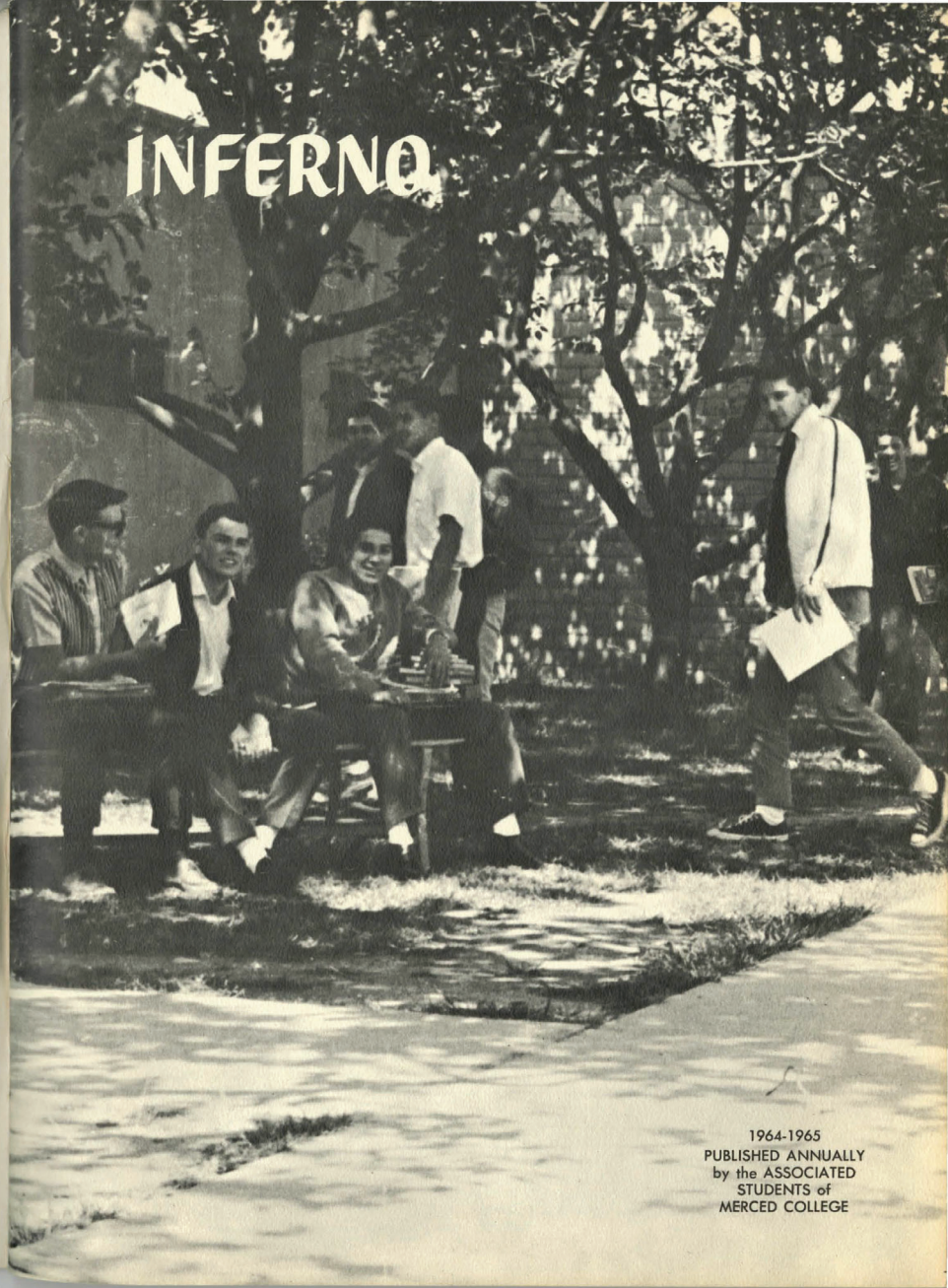


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DEDICATION

Those of us who have been attending Merced College since its inception two years ago are aware of the tremendous cooperative effort by the administration, faculty, students, and community in nurturing the vigorous growth of our new college. With this dedication, the members of the INFERNO staff would like to pay special tribute to one man who has given invaluable service to the college. His capable, dynamic leadership in helping to develop and implement philosophy and plans has made this college an excellent institution of higher learning.

Among his many duties are the supervision and coordination of the day and evening instructional program. Although the temporary facilities of the college have been a handicap, a wide offering of day and night classes has been obtained through his skillful planning, including a summer session during the first year of the existence of the college.

Because of his inspiring optimism, his willingness to assist students, and his untiring efforts on behalf of this institution, the INFERNO staff, with grateful appreciation, dedicates the 1965 INFERNO to Daniel G. Walker.



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To the Students of Merced College:

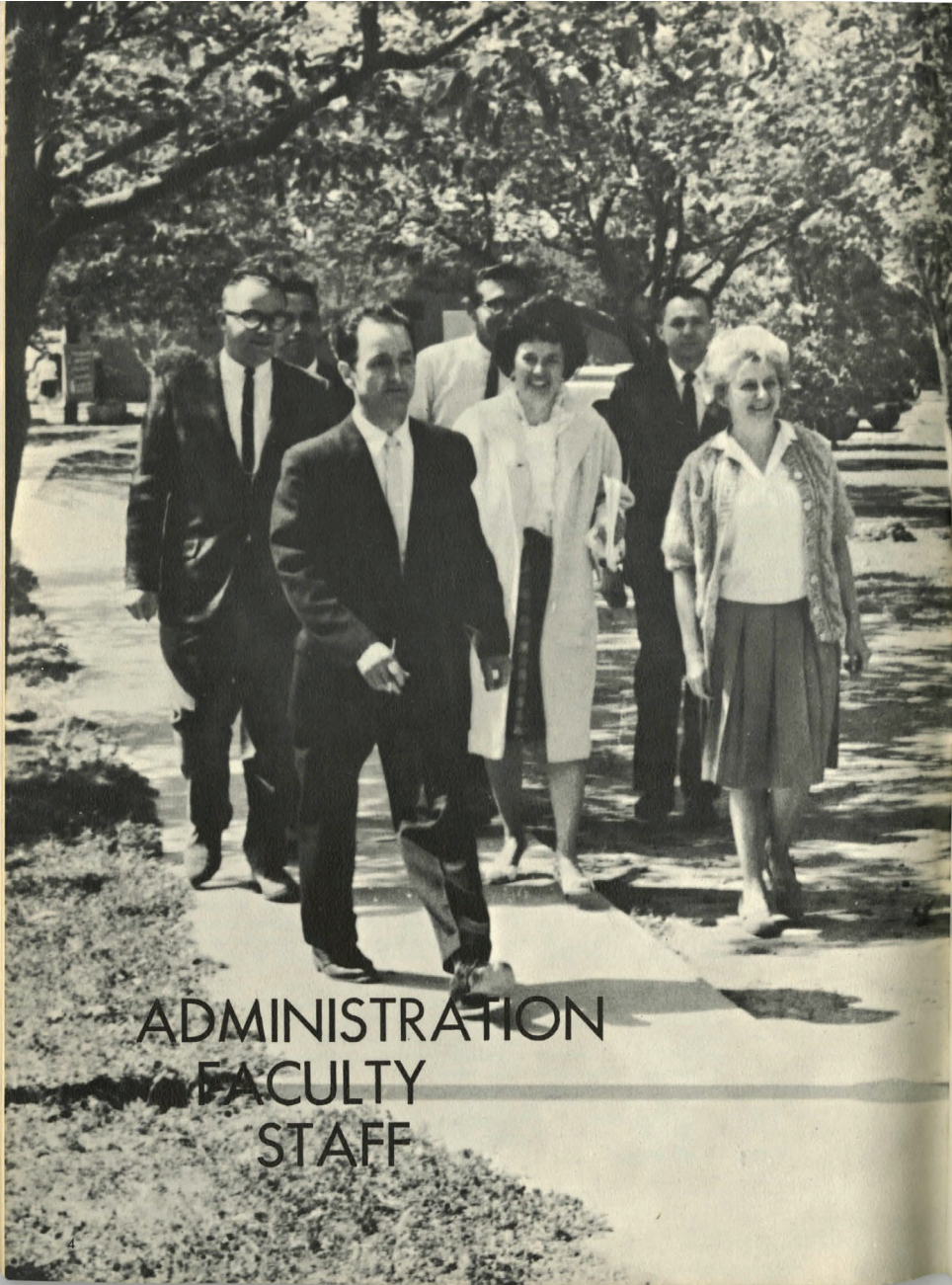
As Merced College completes its second year, it is clear that the objectives established during the first year are being steadily advanced. Through the continuing interest and thoughtful participation by students, faculty, and the community, the college has developed during this short period a comprehensive curriculum of terminal, vocational and transfer courses. In granting Merced College national accreditation, the Accrediting Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges particularly noted the rapid growth in such areas as vocational programming, counseling facilities, evening classes, and summer session. It also praised the uniformly high quality of instruction available.

Tangible evidence of student enthusiasm for Merced College can be easily observed by noting that in just our second year of athletic competition we have fielded representative teams in every major sport in our league, even though our athletic facilities have often been severely limited. In addition, the variety of activities throughout the year, such as those during this year's Homecoming Week, reveal the determination of the student body to establish and continue traditions that enrich their association with the college.

