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## *Hall of Fame Adds Ten New Members*

Ten new members of the Hall of Fame were elected last month when the names of the honored group were made public by the National Football Foundation. Two coaches were selected, one of them deceased, plus eight former players, all of whom are living.

The new selections were announced by Chester J. LaRoche, president of the Foundation, together with Vincent Draddy, Chairman of the Awards Committee, and Earl H. Blaik, Chairman of the Honors Court which made the final choices from a list of 98 nominees.

The two coaches selected were the late Charles W. Caldwell, Jr., noted coach at Princeton for many years, and a one-time Coach of the Year, and Don Faurot, who achieved considerable national fame, chiefly at the University of Missouri, and was the author of the Split-T formation.

The eight players named are al-

most all former popular All-America selections, the best known probably being Glenn Davis, the famous "Mr. Outside" on the great Army teams during World War II. He now joins in the football shrine his playing partner, Doc Blanchard, who achieved equal fame as "Mr. Inside."

Choo Choo Justice, the great North Carolina halfback of some years back was another selection, as was Bob Suffridge, the almost legendary guard at Tennessee in the late thirties.

Other new members include Weldon Humble, the great guard from Rice, George McAfee, Duke halfback, Pat Pazzetti, one of the great quarterbacks at Wesleyan and Lehigh, Claude Reeds, earliest of the fine Oklahoma players, and Bob Reynolds, probably the greatest tackle in Stanford history.

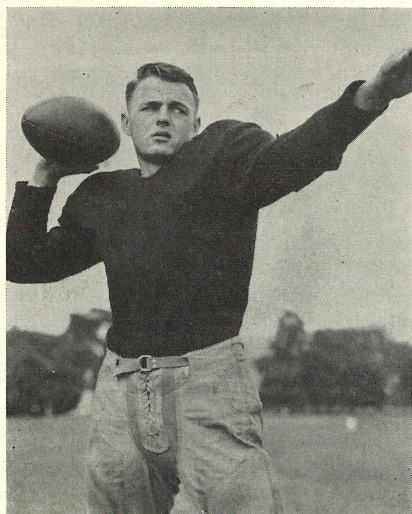
The ten new members went through an exhaustive elimination process to achieve their election.

Originally nominated by the members, and then voted upon by the membership, they were sifted to a smaller number by the Honors Court and finally selected by the twelve-man group for the final accolade. The ten will be inducted at the Fourth Annual Awards Dinner of the Foundation in New York this December.

The addition of the new ten brings to 191 the men who have been named to the Hall of Fame, the building for which is to be erected on the campus at Rutgers University at New Brunswick, N. J., near the site of the first game of American intercollegiate football. Of the total elected 143 are players and 48 are coaches. Many of the coaches achieved equal fame as players. Only one man, Amos Alonzo Stagg, has been elected as both a player and coach.

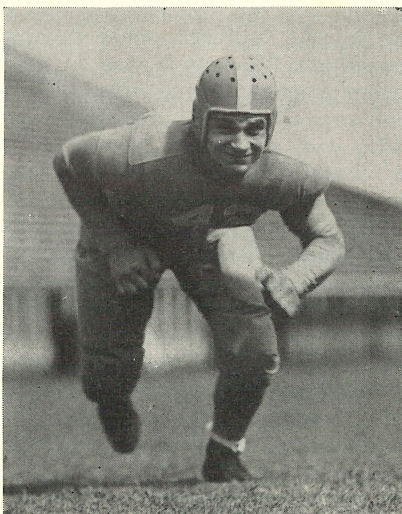
This election of Davis, Suffridge and Reynolds gives Army, Tennessee

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**GLENN DAVIS**

*Army*



**BOB SUFFRIDGE**

*Tennessee*



**BOB REYNOLDS**

*Stanford*



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### football profiles . . .

#### BYRON (Whizzer) WHITE

Of the many men of American football who have made their mark in life, Whizzer White is a good example. Blond and muscular, the 43-year old White was an All-America football player at the University of Colorado who led his team to the Cotton Bowl in 1938. He was also a brilliant student, valedictorian of his class, Phi Beta Kappa, and a Rhodes Scholar. On the gridiron he was the nation's leading intercollegiate scorer in 1937 with a total of 119 points.

