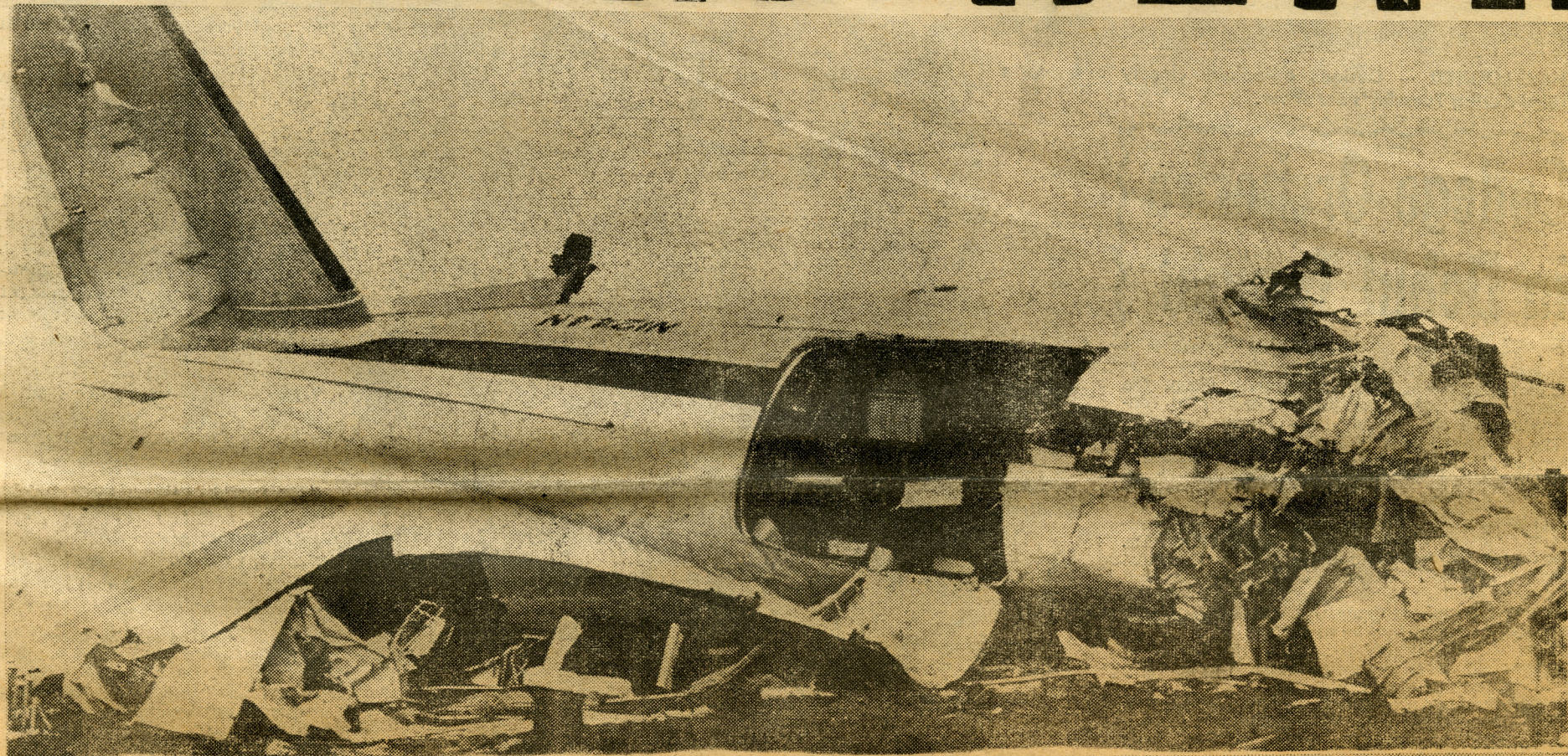


MERCY BOWL DRAWS NEAR



GRIM REMINDERS of one of the most tragic incidents in American sport are these pictures of the chartered C-46 plane which carried 22 people to their death. Top photo shows tail section of the aircraft where most of

the survivors were riding. Lower shot is that of the front section which was reduced to gruesome mass of twisted steel. Despite the crash Cal Poly (SLO) again fielded a football team this season.

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THREE PHASES...

LOS ANGELES STATE

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Two Collegians Injured
In Unplanned Car Smash;
Upperclassmen Triumph

One automobile was methodically, deliberately and literally hammered into a twisted wreck, another unintentionally received the same treatment and Diablo upperclassmen clearly exhibited their superiority over the freshmen in two phases of athletic endeavor as AMS Men's Week activities hit campus this week.

A 1952 Plymouth sedan received the hammer treatment from eager Diablo musclemen during Tuesday's car smash but a spanking new Corvette not ticketed for destruction was totally demolished in a traffic accident Monday night.

The Corvette was to have been used in Tuesday's car show.

Two LASC students, Chuck Collins and Mike Rubin, were on their way to pick up another car to be used in the show when they were involved in a collision at the corner of Hastings Ranch Road and Sierra Madre Blvd. in Pasadena.

