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Hal Ramey - Master of Ceremonies

Hal Ramey began his broadcasting career as a student at CSM in 1965-1966. He worked for the campus stations, doing a weekly sports show and football play-by-play on KCSM-FM. He did CSM basketball telecasts on KCSM-TV.

Hal has been the sports director and afternoon sports anchor at KCBS radio since 1987 and has been covering Bay Area sports for most of his life—since starting as a writer for Lon Simmons at radio station KSFO in 1969. Prior to that he assisted the CSM sports information office and Junior College Athletic Bureau in compiling local and state statistics reports for the news media.

Hal served as the radio play-by-play voice at Stanford University, Santa Clara University, and San Jose State University, as well as the Oakland Athletics, and has done a variety of football, basketball and soccer telecasts. He served as the San Francisco 49ers public address announcer for 20 years during their Super Bowl days of the ’80s and ’90s.

Hal was also the voice for football and basketball at the University of Oregon from 1984 to 1987. Hal's sports reports and play-by-play work has earned awards from the Radio-Television News Directors Association, the Associated Press, and the United Press International. Hal was elected to the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame this year and will be inducted in October, along with retired CSM professor and broadcasting instructor Dan Odum.
A message from Ron Galatolo

Chancellor, San Mateo Community College District

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first annual Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony at College of San Mateo. This year’s honorees represent a group of notable men and women, former coaches and student athletes, who have all achieved personal distinction and professional greatness. More importantly, however, these men and women are symbolic of the character and dedication of the faculty, staff and students that enter our doors each day. These inductees are talented students who reached for the stars and believed that anything was possible as well as esteemed faculty who stood as shining examples of the academic excellence we continue to strive for today. Thank you for attending our Hall of Fame ceremony that recognizes and celebrates the athletic accomplishments of these extraordinary individuals.

A message from Mike Claire

President, College of San Mateo

On behalf of College of San Mateo, I welcome you to CSM’s inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony. As the college begins its 90th year, we are proud to establish the Hall of Fame to permanently honor the outstanding accomplishments of our former student athletes and coaches. As you will hear at tonight’s event, the achievements of this charter class of inductees are truly remarkable. The Hall of Fame is a wonderful opportunity to look back on our athletic legacy as we honor the most successful student athletes and coaches that have been associated with CSM. Congratulations to all of our honorees. We are privileged to celebrate their success.

A message from Andreas R. Wolf

Athletic Director, College of San Mateo

It is a great honor to take part in the induction ceremony of the inaugural class of College of San Mateo’s Athletics Hall of Fame. With over 90 years of athletic and academic history, this first class is truly special. This feat could not have been accomplished without the teamwork of many folks in the district and the college, and I owe a great deal of gratitude to all those involved. The interest, dedication and teamwork created a valuable bonding experience for us all, and we are proud to host this celebration in honor of our inductees, families, and guests. While we have a lot of catching up to do in recognizing those many student-athletes and coaches who have truly reached the pinnacle of success in their academic, athletic and professional endeavors, we are committed to continue this celebration throughout the years to come. To those inductees, and all who have been associated with College of San Mateo’s storied history, “We stand on the shoulders of those that came before us.”
Archie Williams

Archie F. Williams (1915-1993) is one of the most accomplished student athletes in the 90-year history of San Mateo Junior College. His career is testimony to the purpose and value of the college.

A resident of Oakland, where his mother and grandmother were community leaders, Archie grew up with an understanding of the importance of individual initiative. After graduating from high school and working at a golf course, he decided that he had to get back in school.

He enrolled at SMJC and his life’s purpose and direction be-
decided that he had to get back in school.

After three semesters at San Mateo, Williams transferred to Berkeley where he had one of track and field’s greatest breakout through seasons. Coached by the legendary Brutus Hamilton, he won the 440 yard dash at the 1936 Pacific Coast Conference in 46.8 seconds and the NCAA championships in 47.0. In the NCAA prelims, he set the world record at 46.1.

He then won the Olympic Trials, joined a great team of ath-
letes, headed by Jesse Owens, for the Berlin Olympics—where he won the 400 meter gold medal in 46.5 seconds. Archie Wil-
tiams thus became one of the African American athletes who took gold in the so-called “Hitler Olympics”—which were in-
tended to be a showcase of Aryan superiority.

