



Black Spartans (1907-1948)

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Exhibit Curators Statement

"Black Spartans (1907-1948)" represents ongoing research in SJSU Special Collections & Archives identifying documentation of Black experiences throughout SJSU history. This exhibit is the first of several installments.

Much of the information we have comes from the Spartan Daily student newspaper and the La Torre yearbooks. With too few exceptions, Black Spartans' stories are not told in their own words but from the perspectives of their majority white classmates. This is reflected in the language and focus of the articles. We invite you to read critically.

The Black Spartans featured in this exhibit pursued their educational goals while contending with institutionalized racism and other major crises of the 20th century: two World Wars, the influenza pandemic of 1918, and polio. Locally, "the deed to virtually every home in San Jose" included restrictions against Black and Asian residents known as "restrictive covenants" (Spartan Daily, February 16, 1948, page 2). On campus, blackface and minstrel shows were a regular part of student events.

"Black Spartans (1907-1948)" is an invitation to the community to join us in surfacing these stories, ensuring these histories are preserved and presented in a way that honors these students' lives. Contact us at special.collections@sjsu.edu to participate.

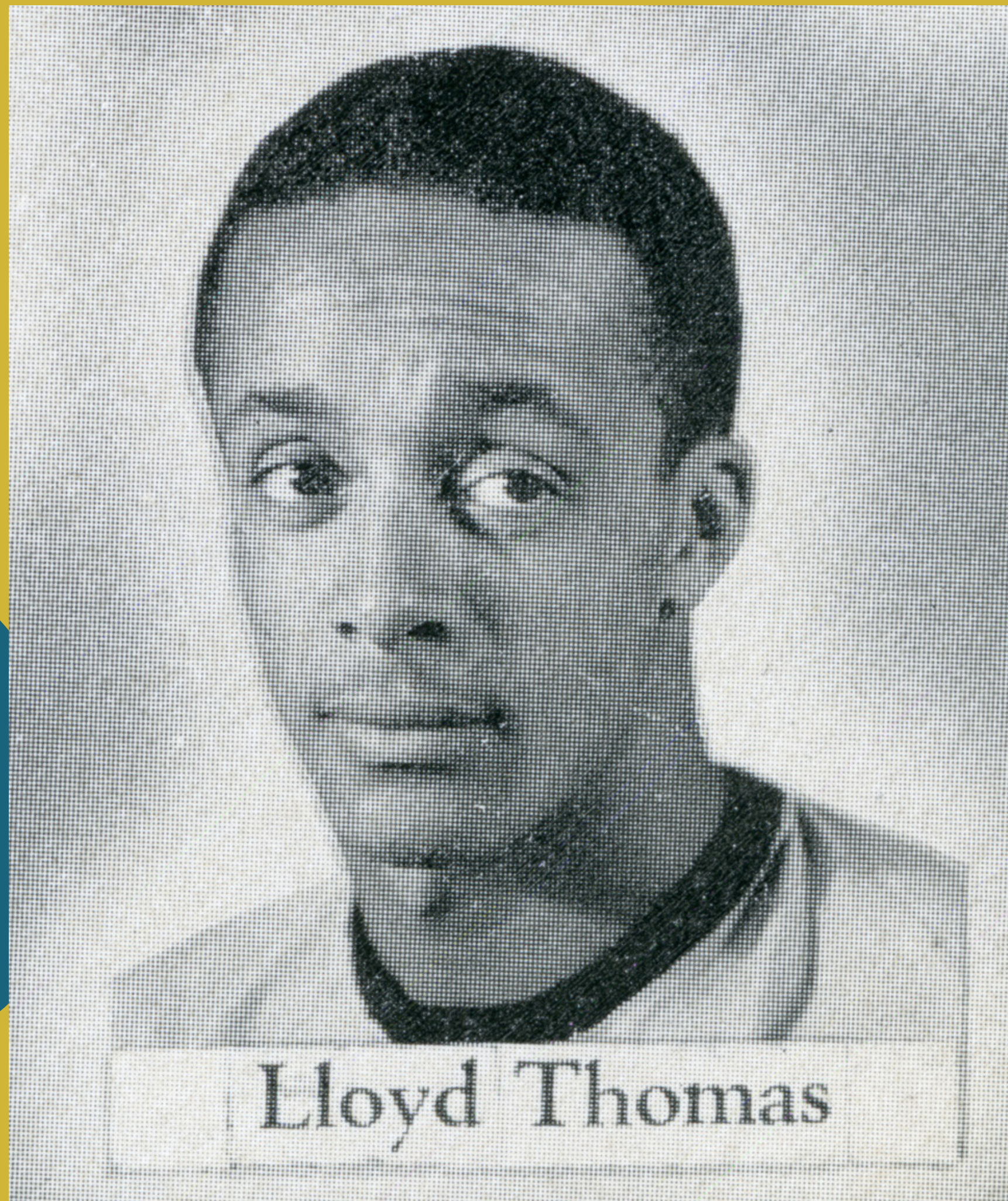
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Artist Statement


The "Black Spartans (1907-1948)" exhibition is a homage to Black culture and history at San José State University and the Bay Area at large. Until recently, the significance of Black bodies in Bay Area history (as well as U.S. history) was overlooked. Unless it was associated with the struggles of civil rights leaders, athletes, or celebrity-personas, the story of a graduate from a state school wasn't valued because we weren't part of the mainstream culture. As a Black Spartan myself, I was deeply connected to these individuals that started out just like me. I saw a reflection of myself and my community throughout the process of making these mixed media portraits and came to realize how important it is to know your history because it becomes a catalyst for knowing who you are.