Collins, the driver of the Corvette, was hospitalized with facial and arm cuts while Rubin received a fractured vertebra. Both were wearing seat belts at the time of the accident.

The upperclassmen particularly enjoyed Wednesday's athletic competition with the freshmen. First of all they captured the ball push and then added salt to the yearling wound's with a follow-up triumph in the tug-o-war.

After thwarting an early offensive thrust by the frosh in the ball push the upperclassmen began to gain the upper hand and moved the giant ball steadily down the football field. Despite two time outs and a water balloon bombardment by the freshmen the upperclassmen finally squeezed the ball between the uprights to claim victory.

The upperclassmen also won the tug-o-war in which both sides received assistance from loyal onlookers in the stands who decided en masse their services would be better rendered on the field of battle.

A host of individual scuffles broke out during the one hour class brawl adding extra spice to the rivalry.

Doug Launchbaugh won sweepstakes at the car show with a 1960 silver Renault. Al Sawyer was runnerup in a 1956 T-Bird.

Leo Gargan's '55 Chev took top honors in the non-sports car division while second place went to R. Thompson's '61 Pontiac and third to R. Hughes' '56 Chev. Andy Black captured first place honors for sports cars with a '58 candy red Porsche. G. White's '61 Porsche took second and A. Charles' '57 Corvette was third.

Ron Miller, manager of the National Hot Rod Assn., and Bill Newman, editor of Rod and Custom magazine, handled the judging. Trophies will be presented to the winners at tonight's dance.

...OF AMS...



THEY PUSHED — A band of hardy seniors mount heavy attack to whip freshmen in the ball push.

College Orchestra
in Debut Tonight

Opening the 1961 Fall Orchestral Season is a concert in the Theatre tonight at 8:15.

Under the baton of Dr. Frederick Kopp, the orchestra will play four pieces familiar to concert-goers.

The first selection, "The Academic Festival Overture," a concert-overture by Johannes Brahms, is made up of favorite German student songs, ending with the well-known "Gaudeamus Igitur" which is solidly played by the brass section.

Featured soloist Dr. Milton Stern will play Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 4" in G Major. Dr. Stern says of the composition: "It is the most lyric of Beethoven's five piano concertos, and therefore abounds with beautiful melodies. Because of this unique quality, it stands out among the other concertos that he wrote."

"Adagio for Strings" by Samuel Barber, first performed in 1938, is written in an elegiac vein, or in the nature of an elegy.

Concluding the program is the "Symphony No. 5 in E minor" (from the New World) by Antonin Dvorak, a Czechoslovakian composer. Inspiration for this symphony was received during a visit he made to America in 1892-5. Melodies are based upon Negro spirituals and songs of Stephen Foster. The familiar "Largo" theme is from the song "Goin' Home."

BEARDED ONES ON DISPLAY
AT CRA-AMS SPORTSNIGHT

By CARL GOVERNALE
Staff Writer

The longest and fuzziest beards on campus go on display tonight as AMS conducts its annual Men's Week Beard Growing contest during CRA Sportsnight. Naturally, the beards will be attached to LA State men students.

Beside the contest, the College Recreation Association has planned various activities ranging from ping-pong to square dancing. All comers are invited to participate in the games and enjoy free refreshments during the CRA-AMS joint presentation which starts at 7 p.m.

A few extra surprises will be added to add spice to the affair according to co-directors Ron Okum, Barbara Randall, and Al Harris.

Toward the end of the event, members of AMS and a faculty member will pass final judgment on the boards which have been in growth since Nov. 7.

Following Sportsnight activities,

all are invited to the Cafeteria for the Men's Week dance.

Six member male and co-ed volleyball tournaments will begin Nov. 27, according to Ron Okum, CRA director, and

gister at PE 141 for the tourney which will be played at noon Monday thru Friday.

Two women's volleyball teams leave tomorrow to compete in the Santa Barbara Invitational Tournament.

Authors Honored Tomorrow

More than 100 authors and illustrators of books for young people will take part in ceremonies honoring ten Southern California writers and artists for their outstanding contributions to children's literature at the first annual awards banquet to be held at Los Angeles State College Saturday.

The banquet, to be held at 7 p.m. in the college cafeteria dining rooms, will climax a program of events presented by the new Southern California Council on Children's Literature to give recognition to the creative literary efforts of nationally prominent authors and illustrators of

children's books residing in Southern California.

The ten authors and illustrators selected as honorees for the first annual affair are Scott O'Dell, Leonard Wibberley, Mrs. Margaret Leighton, Margot Benary-Isbert, Leo Politi, Don Freeman and the husband and wife teams of Conrad and Mary Buff and Lucile and Holling C. Holling.

The first annual presentation of awards established by the Southern California Council on Children's Literature and The Los Angeles Times to recognize outstanding contributions in children's literature will highlight the banquet program.

