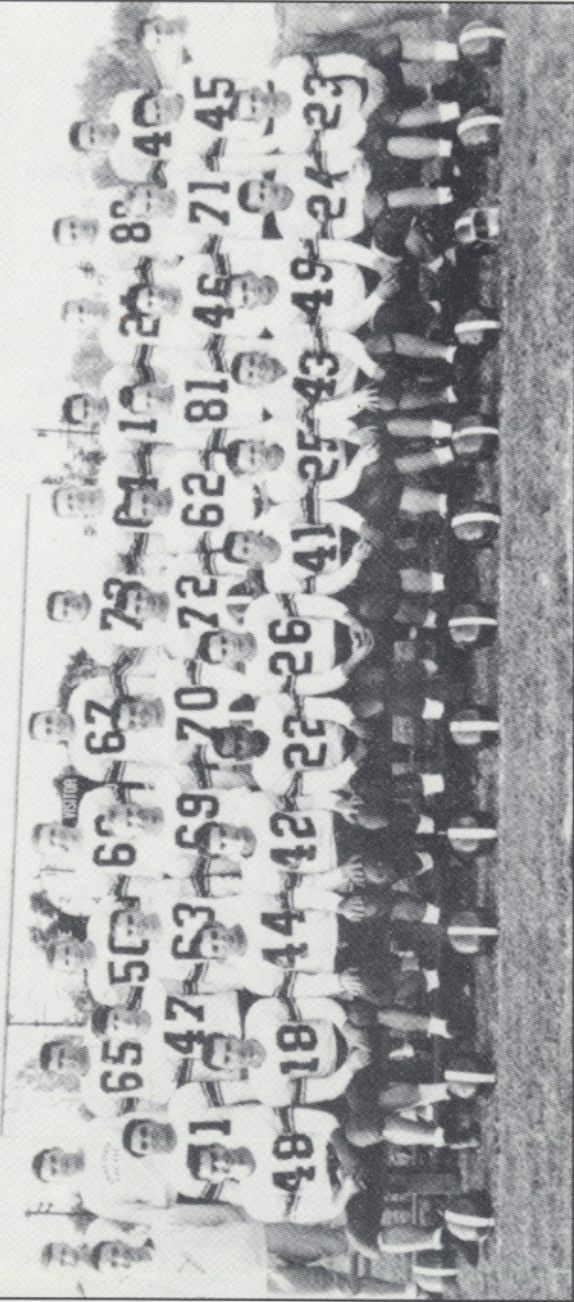


Conference Champions



First row (left to right)-D. Gobbato, M. Williams, F. Ferraiuolo, B. Gloyd, R. Temple, K. Otten, D. Youngblood, D. Ray, B. O'Connor, C. Campbell, M. Adams, H. Higgins. Second row-End Coach B. Mathews, F. Secondo, J. Bailey, T. Ostrom, K. Benson, N. Stratigopoulos, G. van der Leun, D. Brophy, N. McKenzie, B. Lantzberger, J. Brooks, G. Witham, Head Coach E. Busch. Third row-Backfield Coach W. Simmons, D. Burrell, E. Serpas, B. Taylor, F. English, D. Young, H. Payton, D. Cook, K. Bowles, L. Foley, G. Maderos, G. Adams.

1953 Football Team

THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE SALUTES THE 1953 FOOTBALL TEAM

The 1953 team, with a record of six wins, three losses, and one tie, gave Chico State College its most successful gridiron campaign in 26 years. The Wildcats won the Far Western Conference title outright for the first time in Chico State College history.

George Maderos was a unanimous selection to and honorary captain of the 1953 United Press Little All-Pacific Coast team.

Carroll Campbell, Hal Higgins, George Maderos, and Gene Van der Leun were named to the 1953 All-Far Western Conference team.

The team, coached by Ernie Busch, was invited to play the University of Mexico Pumas in a game in Mexico City. It was the first international excursion in the history of Wildcat athletics.

