



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.

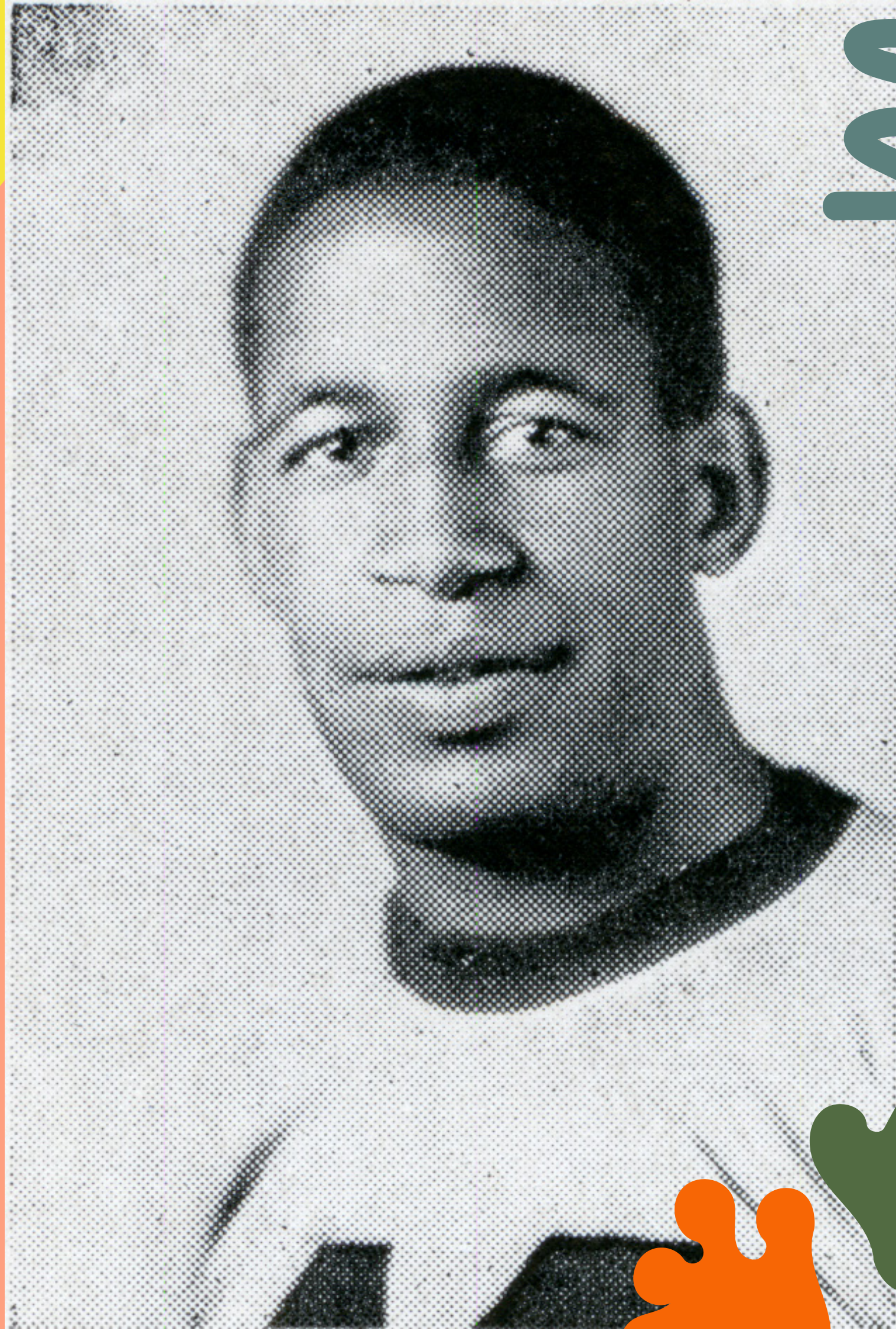
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Artist Statement

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.

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William Lewis attended San Jose State College from 1934-1939. He majored in Physical Education and was active in multiple sports, including as a fullback in sophomore football, and as a guard in freshman basketball. In December 1935, Lewis was one of 19 football players who were handpicked to travel via cruise ship to Hawaii to play against Kamahamoa. In 1938, Lewis and fellow Black students Don Presley and Lloyd Thomas performed the “Truckin” dance craze of the time as part of the Spartan Revue.

SPARTAN FROSH UNABLE TO HOLD DURING LAST HALF; LOSE BY 42 TO 6

HALF TIME SCORE SHOWS STATE BABES CLOSE TO PAPOOSES

By Dick Edmonds

The San Jose State freshmen eleven lost to a powerful Stanford frosh squad Saturday 42 to 6.

After battling on even terms with the Papooses in the first half of the game at Palo Alto, the Spartans faded badly in the later stages of the contest. At half time Stanford led only 7 to 6.

The Indians scored first on a plunge from the one yard line by Coffis, backfield luminary. Paulman, fullback converted by the placekick route. Coach Portal's men came back with their score in the first quarter shortly after "Bull" Lewis had placed the Spartans in a scoring position by intercepting a Stanford pass on the 30 yard line.

On the first play following the interception Lewis passed to Collins, San Jose end who played great football despite a painful head injury, who lateraled the ball to Slingluff. This play was good for 11 yards and gave the Spartans a first down on the Stanford 19 yard line. Sanchez, halfback failed to gain, but on the next play Lewis passed to Rianda for a touchdown, with the tall end making a beautiful catch of the pass. Lewis' attempted conversion was wide.

The second half found the San Jose boys tired but still fighting. Following a blocked kick, Paulman, hefty Cardinal fullback, went over from the one yard line. Late in the third quarter, Lewis punted from the goal line and Coffis, Stanford safety man, returned the ball from the 40 yard line into paying territory.

The fourth quarter was a rout for the hefty Indians. On the first play, Hamilton, reserve back, intercepted Fink's pass and ran 25 yards for another touchdown. Collins and Madlem, Stanford halves, scored the other two touchdowns on long runs.

The game ended with San Jose, led by Lewis, the talented negro, making a determined bid for another touchdown. In the last four plays of the game the San Jose eleven gained 49 yards.

The score of the game does not tell the actual story, as in the first half and even after the touchdown

parade had begun, Portal's team played good football. The San Jose passing attack, which completed eight of a possible 14 was always a threat to the Cardinals.

Several players on the squad deserve mention for their fine play against odds, but most of the praise must be given to "Bull" Lewis, the hard-hitting negro back who was an inspiration to his teammates. When Lewis left the game in the late stages of the third period, the large crowd on hand to witness the Stanford-Northwestern game, gave him a great ovation for his work.

The Spartan line consistently outplayed the Indian forwards in the first half. Westall, tackle, was the standout on defense as were Swartzell and Buffa on offensive play. Slingoff, the light Palo Alto speed merchant, played a fine game all afternoon in the backfield. Collins and Rianda at ends, broke through and spilled the ball carrier for losses several times in the game, but allowed the saetty man to gain yardage around them at times.

Coach Portal's men put up a good defense, but the odds against them were too great.

Spartan Daily

October 15, 1934

William Lewis is called an "inspiration to his team" in a freshman football game against Stanford.

FRESHMAN FOOTBALL



La Torre Yearbook

1935

William Lewis is pictured as a member of the freshman football team.



Bull Lewis packs the ball around right end for a seven yard gain as the Fresno Babes defeat San Jose 20 to 6.

La Torre Yearbook

1935

William Lewis pictured in action on the freshman football team in a game against Fresno.

FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

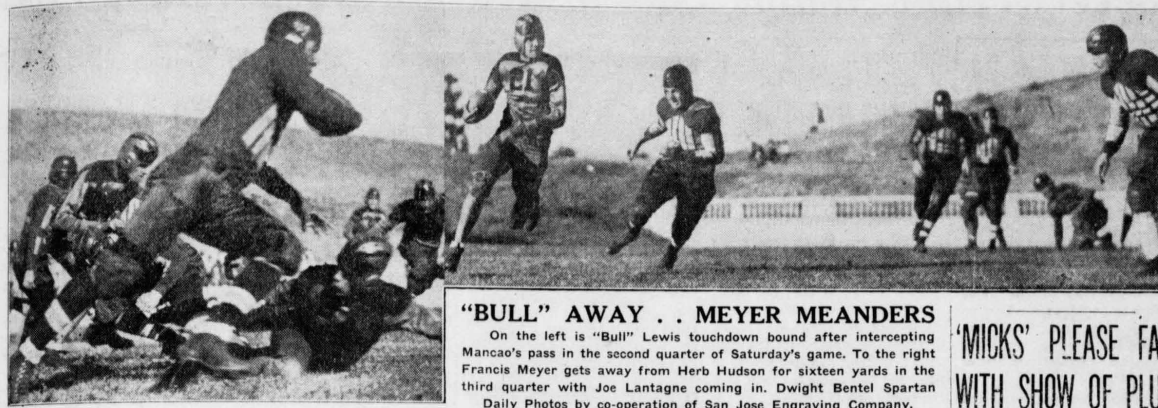


La Torre Yearbook

1935

William Lewis is pictured as a member of the freshman basketball team.

 * "Bull" Lewis Scores *
 * Twice For State *



'MICKS' PLEASE FANS
WITH SHOW OF PLUCK

By STEVE MURDOCK

A plucky bunch of boys from over Honolulu way who evidently never heard of the word "Uncle" and a slambasting sophomore full-back stole the show that they staged for a record breaking crowd of 8500 people out in Spartan Stadium Saturday afternoon when San Jose State's Spartans out-classed McKinley's "Micks" of Hawaii 19-0.

Heavily outweighed and apparently put to route when San Jose scored two touchdowns in almost as many minutes early in the second quarter, the game little men from across the Pacific fought back so doggedly and so determinedly throughout the contest that they not only kept the score down but put on an offensive demonstration which netted them four first downs and a total of 119 yards gained from scrimmage and passes.

"BULL" LEWIS SHINES

However, it was a big negro fullback by the name of William "Bull" Lewis, playing his first varsity game for San Jose, who won

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DEGROOTMEN FAIL TO IMPRESS WITH PASSES AGAINST OPPONENTS

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the day's star billing by scoring two of the Spartan's three touchdowns and twice racing intercepted "Mick" James downfield in thrill for runs.

San Jose scored twice in the second quarter and once in the fourth, and dominated the offensive play whenever they could get the ball away from the battling Hawaiana, who hung on to it like grim death, even when deep in their own territory.

Much of this San Jose drive, which piled up nine first downs and 178 yards from scrimmage and passes, was nullified by a severe attack of the dread "fumbleitis" which saw the Spartans fumble the pellet nine times, several of these being deep in "Mick" territory and one by Luke Argilla on the twelve yard line just before the final gun thwarting another possible score.

Both teams played the wide-open football that was advertised with the "Micks" doing better on the fancy stuff and neither squad faring very well via the air.

The Spartans tried hard enough to put on an air circus, throwing a total of fifteen passes, but only four of these tosses were completed for a total advance of but 48 yards.

WATSON SCORES FIRST
After a scoreless first quarter which saw San Jose confine its offensive power to its own ball field, the Spartans turned two "Mick" second quarter miscues into touchdowns so fast that the crowd stood back for a massacre that

Shortly after the opening of the second canto, Hines' punt was grounded on the "Mick" twenty-two. Dodging tradition the Hawaiian threw a pass from a "spread eagle" formation which was in complete.

Undaunted, they tried another one, but this time Hoses's pass from center was bad, and Don Baldwin recovered for Sparta on the nine yard line.

Souza fumbled and recovered for a two yard loss. Johnny Hines smacked center for three

At this point DeGroot sent "Bull" Lewis to the line.

Taking the ball on the twenty after Argilla's sixty yard kick-off, the Mustangs

From the area back of center
rose "Bull" Lewis to snare the



HUN SING YOUNG

thirty yards he rambled, literally running over the tiry Mameas at the goal line to noore upright.

ARGILLA FINALLY CONVERTS

Argilla's first try was no good but the "Micks" were offside, and the second attempt split the u rights.

Once more before the half did t Spartans invade "Mick" territory to become stranded on the twelve as three passes failed to connect, and the teams left the field at half time with the score 15-0.

With the ball on the 35, Chuck Peach lateraled to Gil Bishop who rambed 38 yards downfield to the "Mick" 16 yard line. However, a lateral, Bishop Boschetti, lost eleven, and Meyer intercepted Bishop's pass intended

It was at this point that the "Micks" began to assume command of the situation. With Meyer originally at end, playing in the backfield in place of the injured Mancao, things began to happen.

Meyer intercepted one of Bishop's passes and was dropped on his own 30. Akee, a fighting fullback who played magnificently until forced to leave the game with an injured arm late in the fourth quarter, made a yard at center

Nunogawa then threw to Sab for seven yards, and the "Mick" were apparently on their way.

Ake's pass was incomplete. Meyer made but a yard, and the with fourth down nonchalant. Ake threw to Sabas for thirteen yards for a first down on the 8. Jose twenty-three as the quarter ended.

At this point DeGroot sent h

"BULL" TO THE RESCUE
Two plays left four yards, and

then mighty "Bun" Rose up to snare Akee's toes and gallop seventy-five yards down the west sideline to the four yard stripe where plucky little Toashio Enomoto threw him out of bounds.

McKintley	T.C.	Y.G.	Y.L.
Sasaki	5	—	13
Mankao	5	4	10
Akee	11	26	0

Meyer	8	54.5	2
Sabas	1	0	3
Nonogawa	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0
Young	1	0	5
S.J.S.			
Carpenter	2	6	0
Watson	5	17	3

Stockdale	4	12	13
Hines	7	28½	0
Souza	1	0	2
Lewis	4	26	0
Argilla	1	9	0
Bishop	2	38	0
Boschetti	1	0	11

Young	R.E.L.	Barocchi (A)	Brum	Gl	Langla
Mitsuka	R.T.L.		Ma		
Espinda			Jack		
Nabori	R.G.L.		Abern		
Enomoto			Azev		
Izuma	C.		Rap		
Hosea			Rtd		
Kaneshiro	L.G.R.		Swart		
			Voort		
			Langh		
			Duf		
			Can		
			Hug		

Sterling	L.T.R.	Hardie
Hiram		W.
Meyer	L.E.R.	Bald
Sabas		Col
		Wattenbur
Wai	Q.	Carpe
Kekahun		San
		St
Mankas	L.H.R.	War
Meyer		A

Sasaki	R.H.L.	Stock
Nunegawa		Se
Akee	F.	Bosch
Wong Ham		La
		Bis

Stockdale lateraled out to the big bay, who showed no trace

rambled to within four yards pay dirt. Carpenter made three Stockdale lost two on a fumble which Carpenter recovered, as so they had to give it to "But again who responded by amazing it across. His placekick was not a comic mistake, and that

A thirty yard ramble by Me around his own right end and San Jose threat which ended with Argilla's fumble were the only maining features of a contest that lacked only the tension of rivalry to touch off its color.

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Spartan Daily

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William Lewis “scores twice for State” in a game against Hawaii.