Williams graduated from Cal in 1939 and became a pilot, me-
teorologist and flight instructor of the famous Tuskegee air-
men.

Upon retirement after 22 years in the Air Force (as a colonel), Williams taught math for 22 years at Drake High School in Marin.

He is a charter member of the UC Athletic Hall of Fame (1986) and now an honored charter member of College of San Mateo Athletics Hall of Fame.

Jack Avina

First Basketball Coach at College Heights;
Division I and International Coach; JC Player

Jack Avina joined the College of San Mateo faculty in time for the 1962-63 basketball season. He inaugurated the new College Heights Campus gymnasium with a victory over Hartnell Col-
lege on December 6, 1965, 85 to 51. His demanding practices and high expectations for each player immediately earned him a reputation as a tough, competitive coach who knew the game of basketball and how to motivate and inspire players. Those who played for Jack or watched practices would say that it was put-
ing it mildly. Physical Education Director Gordon Gray and
Athletic Director Herb Hudson provided administrative guid-
ance, support and friendship to help Jack’s transition to college coaching.

Jack was born in 1929 and was one of seven children whose family lived on a farm in Madera, California, near Modesto. When both parents were ill, all seven kids were placed in fos-
ter care and Jack’s father died when Jack was only 12 years old.

Jack’s mother was on her own to raise the family. As a child, Jack worked in the fields picking various crops and then worked in a grocery store while going to high school. His joy in life was basketball. As a 5-foot 9-inch, 130-pound senior, Jack was the starting center on the Madera High School JV basketball team until the starting center on the varsity was called to military service and Jack was promoted to fill his spot.

Jack enlisted in the Navy at age 17 but was told by the command-
ing officer that he was being sent home due to a heart murmur. Jack refused to go. Tears came to his eyes as he pleaded not to be sent home. This was a pivotal point in Jack’s young career; if he were sent back home, he never would have attended college. The commander saw how much Jack wanted to be in the Navy and agreed to let him remain.

Following service in the Navy, Jack enrolled at Modesto Junior College and became a starter in his second season. He trans-
ferrred to San Jose State. Reaching the gym just before the cut sheet was posted, he spoke with Coach McPherson who was put-
ing the finishing touches on the list. McPherson put first

first that yes, Jack’s name was on the list, but a closer look

proved that it was not. McPherson said that he would add Jack as the 46th player but he had to understand he would have very limited playing time. Had Jack not been at the gym early, he would have been left off the team and again his coaching ca-
ereer would have ended before it ever had a chance to start. Jack

worked hard between seasons but McPherson had enough of his bad temper. Jack did not accept criticism well. Jack had to

promise McPherson that he would never hear from him all sea-

son. McPherson countered with his requirement that if he ever

had to talk to Jack because of his attitude, he would be removed

from the team. Jack became a starter his senior year and Coach

McPherson never had to exercise his authority.

In 1953 Jack married the love of his life, Clare McCullum, a freshman pledge at the sorority house across the way. For as tough, demanding and unreasonable as Jack’s players saw him, they knew Clare to be kind, friendly and understand-

ing. She was the perfect “Mom.” Clare passed away in September 2013, 1953 also marks the start of Jack’s legendary coaching career. He taught and coached at Branciforte Junior High in Santa Cruz, and then at Grid-
ley and Sutter high schools before joining the staff at San Jose High School. At SJHS Jack coached all four levels of boys basket-
ketball each year and won 6 of 12 possible titles in three years. At SJHS Jack taught alongside another future hall-of-fame coach who is still a close friend, Chris Pappas (Pappas later coach-
at Monterey Peninsula College). Jack left his teaching position at San Jose High School to take the reigns at CSM. He hosted the State Championships in the new CSM gym in 1965 and was the president of the state basketball coaches’ association. Some of the best Peninsula preps played for Jack. Jack’s greatest victory at CSM was a first round victory over Pasadena in the Modesto West Coast Athletic Conference. Jack was a member of the National Basketball Coaches Association Board of Directors. He retired from Portland with 223 wins; seven players were NBA draft picks.

