



DR. LOWELL F. BARKER

If one person can be credited for the high standards and ethics of Merced College, it is our first president, Dr. Lowell F. Barker.

It is largely through his efforts that the bond issue passed, the available buildings were utilized, transfer courses were set up, and the working plans for the new campus were completed.

In dedicating this first annual publication to you, Dr. Barker, we would like to express our appreciation for the determination and hard work you have devoted so selflessly. We sincerely hope that Merced College will continue to reflect your high standards and code of ethics in the ensuing years.

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To the Students of Merced College:

Few people have the privilege of helping to establish a college. We who have done so this year at Merced have found the experience to be at times satisfying, at times frustrating, but the result one in which we can all take great pride. Merced College has been fortunate in having a strong community support and in attracting a faculty highly qualified and devoted to the ideals of junior college education.

The young men and women who have comprised our first student body have been both sincere and capable and have established many worthwhile traditions. A basic structure for student government and student activities which rivals that of many older colleges has been developed. But more important is the affection which the students feel for their college, an affection including both the respect for knowledge and the enjoyment of college life.

It is hoped that students who attend Merced College in the years to come will continue with friendly cooperation, pride in themselves and the college, high academic standards, and enthusiasm for developing a top quality college in Merced.

Sincerely,

Lowell F. Barker
LOWELL F. BARKER
President

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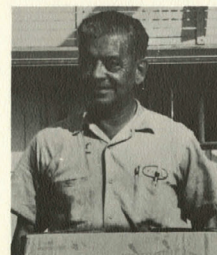
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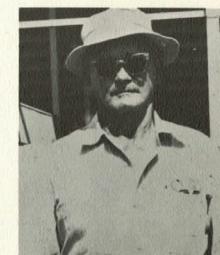
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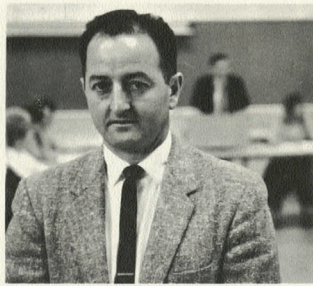
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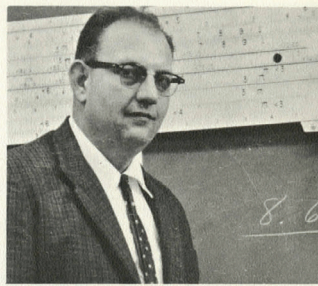
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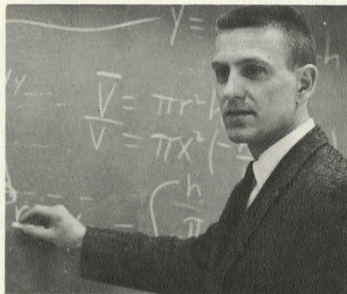
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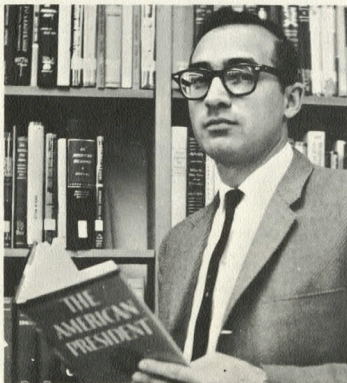
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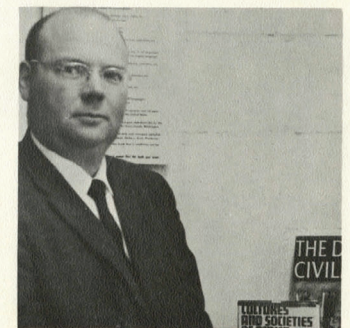
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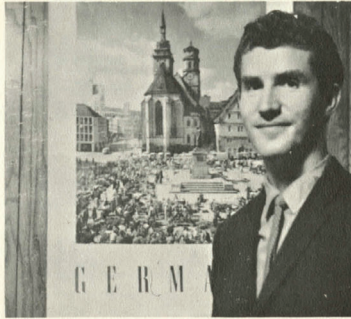


