In Memory of

Eddie Booth
1928-1994
1964-65 Wrestling Champions


THE HALL OF FAME COMMITTEE SALUTES THE 1964-65 WRESTLING TEAM

Coach Hal Peterson’s wrestling team established one of the finest records of any Chico State team. Overall they won 11 of 16 matches. Of the five losses, four came against Division I scholarship schools.

Mike Simpson was the captain and leader of this team. His 23 matches during the year were 21 wins, 1 loss, and 1 draw on his way to his third Far Western Conference, 130-pound championship. Other stalwarts of this group were Brian Benson, Lance Astrella, Jeff Patch, and Mickey Maxwell. From this team, Lance Astrella, Mike Simpson, and Coach Hal Peterson will be followed into the Hall of Fame this year by Jeff Patch and their 1963-64 teammate, Wayne Cook.

Below is the season record.

1964-65 RESULTS

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Season Won 11 Lost 5

FWC Standings: CSC 7 Opp. 0
1994

California State University, Chico
Athletic Hall of Fame
Friday, October 7, 1994

Introduction of Master of Ceremony
Mackay Martin, Chair
Athletic Hall of Fame
Marilyn Williams
Master of Ceremony

Introductions
Marilyn Williams

Remarks
Manuel A. Esteban, President
California State University, Chico

Introduction of Block C Members
Paul Chesney

Introduction of 1963 and 1964 Wrestling Teams
Len Whitegon

Presentation of Hall of Fame Inductee Awards
Marilyn Williams
Assisted by
Mackay Martin

Closing
Mackay Martin

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CHICO STATE
ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME
INDUCTEES

WAYNE "COOKIE" COOK, Chico
Boxing: 1966

Wayne was an excellent football player, who also excelled in wrestling, losing only six matches in his four-year career. He was a conference finalist for four years, conference champion two years, a two-time finalist at the NCCAA Small Regional Tournament Championships, and a Pacific Coast Invitational finalist. After completing his bachelor's degree, he became a teacher and coach in the Lake Tahoe area for seven years and has contributed to local area sports for a number of years. He is presently in property management. His nomination was strongly supported by his teammates and coaches as well as his opponents.

*DONAVIN Davis

TRACK: 1937, 1938, 1939

Donavin was an outstanding track man, setting the school's record of 21.9 seconds in the 220. He completed a BA and an MA and was a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Iota Sigma, and Block C. He was superintendent of schools (1946 to 1977) in Live Oak and Gridley. He served as president of Rotary and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was very active in Boy and Girl Scouts, Sons in Retirement, PTA, California School Business Officials, Kiwanis, Shasta Historical Society, and the Chico State Alumni Association. The gymnasium on Sycamore Street in Gridley is named for him. As an educator, he strove to give children the opportunity to have positive experiences and improve themselves through public education.

ORRIN HOFFMAN, Chico

FOOTBALL: 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939
TRACK: 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940
VARSITY TENNIS COACH: 1940

Orrin was very active in college sports and continued his involvement as a coach at Westwood High School (1941 to 1953). He received his BA in 1940 and an MA from Stanford in 1953 and has numerous credentials. He was president of Chi Tau (1940) and belonged to Block C from 1936 to 1940. He served as principal of Mt. Shasta High School (1953 to 1957) and as District Superintendent of Western
Placer Unified School District (1957 to 1978). Hoffman's community and professional participation has been extensive. He was president of both Lions and Rotary, a twenty-year fire department volunteer, secretary to California Association of Secondary School Administrators, a member of the Placer County Association of College and School Administrators, president and member of Placer County Juvenile Justice Commission (1968 to 1978), and a ten-year member of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

MELVIN R. "MEL" JONES, Chico

BASEBALL: 1949, 1950
BOXING: 1949, 1950

Mel was a member of the Far Western Conference championship baseball team (1950) and boxing team (1950) where he distinguished himself as the conference champion. He served as principal, teacher, counselor, and coach in the Chico Unified School District for 37 years. In that time he coached track and football at Chico Senior High and track, football, and basketball at Chico Junior High. He won eleven Northern Athletic League championships and nine North Section titles. He was one of the first Chico Chamber of Commerce inductees to their sports Hall of Fame in 1976 for his contribution to athletics in Chico. Jones served as a boxing referee for CSU, Chico and was honored at the state track meet for his contributions to track and field.