Next September the educational achievements of our first complete graduating class will be evaluated by a variety of senior colleges and employers. We welcome the examination with confidence.

Sincerely,

Lowell F. Barker
President



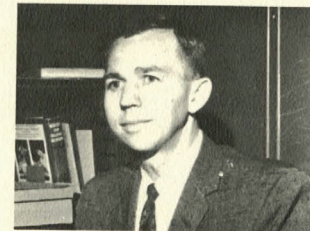
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DANIEL WALKER
Vice President
Dean of Instruction



EARL J. FRY
Business Manager



LOREN IRWIN
Dean of Student Personnel

CLASSIFIED



Standing, left to right: Hinda Elmore, Receptionist; Eileen Boyle, Secretary to the Business Manager; Rosemary Kaufman, District Bookkeeper; Helen Grubb, Secretary to the President. Seated: Jean Galloway, Secretary to the Dean of Instruction.



Oneta Mattos, Bookstore Clerk and Sandra Parker, Library Clerk.



Ira Kress, Custodian-Maintenance.



Grace Anderegg, student center hostess.



Christine Lockyer, secretary to Dean of Student Personnel, and Marguerite Vickers, records clerk.



Parker Ownbey, watchman-custodian.



Vicky Sabin and Beverly Ryan, part-time employees.



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MARY JANE WHITE and ANTHONY LLOYD



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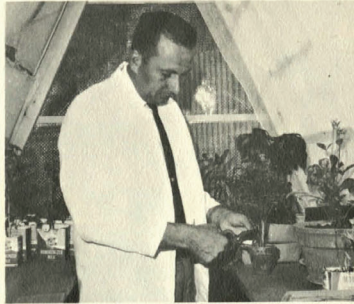


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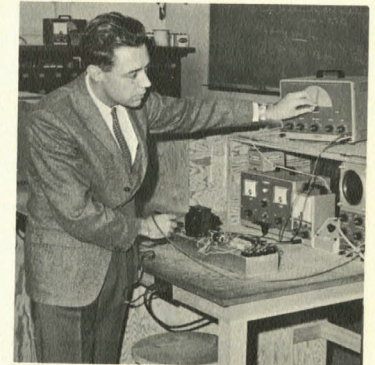
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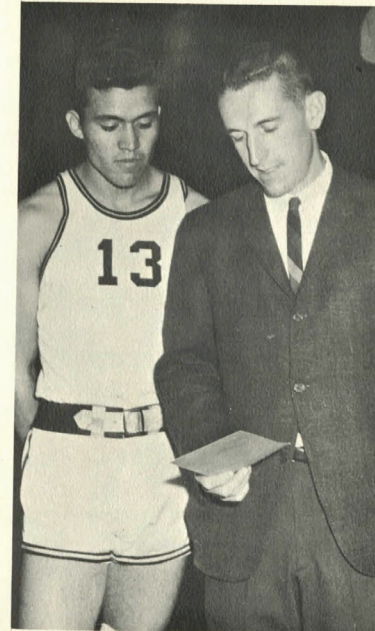


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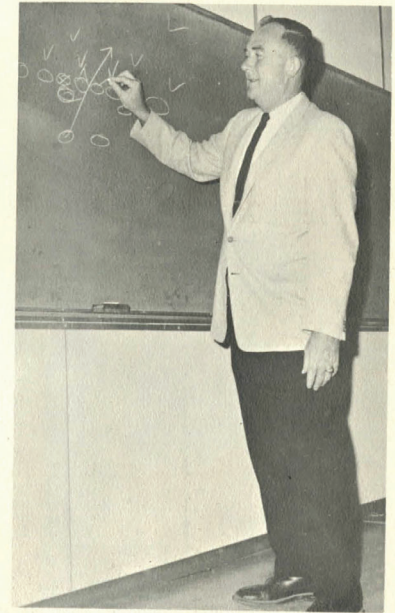
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ORGANIZATIONS

FALL STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Executive Board Members, counterclockwise: Julianne Mitchell, Recording Secretary; Marsha Holbrook, Vice President; Nancy Suffecool, Coordinator of Women's Athletics; Jo Domani, Coordinator of Social Activities; Marcia Thornton, Sophomore Representative; Rudy Banuelos, Sophomore Representative; Bruce Nickels, Freshman Representative; Gerry Trindade, President; Don Vandergriff, Coordinator of Men's Athletics; Francis Thompson, Coordinator of Rallies; Rose Luna, Coordinator of Elections; Velvet Scholz, Freshman Representative; Judy Hewlett, Corresponding Secretary; Chris Arnold, Treasurer; and Sue Brooks, Coordinator of Publicity.



Gerry Trindade, President

The Executive Board of Merced College coordinates associated student activities. It is responsible for promoting those student activities which stimulate the intellectual, physical, social and moral life of our college. The student leaders work as a group as well as individually to initiate new ideas for the betterment of campus life.

Carmen Maura and Lois Huntley were advisors. Gerry Trindade was Fall President and Kenn Neves was Spring President.

Among the many student activities sponsored by the Executive Board this year were the Devil Burger Rama, Homecoming Week, Christmas Formal, Madam Butterfly and the Spring Formal.

SPRING STUDENT GOVERNMENT



Left down and right up: Bob Greenlee, Freshmen Representative; Valvet Scholz, Sophomore Representative; Gene Brewer, Sophomore Representative; Ron Yoshino, Freshmen Representative; Cheryl Brock, Corresponding Secretary; Pat Lynch, Recording Secretary; Kenn Neves, President; Sam Martin, Vice President; Chris Arnold, Treasurer; Jeanie Bragonier, Coordinator of Rallies; Barbara Johnson, Coordinator of Elections; Caroline Souza, Coordinator of Women's Athletics; and Stephanie Van Dusen, Head Cheerleader.



Kenn Neves, President



Carmen Mauro, Advisor

FRESHMAN COUNCIL



Left to right: Tom Higgins, Robin Bosley, Jan Lawler, Marcia Stroming, Pat Serowski, Jack Anderson, Jeanie Bragonier, Richard Bethel, Diane Ronson, Sandy Roe and Vickie Sabin.

The Freshman Council was formed because the Associated Student Body Constitution did not make any provisions for the election of freshmen representatives during the Fall Semester. The council is an attempt on behalf of the Executive Board and the Administration to bring more freshmen into student government.

Advised by Lois Huntley, the council consists of representatives from each of the freshmen English classes.

The officers for this year were Jeanie Bragonier, President; Tom Higgins, Vice President; and Diane Ronson, Secretary.



Jeanie Bragonier presides over a Freshman Council meeting.

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Back row, left to right: Wayne Silva, Dale Cook, Norm Peterson, Stephanie Van Dusen, Mike Ryan, Jo Domant, Mike Crass, Karen Hiller, and Pat Bettencourt. Seated: Connie McIntire and Sandy Roe.



Mike Ryan, Diana George, Bob Greenlee and Wayne Silva evaluate the latest publication of the MERCURY.



MERCURY Reporter, Diana George, interviews Fulton Lewis III, Bill Miller's special assistant at the Republican rally.



Pat Bettencourt finds that being editor is a heavy responsibility.

The cries of anguish coming from the direction of the football stadium weren't echoes of past games; they were the members of the MERCURY Staff who were trying to meet their frequent deadlines.

Again under the sponsorship of Journalism teacher John Intardonato, the staff printed an eight page paper every three weeks at the MERCED SUN-STAR plant.

The MERCURY editorial staff consisted of Pat Bettencourt, Editor; Diana George, Assistant Editor; Mike Ryan and Wayne Silva, Sports Editors; Karen Hiller and Joe Conner, Advertising Editors; and Steve Browning, Photography Editor.

Contributing reporters were Ja Domant, Sue Brooks, Stephanie Van Dusen, Connie McIntire, Vernon Cole, Dale Cook, Mike Crass, Pat Davis, Bob Greenlee, Marsha Holbrook, Diane Negrette, Norm Peterson, Cheryl Komos, Marian Wood, Jim Boshears, Joe Marisial, Sal Mendez and Eric Acree.



Mr. John Intardonato and Steve Browning check photo deadlines for the MERCURY.

INFERNO STAFF



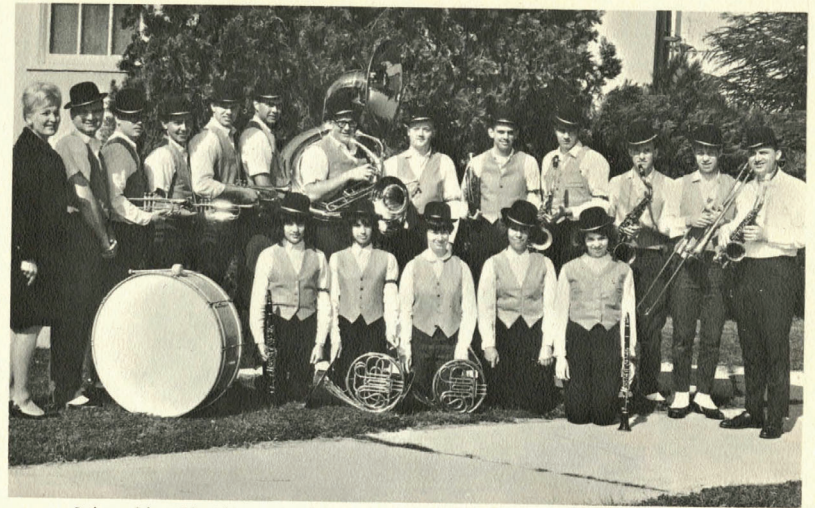
Mr. Phil Wilson and Nancy Suffecool check possible photos for the INFERNO.