White became a friend of John F. Kennedy at Oxford and the two met again in the Solomons during World War II when White was a naval intelligence officer. After the war he went to the Yale Law School and helped to coach football. He became a professional football player for a while and then was law clerk for the late Chief Justice Vinson.

Returning to Colorado in 1948 White became a corporation lawyer, and in 1960 was the dominant force in organizing Colorado for Kennedy, becoming state chairman. White was later named chairman of the nationwide Citizens for Kennedy Organization and with Kennedy's election became Deputy Attorney General of the United States. He played a big part in the recent troubles in Alabama and Mississippi over the Freedom Riders.

# EDITORIAL

## The Old Coach and the Senior Halfback

I went to church yesterday (said the Old Coach) and I have an editorial for you. The clergyman was preaching on the subject of materialism and our "decadent society." I don't consider myself qualified as a critic of sermons, but he made me think of one of the incidents of my coaching years that I'll have to tell him about when I get the chance.

Now perhaps our society isn't quite what it should be; and I'm sure the American boy is being subjected to harmful influences that we must combat. But I'd like to note that football is one of the things that is *not* wrong with our country and I'll give you an illustration of why I think so.

In the next to the last game of our schedule in this year I have in mind we lost a good, a very good, senior halfback with a badly twisted ankle. We put him on crutches and told him his football days were over. This was a great disappointment to him, of course. He knew we needed him for the final, climax game. I knew it, too. But we didn't need him badly enough to risk injury that could be serious, even permanent. I told him he was finished, and not to leave those crutches until the doctor told him to. That would be two or three weeks.

On Tuesday afternoon, as I approached the field house before practice, I was astonished to see my injured halfback come running toward me. Though it was an hour before practice and no other players had arrived, he was dressed in uniform, with pads, and frisking as if he were reporting after the long summer vacation.

"I'm all right, Coach," he said. "The ankle cleared up over night. I can go this week if I take it a little lightly between now and Saturday. Your worries are over. Watch me." And he started to do some spins and turns designed to prove that his ankle was fit.

I don't know whether he was a drama student, but it was a good act he put on. However, he didn't fool me. He didn't know it, but I could see those lips pulled tight through his forced grin. I could see pain in his face. This was no miracle

recovery from a bad ankle injury. This was the brave attempt of a boy to give something to his team and his college that the team and college had no right to accept — his willingness to risk long and perhaps permanent injury.

"Get into that dressing-room and get back on those crutches," I yelled at him. "No football game is worth what you're trying to give. Get off that ankle."

The forced smile left his face. Unmasked, he waited for a manager to bring the crutches. I learned then that he had come to the field an hour early, before any trainers or coaches arrived. He had induced his roommate to help him bind the ankle with special braces he had found in the city. He had hoped to fool me into letting him play because he thought he could help his team. He knew he could not possibly have the kind of day the crowd expected of him. He knew his personal reputation for brilliant running would suffer. But he thought the threat of his presence in the lineup would be enough to make a contribution to his team, though with pain and suffering.

I guess he also thought I was stupid enough not to recognize courage, fortitude and devotion to a cause when I saw the evidence at first-hand.

Now don't tell me that boy was "materialistic." Don't tell me there was "moral softness" there. And don't tell me that he was unusual in the game of college football. There are many like him.

In college and school competitive sports we have the finest weapon we could wish in attempting to combat the harmful influences that are working on the American boy. Let's use football and the other team sports; but let's see that they are conducted as they should be, as a part of the education of men for useful citizenship in a competitive society that has no place for softness.

General MacArthur said it well: "The game (of football) has become the symbol of our country's best qualities — courage, stamina, coordinated efficiency."

I'll mention that to my clergyman friend the next time I see him.

## News of the Chapters

Total Now Reaches 61. Increasing Enthusiasm All Over the Country. Many of the New Chapters are in the South and Midwest

Five new chapters of The National Foundation have been organized in the past month and our total has now reached 61. The new ones which have come in recently include Jackson, Miss., No. 57; Birmingham, Ala., No. 58; Toledo, Ohio, No. 59; Baltimore, Md., No. 60; and Harrisburg, Pa., No. 61. Harvey Harman, Executive Director of the Foundation, completed a recent trip through the southeast and midwest regions and is highly enthusiastic about the response being obtained. Our goal is 100 before the end of 1961!