In the following years, Jack coached for two years in Turkey and two years in Brazil. For four seasons he served as a con-
sultant at University of San Diego, and from 1970 to 1982 he helped coach the Japanese Olympic team. Jack, along with Pete Newell and Stu Inman, coached the victorious U.S. team in the World University Games. Jack was a real Bulldog: demanding on the court, in practice, and games; tough on officials and yet respected and liked by all. The members of the team always knew that off the court Jack and Clare were concerned about their well-being. He was a father figure to many and the reason so many chose to attend college. Jack Avina is highly respected in the coaching community and is a member of the California Community College Basketball Coaches’ Hall of Fame. He is a
great family man, a great coach and a great Bulldog.
Ray Balsley

In addition to a successful career as basketball coach, Raymond Balsley’s 1962 golf team won College of San Mateo’s first and only official California Community College Athletic Association team championship.

Ray Balsley joined the San Mateo Junior College physical education department in 1946, coaching basketball and golf.

He brought good credentials. He was the second leading scorer in the West Coast Conference his senior year at Cal and was honored with Cal’s Gimbel Award in 1937 as the Cal athlete who exhibited exceptional leadership skill and positive attitude. Ray stayed on at Cal to coach basketball for two years and then took a high school position in Kern County for three years.

After a three-year stint in the US Navy during World War II, Balsley was hired by San Mateo Junior College (SMJC). The basketball fortunes of SMJC were on the rise with Ray at the helm from 1946 through the 1959 seasons. The Bulldogs won conference titles in 1948 and 1952 and by winning the 1948 Modesto Tournament, could claim to be the best team in the state. In 13 seasons, Balsley’s hoosiers had a winning percentage of nearly .600. The 1948 championship team had 29 wins and only four losses.

Balsley maintained that his best player was Bob Peterson who exhibited exceptional leadership skill and positive attitude. Those who knew Ray valued his kind and friendly disposition that was summed up by Peterson when he said, “Ray was a damn good fundamentals coach. He spoke soft but carried a big stick. He disproves the old adage ‘nice guys finish last.’”

Ray was a member of the Stanford Golf Club and was club champion twice. His wife, Betty, was the Stanford Women’s Club champion. Ray Balsley retired in 1977 after 31 years of great teaching and coaching service to SMJC.

Bill Walsh

Bill Walsh began his legendary college football career playing quarterback (and other positions) at College of San Mateo for two years in the early 1950’s.

He was born in 1931, in Los Angeles and then lived in Hayward, where he was a running back at Hayward High School. He commuted over the San Mateo Bridge to play at CSM for the 1950 and 1951 seasons.

Walsh transferred to San Jose State, where he played tight end and defensive end—and also participated in intercollegiate boxing. He graduated with bachelor’s and masters degrees in physical education. He served under Bob Bronzan as a graduate assistant coach on the Spartans football staff.

Walsh was coaching football and swimming at Washington High School in Fremont when he was hired as an assistant football coach at the University of California at Berkeley by Marv Levy, who said, “I was very impressed…by his knowledge, by his edge, by his personality.”

Walsh began his professional coaching career as an assistant with the Oakland Raiders in 1966. He then served with the Cincinnati Bengals from 1968 to 1975 and the San Diego Chargers in 1976. While he was still an assistant coach, Walsh developed a reputation for superb offensive coaching that specialized in the passing game. He shaped Ken Anderson of the Bengals, Dan Fouts of the Chargers and Joe Montana of the 49ers into outstanding quarterbacks.

In 1977, Walsh was hired as the head coach at Stanford, where he stayed for two seasons, going 9-1 in 1977 with a win in the Sun Bowl, and 8-4 in 1978 with a win in the Bluebonnet Bowl. His notable players at Stanford included quarterbacks Guy Benjamin and Steve Dils, wide receivers James Lofton and Ken Marguerum, and running back Darrin Nelson. Walsh was the Pac-8 Conference Coach of the Year in 1977.

At the age of 47 in 1979, Bill Walsh got his first professional team head-coaching job (as well as general manager position) with the San Francisco 49ers. In his ten seasons with the 49ers, Walsh compiled an impressive 102-63-1 record that included 10 wins in 14 postseason games. Under Walsh, the 49ers won six NFC Western Division championships and NFC titles in 1981, 1984, and 1988. Those NFC titles were followed with victories in Super Bowls XVI, XIX, and XXIII, which made the 49ers, by every measurement, the NFL team of the 1980s.