...MEN'S WEEK

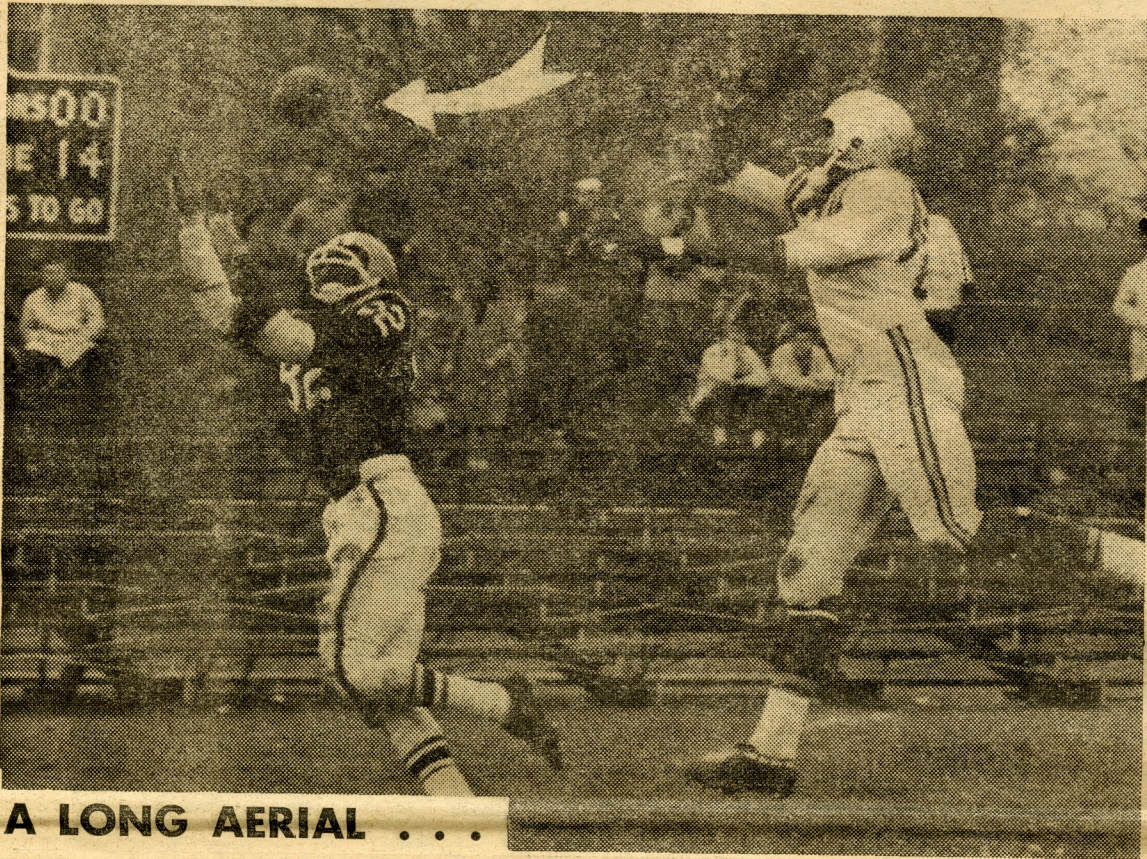


AND THEY SMASHED — An eager Diablo applies sledge hammer to roof of doomed Plymouth at car smash.

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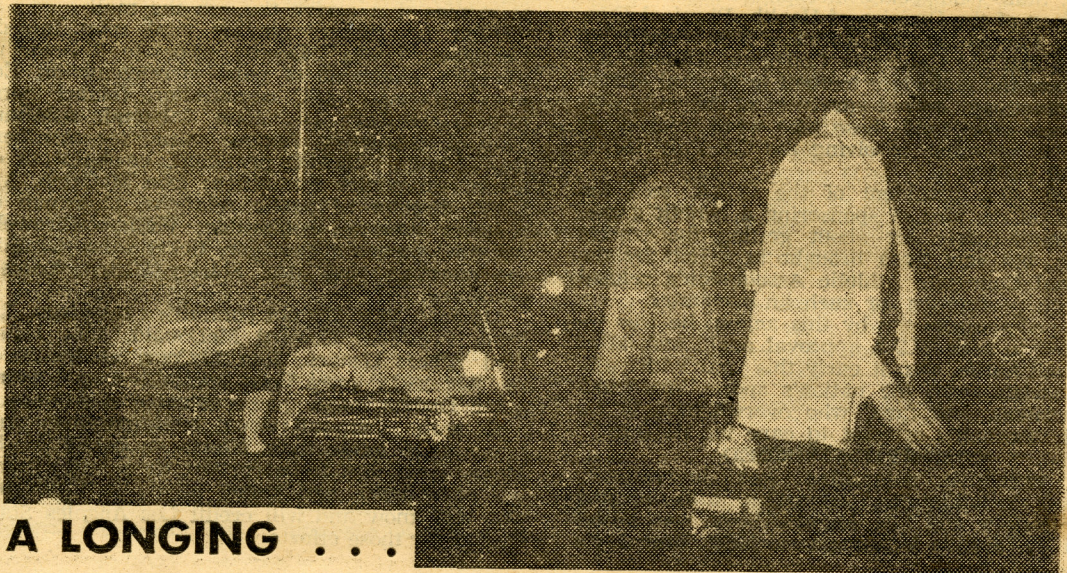
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Tragic Testimony...