### Knoxville, Tenn.

The Knoxville Chapter held a meeting on May 22 to honor Bob Suffridge of Tennessee, newly elected member of the Hall of Fame. Under the leadership of W. H. (Breezy) Wynn and Tom Siler more than 100 persons were present, including many of Suffridge's teammates and college officials. The speech of the evening was made by his old coach, Gen. Bob Neyland.

### Portland, Ore.

The Portland Chapter has been extremely active this spring. It has already set plans for its second Scholar-Athlete Awards Banquet in December, is publishing a membership directory and scheduled a series of meetings, as well as various social affairs. Bobby Grayson, famous Stanford halfback is president of the chapter. Another activity of the group is to attend in a body the Annual Shriners' All-Star High School Game in Multnomah Stadium in August.

### San Antonio, Tex.

The San Antonio Chapter is awarding 14 Scholar-Athlete certificates and plaques to local schoolboys this year, deciding to change the usual banquet policy and award them at the commencement exercises of each athlete named, given by members of the chapter and the respective coaching staffs. Tom Davies, president of the chapter reports that a real Texas Barbecue was given the athletes, coaches and principals in June and that it was a tremendous success.

### Jackson, Miss.

"Count Mississippi in," said a group in Jackson last month when 13 enthusiasts organized by Jimmie Mc-



### TOLEDO BECOMES ONE OF OUR NEWEST CHAPTERS

This group met May 25 in Toledo to organize their chapter of the Football Foundation. Standing left to right: Max Gerber, Don Wolfe, Fred Miller, Dr. Alexander Klein, Clive Rush, Chuck Wirtz, Al Kirshan, Ray Miller, Harvey Harman. Seated left to right: Alan Loop, Mill Orlander, Whitey Wistert, Jack Forcassin, and Ed McNeill.

Dowell of the State-Times and Stanley Robertson, veteran coach. The group was most enthusiastic and have organized a follow-up meeting with each man bringing four new prospects. All Mississippi college groups and the Jackson Touchdown Club were represented in the initial meeting. The second meeting, which elected McDowell president, was well attended. It elected some enthusiastic officers and a strong state wide board of 15 top Mississippi sports enthusiasts.

### Birmingham, Ala.

Hall of Famer Bernie Moore started the organization of the Birmingham Chapter in May with 14 distinguished guests for dinner. Two other old Hall of Famers were present, Fred Sington and Buck Flowers, plus a Foundation director, Bill Streit. The group elected Sington as president and proceeded to lay plans to recruit membership so that the chapter could quickly gain strength.

### Toledo, Ohio

Francis Wistert, oldest of three All-America brothers who played tackle at Michigan organized and called the

first meeting of the Toledo Chapter at a luncheon late in May. They voted to organize "to help the game of football in the Toledo area and nationally." Ohio State Chairman Jack Forcassin helped the group to organize and committees were appointed for the election of officers and the development of procedures at another meeting to be held shortly thereafter.

### Baltimore, Md.

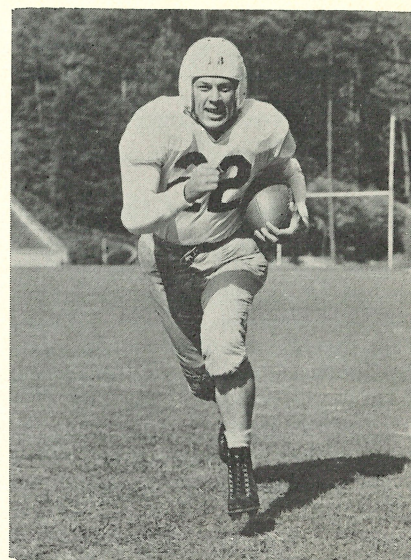
Under the leadership of Don Kellert, former Penn star halfback and Dr. George MacLaren, the 60th chapter of the Foundation was organized. The Baltimore Colts were hosts at a reception and dinner to which were invited all Foundation members, coaches and directors of all Maryland colleges, and prominent business and professional men who have great interest in the Foundation's ideals for football. Organization of the group was started with the appointment of committees. The chapter pledged to be of help in supporting the present colleges and schools playing football and encouraging those not now playing football to reinstate the game or install it.