SPARTANS

"BULL" LEWIS

STARS AGAIN

IN 0-0 TIE



SPARTAN FROSH FAIL TO IMPRESS, SUFFER 13-0

THAT MAN LEWIS PREAMBULATING PURA

Two remarkable flashlight shots of Friday night's scoreless tie with the College of Pacific in Stockton. On the left, "Bull" Lewis, once again the hero of Sparta's attack, is shown smashing downfield after intercepting Pryor's pass late in the first quarter. To the right, "Franny" Pura, San Jose safety, races a Pacific punt back 24 yards to the Tiger 36 yard line in the first quarter to initiate the Spartan's most potent threat of the evening.
—Photos by Dwight Bentel—Engraving, Lomar Engraving Co.

LEWIS, PURA, EXHIBIT SENSATIONAL PLAY TO

Spartan Daily

October 21, 1935

William Lewis is "once again the hero of Sparta's attack" in a game against College of Pacific.

LEWIS, PURA, EXHIBIT SENSATIONAL PLAY TO LEAD SPARTAN ATTACK

By STEVE MURDOCK

BAXTER STADIUM, STOCKTON, Oct. 18—There's a jinx that rides with San Jose State football teams, and his name is Tie.

He is no respecter of first downs, yardage, or man-power, and tonight he added the tenth deadlock in five seasons to Spartan grid records.

With big "Bull" Lewis leading the attack for the second successive Saturday, Coach DeGroot's charges threatened the Tiger goal on three occasions only to be thwarted by a hard-tackling bunch of ball-hawks who refused to be beaten for a fourth time by San Jose's invading host, which holds two victories over the present



Lewis

—M. H. Photo Tiger coach, veteran Amos Alonzo Stagg.

★ COACH DeGROOT SAYS: ★

★ —"Tough breaks at crucial ★

★ moments cost us the game." ★

★ *****

For four scoreless quarters the teams battled savagely under the arc lights with a lone spurt to the San Jose 35 yard line early in the third period marking Pacific's only approach to pay dirt.

SAN JOSE NOT 'READY'

San Jose was obviously not "ready" as an offensive unit all

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Laughlin Stars For State Team

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though the Spartan's defensive game was in keeping with the best DeGroot tradition for alert guardianship of the home balliwick.

Of the Spartan backs, only the ruthless, smashing Lewis and diminutive "Franny" Pura at safety were able to make noticeable dents in the credit side of the ledger.

Lewis thrashed out 77 of the 105 yards which the Spartans made from scrimmage for an individual average of almost six yards to the play, and Pura nullified the punting advantage of ten yards that Coe and Pryor had over Watson of the Spartans by averaging eleven yards on his driving returns.

It was Pura's best return, a sparkling dash of 24 yards, that instigated San Jose's first threat in the first period.

Pryor punted to the hard-running Spartan safety on his own 40, and he sprinted it back to the Pacific 36.

Lewis smashed out eight, Watson failed to gain, and then the "Bull" made it a first down on the 25.

Pura made three, and then it was Lewis again for another eight yards and another first down on the 14.

He took it again for five more, and it looked like only a matter of seconds.

But Watson failed to gain and the "Bull" and Pura could pick up but three between them on the next two plays, and it was Pacific's ball on their own six yard line.

SECOND SPARTAN THREAT

The second quarter was half gone before the Spartans once again knocked at the gate, and here, as before, it was Lewis who showed the way.

Pura returned Pryor's punt seven yards to his own 44.

Lewis broke away for 24 yards, literally browbeating his way through Pacific's tacklers to the Tiger 32 yard marker. Watson made four, and then was thrown for an eleven yard loss on the 39.

Then came a beautiful pass as Les Carpenter evolved out of a fake flanker to throw to Charlie Baracchi on the twenty who raced five yards down the sideline before being tackled so hard that he fumbled and Pacific recovered to make it all in vain.

Heartened by the scoreless count,

the men of Staggy came back in the third quarter to make their lone offensive flash.

Pryor returned Watson's punt to his own 48, and then Coe reeled off 17 yards on a lateral from Pryor to the Spartan 33, from which point the Tigers lost ground in large and speedy amounts with Martinovich trying a futile field goal from somewhere near mid-field on fourth down.

San Jose's final scoring chance came shortly before the game's end and was as short lived as it was quick in developing.

Les Carpenter punted to Jimmy Thompson who was hit so hard on the return that he fumbled and Earl Glover, Spartan end, recovered on the Tiger nineteen yard line amid frenzied cheering from a large San Jose delegation on the east side of the stadium.

Lewis attempted to pass on first down, and alert Tiger fullback Bob Blanchard grabbed the pellet sharply unto himself, and there was no more ball game as far as San

INDIVIDUAL BACKS

S. J. S.	T.C.	Y.G.	Y.L.	Av.
Lewis	13	77½	6	5.5
Carpenter	2	3	0	1.5
Watson	7	12½	0	2.4
Pura	5	12	0	2.4
	17	105	6	2.9

PACIFIC

T.C.	Y.C.	Y.L.	Av.	
Blanchard	6	16	0	2.6
Cortez	2	7	0	3.5
Pryor	14	26	28½	.02
Thompson	3	5	0	1.6
	25	54	28½	1.93

STATE UPSETS NEVADA 20-6

A Pass To Pura . . . Spartans Drive Goalward



VITAL TO SAN JOSE'S startling 20-6 upset of Nevada was the remarkable play of "Franny" Pura, hard-running left half and sensational safety man. This shot shows him turning back to scoop up a lateral thrown by "Bull" Lewis (the gentleman with the number six on his back reclining in the background) before continuing on to the Nevada 30 yard marker as the Spartans drove downfield toward their first touchdown midway in the second quarter of Saturday's game. The play gained a total of 19 yards and was the major factor in the initial scoring march.

—Dwight Bentel—Spartan Daily Photo—Cooperation San Jose Engraving Company.

Spartan Daily

November 18, 1935

William Lewis plays a pivotal roll in a football victory against Nevada.

Offense Arrives As Spartans Win Sweetest Victory

By STEVE MURDOCK

San Jose State's football offense, heretofore a slumbering potentiality, came brilliantly to life Saturday afternoon in Spartan Stadium, as Coach Dud DeGroot's Spartans thrilled a Homecoming crowd, of 3,000 people with a smashing 20-6 upset victory over the University of Nevada.

Driving over two rapid touchdowns in a thrill-packed second quarter to overcome a 6-0 lead obtained by the invading Wolfpack early in the first period, the rejuvenated locals went on to tally Burt Watson again brilliantly in the fourth stanza and so bring home, in a very gratifying fashion, the crown of victory so long denied them during this barren season.

LEWIS SCORES TWICE

It was two magnificently executed drives of fifty-eight and sixty yards jammed into a space of twenty plays that saw big Bill "Bull" Lewis twice smash the Nevada line on short bucks for touchdowns that lifted the Spart-

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Lewis And Argilla Score For Spartans In Comeback Triumph

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ans out of the offensive doldrums and set them driving on to their first triumph in five straight starts and their second win of the year.

Nevada drew first blood with almost ridiculous ease on the ninth play of the game when Billy Grubbs, a remarkably hard-running halfback from San Bernardino, broke away around his own left end on a double reverse to leg it neatly 26 yards to the vital area after setting the stage with a nice 16 yard gallop from the 39 three plays earlier.

Saunders blocked Cashill's attempted conversion, and it looked for a moment as if the Wolfpack might be instigating San Joe's sixth defeat.

Indeed, the rest of the first and a third of the second period had ticked off before the Spartans suddenly crystallized into action and realized their offensive potentialities in a concerted manner

for the first time this year.

DRIVE TO SCORE

Ohrt kicked out of bounds on San Jose's 42, and Watson opened things up with a 9 yard ramble around his own left end.

Lewis smashed off six and then lateraled to Pura who continued to the 30 to make it a total gain of 19 precious yards.

Watson slashed through viciously for 12 yards and a first down on the 17.

Pura made two, and then once again broke loose to pile up 14 yards to the one yard stripe from where Lewis catapulted over for San Jose's fifth score of the year.

Argilla's kick was wide and the score stood knotted at six-all.