The work of producing this yearbook began early in the school year because of the rigid deadlines set by the printer. The INFERNO staff, headed by Nancy Suffecool, editor, spent many afternoons and in-between-class hours composing copy, selecting photographs, arranging layouts and attending college activities in order to present a complete picture of our college.

Members of the staff included Diane Machado, assistant editor, Lyle Davis, Gilbert Gracia, Bill McKay, Connie Yeates, Lana Urban, Monte Land, Beverly Kronus, Bob Greenlee and Sharon Mitchell. Steve Browning and Mike Clay arranged for candid and formal pictures to make the pages complete. Mr. Philip Wilson was advisor.



The INFERNO Staff, counterclockwise: Lyle Davis, Sandy Roe, Gilbert Gracia, Lana Urban, Diane Machado, Mike Clay, Sharon Mitchell, Beverly Kronus and Bill McKay.



Back row, left to right: Advisor Lois Huntley, John Boydston, Mike Caldwell, Bob Vega, Todd Oravetz, Bruce Dick, James Bledsoe, Richard Holderman, Allen Haines, Steven Mitchel, Gary Coleman, Sim Flora and Larry Porter. Front row: Romona Ramirez, Jo Banda, Shirley Brown, JoAnn Brightwell and Judy Brown.

Merced College's Pep Band, or Devil's Disciples, was formed in January to promote school spirit. Outfitted in gold vests, blue pin-striped shirts and derby hats, they specialized in Dixieland jazz and interpretation of classic rally songs. Their enthusiasm added new life and color to rallies and sporting events throughout the year. Under the direction of Advisor Mrs. Lois Huntley and student band leader Bruce Dick, the band devoted many long hours of practice to insure their success.



Although lacking adequate practice facilities, the Pep Band still managed to present lively music at the pep rallies and basketball games.

D R A M A C L U B



Standing, left to right: Jo Reece, Advisor Miss White, Connie Yeates, Eric Acree, Katie Simmerman, Larry Porter, Richard Aston and Jim Boshears. Seated: Cheryl Komas, Pat Halstead and Gwen Price.



Gary Wade, Dennis Walker and Mike Clay competently handled the technical problems during this year's productions.

The Drama Club, or College Props, sponsors a variety of activities around campus. They also promote an interest in dramatics by producing at least one play per semester. Two excellent productions, EVERYMAN and ROCOCO, were staged during the fall semester. In addition, three one-act plays were staged during the spring semester: FIVE IN JUDGMENT, IMPROMPTU, and THE STRANGER.

Among their activities during the year, the club traveled to Fresno to see Richard Burton's HAMLET. The Props also sponsored the very successful and popular college radio show "Blue Devils on the Air." This radio show is a first for Merced College. The culminating activity was the awarding of the Best Actress and Actor and Best Supporting Actress and Actor for their past performances in the plays staged throughout the year. These awards were given at the end of the year at the final awards assembly.

The advisor for the College Props is Miss Jane White.



Mike Ryan and Pat Bettencourt discuss MERCURY problems with Eric Acree for the radio program "Blue Devils on the Air."



Tom Higgins and Joe Reece in a scene from Everyman.



Advisor Miss Jane White and Jim Boshears discuss the plays to be presented in the spring.



Connie Warren and Richard Ashton register opposite reactions to the struggle by Jim Boshears and Jim Hicks over the possessions of the Rococo Vase.

CURRENT EVENTS CLUB



The Current Events Club was established this year with the purpose of discussing current issues of world, national, state, or campus importance. Every two weeks the members of the club debated current topics on the college radio program. This club also sponsored a dance to benefit the Happy Hour Training Center.

The officers of the club were Frank Ochoa, president; Marcus Martinez, vice president; and Pat Bettencourt, secretary-treasurer. The club's advisor was Mr. Cornelius Kucius.

FUTURE TEACHERS CLUB

The newly formed Future Teachers Club, advised by Mr. Merle McClellan, was founded in order to give information, orientation, and experience to those considering the teaching profession.

Ron Yoshino was elected president; Caroline Souza, vice president; Velvet Scholz, secretary-treasurer; and Jackie Solis, activities coordinator.

The club joined the National Education Association and attended Professional Day at Fresno State College.



STANDING, L. to R.: Advisor Mr. Merle McClellan, Ron Yoshino, Bill Cox, Jackie Solis, Caroline Souza, Mike Hawthorne and Gilbert Gracia. SEATED: Velvet Scholz, Mary Lou Septien, Gwen Price and Betty Cardenas.

WOMEN'S RECREATION ASSOCIATION



Jenny Torres vigorously but futilely stretches for the ball.

The Women's Recreation Association is a club devoted exclusively to female members of the student body. 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.

First semester officers were Betty Cardenas, President; Jeanie Gaddess, Vice President; Joan Therrien, Secretary-Treasurer; Aquilla Jones, Publicity Chairman; and Nancy Suffecool, Coordinator of Women's Athletics. Second semester, Leslie Hamilton was elected President; Aquilla Jones, Vice President; Peggy Stoops, Secretary - Treasurer; Jenny Torres, Publicity Chairman; and Caroline Souza, Coordinator of Women's Athletics.

Activities throughout the year included an acquaintance party, volleyball, softball and a hike to Yosemite.

Advising the club was Mrs. Lois Huntley.



Front row, left to right: Kathy Rose, Karen Hensel, Jenny Torres, Connie Saucedo, Linda Shamblin and Leslie Hamilton. Back row: Pat Darcy, Flora White, Peggy Stoops, Mary Louise Gonzales and Mrs. Lois Huntley, advisor.

ALPHA GAMMA SIGMA



Back row, left to right:
Christine Grant,
Gerry Trindade,
Ron Ewing,
Charlie Stefani,
Bill Cox,
Gerald Kohn,
George Galloway
Dennis Brach and
Bill Ahnen.
Front row:
Doris Mires,
Mary Hyde,
Delores Koehn,
Christine Arnold,
Linda Stout,
Kathy Rose,
Roberta Solis and
Barbara Johnson.

Alpha Gamma Sigma, the California Junior College Honor Society, offers temporary membership to students who have completed no fewer than 12 units of work with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Permanent membership is obtained by achieving temporary membership in Alpha Gamma Sigma for any three out of four or four out of five semesters of attendance, a grade point average of 3.3 or higher, and recommendation of the faculty. The final selection to permanent membership is made by a faculty committee that considers the eligible students from the standpoint of three qualities: character, as shown by conduct and general behavior; service, as shown by loyalty and service to the school; and leadership, as shown by activity in student body affairs.

This year Alpha Gamma Sigma was one of the most active clubs on campus. Among its various activities, it sponsored a film series that contributed to the cultural appreciation of our students. Another important responsibility was sponsoring and arranging graduation at the end of the year.

The club's advisors were Mr. John Mehrens and Miss May Robbie.



Advisors May Robbie and John Mehrens



Chris Arnold, Christine Grant and Janie Leonard make posters advertising the latest film sponsored by Alpha Gamma Sigma.

INTERNATIONAL CLUB



Front row, left to right: Joan Brightwell, Delores Koehn, Moon Gee Yoo, Gwen Price, Sal Mendez and Barbara Johnson. **Back row:** John Munger, Allen Haines, Mr. Oscar Ramirez, advisor, Peter Moore and Mike Ryan.



Barbara Johnson, Peter Moore and Sal Mendez discuss new projects with advisor, Oscar Ramirez.

The International Club, advised by Mr. Oscar Ramirez, was newly organized this year. During the first semester the constitution was written, and a membership drive followed the second semester. It was developed into a strong club on campus and vigorously attempted to win the yearly best club on campus award. The purposes of the club are threefold: to help introduce foreign students to the college, to serve the community with public service, and to help culturally deprived children.

This club introduced many new activities this year to the college. One was an outstanding United Nations Day recognition program. This was followed by a trip to Pierce College in Los Angeles for a World Day program. A seminar lecture series of community interest and slides on Greece and Japan rounded out the year's events.

INTER - CLUB COUNCIL



Marsha Holbrook presides over an I.C.C. meeting as Sam Martin, incoming vice president, watches.

The purposes of the Inter-Club Council are to enable more students to participate in club activities, to provide a means of discussing problems pertinent to the member organizations and to foster a stronger student association.

The members of the Council are the presidents of different clubs. The Vice President of the Associated Students is in charge of the Council.

During the spring semester the Council introduced a Best Club Award. This award is presented at the end of each semester. It is based on points that are earned through membership in the club, sponsorship of candidates, participation in school activities, and special projects. The club that earns the most points receives the award, which is presented at an assembly.



