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964

Dale's greatest accomplishments in collegiate sports were in bowling. In 1964, she was on the Region 11 women's championship team and in 1965, she was the Region 15 individual champion, first place doubles champion, a member of the third place championship team, and the "All Events" winner. Dale has taught and coached at Chico Junior High since 1965 and coached track at Chico High since 1975. She has served three terms as chair of the Physical Education Department. Dale established the current athletic program at Chico Junior High in 1967 and has been heavily involved ever since in coaching and administration. She has also been involved in girls' basketball camps at both Butte College and Chico State.

TRAVIS HATCHER, El Dorado Hills

Football: 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960
Track: 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961

Travis received All-Conference recognition in football in 1960. He was the Far Western Conference 120 high hurdle champion and a record holder and winner of the Pacific Coast College NCAA high hurdle championship. He was the Blue Key Outstanding Senior Athlete in 1961. Travis student taught at Orland High and subsequently got his first teaching job there. He has taught at El Dorado Union High School District's Ponderosa High since 1964. He has coached football, basketball, track, golf, and girls softball and served as Athletic Director for seven years. Travis was Coach of the Year in the Golden Empire League in 1972, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, and 1981. He was Superior California Coach of the Year in 1978.

THELMA LAGERBERG JORGENSEN, Santa Rosa

Archery: 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945
Basketball: 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945
Hockey: 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945
Modern Dance: 1944, 1945
Swimming: 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945

Thelma taught girls physical education from 1945 to 1950. She taught swimming for many years in Chico, Alturas, Yuba City, and Sonoma County. She served on the Kenwood Elementary School Board for sixteen years and was the Kenwood project leader for twenty years.

HERMAN KOSTIZ, Dunsmuir

Track: 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941

"Cozy" was an outstanding middle distance runner in track, placing in the Far Western Conference meet each year. His other collegiate activities included President of Block C, Blue Key member, and Pioneer Day Sheriff. He also coached the freshman basketball team one year. His teaching career was spent in Siskiyou County at McCloud and Dunsmuir high schools. Herman spent many summers coaching Little League and Babe Ruth baseball, developed the Little League/Softball Complex at McCloud, and was an official in all sports.

MARSH KREUTER, Atlanta, Georgia

Baseball: 1959, 1960, 1961
Football: 1958, 1959, 1960

Marsh received All-Conference recognition in baseball all three years at Chico State and All-Conference recognition in football in 1960 as quarterback. After graduation, he taught at Calistoga and Hillsboro high schools, and in 1966, he went to Yuba College as a coach and teacher. In 1968, he went to the University of Utah to obtain his Ph.D. and completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins University in Hygiene and Public Health. Marsh then returned to Utah where he taught and was Director of the Division of Health for seven years. From 1982 to 1990, he served as Director of Disease Control at the U.S. Center for Disease Control. Marsh currently has his own consulting firm specializing in the practical planning, delivery management, and evaluation of health promotion and disease prevention programs.

LORRAINE BALDWIN LAMBRECHT, Tulare

Archery: 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936
Basketball: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937
Field Hockey: 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936
Fencing: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937
Swimming: 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937
Tumbling: 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936

Lorraine was the outstanding woman athlete during her years at Chico State. She became the first woman Block C member and was a member of Kappa Delta Pi National Honor Society. After graduation, she became an elementary school teacher and was active in the Red Cross Swimming Program. She also found time to become involved in the Cub Scout Program as a den mother.

SALLY ANN LORD, Chico

Badminton: 1967, 1968

Tennis: 1967, 1968

Volleyball: 1966, 1967, 1968

Sally transferred to Chico State from UC Davis, where she was equally active in sports. She became the first full-time physical education graduate to teach P.E. at C.K. Price School in Orland. She coached 8th grade basketball from 1972 to 1986 and soccer from 1972 to 1978. Since 1985, she has been coaching at Orland High School—both varsity and junior varsity volleyball and junior varsity basketball. Her 1985 basketball team had a 19-0 record, and her 1987 varsity volleyball team was North Section C.I.F. AAA Champions. Her recreational activities range from directing various programs to taking 25 students on three-day pack trips. She is also involved in numerous Farm Bureau activities including coordinating summer seminars. For her own recreation, Sally is a yo yo champion, an avid skier, windsurfer, bicyclist, walker, and hiker and enjoys tennis, volleyball, softball, and racquetball.

JOSEPH McCELLAN, Mineral

Football: 1941, 1942, 1946, 1947

After graduation, "Rock" coached and taught English at Willows High. He moved to Chico High in 1953 where he coached football and was Athletic Director until his retirement. His highly successful football coaching career helped him in being selected as co-coach of the North in the North-South High School Shrine Game in Los Angeles in 1962. In his more than 20 years at Chico High, Joe also coached golf and was instrumental in establishing the wrestling program in the North Section. During the summers from 1948 to 1963, he was a Park Ranger in Mt. Lassen National Park and has been a ski instructor at Lassen since 1966.

IRENE OBERA, Fremont

Basketball: 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957

Field Hockey: 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957

Softball: 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957

"Reno" was an outstanding athlete in college, and following graduation she became an internationally known track star. She has been a teacher, counselor, and administrator at Berkeley high schools since 1958. In 1989, Irene resigned her administrator's position and returned to teaching computers and physical education. She first competed in master's track events in 1975 at the age of 41 in 100 meter, 200 meter, and 400 meter races. She holds the American record in these events in each age category (40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59). She has never lost a race in her age group in the United States as a master's track participant. Irene has participated in eight world championships and has won medals in all the events she has entered. In 1987, at Melbourne, Irene won twelve gold medals, more than any other male or female master athlete.