CHICO STATE ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

PHYLLIS "P.J." BROCK, Chico

Basketball: 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951
Field Hockey: 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951
Softball: 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951

P.J. attended Chico State College from 1948 to 1951 and from 1957 to 1959. She enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and was a basketball player/coach until 1956. P.J. received her BA and teaching credential at Chico State in 1958 and her master's degree and PhD from UC Berkeley. She organized the women's athletic program at CSU, Hayward in 1963. P.J. coached field hockey, softball, and track and field and played field hockey for the Northern California Field Hockey Association from 1957 to 1975. She played in the first international field hockey tournament on the West Coast in 1961. From 1975 to 1985 she was a research associate at NASA Ames Research Center for Space Projects and was a member of California Air National Guard/234th Combat Communication Squadron, retiring as a USAF Captain and from CSU, Hayward in 1990. Since returning to Chico, she has been very active with the Bidwell Women's Golf Club.

DON BROPHY, Auburn

Football: 1951, 1953, 1956
J.V. Baseball: 1953

"Broph" has been involved since his high school days. He played in the Myrtle Bowl in Coos Bay, Oregon in 1951. At Chico State he played on the 1953 championship football team and won his Block C sweater for three years of varsity. He was also head yell leader in 1957. He was a community college instructor and administrator from 1962 until his retirement in June 1993. At the time he retired, he was Vice President for Administration at Sierra College. He has served on the Chico State Alumni Board and has served two years as president of the Alumni Association. He has been very active in community programs in Auburn.

GARY BURTON, Corning

Football: 1958
Track: 1958, 1959

Gary was an outstanding weight man in track and field, participating in the shot put, discus, and hammer. He placed in the conference and NCAA championships

in 1958 and 1959. He has been at Corning High School for 31 years, 16 as junior varsity coach and 15 at varsity. As varsity coach, he had 126 wins, 43 defeats, and 2 ties—a winning percentage of .737. His teams won 10 Westside League championships (2 undefeated) and 7 AAA state championships. He retired from coaching in 1991.

***CARL A. GEIN, JR.,**

Football: 1934, 1935, 1938

Carl played three years of varsity football in the days when players played both ways (offense and defense). Art Acker always had great admiration for Carl's tenacity as a player. During his years at Chico State, Carl served as Student Association president and was a member of Kappa Delta Pi, Blue Key, and Block C (president in 1936). He received his master's degree from UC, Berkeley in 1939 and began teaching and coaching football at Ukiah High School in 1939. He left teaching in 1941 to join the Air Force, advancing to First Lieutenant. While serving as bombardier on a B24, he was listed as MIA over Nice, France while flying out of Africa.

LYNN GIOVANNONI, Redding

Basketball: 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968
Bowling: 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968
Field Hockey: 1966, 1967, 1968
Skiing: 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968
Softball: 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968
Volleyball: 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968

Lynn served as Women's Athletic Association president for two years, was team captain in basketball and softball, and was named Most Valuable Player in one of the basketball tournaments. Since leaving Chico, she has been named to the Coaching Hall of Fame, named Coach of the Year, and served as California Coaches Association president for three years. She was also named Bowler of the Year and served on the Health Club and Shasta College Speakers Bureau.

ROBERT JELLISON, Roseville

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

"Jelly's" accomplishments included All Conference center in football in 1960 and 1961 and All Conference in boxing from 1960 to 1962 as a light heavyweight, winning the conference championship in 1961 and 1962. The Placer County Superintendent of Schools has summed up Jelly's career after college: "Bob has

had an outstanding career in education in our county. He has served as an instructor and coach for the Roseville Joint Union High School District. He is an excellent model for his students. His teams are very well-disciplined and motivated. They constantly achieve a high standard of success. I believe much of that is directly related to Bob's ability to handle and coach the students."