To members and relatives of the California Polytechnic College football squad, to the inhabitants of picturesque town of San Luis Obispo, to sports fans in all walks of life and to countless millions of Americans, the night of October 29, 1960 will not soon be forgotten.

But the happenings of that particular evening will not be recalled with gay abandon. Rather they will live in the minds of the many as grim and tragic testimony to the suddenness with which fate's capricious hand can administer a blow.

The lives of 22 people, including 16 varsity football players, were snuffed in the twinkling of an eye on that night. They perished ungloriously aboard a chartered C-46 at the end of a fog-shrouded Toledo airport.

The jolting impact which instinctively accompanies such a tragedy have now been dimmed, but the damaging after effects are still plainly evident. Unpaid hospital, medical and funeral bills provide the tangible evidence.

Now, more than a year later a most noble venture—the Mercy Bowl—will attempt to alleviate some of the gigantic problems incurred by relatives of the crash victims. There is no way to measure the grief and suffering of those who lost loved ones and there is no way to provide compensation. But the Mercy Bowl will be able to offer the vitally needed financial support to these unfortunates.

The game will be played, appropriately enough, on Thanksgiving morning in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. Those who have contributed to the event, either through the purchase of tickets or by straight donation can be proud of their gestures.

Because of the sympathetic understanding of others those individuals whose lives were directly affected by the crash will now be able to offer thanks on Thanksgiving in more ways than one.

D.M.

A Great Game - A Great Cause!

By DON THORUP
Managing Editor

Two rough, spirited, well coached and nationally ranked football squads—Bowling Green and Fresno State—will do battle on the Coliseum gridiron on Thanksgiving Day in perhaps the greatest charity tilt in American history.

One of these teams, Bowling Green, was also engaged in an

TRAGIC DAY — A reminder of why the Mercy Bowl is being staged is pictured, as Vic Hall (killed in the crash) defends a pass against Hal Newsome, top. Middle photo shows a portion of the wreckage, while at bottom a body lies on a stretcher waiting while another one is being rolled away after the terrible accident.

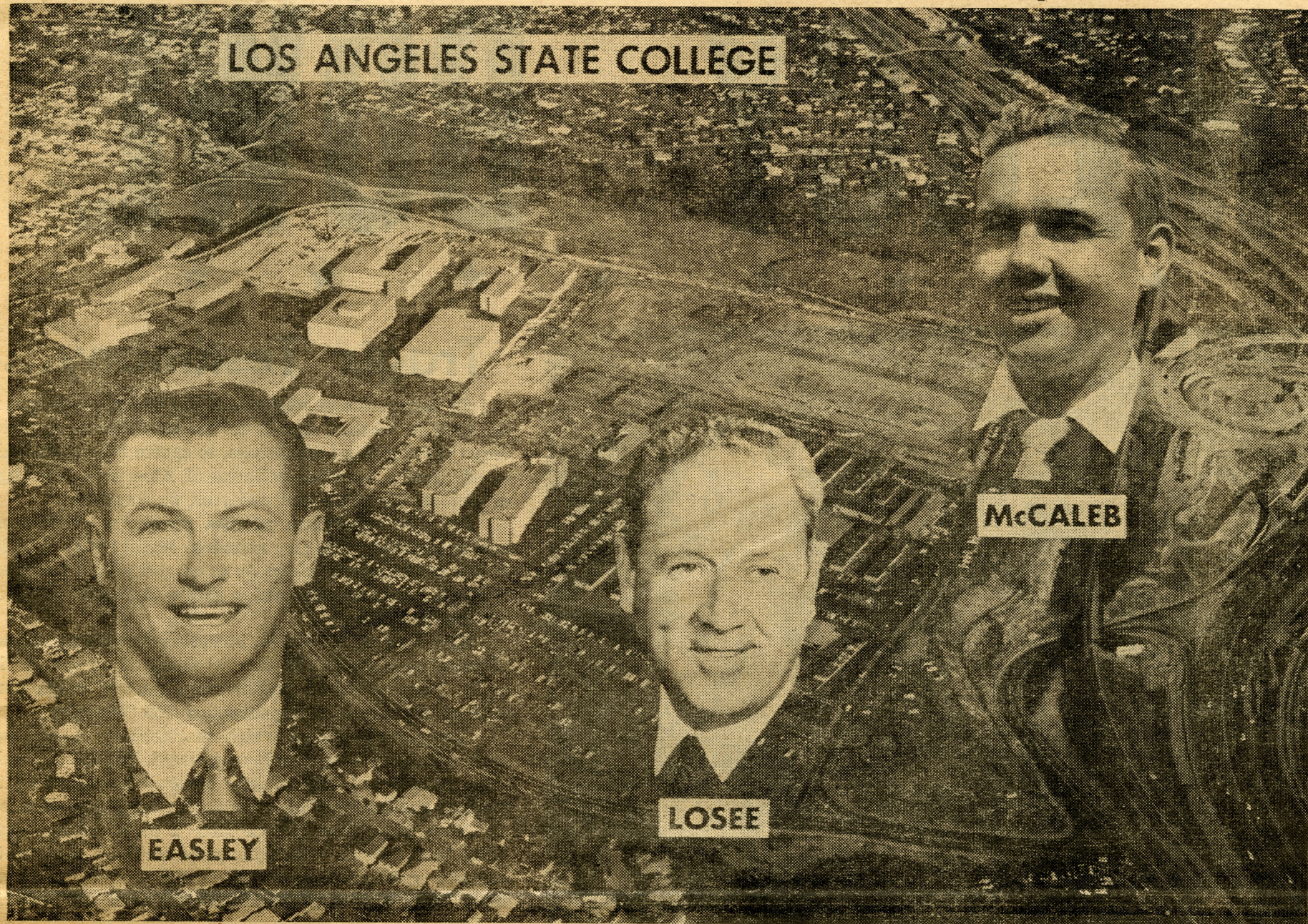
afternoon grid contest Oct. 29, 1960. They won that game with ease, but were not able to enjoy their victory long.