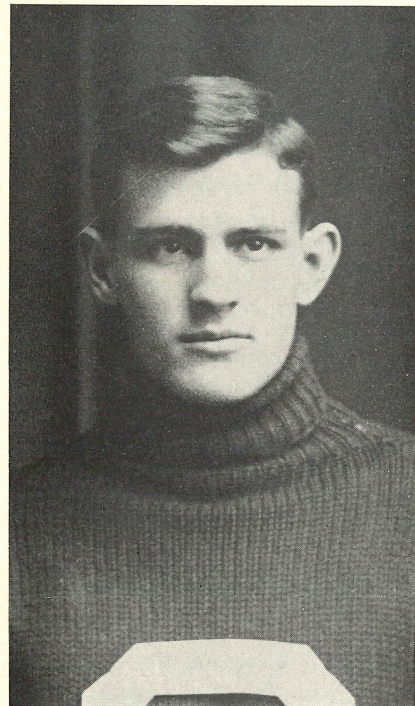
**GEORGE McAFEE**  
Duke



**WELDON HUMBLE**  
Rice



**CHOO CHOO JUSTICE**  
North Carolina



**CLAUDE REEDS**  
Oklahoma



**PAT PAZZETTI**  
Lehigh

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and Stanford a total of five men each in the Hall of Fame, tying them with Notre Dame for sixth place. Leading the list with 9 is Yale, with Harvard having 8, Michigan 7, and Minnesota and Princeton 6. This year Rice, North Carolina, Oklahoma and Lehigh break into the Hall of Fame for the first time.

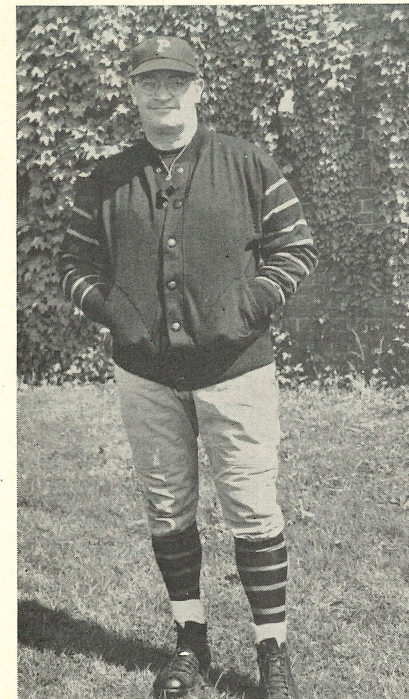
So far as the coaches are concerned Caldwell moves Princeton well into the front ranks by joining such other Tiger leaders as Bill Roper, Fritz Crisler and Tad Wieman. Only Yale has been able to match this group, with Walter Camp, Alonzo Stagg, and Howard and Tad Jones. Missouri, seat of Don Faurot's greatest fame, allows him to join Bill Roper who also coached Missouri for a time.

Thumbnail sketches and pictures of the ten new members appear in this issue of the Footballletter. In the next issue ballots will appear for the benefit of members who wish to make nominations for next year's selections.

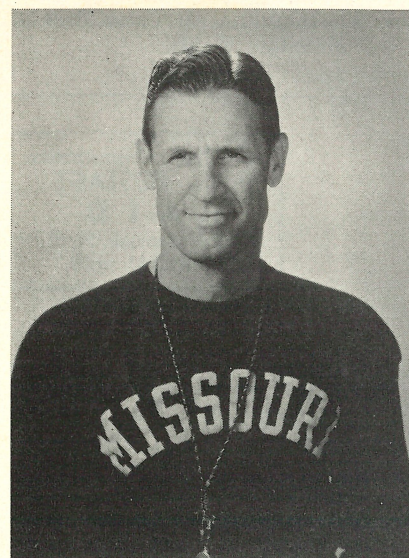
It is probable that next year's elections will be the final chance to induct into the Hall of Fame the players of the era before 1900, since the Awards Committee is of the opinion that the football heroes of that age are now so dim in the past that it is not feasible to form adequate comparisons with modern players, and except for the really all-time greats there is not sufficient evidence about most of them to do a creditable selection job.

**Two New Coaches in Hall of Fame**  
First Time More Than One Elected in Year

Two of the ten named this year to the Hall of Fame were coaches, the first time since yearly elections were established after an early group of "all time greats" were named. The percentage of coaches now in the Hall of Fame, compared to the number of players is high, being roughly one to three, far greater than in actual practice.