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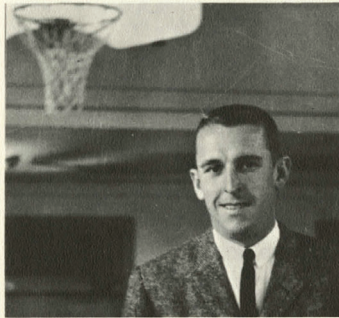
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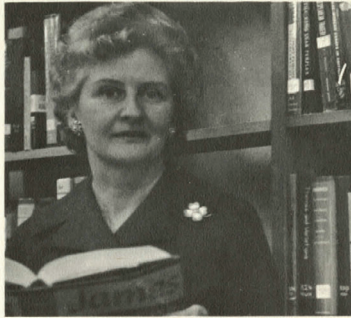
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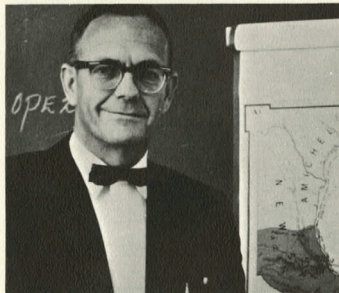
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ACTIVITIES



EXTRA-CURRICULAR



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SCHOOL-SPIRITED

QUEEN SUSAN



Reigning over the Valentine's Dance was Miss Sue Brooks. She was chosen as Valentine Queen at a student election. Runners-up in the election, Betty Cardenas, Jo Domant, Margie Palmer, Julianne Mitchell, and Sharon Pinkerton, were designated as attendants.

Miss Brooks was crowned and presented with a bouquet of red roses by Gerry Trindade, Student Body President. The attendants received wristlets of orchids and hearts. Traditionally, Queen Susan and her escort, Mike Bik, led off the first dance.



Larry, Gene, Art, Mike and Mike hold cake saluting their record-breaking Bowl-a-thon.

Gene Brewer, Mike Bik, Larry Boyer, Mike Crass and Art Natcher are world champions! These five Merced College students smashed the world's record as they bowled 361 games in 51 hours.

During their two-and-a-half day crusade the boys were cheered on by fans from throughout the country.

The first night, Sunday, March 22, Walt Nayar led a hootenanny which helped the boys stay awake. The second night, Jim Geil and his band, the Tokays, livened up the crowd which had gathered with twist music.

As the final hours of the Bowl-a-thon approached, the boys were sore and sleepy; but, March 24 at 9:00 victory was complete. They had challenged the record set in England and they won.



Larry, Art, Gene, and Mike relax minutes after breaking the World Endurance Bowling record.

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To kick off the last home basketball game of the season, against Taft, a different kind of rally was presented. It was called a "Rally-on-Wheels" and cheering students paraded down main street led by perky cheerleaders.

Beatlemania hit the Merced College Campus in the form of Mike Crass, Rod Widmer, Walt Nayar, and Kit Kahl.



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The Continentals play for the first student dance of the year.



MC Students live it up at the "Welcome Dance."



John Caligiuri and Rollin (Peek-A-Boo) Silveira agree that Pat Lyons and Richard Gwinn are twist Champions!



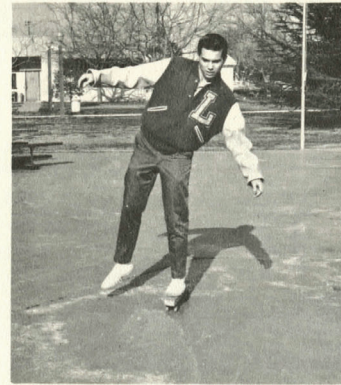
P.E. Instructor, Carmen Mauro, shows Dennis Nolan the proper golf grip as the rest of the class looks on.



Mike Bik and John Caligiuri exhibit the trophies given out to various athletes this year.



Lana Urban and Delane Cope laugh as Don Vandergriff models the latest wearing apparel for boys.



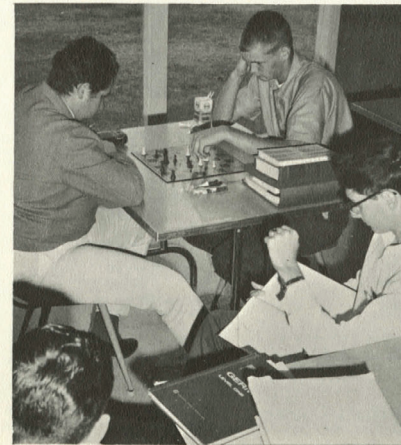
Jim Boshears balances precariously on the skateboard.