MARY ANN LAZZARINI, Chico

Basketball: 1972, 1973, 1974

Mary Ann served as head coach of the CSU, Chico field hockey team from 1979 to 1990. She was selected Coach of the Year in the Division I Nor-Cal Conference which included Berkeley, Stanford, University of the Pacific, and San Jose State. Her teams won two conference championships. They made five trips to the NCAA national tournament placing third, fifth twice, consolation winners, and eighth. Mary Ann has been the head coach of CSU, Chico Women's Basketball since 1989. She was assistant to Fran Coslet from 1973 to 1989. She was also involved as a member of the Chico Peppers Softball team from 1972 to 1977, was Director of the Summer Girls Basketball Camp and the Summer Shoot-out for Girls' Basketball, has been a regular participant in Pro-Am golf tournaments, and has served as a volunteer in the annual "Hot Shot" contest conducted by the Chico Area Recreation District.

WILLIE MISQUEZ, Carmichael

Boxing: 1953, 1954
Football: 1953, 1954, 1955

Willie was an All Conference guard in football in 1954 and 1955. He boxed as a middleweight in 1953 and 1954 and won his share of bouts. His after-college activities have been in the field of education as a teacher, administrator, coach, official, and consultant for 37 years. He continues actively supporting education, athletics, and community activities. He has been active in fund raising for Big Brothers-Big Sisters, the Lung Association, and the Heart Association. He is also a Great Race participant.

HOWARD MOORMAN, Forestville

Boxing: 1951, 1952, 1953
Gymnastics: 1950, 1951, 1952

Howard was Far Western Conference middleweight boxing champion in 1951 and 1952 and served as assistant boxing coach in 1953. He served 31 years in the Mt. Diablo Unified School District as a teacher, counselor, coach, physical education consultant, principal, and assistant superintendent. He officiated at gymnastics competition, including the NCAA championship tournament. He is a member of

Phi Delta Kappa (past president), Rotary, and YMCA and has served on the Board of Directors of the Contra Costa Salvation Army.

TERRY MURRAY, Fairfield

Swimming: 1968, 1969

Terry taught adapted P.E. for 2 years and is currently in her 13th year as adapted P.E. specialist in the Fairfield Unified School District. She started special olympic teams twelve years ago in track and field and has expanded to include floor hockey, basketball, and softball. Terry has also coached volleyball, softball, swimming, and basketball at the secondary level. During her undergraduate and graduate years, she volunteered to teach motor skills at a school for the physically handicapped. Murray did student teaching at Napa State Hospital and developed and taught a P.E. curriculum for the resident high school girls at the hospital. While working on her master's degree at Chico State, she volunteered to assist the adapted P.E. exercise and swim class for physically disabled students who attended the University. In line with the philosophy that the body cannot be separated from the mind, and from the psyche and the spirit, she enrolled in classes other than P.E. to improve her knowledge of the whole person. Some of those classes were abnormal psychology, adolescent psychology, child psychology, child development, and therapeutic recreation.

KATHY NEAL, Chico

Basketball: 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972
Track & Field: 1968
Volleyball: 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970

Kathy was named Outstanding Woman Athlete in 1972. She was a member of the Chico Peppers from 1970-1974, the American Softball Association Major Fast Pitch Women's Pro Softball Association, and the world championship team in 1976, 1977, 1978, and 1979. At the invitation of the Chinese government, the group traveled to China to teach softball and play "friendship games." Kathy coached softball at Western Michigan University in 1979 and 1980. She coached softball at the University of Oklahoma and hosted the AIAW Division I Women's College World Series in 1981. From 1982 until 1984, Neal coached volleyball and softball and taught P.E. activity classes at Division III Kean College in New Jersey. In 1985 she played softball for the Budweiser Belles and was named the most valuable player for two years. She went to the nationals each year and was on the National All Star Team for one year. Neal played golf with the Groupe Four Women's Professional Golf Tour during the winters of 1977 and 1978. She received her teaching credential in 1989 and has been teaching and coaching softball and volleyball at Willows High School since 1990.