Back row, left to right: Advisor Ted Mc Vey, Bob Greenlee, Sam Martin and Peter Moore. Front row: Jim Boshears, Jeanie Bragonier, Marsha Holbrook, Betty Cardenas and Rose Luna.

SPORTS CLUB



Back row, left to right: Advisor Philip Wilson, Ernest Hancock, Vern Cole, Don Snipes, Charles Ostrander, Carol Bowman and Pat Castell. Front row: Beverly Kronus, Flora White, Cheryl Komos, Mary Lou Bennett, Sheila Koob, Helen Bowman, Shirley Brown and Gwen Price. Seated: Irene Navarro.

The Sports Club consists of students who enjoy participating in such extra-curricular sports as hiking, water skiing, snow skiing and roller skating.

The purpose of the Sports Club is to promote a variety of recreational activities.

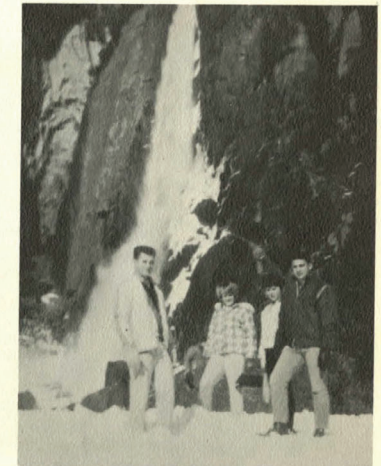
The Sports Club was reorganized this year largely through the efforts of Club Chairman Irene Navarro, and Connie Yeates.

One of the most entertaining activities this year was a volleyball tournament between the various clubs and the faculty. It is hoped that this tournament will become a tradition.

The club was advised by Mr. Philip Wilson.



Lily Cardenas finds the skating party had its ups and downs.



Sports Club members hiked to Lower Yosemite Falls during the winter.

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Young Democrat members listen to a political debate on current national problems.

The Young Democrats, a sounding board for politically interested students, was organized to make the students more conscious of the political problems facing our country.

The officers for the Fall Semester included Tom Higgins, President; Bob Greenlee, Vice President; Julie Mitchell, Secretary; and Doug Shaver, Sergeant-at-Arms. For Spring Semester, Bob Greenlee was elected President; Richard Gibson, Vice President; Julie Mitchell, Secretary; and Les Weir, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The Young Democrats held several conventions throughout the year. The club also had a debating society in which the members presented conflicting views of current problems. Other activities included the recommendation of certain people for Associated Student Body Offices.

Mr. Wayne Pirtle served as advisor.

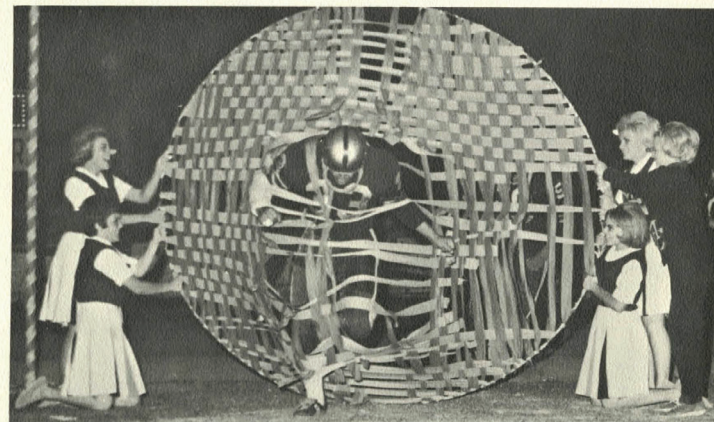


Back row, left to right: Domingo Gomez, Dan Blair, Les Weir, Beauford Alexander, Larry Armstrong, Bob Greenlee, Gary Wade, Richard Gibson and Jim Bledsoe. Front row: Sheila Koob, Mary Lou Septien, Jackie Solis, Tom Higgins, Julie Mitchell, Doug Shaver and Tom Cooper.

YELL LEADERS



Standing: Stephanie Van Dusen, Mascot Terry Geil and Pat Bettencourt. Kneeling: Sharon Pinkerton and Jo Domant.



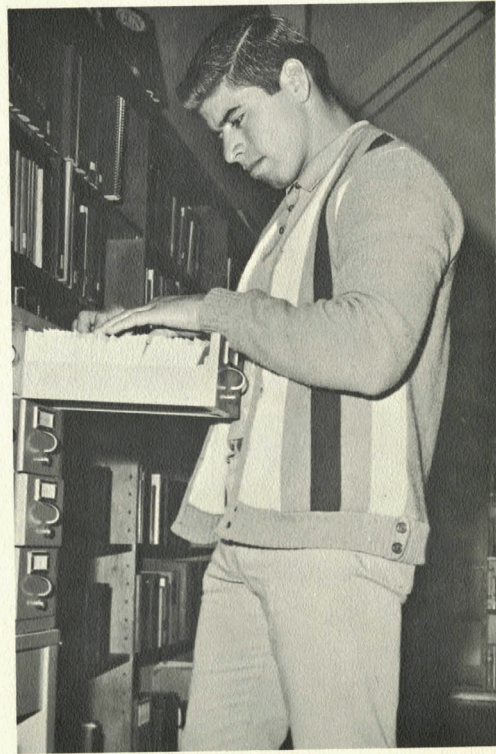
The Yell Leaders held the blue and gold hoop while the mighty Blue Devils came charging through.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES



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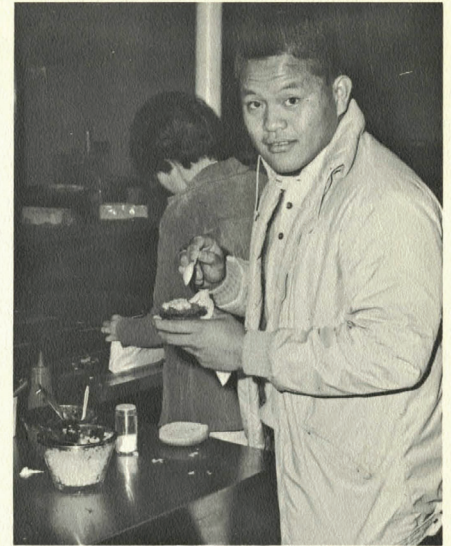
ACADEMIC EXERCISE



DEVIL BURGER RAMA



REPUBLICAN V. P. CANDIDATE, BILL MILLER, AT MC CAMPUS



GOURMET TIME AT STUDENT CENTER



SPEAKER WILLIAM WINTER
AT CONVOCATION



ROOTER BUS TO REEDLEY

HOMECOMING QUEEN AND COURT



JEANNE RYEL

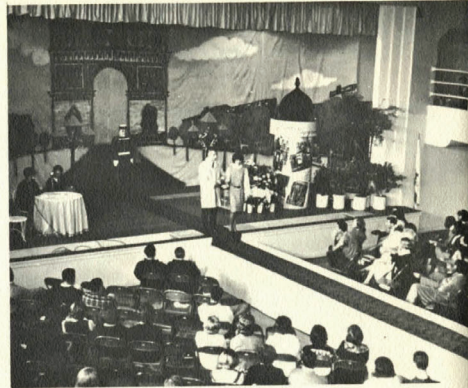
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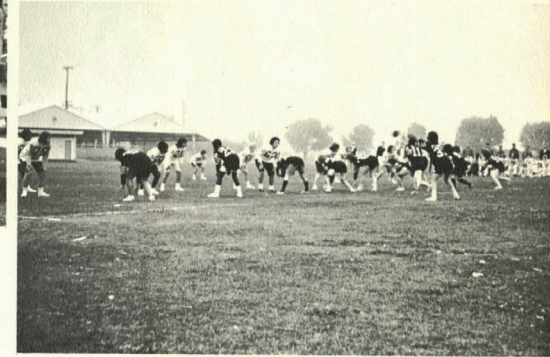
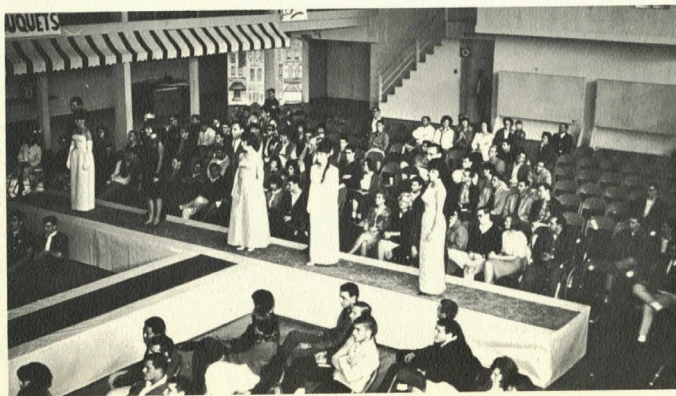
MARCIA THORNTON