My work explores the intricacy of identity and the role culture, tradition, and history play. These portraits are embodiments of our Black Spartans, they are visual representations of the colorful and captivating lives they led. Through this work, I hope to influence other artists and individuals to take part in researching and finding out the infinite layers of what it means to be Black. Our history is beyond our struggle. We are the blueprint.

Yeab Kebede
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Lloyd Thomas attended San Jose State College from 1936-1939. He was a sportsman, playing both basketball and football. In 1937, Thomas traveled with his football teammates to Hawaii to meet up with their University of Hawaii counterparts. During the trip, he was part of a team that debated U of H student athletes and was noted as “an exceptional debater.” In 1938, Thomas was named to the junior All-American List as “one of the outstanding ends of the country in the small colleges and university division.” Also in 1938, Thomas and fellow Black students William Lewis and Don Presley performed the “Truckin’” dance craze of the time as part of the Spartan Revue. In 1939, Thomas was captain of the basketball team.



THE FRESHMEN basketeers deserve a mighty big hand for their noble work in upsetting the Gaelic babes in the preliminary tilt, and those five iron yearlings who represented Washington Square for the entire route, namely: Lloyd Thomas, Dale Laybourne, Ivor Thomas, Leonard Herman, and Sal Jio are slated for attractive futures as Spartan hoopmen.

Spartan Daily

January 17, 1936

Lloyd Thomas first gains attention for his skills in basketball as a Freshman.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION MAJORS

Front row: Myron Sweezey, Dino Moratti, Hugh Staley, Delos Bagby, Luke Argilla, Jack Riordan, Bill Luckenbill, Harvey Rhodes, Bill Gurnea.

Center row: Lloyd Thomas, Charles Melbon, Steve Kompier, Adrian Rouyet, Henry Vasconcelles, Robert Bouke, Charles Smith, George Lindholm, Hamilton Hodgson.

Back row: Willard LeCroy, Steve Varich, George Haney, Bob Bronson, Harry Baehr, Leroy Zimmerman, Morris Manoojian, Bob Tichenel, Ed Vasconcelles.

La Torre Yearbook

1937

Lloyd Thomas is pictured as a Physical Education Major.

Lloyd Thomas To Receive Award

Named Most Valuable In Bronco Game

Lloyd Thomas, lanky junior end on the San Jose State college grid squad, was named the most valuable Spartan player in the State-Santa Clara game by the coaches and downtown sports writers.

Although Thomas is not the spectacular type, he has been consistently good all season. He is probably the most deadly pass catcher on the team. He will receive a pair of new shoes from J. S. Williams, sponsor of the contest.

Spartan Daily

November 16, 1937

Lloyd Thomas is named "the most valuable Spartan player" in a football game against Santa Clara.

Football Debaters

State Gridders Engage Hawaiians In Two Matches

In addition to two lessons in mainland football and a pair of demonstrations as to the finer points of basketball, as played in grid-like manner, the Spartan football party, during its recent stay in the Hawaiian Islands engaged their gridiron rivals from the University of Hawaii in two bonifide debates.

The first match saw Hal Buffa, a Spartan guard, and Norm Sanders, quarterback perform against the varsity debate team from the University in a non-decision affair.

THIRD TERM?

The question, of which the State men took the negative was: Resolved, that an amendment be passed prohibiting a third term for the President of the United States.

Reports from returned gridders have it that the question, in spite of the non-decision nature of the debate, was proven quite conclusively by the experienced Hawaiian team.

It was the second debate in which the Spartans definitely established their ability. In this, participants on both sides were football men. The question, which saw the State team uphold the affirmative was: Resolved, that college athletes be subsidized by their school for services rendered.

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Football Men Turn Debaters

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THOMAS OUTSTANDING

The San Jose team, winning easily, was composed of Lloyd Thomas, Bob Bronzan, and Carlton Peregoy, with Thomas claiming the lime-light as an exceptional debater.

The Hawaiian football debate team was made up of three players, lead by their grid captain, C. Kalukukui.

Both matches were held in Farrington Hall at the University.

Previous to their departure for the islands, the San Jose gridiron debaters were instructed by debate coach Ralph Eckert.

Spartan Daily

December 27, 1937

While in Hawaii with the football team, Lloyd Thomas represents San Jose State in a debate competition, "claiming the lime-light as an exceptional debater," arguing in the affirmative for college athletes to "be subsidized by their schools for services rendered."