NORMAN "NORM" MacKENZIE, Oroville

FOOTBALL: 1950, 1953, 1954
TRACK: 1954, 1955

Norm was an all-conference choice in football (1950) and conference hurdles champion (1955). He served as Block C president, graduate assistant, freshman football coach (1955), co-chair of the Chico State Student Leadership conference, and was a charter member of Phi Delta Kappa. MacKenzie has been a teacher and coach for 37 years in the Oroville area. As athletic director for 30 years, he coordinated the development of a stadium to accommodate the state track and field meet, which he directed in 1972. He also became a leader in the construction of a soccer field and two softball fields for youth. The city of Oroville honored him with their Recognition of Achievement award. He has served as the president of the California State Athletic Directors Association and was named Athletic Director of the Year in 1978, 1983, and 1989. He is the co-founder and past-president of the Northern Section Athletic Directors Association. He was selected the Las Plumas Teacher of the Year in 1982. Norm officiated basketball games for 25 years and served as the association's president.

JOHN MUNDELL, Santa Cruz

TRACK: 1960, 1961

John excelled in boxing for the Wildcats as a light-heavyweight. He earned Far Western Conference champion honors and was an All American selection. He also participated in football and track. After graduation, he taught and coached at Yuba City High, University of Oregon, and Salinas High School where he was also vice principal. He also taught at University of California, Santa Cruz. His past two decades have been with the Santa Cruz County Schools Office where he taught learning handicapped and emotionally disturbed youth. Since he medically retired, he has returned to his home town of Oakley, California to teach part time at Liberty High School's Alternative Education program and take care of his elderly mother. One of his colleagues states, “His unique blend of strength, compassion, and no-nonsense teaching skills has helped his students rebuild their self-esteem and literally has saved lives.”

CHARLES J. "CHARLEY" NELSON, Chico

BOXING: 1954, 1955

Charley was an excellent boxer and football player. As a physical education major, he participated in all sports in some capacity. He assisted as football trainer and was instrumental in starting wrestling programs in selected high schools. While in college, he belonged to Block C and Blue Key. He coached wrestling and baseball at Chico Junior High and Durham High School as well as football, baseball, basketball, and track at Santa Clara, Buscher, and Colusa high schools. At Colusa he was selected Coach of the Year in 1964 and basketball Coach of the Year in 1963, 1964, and 1965 and produced Colusa’s first championship in twenty-four years. Nelson has served as principal or superintendent of Gridley, Greenville, Durham, Santa Barbara, and Chico high schools for a total of ten years. He is a Rotarian and has served on many recreation and parks boards. His athletic responsibilities have cast him in the role of representative, president, adviser, and executive committee member of the Westside League, Feather River Pioneer League, Plumas Unified School District, Northern Section California Interscholastic Federation, and the California Interscholastic Federation.

JEFFREY PATCH, Orland


Jeff's accomplishments in wrestling included Far Western Conference champion in 1967, NCAA qualifier in 1967, and FWC finalist in 1964, 1965, and 1966. He was a member of Block C and Interfraternity Council and was president of Blue Key.
After graduation, he coached at Chico State, Centralia Community College, Yuba City High, and in the U.S. Navy. In 1973 he settled in Orland. At Orland High, he has taught and coached football, track, and wrestling and was athletic director from 1985 to 1987. He was the North Section C.I.F. coach of the year in 1981-82 and had ten league championships with a 132-24 overall record at Orland High School. He has served as vice principal since 1985. He is very active in educational groups and the Orland community. He and his wife Tricia have three children, Allison 11, Brett 9, and Chase 7.

DON RAY, Quincy


During Don's tenure at Chico State, he was involved in athletics from his first day of registration to his graduation in 1957. He served the Wildcats football team as a quarterback all four years and was a leader on Gus Manolis's team in 1956. He also played four years of basketball and baseball. He was selected All-Conference in baseball in 1956 and 1957. He was a member of Block C and Blue Key and the recipient of the Richardson Scholarship in 1955, 1956, and 1959. For over thirty years at Quincy High School, he has served as the varsity football coach. He was varsity basketball coach from 1962 to 1969 and varsity baseball coach from 1963 to 1983. He has also taught Physical Education and Social Studies during his years at Quincy High. He has been an active member of the Catholic Church and has done much work with the church youth groups.

ELBA STAFFORD, Arlington, Texas

BASEBALL: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953
BASKETBALL: 1950

"Mr. Nice Guy" had four outstanding years in baseball at Chico State. He played center field and was a member of three championship teams. In his senior year as captain, he led the Wildcats in batting, stolen bases, and runs scored and pitched in 18 games as a relief pitcher. He graduated fourth in his 1953 class and was selected as Senior Athlete of the year. After two years in the Army where he played on championship Post teams in basketball, volleyball, and softball, Stafford coached and taught 10 years in Oroville and La Sierra high schools. He went on to college teaching after he earned his Ed.D at the University of Oregon. He spent 13 years at two University of Wisconsin campuses and twelve years at the University of Texas, Arlington, the past eleven as a professor of Physical Education. During his university teaching career, he has had over 25 articles about physical education and sports published in professional journals. He also found time to be active in coaching youth sports while his five children grew up. His greatest thrill in sports was being a guest of the China Olympic Committee at the Asian Games in 1990.