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FASHION SHOW



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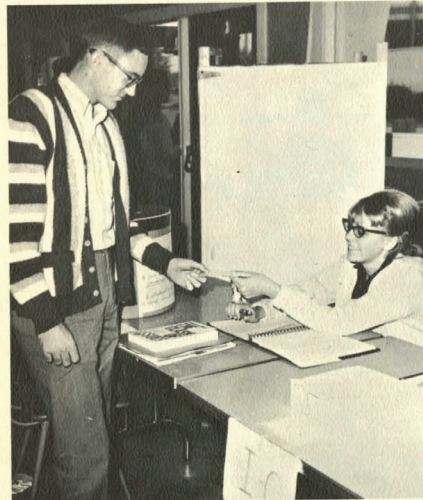
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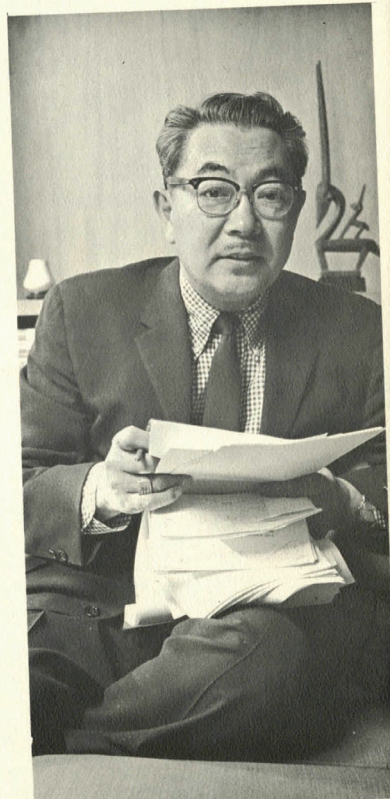
FACULTY - STUDENT VOLLEYBALL GAME



MADAM BUTTERFLY
Sponsored by ASMC



CHESS TOURNAMENT WINNERS



NOTED SEMANTIST DR. SAMUEL I. HAYAKAWA
Lecture Series



VALENTINE DANCE



FOOTBALL

STARTING OFFENSE



Back row: Mike Flores, Jerry Silva, Dan Goza, Bob Conley. Front row: John Edmunson, Don Snipes, Dale Cook, Mel Acosta, Dan Hoopes, Jim Dymke, and Mickey Allen.

STARTING DEFENSE



Back row: Phil Purganan, Don Mancebo, Bob Washington, Dennis Brach, Lance Spears, Rocky Taylor. Front row: Jim Haslouer, Bob Kawasaki, Jim Whitehouse, Tom Gaither, Thurman Holmes, and Ralph Padilla.

Although Merced College's initial football season was not a winning one, it must be added, however, that it was a success.

Coaches Red Prichard and Chuck Verduzco took a group of young men who had never before played together and welded them into strong, smooth working football machine. As can be expected from an inexperienced team, they hit their peak at the end of the season. The last game of the year found the fighting Blue Devils throwing quite a scare into nationally ranked Coalinga J. C. before bowing 20-12.

The season started with an 18-0 loss to Shasta. Merced then came back strong with a 40-6 victory over Gavilan. But all our hopes for a winning season went down the drain with the five losses that followed. In successive weeks we fell before Hancock, Imperial Valley, Readley, Taft, and Porterville.

The highlight of the season was our 48-18 win over College of the Desert on Homecoming Night. It was a fitting finish to the festivities.

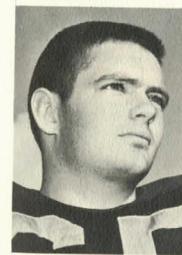
Outstanding players on this year's squad were All-League selections Jerry Silva and Mike Flores. Bob Kawasaki, Bob Conley, and Jim Dymke received Honorable Mention awards.

Almost all of this year's squad will return in 1965 with a valuable year of experience under their belt.

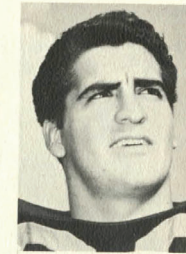
LOOK OUT FOR THE BLUE DEVILS NEXT YEAR!



Red Prichard
Head Coach



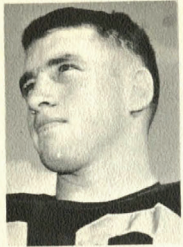
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Co-Captain



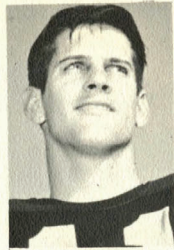
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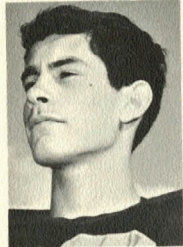
Chuck Verduzco
Backfield Coach



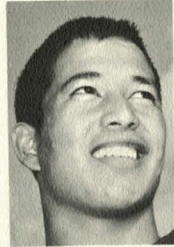
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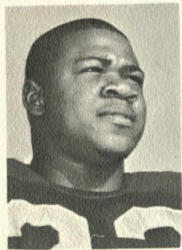
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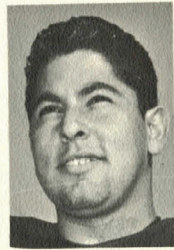
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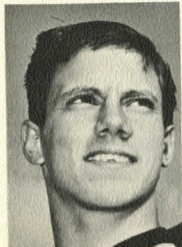
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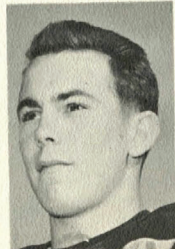
Bob Conley



Bob Saldana



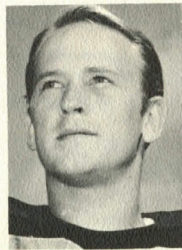
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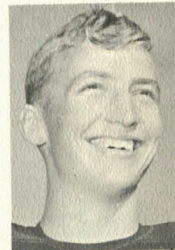
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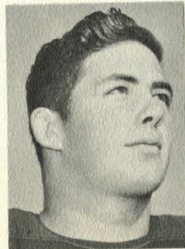
End Mickey Allen (85) catches a pass as he eludes Reedley's John Bunch (20).



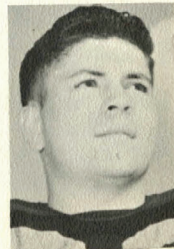
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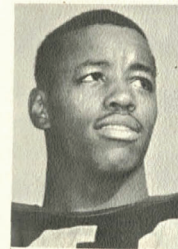
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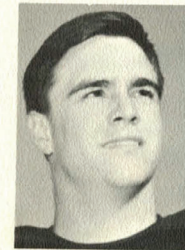
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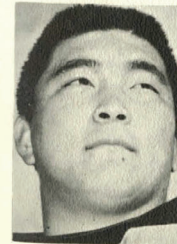
Bob Washington (41) and Jim Dymke (65) trap the Reedley ball carrier, as Lance Spears (31) moves in for the tackle.



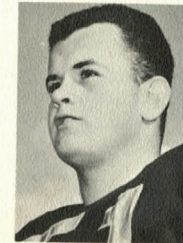
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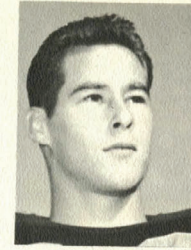
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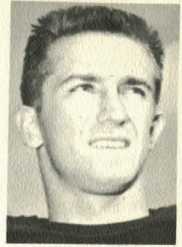
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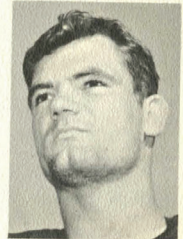
Don Mancebo



Lance Spears



Jerry Silva



Paul Hodges

MC	OPPONENT	
0	Shasta	18
40	Gavilan	6
6	Allen Hancock	34
6	Imperial Valley	13
14	Reedley	48
8	Taft	22
14	Porterville	17
48	College of the Desert	18
12	Coalinga	20



All-League Halfback Mike Flores (33) romps for a first down against Gavilan.



Mel Acosta



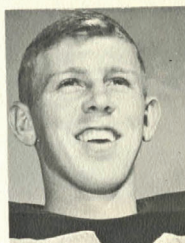
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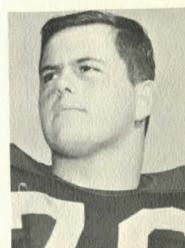
The Blue Devils look determined as they enter the field for the first football game in the history of Merced College.