Ten plays later the Spartans

had another one on the board.

Following the kick-off, Ohrt punted to Pura on his own 40, and the diminutive San Jose safety man brought it back brilliantly to the 25 in a sparkling 35 yard gallop that saw him almost break away.

SCORE AGAIN QUICK

Argilla made three and Lewis took it twice for a first down on the 15.

Pura reeled off seven and a defensive holding penalty against Nevada put it on the three from where Lewis once again did the honors effectively.

This time Argilla's kick was good, and the half ended with the count 13-6.

The final score came with starting suddenness midway in the fourth period, and put the ball game quite safely in the bag.

Ohrt punted out of bounds on San Jose's 49, and, on the first play, Carpenter called one that caught the Wolfpack flat footed and effectively sealed the bargain.

Taking the ball from center, Carpenter lateraled wide to Pura who took his time and threw neatly for 30 yards to Luke Argilla who made a circus catch on the 21 and rambled the remaining distance unhindered and untouched as the bewildered Wolfpack watched the ball game go "poof" as far as they were concerned.

San Jose's "pony" halfback team of Pura and Watson were the sparkplugs of the victorious offense. Each of them piled up a total of 40 yards gained from running plays, and Pura's sensational work at safety which saw him average 15.6 yards for the six punts he handled proved to be a very decisive factor in the victory.

STARTING LINE-UPS

Benson.....L.E.R.. Laughlin (C)
Showalter.....L.T.R..... Daily
Cashill.....L.G.R..... Redman
Smith.....C..... Voorhees
Dellano.....R.G.L..... Cannell
McKinnon.....R.T.L..... Wilson
Cleary.....R.E.L..... Lantagne
Ohrt.....Q..... Sanders
Grubbs.....L.H.R..... Peach
Rodriguez.....R.H.L..... Pura
Tharp.....F..... Hines
Officials—Lenz, Johnson, Medlin, Allison.

Scoring—S.J.: Lewis, 12; Argilla, 8. Nev.: Grubbs, 6.

SUBSTITUTIONS—S.J.: Bruning, Glover, Hardiman, DuBose, Azevedo, Swartzell, Buffa, Hudson, Rapose, Jackson, Baldwin, Wattenberger, Wing, Carpenter, Souza, Watson, Argilla, Lewis, Bishop.

Nev.: Guild, Byington, Sawyer, Hadlen, Nash, Shock, Basta, Metten, Cromwell, Powell, Sauer, Caldwell.

INDIVIDUAL BACKS					
Hines	9	20	3	0	2.2
Pura	7	40	1	0	5.7
Peach	5	20	0	0	4.0
Sanders	1	0	0	5	5
Lewis	9	20	0	9	1.2
Watson	6	40	1	0	6.6
Argilla	7	24	1	0	3.4
Souza	3	16	0	0	5.3
Bishop	2	3	0	0	1.5

	51	183	6	14	2.7
NEVADA	T.C.	Y.G.	F.G.	Y.L.	Av.
Rodriguez	11	18	2	0	1.6
Ohrt	8	27	1	5	2.7
Tharp	1	0	0	2	2
Grubbs	13	70	0	15	4.2
Sauer	2	4	0	0	2
Cromwell	1	0	0	2	2
Metten	3	5	0	10	1.6

	39	124	3	34	1.1
S. J. S.	T.C.	Y.G.	F.G.	Y.L.	Av.

'Twas A Famous Victory . . .

By WALT PETERSON

	S. J. S.	NEV.
Total yardage from scrimmage	184	124
Yardage lost from scrimmage	14	34
Forward passes attempted	2	6
Forward passes completed	1	3
Forward passes incomplete	0	3
Forward passes intercepted	1	2
Total yardage gained from forward passes	51	40
Total yardage gained from passes and scrimmage	235	164
First downs from scrimmage	12	6
First downs from forward passes	1	1
First downs from penalties	2	1
Total first downs from passes and scrimmage	15	8
Number of kick-offs	3	3
Average length of kickoff	15.6	45.3
Average length of kick-off returns	25	10
Number of punts	9	11
Average length of punts	31.5	37.2
Yardage of punt returns	94	22
Average length of punt returns	15.6	3.6
Touchdowns scored	3	1
Try for point after touchdown	3	1
Try for point after touchdown made	2	0
Number of penalties against	3	2
Yardage lost of penalties	65	65
Fumbles	6	3
Own fumbles recovered	4	3
Ball lost on fumbles	2	0

CO-EDS, MEN, BREAK EVEN IN POPULARITY

Selecting seven men and seven women well known in student body activities as the winners of the Community Chest popularity contest, a record vote was cast by the student body in the two-day election last week, George Downing, chairman of the chest committee reports.

WINNERS

The winners, in alphabetical order, follow: Howie Burns, yell leader; Horace Laughlin, football captain; Bill Lewis, sensational sophomore football star; Bill Moore, president of the Associated Students; Dee Shehtanian, former Spartan gridiron star; Burt Watson, Spartan halfback and campus crooner; Rinaldo Wren, senior class president.

Kay Epps, La Torre editor; Dolores Freitas, Spartan Daily editor; Joyce Grimsley, chairman of the Rally committee and senior class secretary; Mickey Gallagher, women's sports editor of the 1935 La Torre and present Health Cottage representative; Kay McCarthy, secretary of the Associated Students; Elizabeth Simpson, president of Phi Kappa Pi and of Black Masque; Mary Youngren, president of the Associated Women Students.

FOR BUDGET

These candidates for the title of the most popular man and woman on the campus will garner votes, at one penny each, all this week, in an effort to raise or surpass the \$360 goal which the Community Chest budget has assigned to San Jose State.

Tuesday the drive for pennies which will serve the double purpose of allowing the donator one vote each, and proving him to be a "good neighbor," will start.

It will be necessary for every student to contribute at least fifteen cents, if the goal set for the student drive is to be reached.

The Spartan Daily will publish a daily barometer of the advances made during the school campaign.

The 1935 Mobilization for Human Needs is a nation-wide movement headed by the President for the purpose of raising funds for all of the worthy charity organizations in the country.

Spartan Daily

November 18, 1935

William Lewis, "sensational sophomore football star," is named among the winners of the Community Chest popularity contest.

SPARTANS DISPLAY GREAT OFFENSE IN DUMPING SAN DIEGO STATE 24-9

By STEVE MURDOCK

San Jose State salvaged its current football season in a brilliant fashion before 5000 people on Thanksgiving Day by outscoring a favored San Diego State eleven 24-9 in a flashing contest that saw the locals chalk up their third straight triumph after a mediocre half season and definitely establish themselves as the finest offensive football machine to be developed by Coach Dud DeGroot in the four years he has been at San Jose State.

Coming from behind with a rush to score twice in the second quarter after a first period field goal by big Al Churchman had sent San Diego off in the lead, the Spartans moved on to tally again in the third stanza and then added three final points seconds before the closing gun when Luke Argilla booted a field goal that carried 45 yards in the air.

ARGILLA, LEWIS SCORE

Argilla, a substitute right half-back, had a field day, scoring one touchdown and kicking three try-for-points in addition to the long place-kick for a total of 12 points to divide scoring honors with big "Bull" Lewis who pounded over his sixth and seventh touchdowns of the year to remain at the head of the team's individual point parade.

San Diego scored three minutes after the game started when a 24 yard run by "Tiger" Lee and a pass, Lovine to Smyth, was good for 25 more and put the Aztecs on San Jose's 13, from which spot Churchman booted a field goal three plays later.

LEWIS SCORES FIRST

With the opening of the second quarter San Jose's attack roared into action as the Spartans hit their stride and swept 75 yards in four plays to their first score and then lashed back five plays later to gather another seven points and charge into a 14-3 lead within a space of seven minutes.