Cal Poly (SLO) lost to Bowling Green that day by a score of 50-6. However, this lopsided loss is but a grain of sand on the beach compared to the real loss that was suffered that same night by the Cal Poly gridders and their families.

The crash which killed 16 players and their manager is all history now and much has been written of it. However the final and most important chapter will be written on Thanksgiving and everyone who wants to see a good ball game and help a most worthy cause can witness the climaxing moments of a year's drive to help the injured and families of those killed in the tragic mishap.

The Mercy Bowl is just what the title implies and many men
(Continued on Page 8)

The College and its Men Behind The Mercy Bowl



DON MERRY

Reasons For Helping

As you can see a great deal of space in this edition of the College Times is being devoted to the Mercy Bowl. Frankly, we feel it deserves all the attention it can get.

I have heard complaints that the Mercy Bowl is being overplayed. People on this very campus, headquarters for the Thanksgiving Day classic, have accused us of shoving the Mercy Bowl down their delicate little throats. Well, if this is going to put them in the Coliseum on Nov. 23 I hope they choke.

Actually, I would be much happier, and so would everyone concerned with the event, if people picked up and went on their own accord simply because they were eager to help a worthwhile cause. There is still plenty of room for compassion amid today's hectic living.

To insure the success of the Mercy Bowl which means raising \$250,000, a near capacity crowd is needed. So far ticket sales off campus have been moving at a moderate clip but interest and support on campus have been slightly apathetic.

It would doubtless be a damaging blow to our pride and prestige if we as the host school failed to make a decent showing. I would like to see both students and faculty members swap Dr. Ferron Losee's office with requests for tickets next week.

There are a lot of people, in-

cluding five widows, who are looking, almost desperately, to the Mercy Bowl for financial aid which will help them straighten out the lives which were so cruelly disrupted last October.

One of these widows, 26 year old Dorothy Porras, now owns sole responsibility of raising and caring for her four children who range in age from 15 months to eight years. The California Polytechnic Memorial Fund provides Mrs. Porras with \$50 per month for each child but the fund will be exhausted in another 12 months if the Coliseum is not packed on Thanksgiving. Even now Mrs. Porras is finding it extremely difficult to make ends meet.

Then there is the plight of Al Maranai, a rugged tackle from San Francisco. Al was one of the lucky ones. He survived the crash but suffered permanently disabling leg injuries. It was once Al's ambition to perform in professional ranks. His ambition now is to write off \$28,000 in hospital and medical bills.

Two other players who were severely injured have accumulated expenses almost as great as Maranai's.

How many tickets did you say you want?

LASC 'Team,' 'Coached' By Dr. Losee, Playing Vital Mercy Bowl Role

By DON McCALEB
Special to CT

Though members of the student body and faculty at Los Angeles State College know relatively little of the tremendously vital role their institution has played, and is playing, in next week's Mercy Bowl Football Classic, it is one of tremendous vital importance to the event's success.

With full sanction of both the college administration and the ASLASC board of directors since last fall, LA State has become the base of operations for the Mercy Bowl and a number of campus leaders, led by Dr. Ferron C. Losee, the game's managing director, are taking primary responsibility for final plans.

But this is putting the cart before the horse as far as our story of LASC's part in the Mercy Bowl is concerned.

A YEAR AGO

It began a year ago, almost to the day, when Losee, State's outspoken director of athletics and chairman of the Division of Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Athletics first voiced his feeling that the California Collegiate Athletic Association and collegiate football in general should do "something" to aid survivors of the men who lost their lives, and those who were injured, in the airplane crash involving the Cal Poly (SLO) football varsity.

Losee, vice president of the CCAA, sold the league on the idea of sponsoring a benefit game, and immediately set about getting the wheels rolling, but saw them brought to a halt by the National Collegiate Athletic Association's refusal to grant permission for such an encounter.