In seven of Walsh’s last eight seasons, the 49ers won ten or more games and appeared in the NFC playoffs. The 49ers advanced to the NFC title game against the Washington Redskins in 1983 and to the first playoff round in 1985, 1986, and 1987. Walsh was named the NFL Coach of the Year in 1981 and NFC Coach of the Year in 1984.

More than two dozen former and current NFL head coaches trace their lineage back to Walsh on his coaching tree!

After leaving the coaching ranks immediately following his team’s victory in Super Bowl XXIII, Walsh went to work as a broadcaster for NBC.

Walsh returned to Stanford in 1992 to serve as head coach for the school, leading the Cardinal to a 10-3 record and a Pacific-10 Conference co-championship. Stanford finished the season with an upset victory over Penn State in the Blockbuster Bowl on January 1, 1993 and a number nine ranking in the final AP Poll. Walsh retired from coaching in 1994.
Ted Tollner

CSM Football Coach; USC and San Diego State
Head Coach; NFL Offensive Coach

Ted Tollner started on the road to an outstanding college (and professional) coaching career at College of San Mateo from 1968 through 1972.

Born May 29, 1940, Tollner earned a bachelor’s degree in 1966 and later a master’s in physical education at Cal Poly (San Luis Obispo). He was a starting quarterback at Cal Poly for two years and was All-CCAA in 1966. He pitched for the baseball team for four seasons and then won a silver medal with the USA baseball team at the 1965 Pan American Games in Brazil.

He was one of 26 survivors of the tragic Cal Poly plane crash on Oct. 29, 1960, which killed 22 people, 16 of them Ted’s teammates.

He began his coaching career at Woodside High in 1963, coaching football and baseball.

Ted joined the CSM football and physical education staff in 1968 as offensive coach for Bill Dickey and later succeeded Dickey as head coach.

He served as the offensive coordinator for San Diego State under Claude Gilbert from 1973 to 1980. He also served as quarterbacks coach at BYU in 1981. At BYU he tutored a raw running quarterback, Steve Young, who became a star for the San Francisco 49ers.

Tollner was inducted into the Cal Poly Athletics Hall of Fame.

In 1994, he returned to San Diego State, this time as the head coach. He coached there for eight years. Tollner was known for arranging a tough non-conference schedule, including schools such as Washington, Wisconsin, USC, Arizona, Arizona State, and Oklahoma. His Aztec teams posted 8-win seasons in 1995 and 1996, the first time the school reached that level in consecutive years since 1977.

Tollner served as the wide receivers coach for the Buffalo Bills from 1989 to 1988, the offensive coordinator for the San Diego Chargers from 1989 to 1991, and as quarterbacks coach for the Los Angeles Rams from 1992 to 1993.

In 2002, he then became quarterbacks coach for the San Francisco 49ers. After two successful seasons, he was promoted to offensive coordinator. In 2005, he became the offensive coordinator of the Detroit Lions.

In late 2007 it was announced that he would serve as offensive assistant for the San Francisco 49ers in a late season attempt to revive the lacking offense and helped Jim Hostler in the play calling. In early 2008 Tollner was named quarterbacks coach/assistant to the head coach for the San Francisco 49ers.

In 2009, Tollner was introduced as a part of the San Francisco 49ers obtaining a permanent role in the organization again.

Tollner was known for working with a world-class staff, including John McVay, Tony Dungy, Jim Harbaugh, and Bill Walsh.

Ted was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

In 1996, Neal was hired by Denver as director of player personnel, renewing his association with Broncos head coach Mike Shanahan (who had previously been offensive coordinator for the 49ers). Neal was subsequently promoted to general manager in 1999. He retired from professional football in 2004.

The former coaching assistant/director of research and development/football administrator/scout/contract negotiator/financial liaison for the 49ers (yes, he wore all those hats at one point or another) and later the director of player personnel, general manager and director of football administration for the Broncos, Neal had a prolific football career that lasted 39 seasons, 24 of them in the NFL.

Neal has the distinction of earning the most Super Bowl rings in history, seven. He received five with the 49ers and two with the Broncos.

He is also a member of the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame and lived in the county for more than 40 years. He has four grown children (Laurie, Sherri, Christy, and Tim) and currently lives in Aurora, Colo.
Bill Dickey

J.C. All-America Player; CSM Head Coach
College and Professional Coach

Bill Dickey has been associated with College of San Mateo for 56 years—as a student, coach, faculty member, and administrator. Those years have highlighted his life.