Caroline Souza, Delane Cope, and Betty Cardenas studying on a hot afternoon.



Linda (Frosty) Frost is "incognito" as she practices for the varsity skateboard team.



Students take time from their studies to indulge in a game of chess.

ORGANIZATIONS



GOVERNMENT



Executive Board Members, counterclockwise: Mike Carter, Coordinator of Publicity; Sharon Pinkerton, Head Yell Leader; Velvet Scholz, Representative; Rose Luna, Coordinator of Elections; Barbara Johnson, Corresponding Secretary; Lynda Highly, Treasurer; Gerry Trindade, President; Julianne Mitchell, Recording Secretary; Don Vandergriff, Representative; Mike Bik, Coordinator of Men's Athletics; Mike Crass, Representative; Nancy Suffecool, Coordinator of Women's Athletics; Rick Perry, Representative; Gene Brewer, Coordinator of Rallies; and Bruce Nechels, Coordinator of Social Activities. John Wetzel, Vice-President, is not pictured here.



Executive officers, Julianne Mitchell, John Wetzel, Gerry Trindade, and Lynda Highly discuss a campus problem with Barbara Johnson, recording secretary.



John Caligiuri was an invaluable aid to the Executive Board as their adviser.



Our Student Government group has been very active this year. It has initiated a program of activities in which it has tried to involve large numbers of students. It has developed a full schedule of athletics, an active social program and a club program that is beginning to take solid form. It has ranged broadly and has tried to maintain a high degree of responsibility.

When I discovered that I was to attend Merced College, I visioned myself becoming involved in the activities of the college and helping make it an institution that the community, the students, and I would be proud of.

I sincerely hope that all students will share in this dream and strive to help Merced College become a quality school. If each student will do his share, he will find himself serving as an example for others. In this way, the dream will continue and Merced College will grow in excellence.

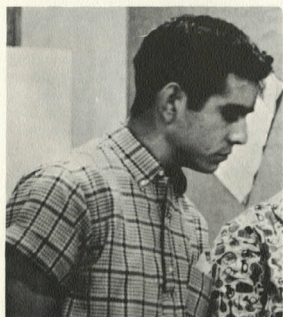
Sincerely,
Gerry Trindade
President A.S.M.C.

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If you were ever around the Journalism Building during the month of April, you would have probably seen or heard a group of busy students hard at work on Merced College's first yearbook. This first edition of the INFERNO is the combined work of several members of the student body. Nancy Suffecool, Editor-in-Chief, was overall director for the publication. Diane Machado, Layout Editor, and Pat Bettencourt, Copy Editor, each had a staff of students who contributed their time and effort.

Pages had to be drawn, copy had to be written and typed, and pictures had to be taken, developed and identified. All these things were done under the supervision of Mr. John Intardonato. The entire staff hopes that the students of Merced College will see a clearly portrayed picture of school life and that this annual edition brings back many vivid and happy memories.



Frank Ochoa, Photographer



Mike Bik, sports editor, confers with Steve Browning, photographer.



John Intardonato, Advisor

MERCURY STAFF



Wayne Silva, Spring editor, and Frank Ochoa, associate editor.



Greg Hosko, Fall editor and John Intardonato, MERCURY advisor.

The MERCURY, the official school publication, has offered to Merced College students complete coverage on campus news and activities. Under the overall direction of John Intardonato, the MERCURY has had two editors this year. Greg Hosko was fall semester editor-in-chief, and his spring counterpart was Wayne Silva. The staff has worked hard throughout the year and their hard work is reflected in a well-established newspaper.



MERCURY staff, left to right: Carla Jepperson, Steve Browning, Sue Brooks, Mike Bik, Marsha Holbrook, Frank Ochoa, Stephanie Van Dusen, Enriqueta Herrera and Pat Bettencourt.

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Scene from Spring play, DREAM GIRL, featuring Julie Busby and Walter Nayar.