Stopped temporarily by this action, he was instructed to seek NCAA approval again and, after no small battle, won it early this year with valuable assists from the nation's sports broadcasters, writers, and fans, who overwhelmingly favored "football's attempt to care for its own."

COMMITTEE FORMED

An executive committee was immediately formed, including key education, athletic, and civic leaders and Los Angeles State was designated the event's headquarters. Next Thursday's

encounter between Fresno State College and Bowling Green State University is the result.

Needless to say, much hard work and planning, many nights without sleep, and numerous weekends and holidays without leisure, have been spent, not only by Losee, but by the eight other LA State leaders serving with him on the "committee of 110" presently working on the Mercy Bowl.

Dr. Losee would not agree but his part in the event cannot possibly be over estimated. It has been a matter of dedicating every waking moment of 1961 to this one-time effort to provide funds for those involved in this accident and he has done just that.

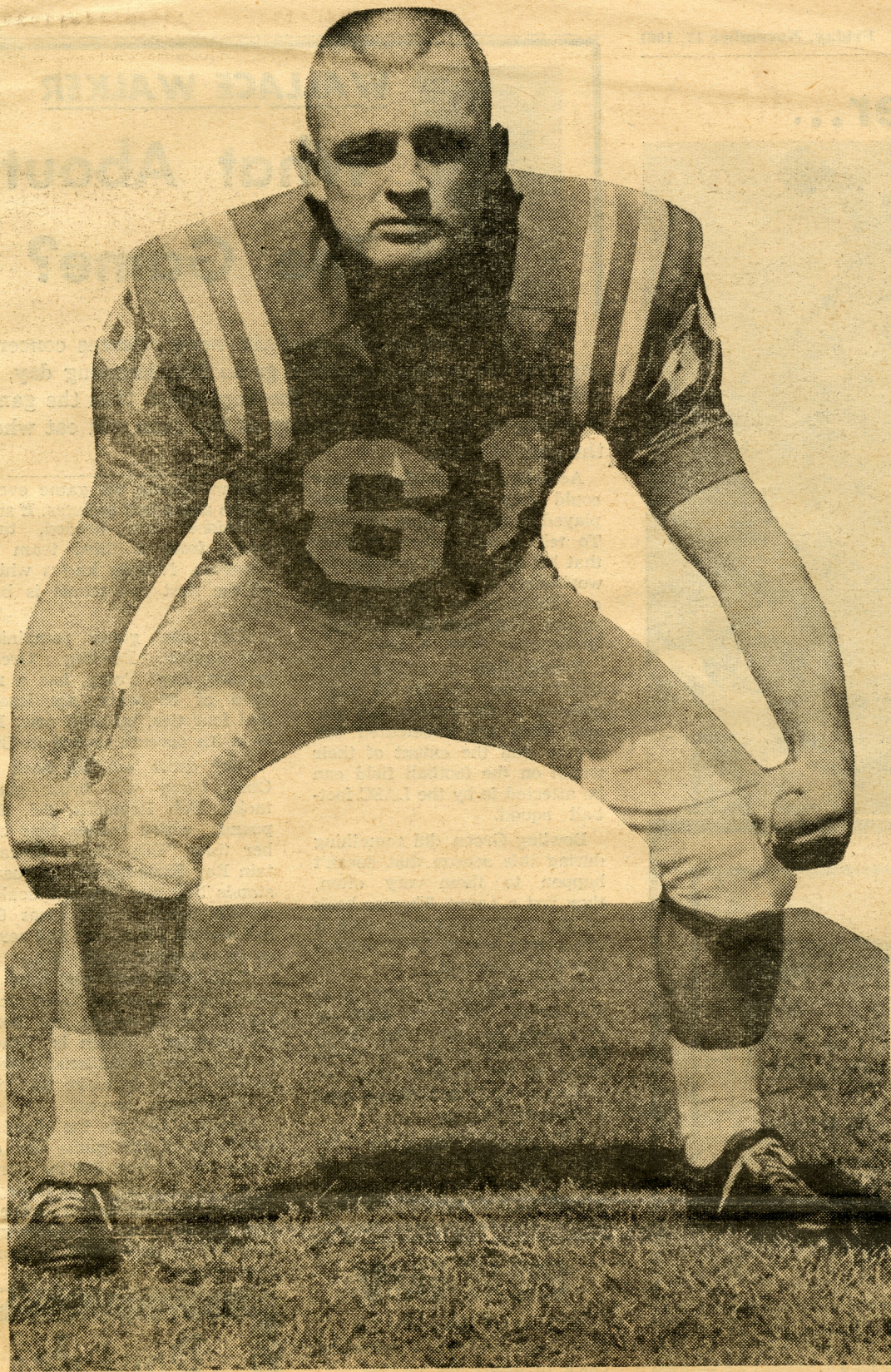
HARD WORKER

Another Diablo who has undoubtedly worked just as long and hard during recent weeks is Nathan Zeitlen of the Graduate Manager's Office staff, who is helping with the task of ticket management and handling of finances. His is the task of filling mail ticket orders and receiving of monies that arrive through the mail.