**CHARLIE CALDWELL**  
Princeton



**DON FAUROT**  
Missouri

**Sketches of New Hall of Famers**

*Players*

**Glenn Davis**, halfback, United States Military Academy. Played from 1943 through 1946 and was All America for three years, 1944, 45, 46. Set all-time intercollegiate scoring record of 20 touchdowns in one season, a mark that stood for ten years and is still an Army record. Currently holds two national records, most yards per play, 11.74, and most per rush, 11.51. Awarded Walter Camp, Maxwell Club and Heisman trophies. Served three years in Army in Japan and Korea and now a newspaper executive in Los Angeles.

**Weldon Gaston Humble**, captain and guard at Rice Institute, in 1941, 42 and 46. Was an All Conference guard in 1942 and 46 and was All-America in 1946. Now a civic leader in Houston, Tex. and a bank officer.

**Charlie (Choo Choo) Justice**, halfback at University of North Carolina for four years, 1946-49. Was All America in 1948 and 49. Established a college record of 304 yards total offense in one game, and scored 72 points in 1946, 1003 yards rushing. Set national punting record in 1948. Now a businessman and civic leader in Hendersonville, N.C.

**George Anderson McAfee**, halfback at Duke University, 1937-39. Was one of the leading scorers of the Conference and was named to the All-America in 1939. Now a football official, civic leader and businessman in Durham, N.C.

**Vincent Joseph (Pat) Pazzetti**, quarterback at Wesleyan University, 1908, 09 and at Lehigh University, 1910 through 13. He was Lehigh captain in 1912 and an All America choice in 1912. He was one of the early great passers and developed the art of spot punting. Had more runs of more than 90 yards than any player of his day. Now general manager of the Bethlehem Steel Company in Bethlehem, Pa.

**Claude Reeds**, fullback, University of Oklahoma, from 1910 through 13. He was an All-America choice in 1913 and named to the all-time All-Mississippi Valley eleven. Regarded as the finest punter Oklahoma ever had and threw the first long forward passes (1912) ever used in the Southwest. Now operates a farm in Newcastle, Okla.

**Robert Odell (Horse) Reynolds**, a tackle at Stanford University in 1933, 34, 35. Named to the All-America in 1934 and 35. Only man to play in the Rose Bowl 180 minutes, and regarded as the greatest tackle in Stanford history. Is now president of the Golden West Broadcasters and an owner of the Los Angeles Angels of the American League.

**Robert Lee Suffridge**, a guard at the University of Tennessee in 1938, 39 and 40. All-America in 1939 and 40, and regarded as the greatest blocker in Tennessee football and outstanding on defense. The teams on which he played had three perfect seasons, winning 30 and losing none. He was a lieutenant commander in the Navy in World War II, and is now a businessman in Knoxville, Tenn.

*Coaches*

**Charles W. Caldwell, Jr.**, member of Princeton's famous "team of destiny" in 1922. Assistant coach at Princeton, 1925-27, head coach at Williams College from 1928 through 1942, line coach at Yale in 1943, and head coach at Princeton from 1945 until his death in 1956. At Williams he won eight "Little Three" titles, and at Princeton six "Big Three" titles, being the most successful coach during this period in the entire East. He was named Coach of the Year in 1950 and was close again in 1951. Caldwell developed the buck-lateral series to a point where Princeton had for years one of the most deceptive single wing attacks in football.

**Donald Burrowes Faurot** played fullback at the University of Missouri from 1923 through 25. Started as a freshman coach at Missouri in 1925 and then became head coach at Kirksville College (Mo.). Then he went to Missouri in 1935 where he coached until 1956 with two years out for Navy services. His record at Missouri was 101 games won and only ten lost. During his coaching career Faurot won three Big Six championships and went to five major bowl games. He originated and developed the split-T formation which completely revolutionized modern offensive football. He is past president of the American Football Coaches Association and is now director of athletics at Missouri.

## Comment on the "Winningest Teams"

Our article last month which listed the top twenty football teams of the country with the greatest total number of wins has drawn considerable comment. As it was pointed out in that article there were 22 teams with 375 wins or better, and their winning percentage rate was given. However it was freely admitted that there were a number of teams without that number of victories who had very fine records and would have done quite well percentagewise. Not all of them could be listed.