Lettermen

Back row: Fosberg, Jennings, Poole, Buffa, B. Tichenal, Presley, Berry, McPherson, Pierce, Zetterquist, Withycombe

4th row: Taylor, Hodgson, Carroll, Garcia, Olsen, Swartzell, Haney, Hudson, Aronson, Rotholtz, L. Carpenter

3rd row: Riordan, Cammack, Wiles, Manoogian, White, Locks, Savage, D. Tichenal, Pitcher, Nasimento

2nd row: Nepote, Lindgren, Boucke, Harper, Bendeich, Birlem, Hilton, Thomas, Garcia, Lewis, Price, Thurman

1st row: Martinez, Tuxford, Lavagnino, R. Johnson, Cassera, H. White, Eldridge, Cary, Wenglein, Chambers, Rocchi, Ucovich

La Torre Yearbook

1938

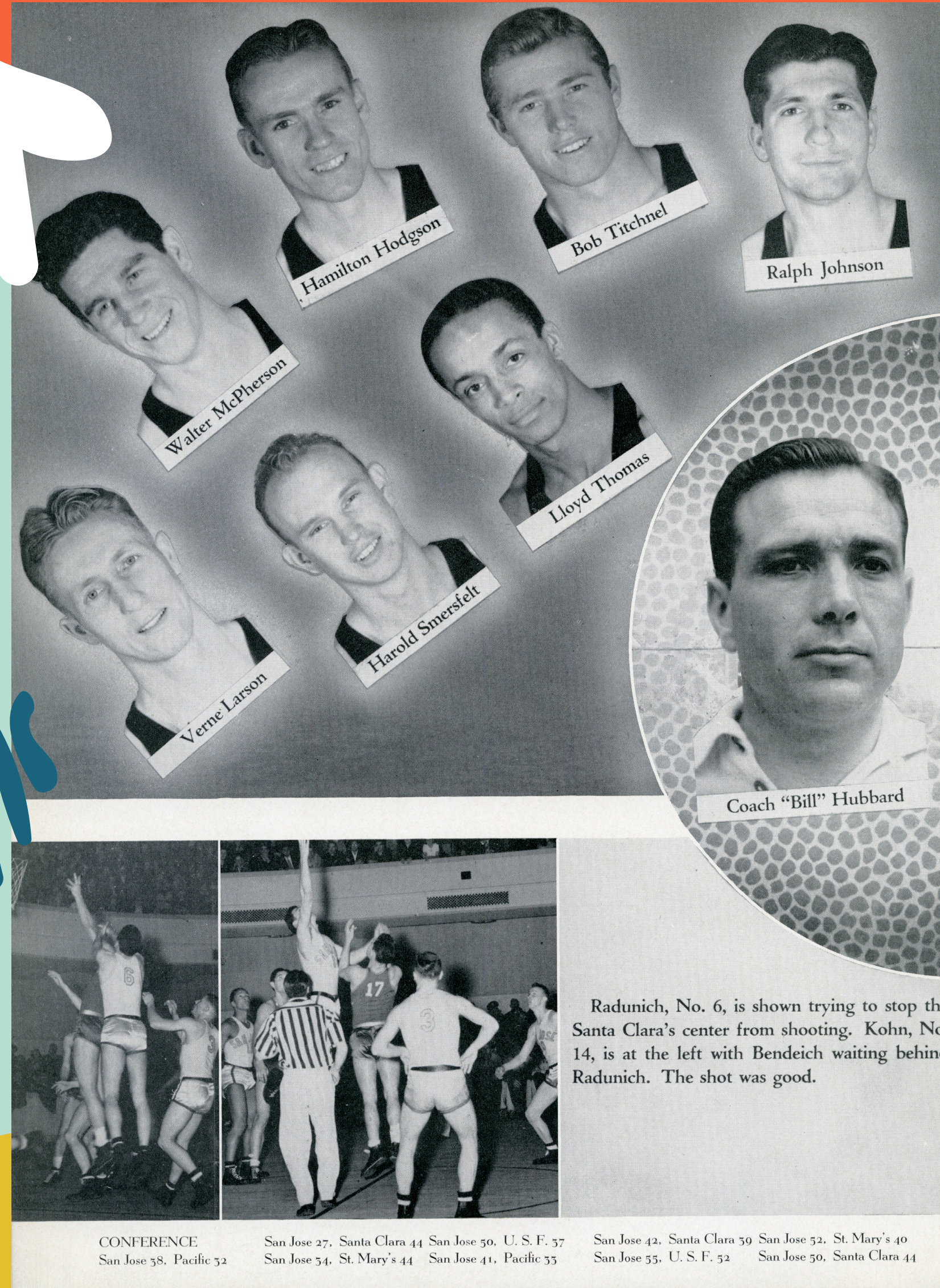
Lloyd Thomas is pictured among the Lettermen.



La Torre Yearbook

1938

Lloyd Thomas is pictured as a member of the football team.



La Torre Yearbook

1938

Lloyd Thomas is pictured as a member of the basketball team.

P. E. MAJORS SPARTAN REVUE TO FEATURE HARLEM MUSIC

Joe Rishwain, Freshman Vocalist, To Appear For First Time

Dark nights, thumping rhythm, flashing lights, and wild unrestraint of Harlem, the kingdom of dance, will come to the stage of Morris Dailey auditorium the night of February 2 with the production of the Spartan Revue, according to Bill Jennings, assistant chairman for the event.

Sponsored by men P. E. Majors, negro spirituals will be sung that evening by Willard LeCroy, chairman of the performance.

The frenzied and careless characteristics of truckin' will appear as "Bull" Lewis, Lloyd Thomas, and Don Presley break forth with swingin' and swayin'.