Two plays were presented by the Drama Club this year. The first, A CHRISTMAS CAROL was presented in December; the second, DREAM GIRL, in May.

Miss Mary Jane White was the drama teacher as well as the club's faculty advisor.

Serving as Drama Club president first semester was Sam Miramontes. Succeeding him in the Spring semester was Jim Boshears.



Jim Bonner and Eileen McHenry in a scene from A CHRISTMAS CAROL.



Standing, left to right: Velvet Scholtz, Caroline Souza, Polly Wingfield, Karen Cabral, Nancy Suffecool, and Sharon Pinkerton. Kneeling: Betty Cardenas, Delane Cope, Jeanie Goddess, and Stephanie Van Dusen.

The Women's Recreation Association of Merced College was founded mainly through the efforts of Nancy Suffecool, Coordinator of Women's Athletics. The club is devoted exclusively to female members of the Student Body and its purposes are to uphold the highest ideals of good sportsmanship, to promote friendship among members and to encourage a spirit of service to the college. The group was advised by Elizabeth Juul.



Delane Cope jumps in an attempt to return the volley ball.

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Back row, left to right: Larry McSwain, Gerry Trindade, John Mehrens, Advisor; Roland Brooks, John Wetzel, and Dwight Daniels. Front row: Pat Tullock, Marsha Holbrook, Judy Glasow, Christine Arnold, Barbara Johnson, and Rosemary Luna.

Gamma Tau was the name designated for the Merced College Chapter of Alpha Gamma Sigma, the California Junior College Honor Society.

The purpose of Gamma Tau is to promote and to recognize scholarship as well as to develop character and ability in leadership.

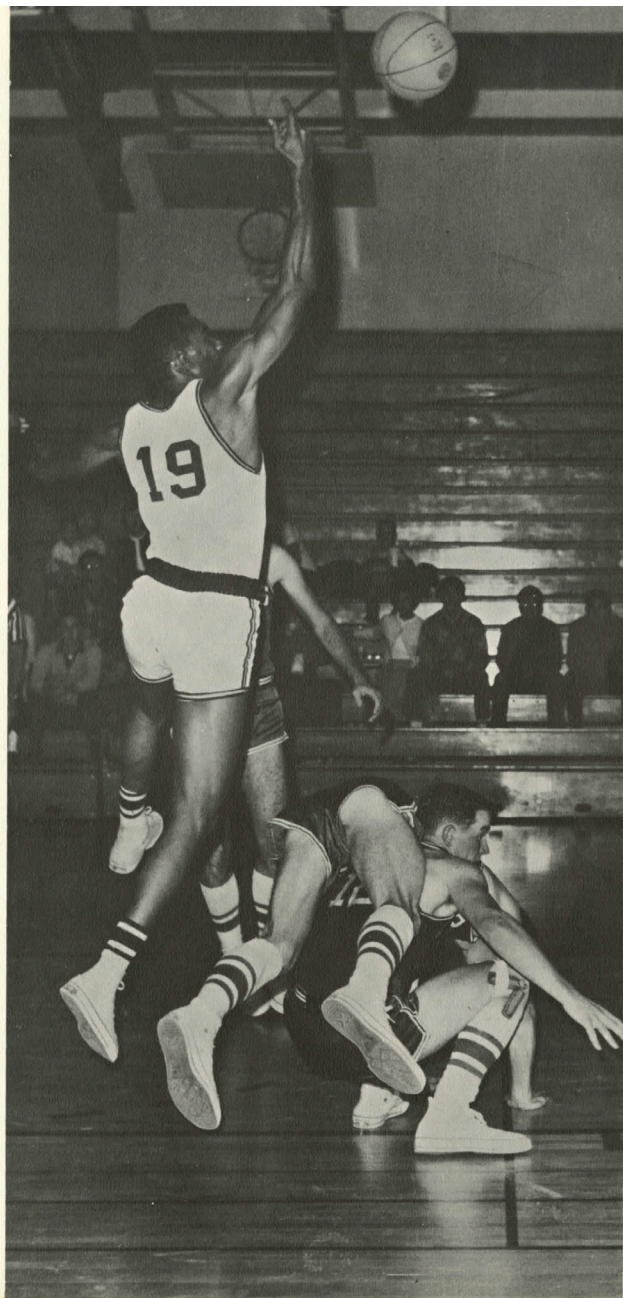
A temporary membership requires a 3.0 grade point with no fewer than 12 units. A permanent membership is awarded to students completing 60 units of work with a 3.3 grade point average.