Other LA Staters playing vital roles include Cameron "Scotty" Deeds, associate director of athletics, chairman of game arrangements; Edmund Macias, LASC comptroller, finance committee member; Dr. John Salmond, assistant dean of instruction, finance committee member; Roy Easley, ASLASC president, co-chairman of game ceremonies committee; Don McCaleb, ASLASC director of public relations, chairman of souvenir program committee; William Birdwell, ASLASC graduate manager, ticket sales committee member; and Mrs. Shirley Ulrich, Losee's secretary.

Although they are not committee members, LA State President Howard McDonald, Vice President Albert Graves, Ron LeCour, chairman of the ASLASC Mercy Bowl committee, and many other Diablos have given valuable assistance.

To name them all would be impossible, and, likewise, to value their efforts on behalf of the Mercy Bowl. But to be certain, there are a number of children and young adults in California who will know and will credit Los Angeles State College for those efforts.



BILL MUSICK — GUARD — FRESNO STATE

God Bless Americans--Losee

By Dr. FERRON LOSEE
Mercy Bowl Game Director

The Mercy Bowl Football Classic is more than a football game and more than a benefit event for the survivors of the Cal Poly Football Team tragedy. It has developed into a demonstration of the true spirit of our wonderful society. The American people are deeply concerned when tragedy befalls our fellow Americans.

Much has been written concerning the accident itself, and detailed descriptions have been made of the serious need for financial help. It seems important to me that we publicize also the fact that all sports-minded people appear anxious to assist in this worthy cause.

Wonderful People

As director of this event, I have been privileged to witness countless generous and sincere contributions from so many wonderful people. Many have contributed hours, days, and weeks of time and service to the Mercy Bowl cause.

Others have contributed substantial financial help. The true attitude toward this event began when the Coliseum Commission donated this great facility rent free for the game.

The police, the ticket takers, the ticket sellers, the ushers, all

joined and are donating their services free. In addition to their services, they are actually purchasing tickets to the game.

Purchase Tickets

This is true also of the coaches and players who are purchasing tickets to perform. The game officials are making a similar contribution.

The working press, including the radio and television people, are all purchasing tickets to the press box. Tom Harmon used his television show to collect \$5,000.

Ed Crowley gave \$750 cash to get the project on its way and has been very generous with facilities for committee meetings and is working diligently toward the success of the game.

One of the most outstanding contributions made toward this football classic has come from Bill Schroeder who has practically turned over the entire Helms Athletic Foundation facilities to the success of this game. Bill Nicholas of the Coliseum has worked tirelessly in giving valuable assistance.

Great Support

The Thrifty Drug Stores have deviated from a fixed policy and have given great support in the matter of ticket sales. County Supervisor Dorn has been very generous with his time and the influence of his office.

Los Angeles State College certainly has made a tremendous contribution. President McDonald and Vice President Graves have been very generous in permitting members of the staff to devote much of their time and energy to the promotion of the game.

Roy Easley, our student body president, has made a tremendous contribution to this worthy cause.

Others who are so very generous with their time and efforts include Don McCaleb, Scotty Deeds, John Salmond, Ed Macias, Bill Birdwell, Nate Zeitlin and others. Ken Fagans, the commissioner of the California Collegiate Athletic Association, is giving the majority of his time to the game.

Many people have given large sums of money to purchase tickets in some instances, and in other cases as an out-and-out gift to the Mercy Bowl cause. There is a long list of such donations.

It makes one proud to be a member of a society that enthusiastically comes to the aid of those who are down.

God bless these Americans.

LARRY SMITH
— END —
BOWLING GREEN →



DON THORUP

Have You No Mercy?

If you are a person who just laughs and says, "So what," when the Mercy Bowl is mentioned, then don't read any further — stop right here! the Mercy Bowl is no laughing matter, and should not be taken lightly.

Unfortunately it is being passed off lightly by our student body.

A few men on this campus are working around the clock untirelessly to help the Mercy Bowl reach its goal — to them we, and a lot of other people, says thanks.

Sports writers and broadcasters, businessmen, and just plain good people are helping in every way they can — to them we also say thanks.

Football teams, high school, college, and professional, are buying tickets and sending in contributions. So are hundreds of wonderful people throughout the United States and other countries — to them we say thanks.

But students here at L.A. State don't seem to care; they don't seem to realize that it could have been their football team in the plane that foggy night in Ohio — or it could have been themselves.

To all you Diablos who don't

care and are not planning to attend the Mercy Bowl Thanksgiving Day, or won't buy a ticket even if you can't go — to you I ask, Does the American way of life mean anything?

To you I also say — enjoy the Holiday season the best you can, but remember those 17 unfortunates from Cal Poly who won't be here to enjoy the Holidays.

And may I also remind you of the story of "Scrouge." Need I say more?

There will be a lot of thanks given on Thanksgiving by the survivors, and relatives and friends of those who didn't. They will be thankful that someone cared enough to originate the Mercy Bowl and that thousands of people cared enough to support it.