Dressed in black with only a few accents in dead white, the Musketeers, famous college quartet, will be clothed in the mystery of a darkened stage and eery movements as they present a novelty skeleton number.

A freshman vocalist will make his first appearance on the stage in the person of Joe Rishwain.

Spartan Daily

January 17, 1938

Lloyd Thomas participates with fellow Black Spartans William Lewis and Don Presley, performing "truckin'" in the Spartan Revue.

CAGERS DUMP PACIFIC IN OVERTIME

By JACK MARSH
SPARTAN PAVILION, Jan. 15—
San Jose State's 1937-38 edition
of a basketball team tonight out-
stumbled an equally ragged College
of Pacific outfit to finally defeat
them in an overtime period melee,
38 to 32.

It was an empty honor for the
Spartans, as C.O.P., loudly pro-
claimed the doormat of the Confer-
ence by all except their athletic

press-agent, Gassenberry, has al-
ready proven their lack of a suit-
able offense and defense by losses
against Santa Clara, St. Mary's,
and U.S.F.

Dusky Lloyd Thomas saved the
Spartans from a hard week-end as
he stood in his usual "feeder"
position and calmly looped the ball
through to knot the count at 31 all
as Sparta enjoyed a last five-
minute respite from their usual

ragged play to creep up on Pacific
from the dark end of a 7-point
margin.

Dusky Lloyd's shot sent the
crowd into disequilibrium, to say
the least, and their ecstasy was
further heightened when McWil-
liams, Pacific center, missed a last-
minute foul shot which would have
cinched the game for the Bengais.
McWilliams could have been the

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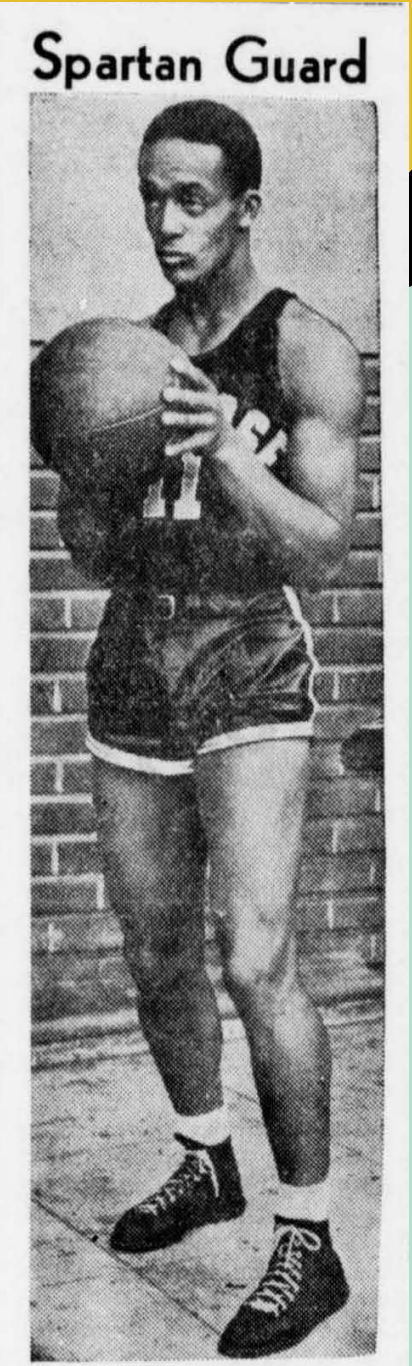
SPARTAN FIVE DUMPS PACIFIC TIGERS IN OVERTIME

Score Tied At 31 All
After Regulation Tilt

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hero, and rightfully so, but the ball
slopped about the iron hoop and
into the waiting arms of Thomas,
Spartan guard.

SPARTANS ROLL
Coach Hubbard's boys played
host and invited the Bengal Tigers
in a game of "let's throw funda-
mentals to the winds", and the two
sand-lot teams took turns the first
half and up until five minutes were
left in the second half. With Pacific
leading 28-21, newcomer Kotta
connected from way out, Smersfelt
pivoted with a one-arm overhead
hookshot which spectators still be-
lieve is impossible, the "Sweede"
followed with two foul throws,
Larson swished a foul shot, and
Smersfelt came through with his
favorite one-hander to draw State
within two points, wherein Lloyd
Thomas tied up the ball game.

Spartans looked especially lousy
the first half, with Pacific's only
margin coming through the latter's
remarkable determination to live
up to Gassenberry's pre-game
statements. It looked as though
the quintet from Stockton would
do it, too, and sentiment throughout
the emptying pavilion centered on
the idea that Coach Francis and
his boys, if they muttered "they
was lucky" during the long ride
home, might have much justifica-
tion for those sentiments.



Lloyd Thomas, Spartan guard
who tied the score as the San
Jose-College of Pacific game drew
to a close. Lloyd played the en-
tire game which saw the Spar-
tans win in an overtime period.
—Photo courtesy Mercury Herald.

Spartan Daily

January 17, 1938

Lloyd Thomas's skills bring "ecstasy" to the crowd in a close basketball game against College of the Pacific.