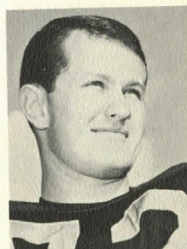
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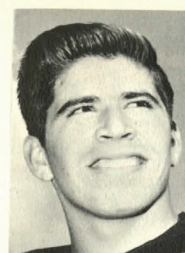
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Dale Cook



Jim Whitehouse



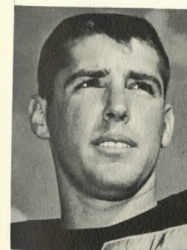
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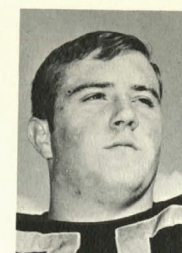
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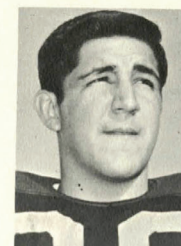
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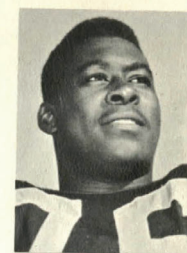
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Don Snipes



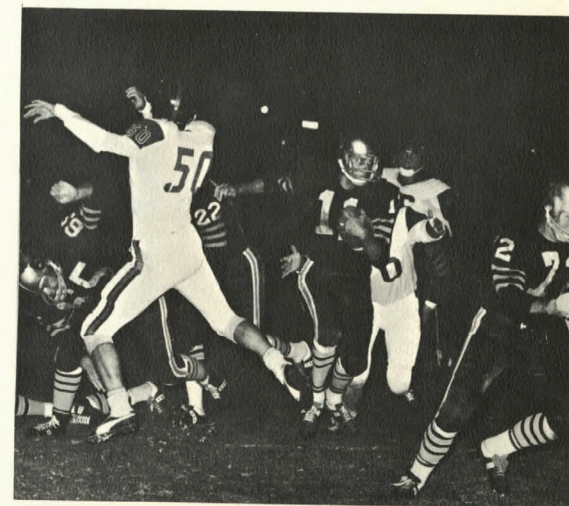
Ralph Padilla



Thurman Holmes



John Edmunson

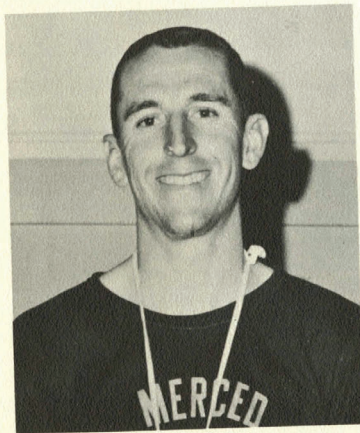


Jim Whitehouse (72) leads the way as Quarterback Kitt Kahl (11) sweeps left end against Imperial Valley.

BASKETBALL



Back row, left to right: Coach Don Reid, Dan Guzman, Jim Spears, Ron Ehrlich, Dennis Dolley, Ed Christensen and John Keely. Front row: Orville Wiggan, Juan Escamilla, Dean Made, Roy Brown, Bob Wade and Bob Washington.



COACH DON REID

The 1964-1965 edition of the Blue Devil basketball team fought through a rigorous schedule to post an 18-11 record and a second place finish in the Central California Junior College Association. The Devils narrowly missed winning the league title, as they went into the final game tied for first but lost to Hancock in the title encounter.

Merced was shaken early in the season by the loss of all-CCJCA center Bob Shadric, Al Torres and freshman whiz Art Kiehn. However, much of the slack was taken up by John Keely and Roy Brown who became eligible after the semester break.

The high spot of the season was the 87-84 upset win over 10th ranked Hancock. The low point was undoubtedly our defeat by the same Hancock team for the league crown.

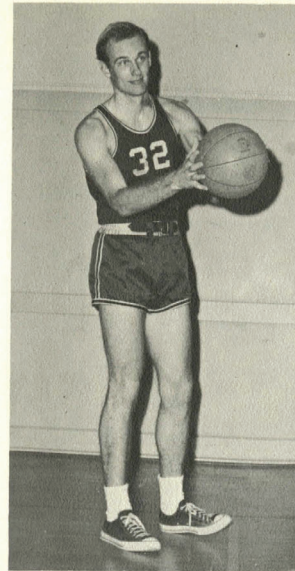
Recognition of outstanding achievement during the season was given to Juan Escamilla, John Keely, and Dan Guzman in the form of all-star and all-CCJCA honors and to Roy Brown as an honorable mention. In addition, Devil mentor Don Reid was appointed coach of the all-star squad.

Dan Guzman paced the Mercedians in rebounding (376), free throw percentage (80.0%), field goal percentage (47.6%), and most field goals (176). Juan Escamilla tallied the most free throws (134), intercepted the most passes (72), and set an assist mark of 171.

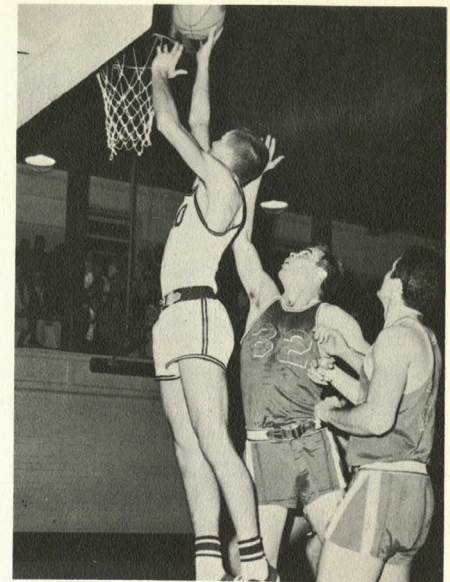
The most notable individual records set were John Keely's 34 points in one game, Bob Shadric's 28 rebounds against the Fresno State Frosh, and Juan Escamilla's 171 assists.

Several team standards were also shattered. The most outstanding were best record (18-11), best scoring average (81.2) and best free throw percentage (68.7%).

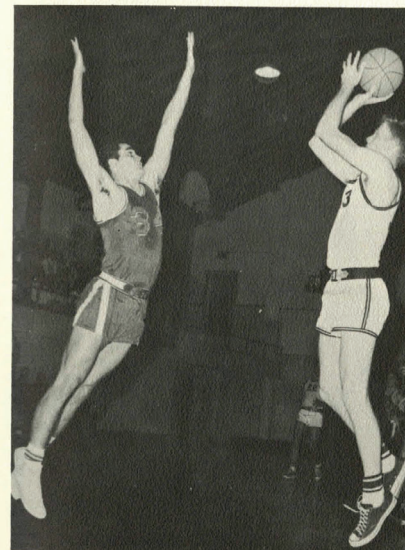
Is a CCJCA title in the near future for the Blue Devils? Coach Reid thinks it's quite possible. "Nearly all of this year's squad will be back next season, and with a couple of the top high school seniors in the area we could very well take the championship."



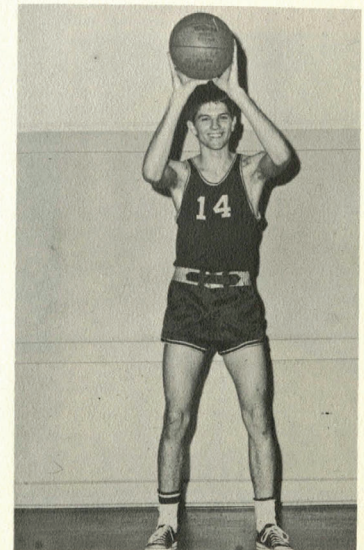
JOHN KEELY



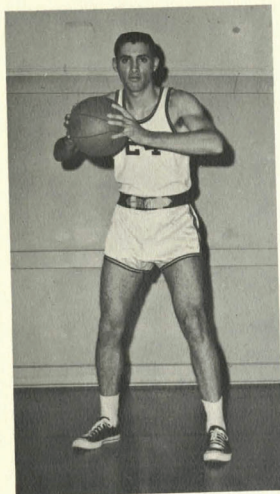
Art Kiehn twists and jumps for two points.



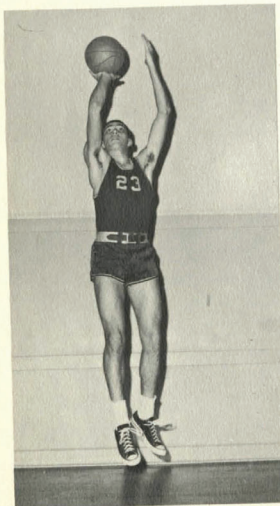
Dennis Dolley lobs a shot over the outstretched arms of a Gavilan defender.



ED CHRISTENSEN



DAN GUZMAN



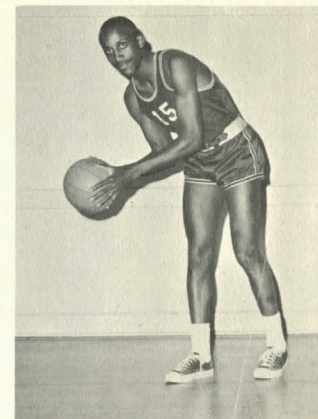
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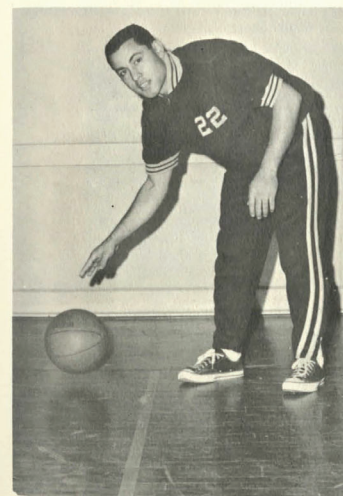
Bob Shadic (32) drives in for two points as Gavilan's Robert Shigematsu (14) misses in an attempt to block the shot.



John Keely's broken nose didn't hamper his aggressive court play.