With the ball on his own 26



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yard line, Jimmy Stockdale cut back over his own right tackle to twist 50 yards through a broken field on his finest run of the year to carry the mail to the San Diego 24.

Jimmy then threw to Watson who fumbled on the five with Baldwin recovering on the one.

"Bull" Lewis smashed it over from there in two tries as Argilla came in and started his scoring by making the try-for-point good.

ARGILLA GETS ONE

Argilla kicked off to Blethen who fumbled on his own 39 with Lewis recovering, and the Spartans were on their way again.

This same Argilla sparked it, cracking through for 18 to the 21 and then reeling off nine more to the 12.

They varied with Stockdale, and he got to the four over the right side, but it was Argilla to the left again that brought the second tally, and it was Argilla who booted it through once more to place the count at 14-3 which was the half-time figure.

Early in the third period Johnny Hines broke out savagely for his finest contribution of the season, a 38 yard gallop to San Diego's 49, but the quarter was drawing to a close before the Spartan's efforts paid dividends in the form of a score.

LEWIS AGAIN

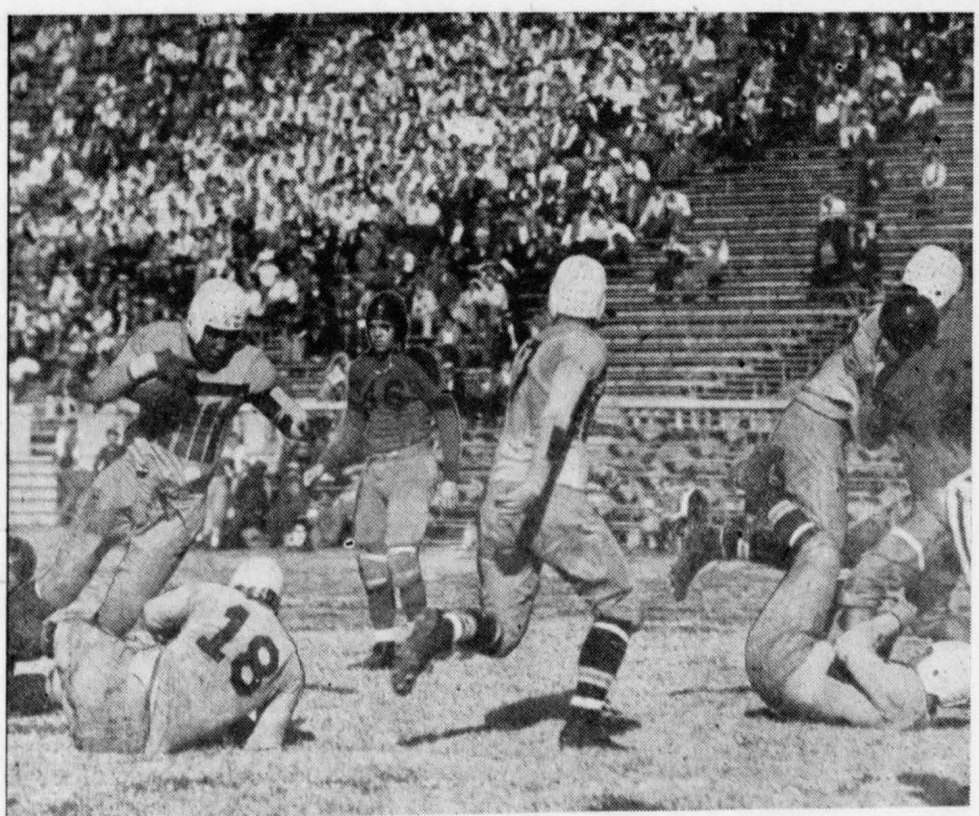
They drove down 55 yards this time with a lateral, Stockdale to Lewis, a sixteen yard pass, Lewis

to Lantagne, and the swash-buckling force of Burt Watson sweeping them to a first down on the three from where Lewis forced his way cleanly into the end zone.

Argilla kept his record intact and the count stood 21-3 as the final quarter swung up on the clock.

LAST MINUTE GOAL

On the second play of the last canto, however, San Diego's passing attack which saw them heave 23 passes during the contest, connected for a touchdown as Metzger threw 26 yards over the goal line to Frame after Higashi and Mo-Michaels had set the stage with a quick raid into Spartan territory executed during the closing mo-



"BULL" LEWIS, high scoring sophomore fullback, is shown marking up his seventh touchdown of the season against San Diego State last Thursday. This play occurred in the third quarter when Lewis culminated a 55 yard march by driving three yards through a scattered Aztec defense to cross the line standing up. Number 18 is Harry Hardiman, Spartan right tackle. Number 7 is Don Baldwin, right end, who is crossing over to help his team-mates clear the path.

—ALLAN JACKSON SPARTAN DAILY PHOTO—Lomax Engraving Service.

Spartan Daily

December 3, 1935

William Lewis scores two touchdowns in a game against San Diego State.

in the squad for scholastic reasons.
Captain Horace Laughlin, held
out of the San Diego game be-
cause of an attack of flu was
pronounced fit for sailing and
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traffic is at night, but this
amount causes 75 per cent of
the day's accidents. Also, as
night falls, the fatality of
accidents rises.



NINE OF SAN JOSE'S Honolulu bound football stars as they were snapped on the sun deck of the President Hoover just before that vessel sailed from San Francisco last Friday. Standing (left to right) "Bull" Lewis, Bruce Daily, Lloyd Jackson, Don Baldwin, Joe Lantagne, and Luke Argilla. Kneeling: Charlie Baracchi, George Cannell, and Francis Pura.
—Photo Courtesy San Jose Mercury Herald.

Spartan Daily

December 3, 1935

William Lewis travels to Honolulu with the football team.

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.

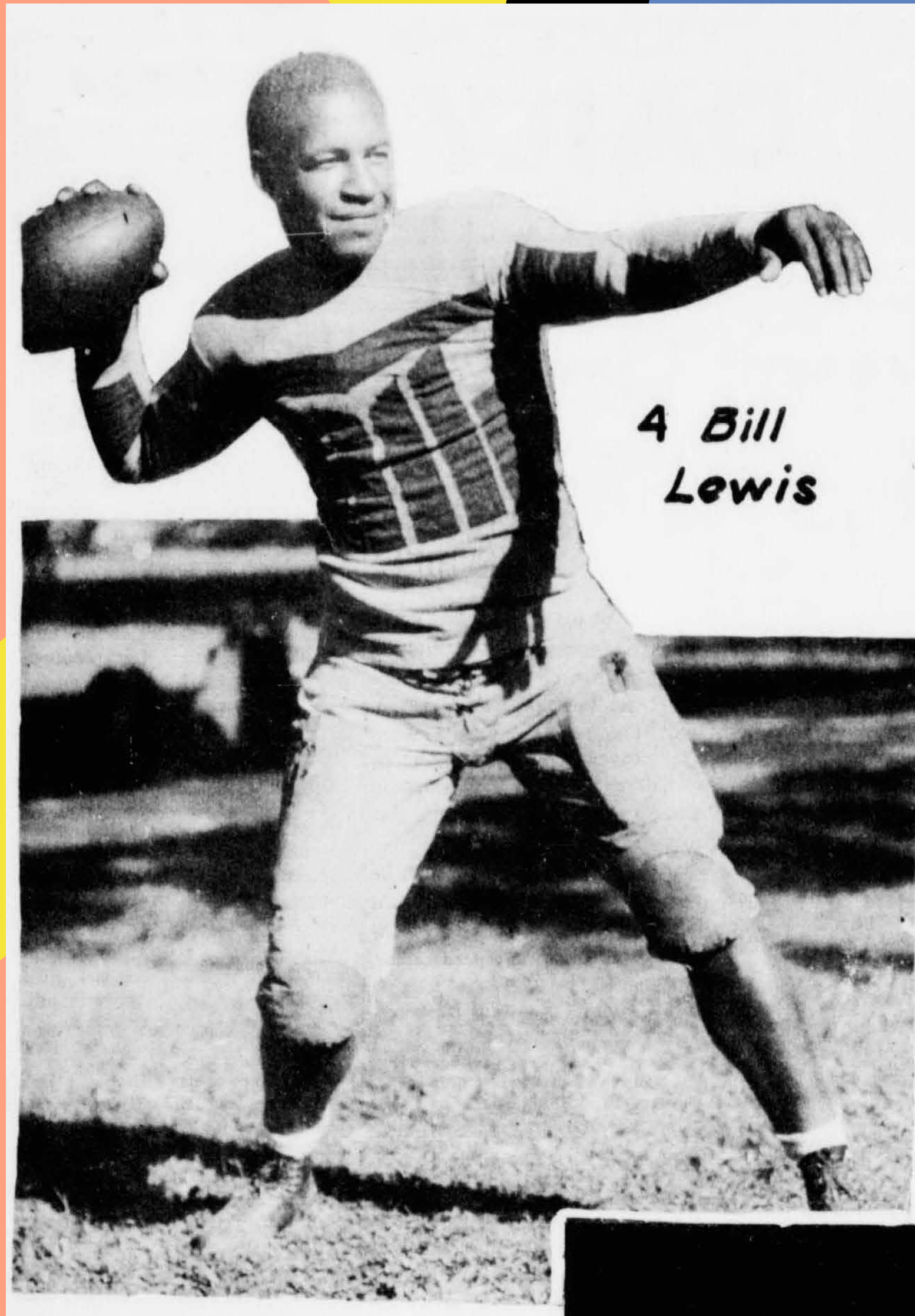
Backing Thomas and giving Hubbard his only veteran material will be "Swede" Smersfelt, Gus Kotta, Charlie Bendeich, Bob Tichenal, Bob Berry, and Joe Heatwole. This septet, supported by ex-frosh players and newcomers will carry San Jose into the title race which opens January 4.