BOB WECKERLE, Yreka

TRACK AND FIELD: 1950, 1951, 1952
BOXING: 1951, 1952
FOOTBALL: 1951

Bob was Far Western Conference champion in the 880 and a member of the mile relay in both 1951 and 1952. He was the FWC boxing champion at 135 pounds in 1952. He also served as Block C president in 1953 and was a member of Blue Key. He coached for 19 years, mostly at Trinity High School, where he later served as vice principal and athletic director. His track teams won 8 of 10 Shasta Cascade League championships. Weckerle was honored as Northern California Track Coach at the California Interscholastic Federation track meet in 1981. He was instrumental in developing the Small Schools Division of Track in the Northern Section, was a member of the Northern Section Track Committee, and coached one of the first wrestling teams to compete in interscholastic competition north of Sacramento while teaching at Live Oak in 1957.

NEWELL WITTER, Redding

TRACK: 1939, 1940, 1941
BOXING: 1939, 1940, 1941

As a freshman, Newell was the only Chico Stater to win a first place in the Far Western Conference meet, capturing the two-mile run. He set a new two-mile record in 1940. He was an outstanding boxer in the 135-pound division in the Boxing Scamper for three years. He was a member of Block C and Blue Key and was president of Chi Tau Fraternity (Delta Sigma Phi). He worked for the State of California for 33 years until his retirement in 1980. He retired to become a “workaholic” volunteer. He was an elder in his church and an active volunteer in Boy Scouts, Y Indian Guides, Little League, and Y’s Men International. He and another Chico Stater, Arl Anderson, spent several years together spearheading the conversion of an old lumber yard in Redding into an active YMCA facility. He has also been an active supporter of the Chico State Alumni Association.

1994 WOMEN HALL OF FAME

MARGARET (MAG) COZAD, Pensacola, Florida

FIELD HOCKEY: 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947
TENNIS: 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948
SOFTBALL: 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948
SWIMMING: 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947
BASKETBALL: 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948
MODERN DANCE: 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947

Upon graduating from Red Bluff High School in 1944, Margaret attended Chico
State, where she participated in field hockey, tennis, softball, swimming, and
basketball from 1944 to 1948. She was president of the Women’s Athletic League
and a member of Cardinal Key National Honor Society and Pi Kappa Sigma sorority.
Cozad was an outstanding student and tremendous athlete in all sports.
From 1948 to 1950 Cozad taught at Chico High School. In February 1950 she
enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where she played on and coached the All Navy teams in
both softball and basketball and received honors in tennis. Cozad’s training at
Chico State prepared her for a long career in the Navy with a strong emphasis on
sports, which helped her attain the honor of “Wave of the Year” in 1967. Throughout
her Naval career, she has unselfishly taken on various assignments administering
recreational and athletic programs and has consistently set an example of
excellence for subordinates. At every new assignment, she has assumed a position
of authority and respect.

MICHELLE DeVOL, Roseville

GYMNASTICS: 1972

Michelle attended CSU, Chico from 1972 to 1976, receiving her BA in physical
education. She participated in gymnastics for one year and in track and field all
four years. Chico State’s women’s track team, of which DeVol was a member and
captain in 1976, won the Far Western Conference championship four straight years
from 1973 to 1976. She was a member of the 4x100 relay sprint medley and
4x400 relay teams which held Chico State records. DeVol has taught physical
education at Sierra College since 1977. She also was the women’s track and
field coach (1977 to 1984), assistant track and field coach (1989 to 1992), and is
presently the head men’s and women’s track and field coach, becoming the first
woman to head both men’s and women’s programs in a California community
college. Both of her teams won the Bay Valley conference championships in 1993
and 1994. DeVol has served on many professional physical education committees
as well as in track and field organizations. She has been co-chair for the past three
years of the City of Hope “Aerobics Against AIDS” charity event in Sacramento
and the meet coordinator for the Special Olympics track and field meet held at Sierra
(1986 and 1987). DeVol competes in woman bodybuilding events, placing first as
Ms. Placer, Ms. Golden West, and Ms. Golden State and third as Ms. Northern
California. She is also a physical training consultant and has published a video
titled “Preventing Dance Exercise Injuries.”