### *Southern California*

Jesse Hill, Director of Athletics at the University of Southern California writes that the University of Southern California first fielded a team in 1888 and, including the 1960 season, it has a record of 357 wins, 156 losses and 86 ties. Figured on a win-loss basis, with a half win for ties, Southern Cal has an all-time percentage record of 68.2%, which is very fine indeed. With a few more victories Southern Cal will be right up in there.

### *Miami*

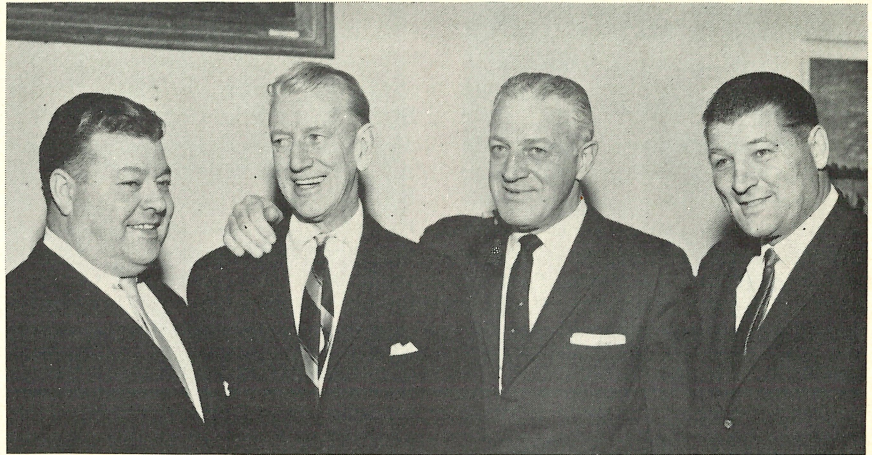
Bob Kurz, Sports Information Director of Miami University (Ohio) says that although the number of games played may be a limiting factor, Miami's record should still be noted. Miami has played 541 games in 72 years, and has won 333, lost 179 and tied 29. This percentage is 64.3, easily high enough to rank among the top 25 teams percentage-wise.

### *Stanford*

Don E. Liebendorfer, Sports Publicity Director of Stanford University says that we would be interested to know the following about Stanford's all-time record: 1. Stanford has played a total of 611 games, winning 387, losing 183 and tying 41, a percentage of 66%. 116 of those games were rugby (1906-17) when Stanford left the regular American game. In American football Stanford has played 495 games, winning 293, losing 163 and tying 39, for 63%.

These facts are all interesting and we should be pleased to hear more from some of the other football powers. It was probably unfortunate that we had to list the teams primarily in order of games won, which eliminates the above from the list only on a technicality. At this time any other method of selection is unfeasible because it means researching the records of more than 700 colleges, an almost impossible research task.

## Gridiron Notables at Middlesex (N. J.) County Meeting



*John Bateman, Rutgers coach, with Bob Ross, president of the Middlesex County Chapter in New Jersey and Hall of Fame Director, Ken Strong of N.Y.U. and Alex Wojchiechowicz of Fordham, both Hall of Famers.*

## *Beginning of the Way Back to Football*

The National Football Foundation, which has long advocated that the colleges which have abandoned football over the past few years should return to the game on an informal or campus basis, is pleased to report that two noted colleges on the West Coast have done just that. It is a forward step which cheers many who regard football as a vital sport in the educational structure of American colleges.

Our vice president Tom Hamilton, who is Chairman of the Participation Committee, concerned with the resumption of football where it has been dropped, reports that both the University of San Francisco and the University of Santa Clara are resuming the game this fall on a "football for fun" basis. In this way the boys can get the benefits of football without the formal organization that entails outlays of time and effort on the part of the college administration. Al-

though Mr. Hamilton states that his committee had no actual part in this particular case of renewed activity, its work on a national basis is being well considered.

The San Francisco Chapter of the Foundation has expressed its pleasure to both Santa Clara and San Francisco on the resumption of football and has offered to do whatever it can to help. The San Francisco schedule on the "for fun" basis this fall will be as follows, under the guidance of coach Robert (Sarge) MacKenzie:

- Sept. 29—Napa College at Napa
- Oct. 13—College of Marin at Kentfield
- Oct. 20—Intramural Team vs. Cal Aggies JV at U.S.F.
- Oct. 27—San Benito College at Hollister
- Nov. 3—San Benito College at U.S.F.
- Nov. 11—Hamilton Air Force Base at Hamilton Field

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