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.

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December 8, 1935

William Lewis joins the basketball team led by incoming captain, Lloyd Thomas.

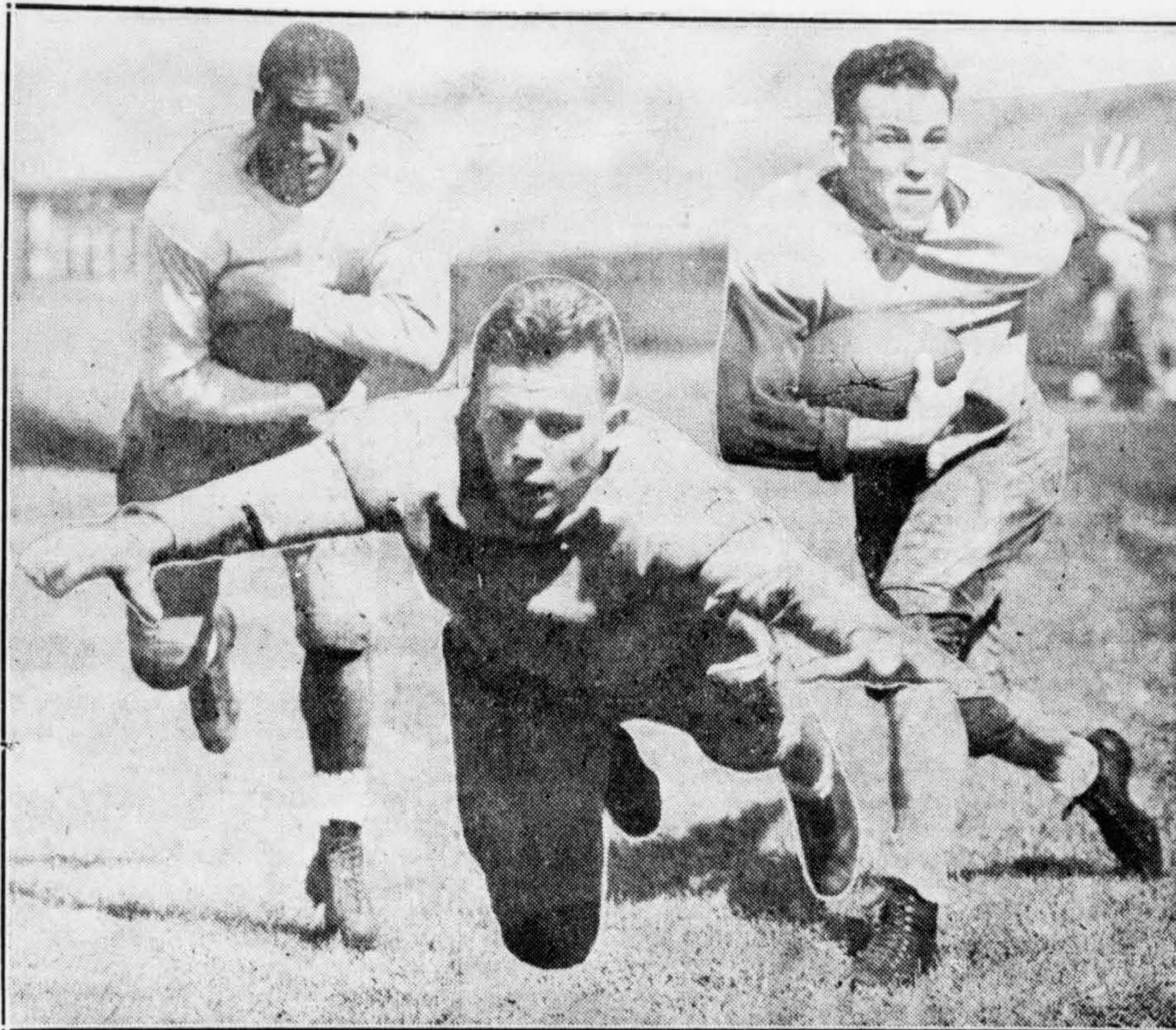


Spartan Daily

June 18, 1936

William Lewis is listed 4th among the "All-Spartan Mythical Sports Eleven."