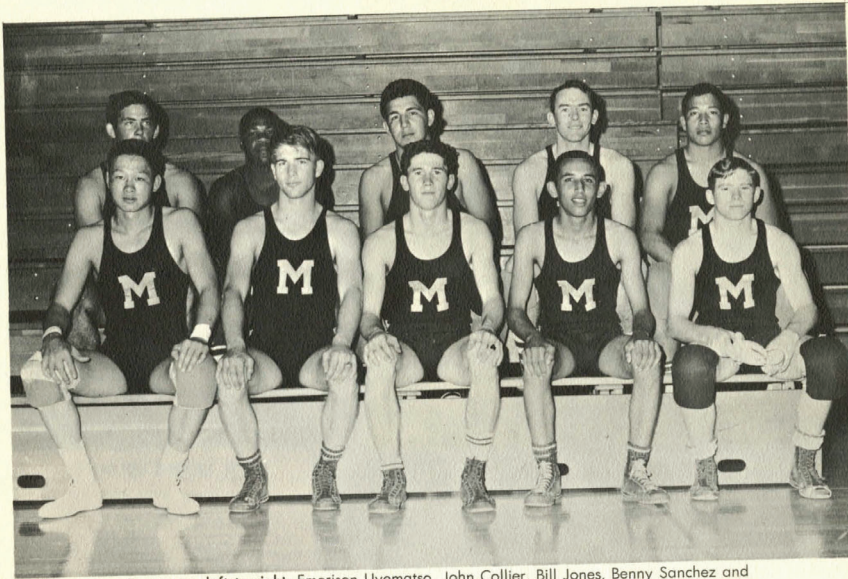
ROY BROWN



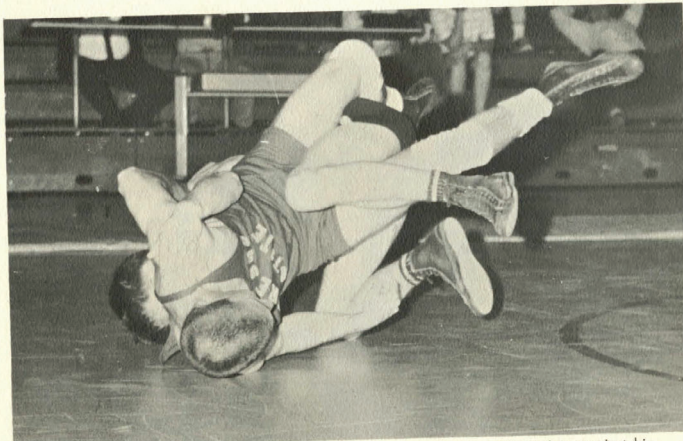
JUAN ESCAMILLA

MC	OPPONENT	
91	Pacific College	67
67	Fresno City College	75
76	College of the Sequoias	72
86	Gavilan College	71
98	Sacramento State Frosh	70
82	Hartnell College	56
91	Los Angeles Valley College	90
76	Fresno City College	82
67	Sacramento State Frosh	62
61	Foothill College	73
87	Mt. San Antonio	67
68	Long Beach City College	74
62	Phoenix	76
67	L. A. Metropolitan	64
72	Bakersfield	77
77	Gavilan College	72
101	*Coalinga College	79
81	Pacific College	84
85	College of the Sequoias	91
77	Fresno State Frosh	64
82	*Porterville College	87
97	*Reedley College	91
82	University of Pacific Frosh	81
87	*Hancock College	84
69	*Coalinga College	71
91	Fresno State Frosh	67
93	*Porterville College	84
79	*Reedley College	62
76	*Hancock College	91
	*Conference Games	

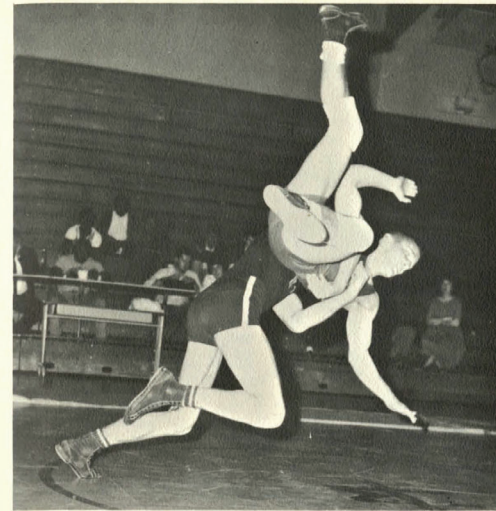
WRESTLING



Front row, left to right: Emerson Uyematso, John Collier, Bill Jones, Benny Sanchez and Larry Harris. Back row: Glen Gordo, Bob Conley, Ralph Padilla, Sam Job and Phil Purganan.



John Collier counters a switch and executes a step over to score two points against his Fresno State Frosh opponent.



John Collier works a hip roll take down against his Fresno State Frosh opponent.

The Blue Devil wrestling squad captured Merced's first championship by winning the conference tournament. However, the title bears the mark of "unofficial" champions because not enough schools were represented.

The season began on a disastrous note as the Devils dropped their first five matches. Merced rallied after the semester break to finish with a 3-7 slate and the CCJCA title.

John Collier, 137, was the top grappler, compiling a 7-0-3 dual meet record. Bob Conley, 191, posted a 7-1 mark to rate as the number two matman.

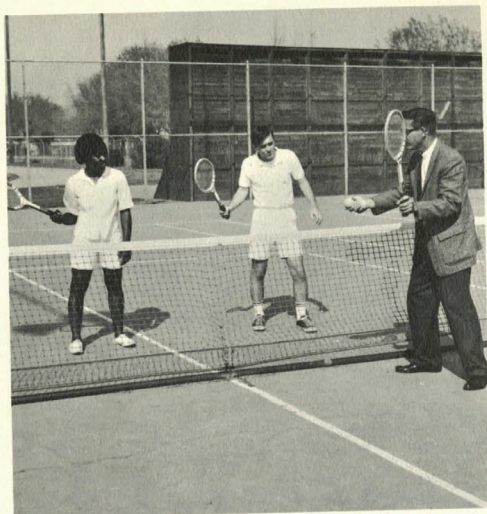
Bob Conley was the star of the year for the Blue Devils as he placed second in the North Central tournament and then went on to grab the seventh spot in the state meet.

With all our top point-makers returning next season, a year of experience under their belts, and the conference crown, the Devils should be a threat in a league that will be considerably larger.



In preparation for league finals, Coach Prichard gives final instructions to Bill Jones, Larry Harris, Ralph Padilla, Bob Conley and John Collier.

TENNIS



Coach Philip Wilson gives Lena Walker and Mike Cross last minute net instructions before the Reedley match.

Although hampered by a lack of court facilities, the Merced College tennis team finished its first year by winning over a third of the individual matches during league competition.

Starting for the men were Mike Green at the singles spot. Mike's best performance was against Reedley's undefeated Gordon Misaki. Mike gave him a rough time before falling 6-3, 9-7. Mary Bennett held first rank on the women's ladder. The men's doubles team of Mark Conley and Tom Dias finished a winning season of five wins and one loss. Nancy Suffecool and Jeanne Ryel faced rough competition in the women's doubles. Mike Crass and Lena Walker, the Devils mixed doubles team, handily downed Coolinga and Porterville.

Devil coach, Mr. Philip Wilson, says the future for the Devil tennis team looks promising, noting there are several local high school prospects graduating in June who will attend Merced College next year. The Devil net squad will also be strengthened by the following returning players: Mike Green, Lena Walker, Jeanie Ryel and Mark Conley.



Front row, left to right: Lena Walker, Chris Arnold, Mary Bennett, Nancy Suffecool and Jeanne Ryel. Back row: Ken Kajioaka, Mike Green, Tom Dias, Mike Crass and Mark Conley.



Tom Dias stretches for a high backhand return as Mark Conley apprehensively looks on.



Mike Green powers a smash into the deep corner.



Mary Bennett makes a difficult backhand volley against her Reedley opponent.



Nancy Suffecool and Jeanne Ryel move in to take control at the net.

TRACK and FIELD



Back row, left to right: Chuck McDade, Sam Job, Dave Walker, Thurman Holmes, Bob Washington and Coach Chuck Verduzco. Front row: Lynn Urban, Gary Verrinder, Ben Sanchez, Phil Purganan, Dennis Brach and Gerry Baladad.



Phil Purganan breaks away for a fast start.



Gary Verrinder tosses the discus during the Reedley meet.



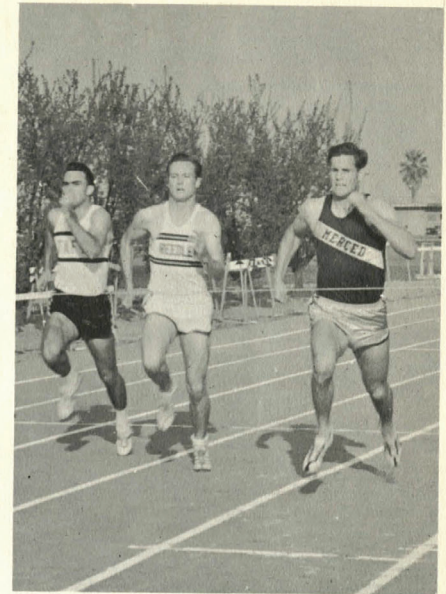
Thurm Holmes explodes with a tremendous put.

This was the first year that Merced College competed in track and field. The Merced thinclads, led by Coach Charles Verduzco, did possess much team speed but lacked the overall depth to put this speed to use, as many of the athletes often had to compete in four or five events.

Merced's relay teams came up with some outstanding times as they stepped off a 44:5 in the 440 and a 3:32 in the mile. Members of the 440 relay team included Dennis Brach, Phil Purganan, Lynn Urban, and Dave Walker. In the mile it was Urban, Purganan, Bob Washington, and Gerry Baladad.