William James Dickey, born February 21, 1940 in Oklahoma City, attended Putnam City elementary, junior high, and high school and transferred to South San Francisco High School, where he graduated in 1958. While a student there, he participated in football, basketball, and track. He was elected class president and served on the yearbook staff. Bill was recognized as an outstanding high school football player and student-athlete and was named to the 1957 High School All-America football team. Bill also received the coveted SSF Blanket Award as the outstanding student-athlete and received the honor of playing in the East-West All-Star game.

After his high school career, Bill enrolled at CSM and played football for the Bulldogs. He earned first team All-Big 8 Conference honors and was selected to the Junior College All-American football team. He was also voted the team’s Most Inspirational Player in 1959.

After his sophomore season, Bill was awarded an athletic scholarship to Utah State University. In his senior season, he was named a co-captain with Merlin Olsen and Tom Larson and was also selected to the all-conference football team. He graduated from Utah State with a B.S. degree in physical education.

In the spring of 1975, the head football coaching position opened at College of San Mateo and Bill was appointed head coach for a second time. He was selected coach of the year in the Golden Gate Conference in 1972 and 1981. His coaching record at CSM was 78 wins, 48 losses and three ties.

In 1981, he took a leave of absence from the college to coach professionally in the United States Football League with the Oakland Invaders. Bill coached there for three years. Upon returning to CSM, he was appointed acting dean of the physical education division. During that time, he finished his master’s degree at St. Mary’s College in physical education administration.

After two years as acting division dean, Bill returned to the classroom teaching physical education classes. In 1987 he assisted then Head Coach Larry Owens and helped the team win the Bay Bowl game. In March of 2011, Bill was inducted into the California Community College Football Coaches Hall of Fame.

Bill appreciates that, in addition to receiving an excellent education as a student-athlete at CSM, he had an opportunity to go on to coach and teach, make an impact on many young lives, and achieve a financially secure future and a wonderful retirement.

He gives special thanks to the great teachers and coaches whom he has been associated with at the college, especially Steve Shafer, Ted Tollner and Tom Martinez. These men made a great impact on his career. They were great teachers and coaches and the experience of working with them during his coaching and teaching experience at San Mateo was invaluable. Special thanks go to Doug Scovil, his head coach, and Cliff Giffin for all of the guidance and mentoring throughout his tenure at CSM.

Bill and his wife Sue live in Foster City and have two sons, Chris and Jeff, who both attended CSM.

Bob Rush

CSM Track/Cross Country Coach; Hall of Fame Coach; Inventor; Course Developer; Announcer

Bob Rush, developer of the Crystal Springs International Cross Country Course and inventor of the Chronomix timing system, won the Golden Gate Conference Track and Field Championship in 1970, his first year of more than two decades of coaching track at College of San Mateo. He then had three consecutive undefeated cross country seasons, 1970 through 1972, including a 22-0 dual meet winning streak.

CSM’s teams qualified for the State Cross Country Championships nearly every year of his career, from 1969 through 1995. The Bulldogs’ highest team place was fourth in 1972. Perhaps his greatest track achievement with CSM was second place in the 1989 California State Women’s Championship. That year the Bulldogs had six individual women’s and men’s State Champions. Comedian Dana Carvey of Saturday Night Live fame (“The Church Lady”) was the most famous person to run for Bob at CSM.

Before coming to CSM, Bob was a high school coach for ten years, beginning in 1959 at McClatchy High School in Sacramento, and then at San Mateo High School.

Bob was on the USA coaching staff for the 1985 World University Games in Kobe, Japan, and served as head coach of the winning West Team for the 1985 United States Olympic Festival in San Antonio, Texas. He was also on the USAF National Hurdle Development Committee for 20 years. He has been recognized with USAF’s Presidents Award.

In 1978 Bob invented the Chronomix, the first electronic timing device for cross country and road racing. This printing computer was used throughout the world in large races and marathons which demanded timing everyone in a race of hundreds, and sometimes thousands, of participants.