Sparta Cagers Trim Broncs

Locals Roll Over Santa Clara Five In 42-39 Victory

COACH BILL HUBBARD'S HOOPSTERS OUTPLAY LEAGUE LEADERS TO EVEN CITY SERIES

Playoff In Auditorium February 21

STATERS GRAB EARLY MARGIN AS GUS KOTTA LEADS SCORING

By JACK MARSH

FRIDAY NIGHT, MUNICIPAL AUDITORIUM. — Pardon me while I go absolutely nuts over this San Jose State college vs. Santa Clara University basketball game tonight, in which our Spartans blasted the Broncs 42-39 and right out of the undisputed lead in the Northern California Intercollegiate Basketball conference.

If this isn't a good basketball story, it's because I'm beside

myself. I've just finished watching San Jose State college beat the team that beat California, that beat the Olympic club, that beat U.S.F., that beat St. Mary's, and was coasting along in the middle of an 11-game winning streak.

FAST BREAK

Tonight Bill Hubbard's new combination bested the Barsi-men by the sheer speed of its fast break and accurate passing when Santa Clara's defense was set.

We led them all the way until the first of the second half, when Gianinni squirmed through twice to tie the count at 19-all. Here ensued the fastest bit of exchange scoring in State cage history, in which the ball responded to the fast breaks of both teams and ended up with 16 points in three minutes to its credit—eight points to the Broncos and eight points

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Spartan Cagers Upset Broncos

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to the Spartans. Felipe of Santa Clara one-handed one in; Captain Carroll took a long pass from McPherson for two points; Giannini spun one through; Thomas followed for two; Giannini retaliated; Radunich slapped one in; Case tanked a long one, and Thomas repeated his first performance with a follow-in shot to leave the score 32-27.

EXCHANGE ENDS

With Spartan and Bronc rooters hanging on the ropes, the exchange ended when "Toddy" Giannini fouled Radunich, Pat Heffernan fouled McPherson, and Santa Clara took time out—a good thing for spectators and players alike.

With eight minutes to go, Captain Frankie matched two from Santa Clara's Case and Heffernan, Thomas put the Spartans six points ahead with a beautiful follow-in shot, and big Ed Nelson was removed from the game with an injured ankle.

RADUNICH OUT

Willie Radunich made the center situation alike for both teams when he went out on four fouls a few minutes later after a field goal and foul shot by his hand put the Spartans still farther in the lead, 41-38. Giannini eluded his guard for two Bronco points, Lautze

SUMMARY

SAN JOSE (42)			(39) SANTA CLARA		
	fg.	ft. tp.		fg.	ft. tp.
Carroll f	4	0 8	Giannini f	6	0 12
Hodgson f	0	0 0	Case f	3	0 6
Kotta f	6	0 12	Felipe f	2	0 4
Bendeich f	0	0 0	Anderson f	0	0 0
Radunich c	3	2 8	Nelson c	3	2 8
Thomas g	5	1 11	Lautze g	2	1 5
McPherson g	1	1 3	Avers g	1	0 2
Berry g	0	0 0	Sando g	0	0 0
			Heffernan g	0	2 2

TOTALS—19 4 42 TOTALS—17 5 39
Half-time score—San Jose 19; Santa Clara 15.

Officials—Maloney, Britt.

Free throws missed—Radunich 4, Giannini 3, Lautze 1, Ayers 1, Sando 2, Heffernan 2.

Personal Fouls—Carroll 3, Kotta 1, Radunich 4, Thomas 1, McPherson 2, Giannini 2, Case 1, Nelson 1, Ayers 1, Sando 1, Heffernan 1.

added two more, and Spartans were clinging to a two-point lead with three minutes left in the ball game. Here Case fouled Radunich while shooting, and Willie made one good—41-38; Giannini charged Lloyd Thomas under State's basket and got the worst of the physical contact. Thomas swished the charity shot to make it 42-38, and Santa Clara's scoring ended at 39 when

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Spartan Daily

February 7, 1938

Lloyd Thomas gives "the finest exhibition of defensive and offensive guard play you could ask for" in an exciting basketball game against Santa Clara.

Sportlighting the Spartans

By BEN JOHNSON

We take our hats off to the greatest basketball team in the history of San Jose State college. Captain Frank Carroll has led his Spartan cagers on an all-conquering quest of the best basketball competition that this coast has to offer—excepting only the “Big Four”—California, Stanford, USC, and UCLA. At that even Stanford nearly lost to the Hubbard coached team.



Carroll

From all regions they have fallen—Nevada, St. Mary's, Santa Clara, University of San Francisco, San Francisco and Humboldt State, College of Pacific, Athens Club, and others—they have all been subjected to and have been destroyed by the Spartan dreadnaught.

Captain Frank Carroll, Gus Kotta, Willie Rad-unich, Lloyd Thomas, and Walt McPherson are the five cagers who have been mainly instrumental in bringing to San Jose the league championship. To the balance of the team—congratulations. It is the entire squad that was responsible for the San Jose victory—it was a group victory—not an individual one.

Spartan Daily

March 2, 1938

Lloyd Thomas is named among the “five cagers who have been mainly instrumental in bringing San Jose the league championship.”

THOMAS, GRID
END, ELECTED
ALL-AMERICAN

Lloyd Thomas, outstanding end on the San Jose State college football eleven for the past three seasons, has been named to a first team end position on the fourth annual Associated Press "Little All-American" grid team, according to the Associated Press bureau in San Francisco.