Ready For Don Invasion Tomorrow Afternoon

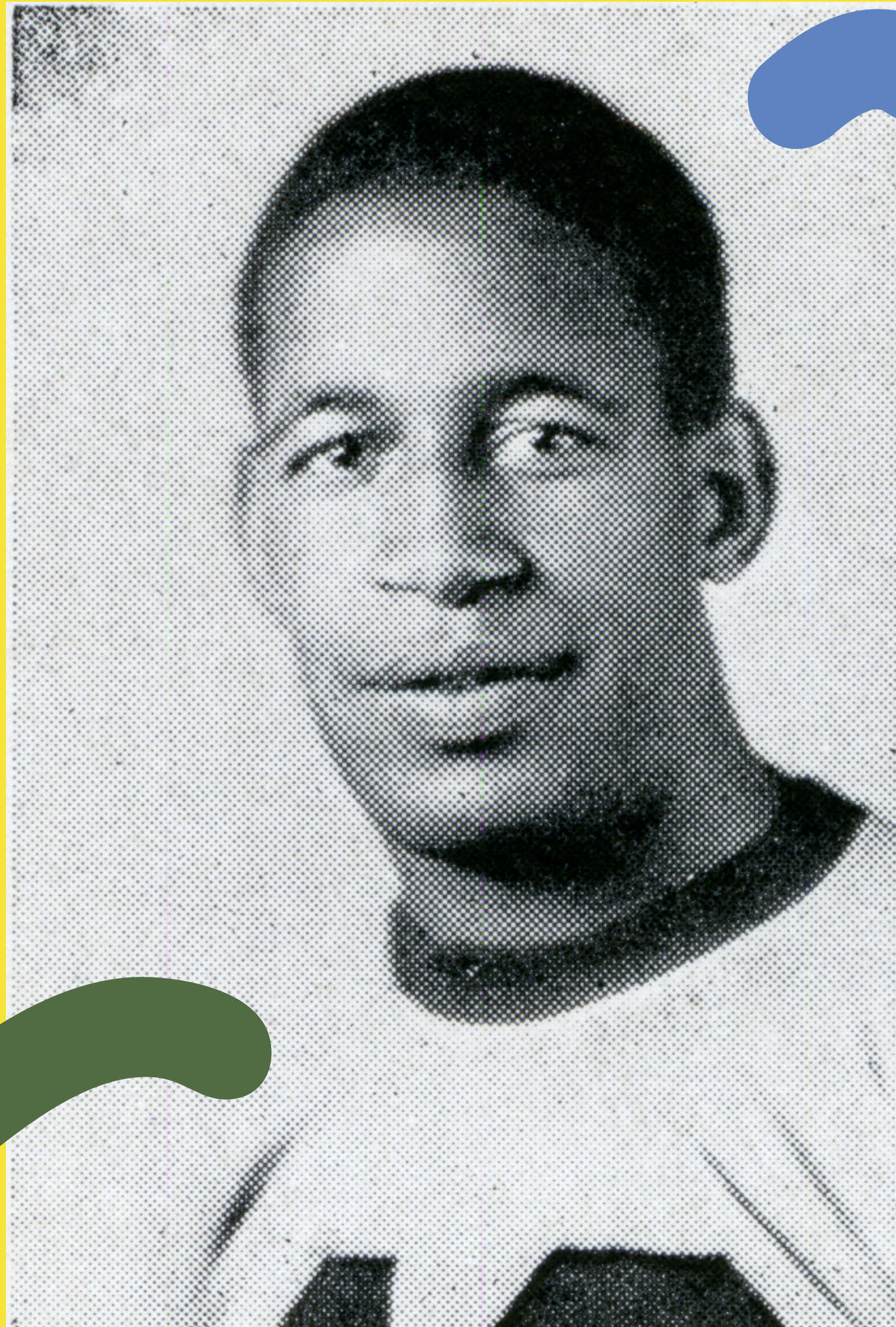


"Bull" Lewis, fullback, Bruce Daily, tackle, and Jack Hilton, halfback, appear in a determined mood which bears trouble for the U.S.F. eleven.

Spartan Daily

October 2, 1936

William Lewis is pictured in action with his teammates showcasing the team's readiness to play the University of San Francisco Dons.



La Torre Yearbook

1937

William Lewis is pictured in the 1937 La Torre Yearbook as a member of the football team.

As They Saw It . . .

Returning Members Of Hawaiian Football Party Give Their Impressions Of The 'Pacific Paradise'

By WALT HECOX

Big Don Presley, lackadaisical, and with an easy going grin, ambling down the gangplank with a comparatively frail orange lei draped ridiculously across his shoulders, stood out as a happily humorous highlight of the jubilant group of San Jose State college football players who returned from Hawaii Wednesday.

Statements from returning grid-ders, managers, and coaches give some idea of the mixed emotions they felt as they arrived in San Francisco.

COACH DUD DEGROOT, after exchanging greetings with those who were waiting for him on the dock, answered questions about possibilities of his returning to the University of Hawaii as head coach with a blunt, "That was just a lot of newspaper baloney, started by Island papers and carried on over here. I have heard nothing about it . . . We had a fine trip, and will definitely return next year."

BULL LEWIS, senior fullback, was exuberant, "Those islands are absolutely the finest place in the

world. This is three trips for me, and I think I'll make another that will be permanent."

GEORGE DOLPHIN, senior manager in '36, who has spent a year in the Islands, felt differently. "My stay in the Islands was a wonderful experience," he said, "but my return to good old California is even more wonderful. I'll take the Golden Gate over Diamond Head any day."

HERM ZETTERQUIST, soph righthalf, replied to questions with, "Fine trip. Never felt better in my life." But he grinned sheepishly when BOB BRONZAN, soph tackle countered with "Nuts. He was sick all the way over and all the way back."

JOE CUSTER, Mercury Herald Sports Editor, said, "The Islands are all they are cracked up to be . . . And don't take that DeGroot 'rumor' too lightly."

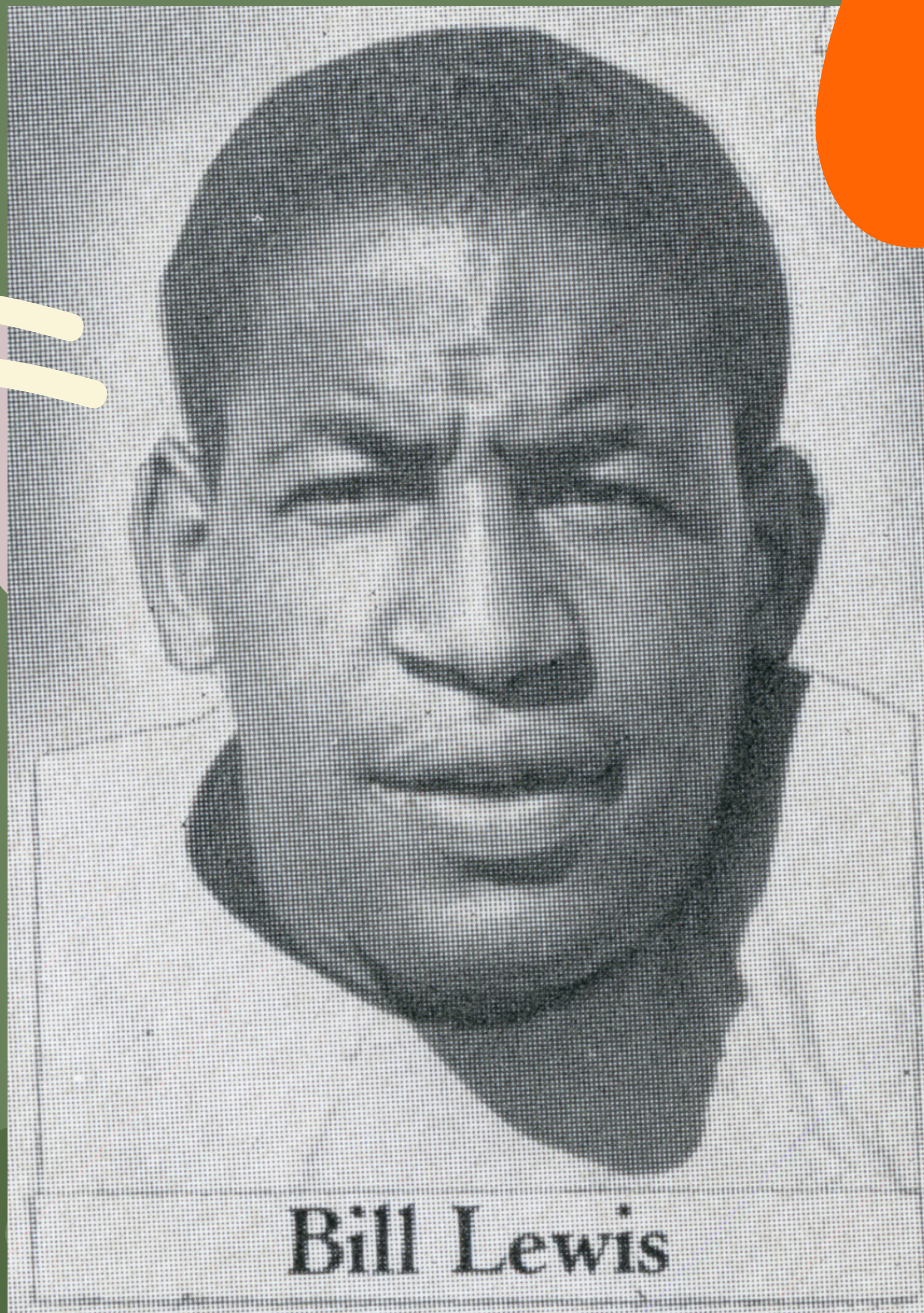
NORM SANDERS, senior quarter, said, "Glad to be back." . . then glancing at Connie . . . "Exceptionally glad!"