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Back row, left to right: Jim Bonner, Mike Caldwell, Richard Bowman. Front row: Irene Navarro, Carol Bowman, and Cheryl Komas.

The Sports Club was originally founded as Merced College Ski Club. After enjoying snow skiing at Badger Pass, the name was changed to Merced College Sports Club so that other pleasurable activities could be included. Hikes, field trips and water skiing were a few of the activities planned for late spring. Miss Elizabeth Juul acted as the club's advisor and Jim Bonner served as president.



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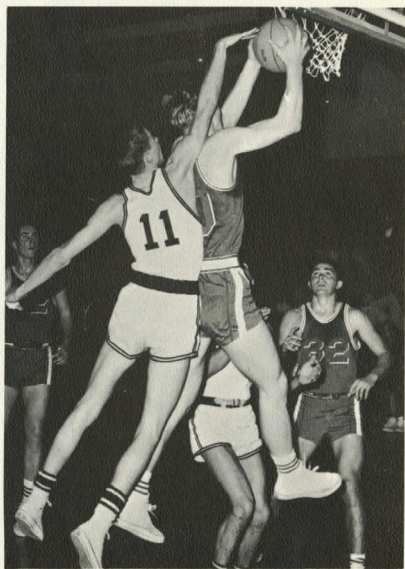
Back row: Larry Walker, Bob Shadric, Paul Bischoff, Jim Spears, Al Torres, Frank Breinig, Coach Don Reid. Front Row: Kitt Kahl, Ed Lynch, Bruce Neckels, Don Vandergriff, and Juan Escamilla.

This first Merced College basketball team compiled a 17 win - 13 loss season and finished third in the C.C.J.C.A. The team won the Pacific Invitational Tourney and placed Bob Shadric and Juan Escamilla on the All-Tourney team.

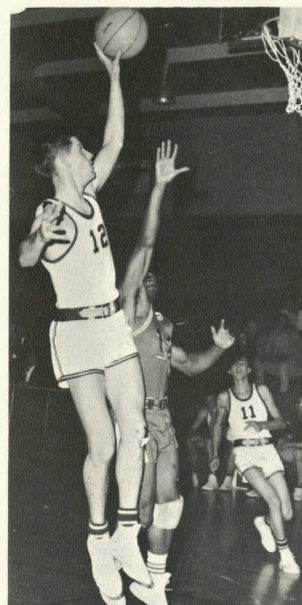
Bob Shadric was selected M.V.P., first team all league, and led the conference in scoring. Juan Escamilla was elected captain, was a unanimous choice for all league, and was the number two scorer in the conference.

Al Torres won the trophy for the best shooting percentage for the season. Kitt Kahl and Larry Walker were the other starters, with Bruce Neckels seeing a lot of action as sixth man.

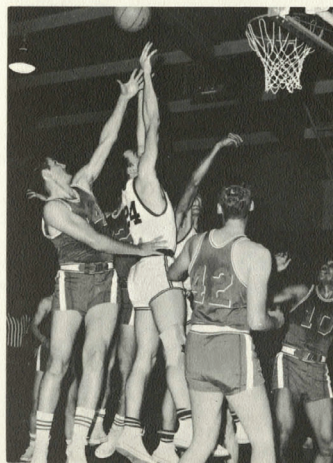
The team established some outstanding scoring and percentage shooting records which should remain records for a number of years.