This team is picked by AP sports writers throughout the country and includes all of the so-called "minor" colleges and universities of the country.

Thomas has played first string for the Spartans for the past three years, and in addition is a crack basketball player. This year he is captain of the cagers.

(See page 5 for more details)
Captain Walter McPherson, Gene Rocchi, and Keith Birlem were all given honorable mention on this mythical eleven.

(This story is printed through courtesy of and with full consent of the Associated Press in San Francisco.)

Little All-American Honors
Well Deserved By Thomas

Spartan Flanker
Defensive Ace
Of '38 Season

Selection of Lloyd Thomas on the Little All-American football eleven, as announced by Associated Press this week, brought fitting reward to the Spartan end who has completed three years of outstanding play with the De-Grootmen.

One of the steadiest players of the San Jose grid squad, Thomas is given credit for breaking the spirit of the College of Pacific Tigers in the "big game" when the Spartans licked the Staggs-men, 19-6. By being named on the first team of the junior All-American list, the San Jose flanker received recognition as one of the outstanding ends of the country in the small colleges and university division.

DEFENSIVE STAR

Outstanding as a pass receiver last season, Thomas was more valuable to the Spartans as a defensive player during the 1938 schedule. Several times during the twelve game season, the former Balboa athlete has turned the tide in favor of San Jose. Against both Pacific and San Diego State, Thomas halted the opposition on drives deep into San Jose territory.

Pacific had penetrated to the Spartan 8 yard line before Thomas

dropped Kientz for a 10 yard loss that halted the drive. In the San Diego contest, he did the same thing after the Aztecs had moved to the San Jose 13.

HOOP CAPTAIN

Captain-elect of the Spartan

basketball quintet, Thomas will lead the Washington Square five in a bid for conference honors. Steady and dependable on the basketball court, the '39 captain was named on Santa Clara Coach Bar-si's all-California five last year.

ALL-AMERICAN



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The cuts of the Spartan basketball teams that appear in this issue of the Spartan Daily are published through the courtesy of the San Francisco Chronicle.

The drawing of Lloyd Thomas was made by Howard Brodie, who at the time worked for the Chronicle.

Spartan Daily

December 8, 1938

Lloyd Thomas is picked for the "Little All-American" football team by Associated Press sports writers from across the country.

Seven Veterans Form Nucleus Of Local Cage Team

Ex-Frosh, Newcomers Add Support To Spartan Five

Led by Captain-elect Lloyd Thomas, seven veterans of last year's basketball campaign return to form the nucleus of Coach Bill Hubbard's 1939 quintet.

Missing from the team which won the title for San Jose will be three outstanding members of the '38 five. Frank Carroll, captain of the team, Walt McPherson, and Willie Radunich will all be gone when the Spartans open their regular schedule after the first of the year.

Backing Thomas and giving Hubbard his only veteran material will be "Swede" Smersfelt, Gus Kotta, Charlie Bendeich, Bob Tichenal, Bob Berry, and Joe Heatwole. This septet, supported by ex-frosh players and newcomers will carry San Jose into the title race which opens January 4.

Bull Lewis, better known as a line-plunging fullback, has reported to Hubbard for the cage sport and has shown plenty of skill at handling himself as a guard. Warner Keeley, lanky center on last year's frosh, has had first call at the pivot position so far, although Bendeich can also take care of these duties.

Spartan Daily

December 8, 1938

Lloyd Thomas begins the 1938 school year as captain-elect of the basketball team.



Bill Regan Photograph Collection



Bill Regan Photograph Collection

Lloyd Thomas is pictured in action on the basketball court, wearing San Jose number 11.



Score for Sparta—But who? where?
Buckingham, Titchenal, Carpenter
Bronzan, Carmody, Thomas
Hansen, Presley, Birlem

Coach Bill Hubbard
Edgemon thrown out of bounds

Big Game---

The annual meeting of San Jose State College and College of Pacific took place in the south Seventh Street Stadium and a brilliant victory was won by the Sparta men. De Groot's men ran in, around, and through the Bengal line and they passed over their heads with such accuracy that there was never a doubt as to the outcome of the fray. Only once did the Tigers show the power with which they later defeated the University of Chicago 32-0 and that was on a sustained drive late in the fourth quarter that finally brought them six points. The "Z" boys, Zim and Zet, paced the attack with the outstanding help of little Gene Rocchi and the entire forward wall.

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-ONE

Best Season

All things considered the 1938 football season was the most successful this school has ever seen. Coach Dud DeGroot, Assistants Bill Hubbard and Dee Portal, turned out a team that was the highest scoring aggregation in the nation, that was defeated but once (one lousy point), besides having the longest game schedules of the year. The Spartans ran up a total of 322 points against an aggregate of 56 for their twelve opponents. Several outstanding stars gained national recognition in All-American selection. Lloyd Thomas was named the most, while Keith Birlem, Mitch Ucovich, and Leroy Zimmerman were all mentioned.

La Torre Yearbook

1939

Lloyd Thomas is pictured as a member of the football team.