. . . while DON HILL mumbled incoherently in the background, "What a place."

Spartan Daily

December 27, 1937

Upon his return from playing football with the San Jose State team in Hawaii for the third time, William Lewis calls the islands "absolutely the finest place in the world."



La Torre Yearbook

1938

William Lewis is pictured as a member of the football team.

NEW ENTERTAINERS, ACTORS TO FEATURE ANNUAL AFFAIR BY MEN'S P. E. DEPARTMENT

**Musical Will Have Three Themes This Year;
Thomas, Presley To Give Versions
Of 'Truckin' And 'Big Apple'**

By GERALDINE STICKLES

Featuring almost an entirely new cast of entertainers, actors, and dancers, the Spartan Revue, an annual affair sponsored by the Men's P. E. department, plans to start hitting the stage boards for rehearsals about February 1, according to word received late yesterday from assistant chairman Bill Jennings. The show is scheduled for March 2.

Three theme are to be used in the revue this year. The first setting is to be a scene in Hawaii, with an Hawaiian orchestra furnishing the music. Island dances will be interpreted by different members of the men's Physical Education department.

The Harlem motif will be carried out in the second setting with Lloyd Thomas, "Bull" Lewis, and Don Presley, all varsity football men, giving their interpretations of "truckin", "the big apple", etc.

The third set to be shown will be the average American night club. The program outlined for this act will include Sparta's popular crooner, Bob Boucke, Sequoia's tumbling team, a floor show, and a chorus composed of Varsity House members.

The revue will be held in the Morris Dailey auditorium March 2. Admission will be 35 cents. Willard LeCroy is chairman and Norman Berg stage manager.

La Torre Yearbook

January 10, 1938

William Lewis performs with fellow Black Spartans Lloyd Thomas and Don Presley at the annual Spartan Revue.

ANNUAL JUNIOR PROM AT AUDITORIUM JANUARY 21

Only 350 Bids To Be Printed, Announces Holtorf

Color . . an atmosphere of spontaneous gaiety . . and Bob Beal's twelve-piece orchestra playing rhythms against an impressive background of silver and gold will be the highlights of the annual Junior Prom to be held in the spacious San Jose Civic Auditorium Friday evening, January 21.

An unprecedented sale of bids to the Prom, acclaimed as the most ambitious college dance of the year, has been revealed by the committee in charge, headed by Prexy John Holtorf.

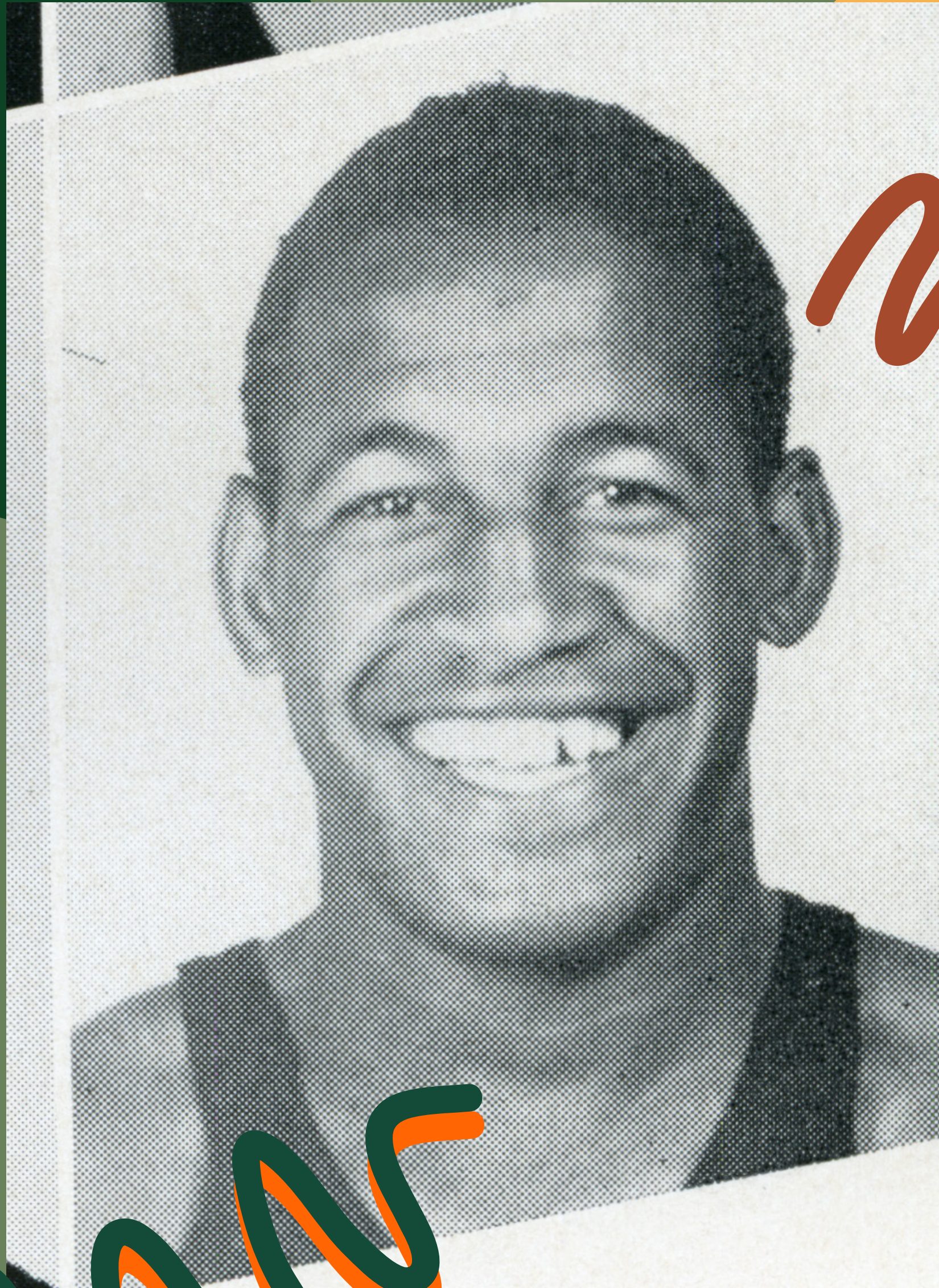
To avoid overcrowded floor conditions, the number of couples allowed to gain admittance into the auditorium has been limited to 350. Extra check room facilities have also been promised by the Junior classmen.

Bids, which are being sold at \$1.25 per couple, may be obtained from the Controller's office or from junior salesmen including John Holtorf, Elaine Johns, Paul Baughman, Bill Lewis, Arthur Eldridge, Don Tuxford, Arthur Heinsen, Dorothy Curry, Edmond Cary, Leonard Herman, Jack Hilton, Mary Harris and Pinky Garcia.

Spartan Daily

January 17, 1938

William Lewis helps to sell bids to the junior prom.



La Torre Yearbook

1939

William Lewis is pictured as a member of the basketball team.

Locals Win In
Overtime Game
With COP Five

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)
Bendeich F.....	Higgins
Anderson F.....	McWilliams
Thomas C.....	Dunlap
Allen G.....	Hoffman
Tornell G.....	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

William Lewis "cinches ding-dong battle for San Jose" in basketball game against College of Pacific.



Bill Regan Photograph Collection
William Lewis is pictured as a member of the
basketball team.