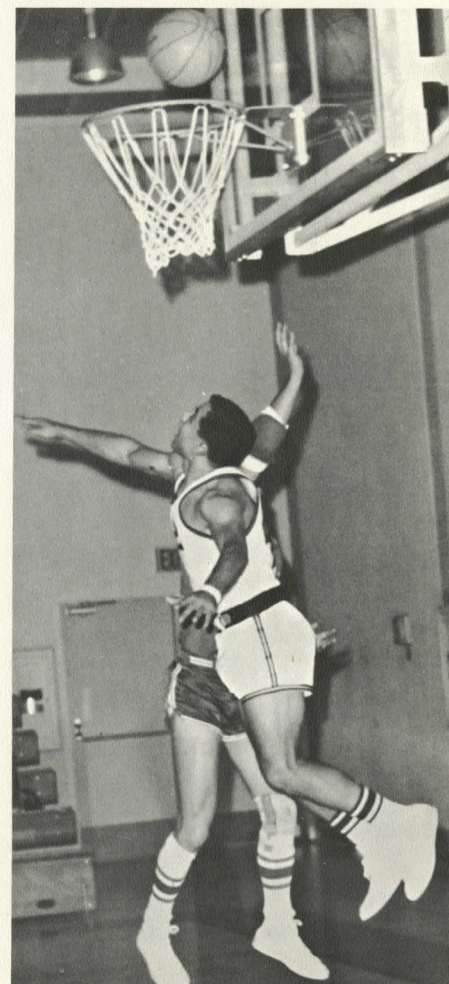
Bruce Neckels (11) leaps high for the ball in Coalinga game.



Kitt Kahl (12) is in the process of making two points.

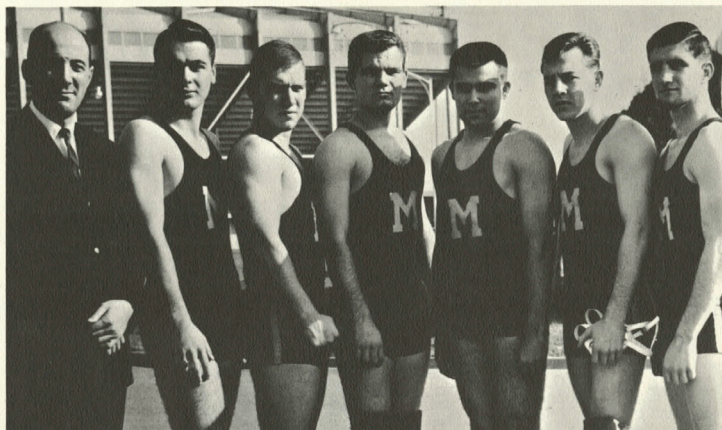


Larry Walker leaps high to grab the ball for the Devilmen.



Team captain, Juan Escamilla, buckets the ball for two points.

WRESTLING



Left to right: Carmen Mauro, Lodi Francesconi, Rollin Silvieira, Paul Hodges, Wayne Silva, Mike Bik, and Jim Teixeira.

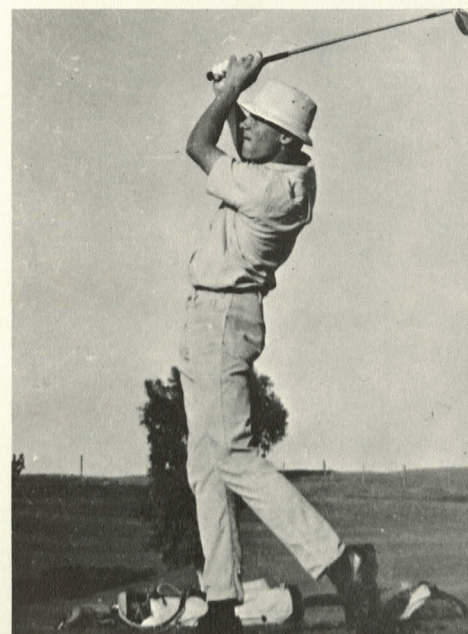


Vic Reyes and Mike Bik demonstrate a fundamental hold as the rest of the team looks on.

Mike Bik was chosen as the most valuable wrestler and Paul Hodges, with a late spurt of pins, was chosen as the most improved. Both boys, not only came to all the practices and contributed their services when menial tasks were asked of them, but they also represented themselves and their school with high honor and service. Two boys went on to state trials in Fresno, California. Jim Teixeira and Mike Bik participated in the state trials with Jim Teixeira winning a consolation award in the 137 pound class. In conclusion, our wrestling program was a rousing success and hopes for future good teams are anticipated.



Back row, left to right: Coach Don Reid, Ed Lynch and Joseph Domant. Front row: Bruce Neckels, Francis Thompson, and Jim Greer.