Basketball

Dropping two games to the cross-city rivals, Santa Clara, cost Coach Bill Hubbard's Spartan swishers the Northern California Intercollegiate conference title they won last year. The Broncos were the best college team in this vicinity, however, and it was no disgrace to lose to such a splendid outfit. The Spartans ran them a close second, however, in the conference race, nosing out Saint Mary's and USF for the number two position. Mainstays of the team were again Captain Lloyd Thomas, Gus "Chubby" Kotta, and Charley Bendeich. Captain Thomas was again the class of the league with his ultra-superior floor play and defensive work.



Pyle, Boyle, Berry
Allen, Smersfelt, Reginato

Captain Lloyd Thomas
Ben Johnson, Manager

Swishers!...

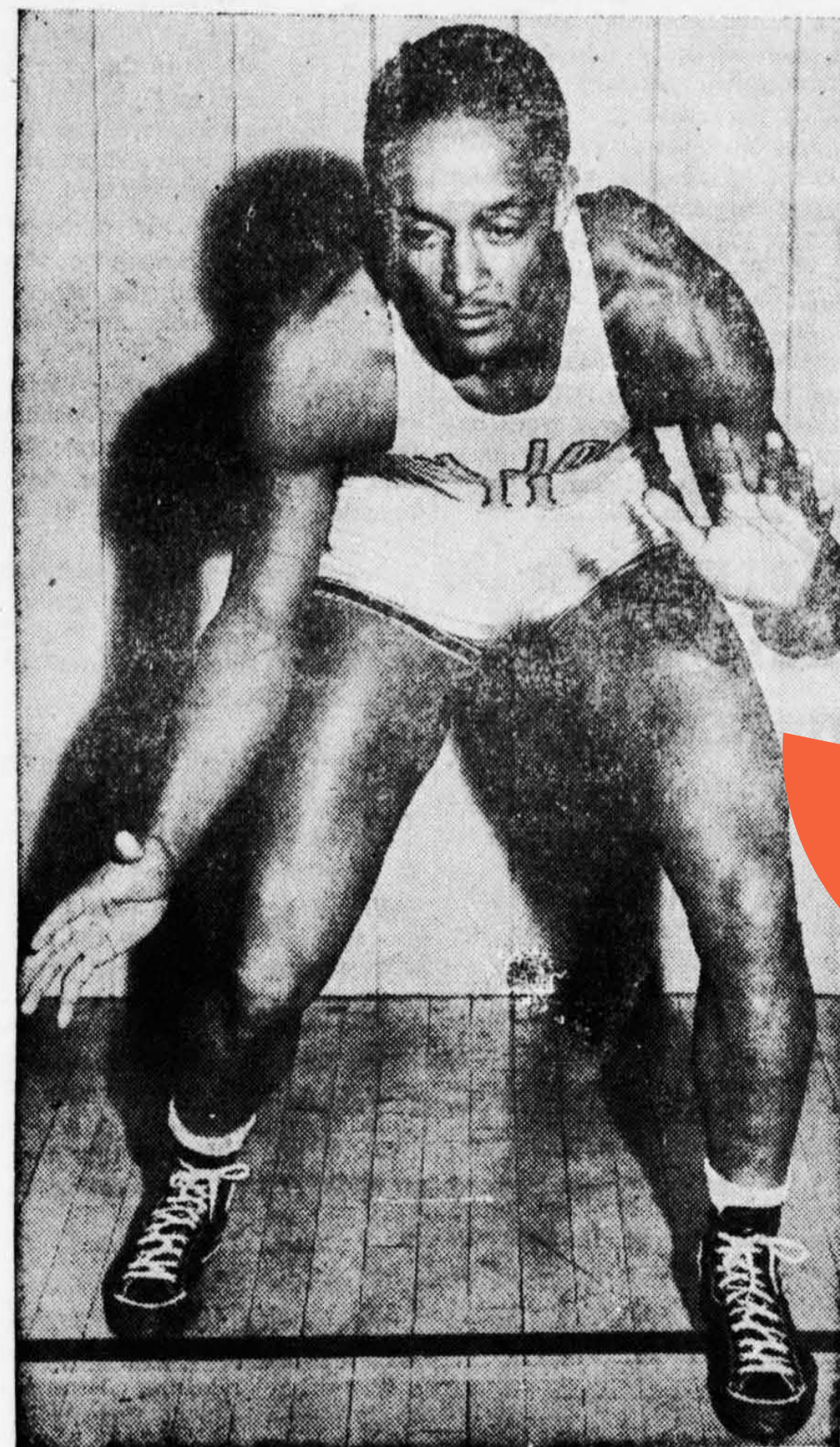
Kotta [the chubby peon] and Bendeich took care of the scoring division, the latter with a high score in one game of 24 points. Three newcomers played an important part in the casaba set-up, two of them comprising the toughest pair of guards ever seen at San Jose. Deward "Truck" Tornell and Johnny Allen formed the defensive combine that stopped many an opponent's thrust and broke up play after play. Allen proved to be one of the fastest "ballhawks" in the league, intercepting several down-court passes each game and generally messing up the opposing offense.

La Torre Yearbook

1939

Lloyd Thomas is pictured as captain of the basketball team.

Gunning For Galloping Gaels



Captain Lloyd Thomas figures to be in the thick of it at his center berth when the Spartans square off with the St. Mary's Gaels at Kezar Pavilion, San Francisco. The Hubbardmen will be seeking their second victory in three conference starts.