LEO PALMITER, Sacramento

Boxing: 1938, 1939

Track: 1938, 1939

Football: 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940

Involvement is the word to describe "Ragtime's" life both in college and in his professional life. Besides his athletic endeavors at Chico State, he was active in Block C, Blue Key, and Iota Sigma. He has served Sacramento education as teacher, principal, and county superintendent of schools. One of his greatest accomplishments as superintendent was establishing the R.O.P. Program and the program for disabled students in Sacramento County public schools. Leo A. Palmiter High School was named after him. Leo has been active in evaluating homes for the disabled and works closely with Sonoma State Hospital.

JOHN SCHWELLENBACH, Salinas

Baseball: 1947, 1948, 1949

Football: 1947, 1948, 1949

"Skip" was the quarterback on a championship football team and an outfielder on two championship baseball teams. He was a tough competitor in football and an excellent defensive and offensive member of the baseball team. John's professional career began at Watsonville High where he taught math and coached junior varsity football and baseball from 1950 to 1954. In 1954, he moved to Hartnell College where he was assistant football coach and taught math. John subsequently became chair of the Math Department, and in 1980, he was named Dean of the Math, Science, and Ag departments until his retirement in 1984.

FRANK SKOGLUND, Belmont

Baseball: 1948, 1949, 1950

Basketball: 1947, 1949, 1950

Football: 1947

Frank was a solid and quick player on championship teams in baseball and basketball. After graduation, he taught math and music at Lassen Union High School for one year where he was assistant coach in football and basketball and head coach of frosh-soph baseball. Frank moved to the Bay Area where he spent 30 years in the San Mateo City Elementary School District teaching physical education in the K-6 grades. He organized noon and after school activities in all sports, was chair of the citywide track meet, and officiated at high school football, basketball, and baseball games. Confined to a wheelchair at age 26 with polio, Frank continued his officiating duties by becoming head timer for the College of San Mateo football, girls basketball, boys basketball games, and wrestling matches. He was honored by the San Mateo Recreation Department for outstanding work in establishing a highly successful after-school sports program. Frank was elected to the San Mateo County Coaches Hall of Fame and was named San Mateo Teacher of the Year in 1972.

KEITH THOMASSEN, Livermore

Track: 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958

The highlight of Keith's collegiate athletic career was winning 14-1/2 points in the sprints and relay at the Far Western Conference meet in 1958 and leading his team to a championship. During that year, he entered 28 races, winning 24 and placing second four times, and was named senior athlete of the year. During college he was also a violinist in the University and Chico Symphony. While working toward his Ph.D. at Stanford, Keith ran for the Santa Clara Youth Village. He qualified for the Olympic trials in 1960. He ran the fastest 400 meters in the United States in 1961 (45.8 sec.), second best in the world. He ran 200 meters on a sprint medley relay team in 1962 at the Modesto Relays which set a world record that stood for seven years. Keith did research and taught in the field of nuclear fusion at Stanford from 1964 to 1968 and at MIT from 1968 to 1973. He joined the Los Alamos Lab in 1973 and has been at Lawrence Livermore National Lab since 1977. Keith received the first scholarship granted by the Chico State Alumni Association in 1957.

AL VACCARO, Redwood City

Golf: 1969, 1970

Al was the team leader and captain during his years at Chico State. He placed second in the Far Western Conference in 1969 and was medalist and All-American in 1970. Al served the Northern California Professional Golf Association as section president in 1981 and 1982, as a director from 1984 to 1987, and as president in 1987. He has been a golf professional since 1972 and was golf pro of the year of the NCPGA in 1988. He is currently golf pro at California Club in South San Francisco.

DONNA WASSON WHITE, Chico

Basketball: 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971

Field Hockey: 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971

Tennis: 1969, 1970

Donna received an A.A. at Santa Rosa Junior College in 1967 and then taught physical education and coached varsity softball at Healdsburg High School. She enrolled at Chico State in 1968. Donna taught physical education and coached varsity tennis at Porterville High School, and she coached varsity basketball, tennis, and softball at Butte College from 1975 to 1984. She conducted a basketball clinic at College of the Siskiyous in 1989, officiated for 7th grade through college level basketball games, and held national ranking for ten years. She also officiated field hockey games and college and tournament softball recreation games.

LEELA CLARICE ZION, Chico

Badminton: 1948, 1949, 1950

Basketball: 1948, 1949, 1950

Field Hockey: 1948, 1949, 1950

Softball: 1948, 1949, 1950

Swimming: 1948, 1949, 1950

Volleyball: 1948, 1949, 1950

Lee was active in the Women's Athletic Association and served as its Publicity Manager from 1948 to 1949 and as Badminton Director from 1949 to 1950. She received her MA degree in Physical Education from Stanford in 1951 and her Ed.D. degree from the University of California, Berkeley in 1963. She taught physical education at San Juan Union High School in Fair Oaks from 1951 to 1953 and at Central Washington College from 1953 to 1955. She accepted a civilian position with the US government as Service Club Director at Laon, France, a position she held for three years before becoming a lecturer of physical education at Mills College. Since 1959, she has been a professor of health and physical education at Humboldt State University. Lee has published several books on physical education and made two contributions to The American Poetry Association.

HONORARY:

NANCY COOPER, Chico

Served CSU since 1961

Nancy has been a prime mover in both collegiate and secondary school women's sports in Northern California. She organized the community bowling recreation program in conjunction with Chico Bowl and Orchard Lanes. Nancy was a league winner in bowling and a league officer; she taught bowling at the University; and was named Bowling Coach of the Year. One of her former students, Pam Maul Buckner, has become one of the top women professional bowlers in the United States and was inducted into the Women's International Bowling Congress Hall of Fame last year. Nancy has been very active in promoting the successful Women's P.E. Alumni, which provides scholarships in honor of Lola Osborn Story and Jane Shurmer.

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