GLORIA (BELLEFEUILLE) JOHNSON, Springfield, Missouri


Gloria graduated from Chico High in 1964. While attending Chico State from
1964 to 1968, she participated in gymnastics and was the seventh all-around
performer in the United States Gymnastics Federation sectional meet qualifying her
for the national competition in 1967. Johnson has been an instructor in physical
education and health at Southwest Missouri State University since 1970. She
coached the women’s gymnastics team from 1970 to 1980. Her teams placed first
every state meet, and after three years dominated the regional championships by
winning six years in a row. Many SMSU gymnasts were selected All-Americans as
well as a few national champions during her tenure. Johnson is a U.S. Gymnastics
Federation national judge, has served as the USGF State Chair, the secretary of the
Missouri Association of Intercollegiate Athletics for Women, and has held numer-
ous other leadership positions in her field. For the past three years, in addition to
her teaching duties, Johnson has been Allied Health Advisor working with over 100
students in the radiologic technology and respiratory therapy programs. Johnson
is very active in many civic groups. She has twin sons, two step-daughters, and a
grandson.

BETTY DiMAURO PENLAND, Quincy

BASKETBALL: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953
VOLLEYBALL: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953
FIELD HOCKEY: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953
SOFTBALL: 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953

Betty attended Santa Rosa Junior College from 1948 to 1950 where she participated
in all sports. She chose Chico State to complete her education because of its
outstanding physical education program. While at Chico State, she was active in
hockey, basketball, volleyball, and softball. She was president of Women’s
Athletic Association and Commissioner of Women’s Athletics for the student body
from 1951 to 1952 and was Little Nell candidate in 1952. Penland was captain,
manager, fund raiser, and star performer many times in the various sports. She
taught physical education at Hamilton City High School in 1952-53. During her
years in Quincy, where her husband taught biology and science at Quincy High
School, Penland substituted in physical education while raising her family of three
boys and a girl who all graduated from Chico State. She served as elementary
school librarian from 1968 to her retirement in June 1993. Penland has played on
various women’s basketball and softball teams in Quincy and has jogged the
Feather River Classic the last 13 years. She is active in community activities and
has been active in the Alumni Association as well. Penland has tried to
pass on Art Acker’s philosophy that healthy activity is the body’s best medicine and
that true health is that quality of life which allows one to live most and serve best.

PENNY (POORE) SWEET, Susanville


Penny graduated from Red Bluff High School and entered Chico State in 1957,
where she was a varsity starter in softball and basketball for five years. She was
president of the Women’s Athletic Association, Commissioner of Women’s
Athletics, member of Cardinal Key Honor Society, Alpha Chi Sorority, a Model
U.N. delegate, AWS Outstanding Senior Women Award recipient, and Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities for two years. Sweet taught physical education in Seattle, Washington (1962 to 1964) and taught physical education and journalism and was a counselor at Fort Bragg High (1965 to 1974.) While at Fort Bragg, she coached volleyball, softball, basketball, and track and administered an extensive intramural program. Sweet founded the Northcoast Girl’s Athletic League in 1970. From 1985 to 1990, she was a teacher in an innovative perceptual motor physical education program for grades 1-4 in Susanville. As a long-time resident of Susanville, she has an extensive list of accomplishments: serving on the State PTA Board for three years with major involvement locally, receiving a community service award in 1976 from the Susanville Teachers Association, chairing a Cub Scout pack committee for two years, and serving on the CSU, Chico Jane Shumur Memorial committee and the Special Olympics committee. Sweet was the Babe Ruth league baseball coach in 1983, and, as the first woman coach in the history of the league, won the championship. From 1987 to 1991, Sweet was actively involved at the local and state level in child abuse reform in education, and in 1991, she helped initiate and lobby extensively for Assembly Bill 2232, which enhances the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act. She met her husband Jim, also a teacher, in a Chico State badminton class. Their son Joe graduated from CSU, Chico in May 1993, and granddaughter Holly will be in the class of 2008.

HONORARY:

Rex Grossart, Chico

Rex Grossart was head football coach and Director of Athletics at McCook Junior College in Nebraska prior to coming to Chico State in 1967. He served as CSU, Chico Athletic Director from 1967 to 1972 and again from 1975 to 1979. When CSU, Chico athletics faced financial and philosophical challenges, he helped the institution earn championships and respect at both conference and national levels. Out of concern for young people, his love of athletics, and loyalty to Chico State, Rex agreed to twice assume the athletic director's post during these critical years. On both occasions, he met the challenges and steered Chico State to a high level of excellence.