In the field events, Sam Job doubled as a high jumper and pole vaulter, as did Washington in the long and triple jumps and Thurman Holmes in the shotput and discus.

In the sprints Coach Verduzco featured Urban, Walker, and Washington. Purganan was a highly successful short distance man. Merced's only middle and long distance man was Ben Sanchez, who established fine times in the 880, mile, and two mile. Merced's hurdler was Gerry Baladad who ran the 330 intermediate hurdles.



Dave Walker blazes to victory in the century.



Sam Job tries for six feet.

GOLF



BACK ROW, left to right: Coach Don Reid, Francis Thompson, Dennis Dolley and Jay Klingen. FRONT ROW: Mickey Tucker, John Keely, David Feeny and Tom Slater.



Francis Thompson registers his appreciation of Tom Slater's ten foot putt.

The Blue Devil golfers became the first Merced College team to win a CCJCA title by posting a perfect 10-0 record in league competition and a decisive six stroke victory in the conference tournament. This win enabled the golfers to compete in the state tournament on May 17 in Visalia.

Tom Slater, the number one man for the Devils, captured fourth place in the conference tourney. Francis Thompson, the only sophomore on the squad, was the number two man in the Devils' lineup. Thompson was out of action for a while, but bounced back to rate as one of the top men in the CCJCA. Jay Klingen was usually in the third spot. The fourth position was shared by Dennis Dolley and Mickey Tucker. Dolley played superb golf during the tournament and finished in the sixth position. John Keely was the final member on the Merced College championship squad.

Congratulations to Coach Reid and our triumphant champs of the fairways.



Dennis Dolley and Mickey Tucker warm up on the tee off markers.



INFIELDERS-BACK ROW, L. to R.: Ralph Padilla, Charles Zeller, Dean Mode, and Bob Conley. FRONT ROW: Jerry Silva, Steve Van De Veere, Steve Contreras and Andy Griffin.



Dean Mode stretches for a close play while pitcher Steve Morgan anxiously awaits the outcome.

BASEBALL

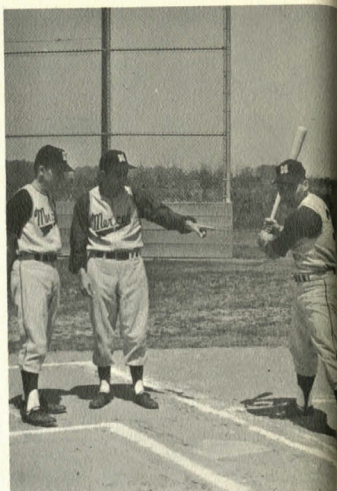
As the yearbook went to press, the Merced College baseball team had compiled a 4-6 record in league play. The win-loss record does not adequately reveal the great improvement of the team over last year's squad. Among the CCJCA's top ten batters at the end of April were Steve Van De Veere, who was leading the league with a .486 average, and Andy Griffin who held the fifth spot, batting .378. Bill Zeek was also in the top ten with a .314 average. Other Devils doing an outstanding job were Don Ornelas, an all CCJCA pick last year, Jerry Silva, Steve Contreras, and Kitt Kahl.

The pitching staff was also beginning to display their early season potential with the rapidly improved performances of Steve Morgan and Frank Breining and the solid pitching of Dick Wallace. Dan Guzman, although hampered by injuries, was being counted on for heavy pitching duties during the latter part of the season.

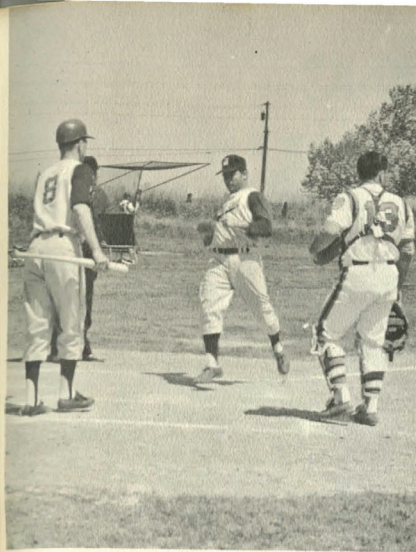
The Blue Devils have already bettered last year's record and are well on their way to a successful season.



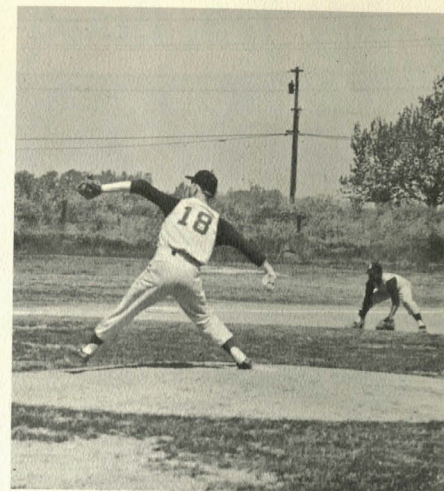
PITCHERS, L. to R.: Dick Wallace, Dan Guzman, Greg Sykes, Steve Morgan and Frank Breinig.



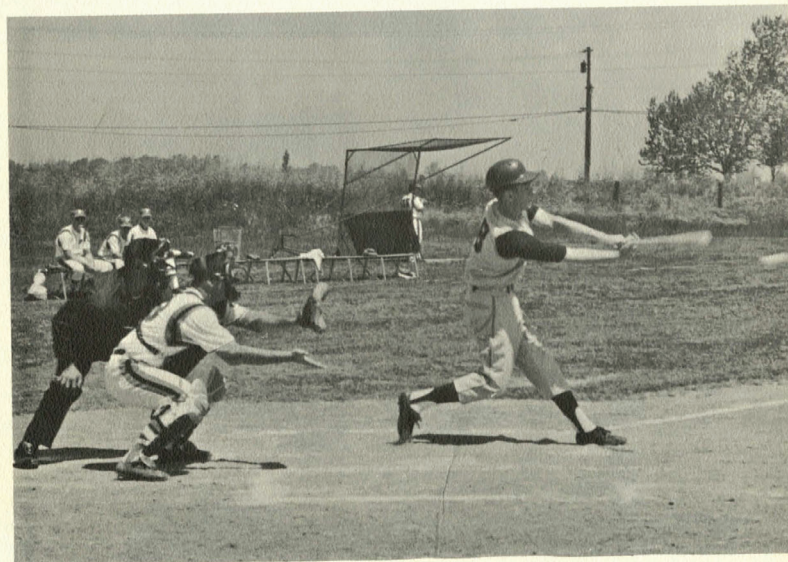
Coach Mauro gives Bill Zeek, team captain, and Steve Van De Veere, tips on hitting.



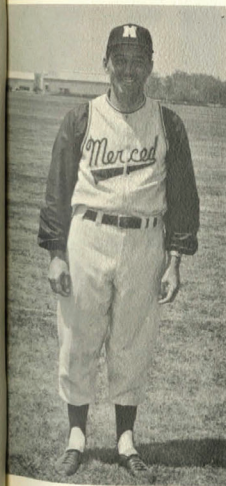
Jerry Silva scores a run against Porterville as Charles Zeller (8) prepares to offer congratulations.



Steve Morgan delivers the ball as third baseman Andy Griffin anticipates the play.



Charles Zeller takes a healthy cut at a fast ball.



COACH CARMEN MAURO

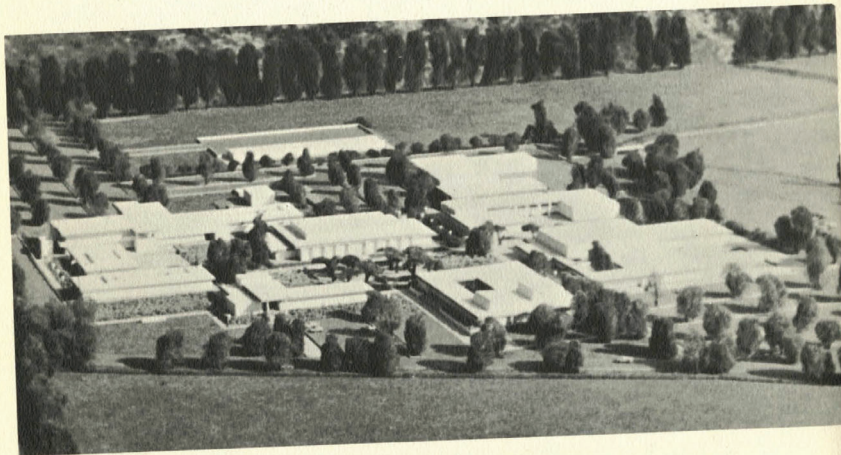


OUTFIELDERS, L. to R.: Don Ornelas, Mike Williams, Greg Sykes and Bill Zeek.

THE BEGINNING



The groundbreaking ceremony held on February 13, 1965, marked the beginning of Merced College's permanent campus. While community and school leaders look on, John Hann, chairman of the Board of Trustees, turns the first spadeful of earth.



THE FUTURE

In Memoriam



CHARLES VERDUZCO

Assistant Football Coach, Track Coach,
Physical Education and Health Instructor

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