—Photo courtesy Mercury-Herald.

GAME NOTES—Lloyd Thomas looked good at his new center berth. Although the Spartan captain confined his type of play to feeding the ball to his teammates, he came through with seven points

Spartan Daily

January 16, 1939

Lloyd Thomas is pictured in action preparing for a basketball game against St. Mary's.



BASKET BY "BULL" LEWIS CINCHES DING-DONG BATTLE FOR SAN JOSE IN CLOSING SECONDS OF FIGHT

By PONY SWENSON

A bunch of the boys were hooping it up out at Spartan Pavilion last Friday night and the result was a ding-dong, four star basketball thriller which saw Bill Hubbard's San Jose cagers edge out the College of Pacific 51-49 in an overtime Northern California Conference contest.

Beating the Tigers gained revenge for the licking handed the Spartans just a week previous by the Stockton team, and evened San Jose's conference record at one win and one loss.

"BULL" WINS IT

Boss Bill's boys found revenge hard to get, and the two teams put on a see-saw overtime period which kept the near-capacity crowd on its toes from the starting whistle until burly "Bull" Lewis dumped in a basket in the last five seconds of play to cinch the game for the local hoop team.

Both ball clubs staged a scoring duel during the first half that saw the Spartans pull away at the end of the period to hold a 22-18 intermission lead. Kotta and Allen with six points each paced the locals during this time.

At the start of the second half, the Hubbard crew put on a "bomb-shell" attack that stepped the Spartan total up to 30 on three baskets in a row by Gus Kotta and one by John Allen, all within three and one-half minutes of play.

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BASKETBALL

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The locals continued to click and held a 35-22 margin before the Tigers began to come into their own again—thanks to McWilliams who threaded the hoop for six points to lead a C.O.P. rally that narrowed the gap to 35-34.

At this point Hubbard injected Wedd Anderson into the lineup, and the ex-frosh ace provided the necessary stimulus to shoot the Spartans into a 42-35 lead with his pair of field goals and one each by Capt. Thomas and "Bull" Lewis.

Then the pesky Mr. McWilliams went back to work and popped in eight points in less than five minutes, while all the Spartans could muster was a charity toss by Anderson. McWilliams' last bucket came with 15 seconds to go, which sent the game into the overtime.

McWilliams, with 20 points, copied high scoring honors.

SAN JOSE (51)	C.O.P. (49)
BendeichF.....	Higgins
AndersonF.....	McWilliams
ThomasC.....	Dunlap
AllenG.....	Hoffman
TornellG.....	Adamina

Scoring Subs: San Jose—Boyle (5), Kotta (12), Pyle (2), Lewis (4), C.O.P.—Kelley (5), Avery (2), Doyle (6), Dahl (1).

Spartan Daily

January 16, 1939

Lloyd Thomas leads the basketball game to a win against College of the Pacific.

Spartans Win 57-49 Over Visiting Mexico University Hoop Five

RODRIQUEZ CAPTURES HIGH POINT HONORS WITH 20 DIGITS

A late scoring flourish enabled Bill Hubbard's San Jose Spartans to ruin the University of Mexico's "goodwill" debut here last night by routing the foreigners, 57-49.

The Spartans got off to an early start and maintained a lead over the Mexicans until four and a half minutes before the end of the game when the invaders tied the score, 43-43.

However, the Hubbardsmen applied the pressure at this point and with Kotta, Thomas, and Bendeich all taking turns threading the hoop, the Spartans were going away at the finish.

RODRIQUEZ SHINES

While the Spartan attack was spread out, the Mexicans relied mainly on Senor Angel Rodriquez to do most of the scoring, and the sharpshooting visitor looped in seven field goals and six charity tosses to register 20 digits, top scoring honors of the game.

Hubbard's crew took things easy during the first stanza and loafed into a 28-23 half-time lead with no Spartan in particular doing the heavy work. During this time, Senor Rodriquez was taking care

of most of the scoring chores for his quintet.

SIESTA HELPS

The Mexicans found their between-halves siesta to their liking and came back after the intermission to slowly but surely whittle away at the five-point lead the Spartans had run up.

Captain Jose De Leon, who spent most of the first half on the bench, was Rodriquez' chief aid during the Mexicans' rally. El Capitan sneaked behind the Spartan defense to drop in three field goals and caged a free shot for a seven point total.

Charley Bendeich had another active evening with seven field goals and a total of 14 points. The southpaw ace collected three buckets in the first half and bagged the remaining four during Sparta's late scoring spree.

Captain Lloyd Thomas had a profitable second half, scoring 10 digits, and registering 12 for the entire game. Gus Kotta rang up eight, Webb Anderson contributed seven and John Allen six to figure prominently in scoring roles for the Hubbardsmen.

Spartan Daily

January 20, 1939

Lloyd Thomas leads the basketball team to a victory against University of Mexico.



Lloyd Thomas, Spartan cage captain, is shown making a vain attempt to stop another Bronco score in last Saturday nights 59 to 27 shellacking. Bob Ayers is the Santa Clara man tipping in two points for the Mission team. Charlie Bendeich, 3, is in the background. —Photo courtesy Mercury-Herald.

Spartan Daily

January 20, 1939

Lloyd Thomas is pictured in action in a disappointing game against Santa Clara.