CLARK PORTER, Chico

Basketball: 1946, 1947, 1948

"Slim" was All Conference and was considered the best guard in the Far Western Conference. He was a great defensive player and rebounder for two Hall of Famers, Stan "Pete" Timone and Tommie Tipton. He was captain of the 1947-48 team. While in college, he was involved in Blue Key, Iota Sigma, Board of Commissioners, and Block C. Prior to his stint at Chico State, he served in the Navy in World War II, reaching the grade of Lt. (j.g.). After graduation Slim went on to Oregon State University and obtained his PhD in biology and received the Outstanding Graduate Student award. From 1952 to 1962 he worked for the Boyce Thompson Institute of Plant Research at Cornell University as a biologist. From 1962 to his retirement in December 1990, he worked for Monsanto in St. Louis, Missouri as a Senior Science Fellow in cancer research and pollution control.

WALTER ROBERTSON, Wilton

Football: 1939, 1940, 1941, 1946

"Bull," like many others, left college in 1942 to join the service. He served in the U.S. Marines from 1942 to 1945 and was called back to duty for the Korean conflict in 1951. He has been involved in coaching football for 45 years at Elk Grove High School. He also coached baseball, wrestling, and tennis. He was selected to the San Joaquin Hall of Fame in 1984. Few can boast of having coached three generations of athletes: a former player's son played for Bull in later years, and in 1990 the player's grandson played for him. The former player said many families are grateful to Bull for his commitment and dedication.

ROBERT E. SMITH, JR., Redding

Swimming: 1965, 1966, 1967

Water Polo: 1965, 1966, 1967

Bob was the team captain and leading scorer in 1967 for Chico State's only Far Western Conference water polo championship team. He was all FWC in water polo and was leading scorer and outstanding player in the tournament. He was selected to the All Tourney Team at the State University championship, where his team finished third. He also excelled as a swimmer, serving as team captain and the outstanding swimmer in the 1967 FWC. He won all three events he entered, setting new conference records in all three and anchoring the relay team that set a record. He was selected as FWC Swimmer of the Year. He also won College Division All American honors, placing in three events in the nationals. He continued his interest in swimming by coaching for two years at Chico State, four years at the College of the Redwoods, and ten years at Shasta Union High School. While at Shasta, he also served as assistant freshman football coach and assistant

freshman basketball coach. He also coached community teams at Eureka and Redding. Ernie Maglischo (now head swimming coach at Arizona State University), Bob's college coach for his final year, states that Bob was the most outstanding team leader in his twenty-two years of coaching.

DENNIS VARLEY, Chico

Basketball: 1960, 1961, 1962

Track: 1960, 1961, 1962

Denny's college career in athletics was topped by his second place finish in the high jump and his fourth place finish in the triple jump at the NCAA Division II finals in 1962. After graduation, he worked at Bidwell Junior High for 5 years and then moved to Pleasant Valley High School for 25 years. His accomplishments include 12 league championships and 6 North Section championships in basketball; 2 league championships and 3 North Section championships in track; 2 league championships in softball; and a North Section championship in cross country. He served as athletic director for 12 years. He instilled in his players team loyalty, sportsmanship, and dedication. He is an outstanding teacher and has great rapport with his students, encouraging each one to become a responsible member of society.

WES WALSVICK, Oceanside

Basketball: 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965

Wes earned All Conference honors in the Far Western Conference in 1963 and 1964 and made the All Tournament team in the Chico Invitational Basketball Tournament in 1962, 1963, 1964, and 1965 and one year as an Alumni Team member. He was the leading rebounder on his team and averaged 15 points per game. He has been in education for 27 years: 5 years teaching at Durham High School and 3 years as an administrator (5 years coaching football and track and 8 years coaching basketball); 5 years as principal at Torrey Pines High School; 6 1/2 years at San Marcos High School; and 7 years at the District Office as Assistant Superintendent for personnel.