Please join the list of those who care and BE THERE! And if for some reason you can't be in the coliseum next Thursday — Please make it possible for someone else to be.

The \$3 it costs you for a ticket will only be missed a short time by you, if at all. But those killed in that fiery crash will be missed forever. Please remember that and support something that really needs supporting.

You can be a CHAMP or CHUMP — it all depends on U!

I've bought a couple of tickets, have you?



A Further Reminder...



MERCY BOWL

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Snowball Idea Building Up Momentum

By ROY EASLEY

In considering the Mercy Bowl Football Classic, I feel that it is the responsibility of all football players to give their fullest support, therefore I have tried to institute my program so that every football player in the United States will buy one ticket.

I have sent out in excess of 800 letters to football captains of college teams throughout the United States asking them to join the Snowball Mercy Bowl Football Classic. To date, I have received approximately 20 replies from colleges and high schools throughout the United States. But the Snowball program seems to be picking up momentum day by day.

Some of the teams include: LASC, Notre Dame High School, Air Force Academy, University of Miami (2 contributions), Ventura College, Bakersfield College, Sacred Heart High School, Waterbury, Conn., St. Joseph's College, Pa., Idaho State College, College of Idaho, Iowa State Teachers University, Georgia Tech, plus individual donations too numerous to list here, as well as industrial firms and rotary group donations.

CRASH PROGRAM — Over two hundred billboards are now soliciting support for the Mercy Bowl classic, which is the result of a year long program to aid the survivors and families of those killed in the terrible plane crash, pictured in top photo. The billboards were donated as a community service.

TICKETS ON SALE HERE

L.A. State students may purchase their tickets to the Thanksgiving Day Mercy Bowl grid classic at the cashier's office, Ad. 122. The ducats are priced at \$3.

All Diablos are urged by AS President Roy Easley to go with their families to the great charity battle before sitting down to the traditional turkey dinner.

Tickets may also be obtained from President Easley, who has put all his spare hours into the ticket sales program to help insure its success.

While no local team is involved in the game, the scene is set for an outstanding battle between two small college grid giants for a giant of a cause.

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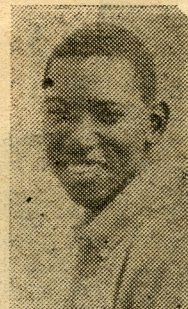
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WALLACE WALKER

What About The Game?

If one were to just read the news releases concerning the Mercy Bowl football game Thanksgiving day, it would be quite easy to get the impression that the game is going to be as big a turkey as the fans will eat when the game is over.

Actually, the football game could very easily be the best played in the Coliseum all year. To tell a prospective attender that his \$3 is going just for the worthiness of the event, is about as ridiculous as telling a man to look at Marilyn Monroe simply because she's a girl.

Fresno State is and has been listed among the top 10 small colleges in the country all season. They are undefeated this season and the extent of their wrath on the football field can be attested to by the LASC football squad.

Bowling Green did something during this season that doesn't happen to them very often, they lost a game. They're back on the right track now with a win over powerful Ohio University last weekend.

FSC's undefeated slate is in dire danger tomorrow night up in Fresno however. The Spartans from San Jose State could easily be the team to blot that perfect record the Bulldogs now so proudly display.

FSC head Bulldog, Cecil Coleman, has fine personnel to work with. In fact his squad is so good that his first 22 men are broken into two squads that al-

ternate during the game every seven and a half minutes. If substitutions are needed, they come from a third team of reserves. Nobody knows which of the first two teams is better.

With one game remaining this season, Bowling Green mentor, Doyt Perry, has a record of 52 wins, six losses and four ties, up until now. He is in his seventh season at BG.

They grow 'em big back in Ohio. Perry will bring giant tackle Bob Reynolds, 6-6, 240 pounds, which makes him bigger than "Big John". Co-captain Ray Kwiatkowski at guard stands 5-10 and tips the scales at 190, Larry Smith rises 6-1 and weighs 205 at end and serves as the other co-captain.

Much hard work and time is being spent by numerous people, a lot of whom are here on campus, which is headquarters for the nationally publicized game, to make this tilt a tremendous success.

Needless to say the charity overtones of the game are of prime importance. But the game that pits Fresno State College against Bowling Green University at 11 a.m. Thanksgiving Day will be well worth \$3 from any angle.

GREAT GAME

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have been working around the clock to insure its success.

Requests for tickets have been coming in from all over the United States and donations from persons in other countries as well as our own have been sent to L.A. State as the result of the space the press has given the great game.

Yes, a united effort by those who care is in motion and has been for weeks and months. But the time is running short and the goal hasn't been reached yet.

Therefore, as LASC is the center of the drive and our athletic director, Ferron Losee, is Mercy Bowl game Director, and inasmuch as the students of Diabloville have not come through monetarily as well as they could, the College Times runs this special Mercy Bowl insert in an effort to get every LASC student behind and give support to this great humanitarian effort.

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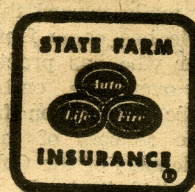
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