Beginning in 1971, Bob designed, developed and scheduled races, as well as physically maintaining the CSM Crystal Springs International Cross Country Course in Belmont. More than 300,000 runners have competed at Crystal Springs, the site of three National (AAU/JISA) Championships. Although officially retired, he continues to manage the course for CSM and also runs there regularly.

As a certified USAF official, Bob worked for the organizing committee at the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Games checking every field event mark before it was officially posted for worldwide distribution. He has announced on the international level, most recently at the 2011 World’s Masters Championships in Sacramento. Over the last 30 years he has served as meet organizer, director, head timer, and announcer at many local track and cross country meets, ranging from junior high school to the university level.

For five years he was the meet director of the American Community College Invitational (a meet for J.C. athletes throughout the country), held at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in San Diego County.

This is Bob’s fourth hall of fame. His previous hall of fame classes: California Community College Cross Country and Track Coaches Association (1996), San Mateo High School (2007) and with the nationally ranked 1964 San Mateo High School Cross Country Team (2011).

He and his wife of 49 years, Marianne, live in San Carlos. Bob has two sons, Robert and Matthew, and two grandchildren, Andrew, 9, and Alexis, 6.
Bill Ring

All-Conference CSM Player
2 Super Bowl Rings With 49ers

Following a local high school all-star sports career, Bill Ring took the first major step towards a pair of Super Bowl rings as an All-Conference running back for College of San Mateo.

Bill was born in Des Moines, Iowa. His family moved extensively while he was young because of his father’s work. In 1967, when Bill was 10, the family moved to Belmont from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Bill attended Carlmont High, where he was South Peninsula Athletic League Football Player of the Year in 1975. He was all-league in three sports: football, baseball, and wrestling.

In the fall of 1975, he enrolled at CSM and played football for two seasons. Bill was a star running back and team captain and was named All-Conference his sophomore year.

He was awarded a football scholarship to Brigham Young University, where he played fullback for two seasons. His senior season, he led the Western Athletic Conference in scoring with 12 touchdowns and earned WAC All-Academic honors.

Bill was also a BYU captain in 1978 when they won the WAC championship and played in the first Holiday Bowl against Navy. He graduated from BYU in 1980 with a degree in finance.

Bill was signed as a free agent by the Oakland Raiders in 1979. He next signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1980 and made it to the last cut before venturing out to Canada on a two week try-out with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The Bombers wanted to sign him, but Bill believed that he could play in the NFL and left Winnipeg.

He later signed with the San Francisco 49ers and played with them for six seasons, 1981 to 1986, winning Super Bowl rings in 1981 and 1984. Bill was special teams captain, and in 1985, was voted by his teammates as the recipient of the Len Eshmont Award (given to the team’s most inspirational and courageous player).

Bill retired from the 49ers in 1987 and has been in the financial services business for 28 years. He began that career in 1985, during the off-season, as a registered representative for Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. Since 1999, Bill has been an investment counselor at the Capital Group Private Client Services. He is now the regional director for Capital Private Client Services in San Francisco. He manages money for high net-worth individuals, family offices, foundations and endowments. Bill has authored his own book on business.

Recently inducted to the California Community College Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame and is also a member of the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame.

Bill serves on the Catholic Charities CFO Board of Directors, Basic Fund Board of Directors, and St. Francis High School Foundation Board of Directors. He is president of the Carlmont High School Athletic Foundation.

Bill lives in Portola Valley with his wife of 26 years, Connie, who was raised in Palo Alto. They have three children: Billy, who played football at CSM in 2005 and 2006 and then played at San Jose State University (where he earned a degree in economics); Katie, a senior at UC Santa Barbara who played college volleyball through her junior year; and Christie, a sophomore at San Diego State University, who is on the volleyball team.

Jennifer Freeman

2-Time All-State Softball Player
Northern California MVP

Hillsdale High graduate Jennifer Freeman earned some of the top honors of any of the athletes to play for Coach Tom Martinez at College of San Mateo.

She attended CSM from 1983 to 1985. During both of her softball seasons for the Bulldogs, Freeman earned All-Conference, All-NorCal, and All-State recognition.

Freeman turned down several NCAA Division I scholarship offers to remain in the Bay Area and attend San Jose State University, where she earned a B.A. in English and a teaching credential.

Freeman has been teaching English and coaching since 1989, currently at Pescadero High. She coached softball from 1989 to 1995 at Milpitas High. Currently Freeman is coaching baseball.