Merced's Jim Greer fires the ball down the fairway.

The high point of the golf season was the winning of the runner-up trophy at the Conference Tournament. The golf team qualified three of its members to compete in the State Tournament on the famous Monterey Peninsula Country Club course. The three who qualified were Jim Greer, Francis Thompson, and Joe Domant. Jim Greer was the outstanding player on the team, playing first man and having a medal score average of 74.4 for the season.

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Back Row: Juan Escamilla, Bob Puglizevich, Rollin Silvira, Kit Kahl, Mike Garcia, Paul Hodges, Jerry Ivy, Don Vandergriff, Jim Herrera, and Mike Williams. Front Row: Mike Soria, Greg Gross, Art Gutierrez, Don Ornelas, Bob Rodriguez, and Coach Carmen Mauro.

It is still premature to evaluate the 1964 Baseball team at Merced College, but all indications point to a losing first year. Here, again, a lack of personnel, especially in the much sought after commodity of pitching forced Coach Mauro to use several boys, notably Juan Escamilla and Kit Kahl, both as pitchers and also as players. Leading hitters at this stag are Don Ornelas, Juan Escamilla, Bobby Rodriguez, and Greg Gross. Mike Garcia improved and pitched creditably as the season progressed.

In conclusion, it was felt that the vital experience gained from the initial season of college competition would certainly enhance and improve each player's abilities.

Coach Mauro shows Art Gutierrez, Greg Gross, Paul Gonzales, Bob Rodriguez, and Jerry Ivy the proper way to hold a baseball when pitching.



YELL LEADERS



SHARON PINKERTON
Head Yell Leader

REBECCA SORENSON

DELANE COPE

STEPHANIE VAN DUSEN

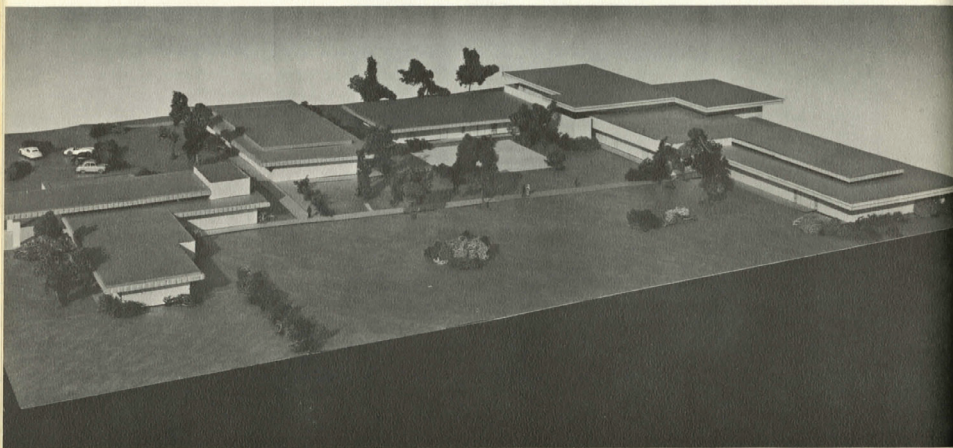
NANCY SUFFECOOL

JO DOMANT

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Blue Devil

MERCED COLLEGE'S NEW CAMPUS

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This is what Merced College's new campus, which will be opening in the fall of 1965, will boast from left to right: Administration Building, Library, Student Center, and Science-Classroom Building.

EPILOGUE

We, the editors of the INFERNO, wish to give our thanks to the following people: John Intardonato, Advisor; Don Vandergriff, Artist; and Belt Printing Company, Printers.

Also, we would like to thank all the people who worked so hard to establish this junior college. To these people, Merced College is a culmination of all dreams.

Finally, we would like to thank the students and faculty of Merced College — the pioneers who accepted the challenge of establishing our traditions and enduring the hardships encountered in the struggle to build a new college. In gratitude, we have presented to you this 1964 edition of the INFERNO and we hope that it has provided you with many vivid memories of this eventful year and has given a preview of what to expect in the future.

— The Editors

Nancy Suffecool
Diane Machado
Pat Bettencourt