Freeman’s Half Moon Bay Little League teams earned two district titles and one had a championship run at the sectional level. She is the first HMB coach (man or woman) ever to do so.

She also coached tournament baseball for four years, taking a team to Cooperstown in 2009. She is currently coaching a U16 baseball team.

Freeman lives in Half Moon Bay with husband Steve Gelphman and two children: Zane, 15, a baseball player at Serra High School, and Willow, 12, a baseball/softball player.
John Noce

Athletic Director and Dean; Coach of Inductees
Walsh, Madden, Noce in 32-Year CSM Career

Herb Hudson

Herb Hudson joined the faculty of San Mateo Junior College in 1947. Herb graduated from San Jose State in 1939 after receiving one of San Jose State's first football scholarships. He was elected captain of the freshman football team and the only sophomore to make the trip to Hawaii for the Shrine football benefit. He played football for San Jose State when they were the highest scoring college team in the nation. He earned three varsity letters in football, two in baseball and participated on the boxing team.

Herb received his bachelor's degree in physical education at the age of 25 and was hired by Campbell High School as athletic director, head of physical education, and head coach of football, track, and wrestling. While at Campbell High School he coached former all-pro 49er wide receiver, Billy Wilson. Herb was a part of the team that developed a physical education program which was the talk of Santa Clara Valley.

After five years at Campbell High School and serving three years in the Navy during World War II as a physical training officer and football coach, Herb accepted a faculty position at College of San Mateo and stayed on for 32 years. He filled many roles during this time: coach of football, baseball, swimming, boxing, and wrestling; teacher of physical education, athletic director, dean of men, coordinator of student activities, and a student counselor. Shortly after coming to College of San Mateo, Herb earned his master's degree from Stanford University.

Achievements:
1948 – Coached CSM baseball team to a California Junior College Coast Conference championship.
1949 – Coached CSM baseball team to a California Junior College Northern California championship. (Former CSM baseball coach, John Noce, was on this team)
1950 – Chosen to coach North Peninsula High School baseball team in annual North/South Peninsula all star team game in San Jose.
1950 - Coached Bill Walsh. Bill played end in high school, but Herb needed a backup quarterback and assigned that position, as well as halfback, to Bill Walsh. The next year Bill was a full-time quarterback and made second team all-conference.
1954 - Coached John Madden – “You wouldn't believe it, but John was a meek boy but a big ole kid from Jefferson High in Daly City” was Herb's description of John. John played tackle for CSM.

1961 – Introduced wrestling into the athletic program. During the first year the team produced two individual state champions. The following year the team won the Golden Gate Conference championship. Northern California championship, placed third in the state, and had two individual state champions.
1964 - Upon the death of Murius McFadden, known as the “dean of junior college coaches” and who had served as athletic director since 1958, Herb Hudson became athletic director, a post he held until 1971. Herb could always spot talent from afar and began the legendary CSM football coaching tree by hiring coaches who went on to professional teams. These included Dick Vermeil, Paul Wiggin and Dick Nolan. Herb Hudson's leadership and professionalism helped shape the CSM athletic department culture that formed the foundation for future success.
1978 – Received the Achievement Award from the California Junior College Athletic Directors Association.
1979 – Retired from College of San Mateo after 32 years of teaching, coaching, and administrative work.
1980 – Inducted into Campbell High Schools Hall of Fame.
1987 – Inducted into Tracy High Schools Hall of Fame – where he earned 11 letters in four sports and his love of sports began. When Herb started at San Mateo Junior College there were three campus sites, but no athletic facilities. Football was played on the local high school fields and baseball was played at San Mateo Central Park on El Camino Real. Herb would be honored to be a part of College of San Mateo's beautiful, newly refurbished, athletic facilities.

John Noce

First Baseball Coach at College Heights
Record 771 Wins; International Coach

After stints at Half Moon Bay and Carlmont high schools, John Noce joined the CSM faculty in 1961 as physical education instructor and head baseball coach. That began what would become a dynasty in community college baseball.

John skippered the Bulldogs for 31 years, compiling an incredible 772 wins. He won 13 conference titles and finished as state runner-up three times.

Coach Noce amassed a 65 percent winning percentage and sent numerous players to four-year schools and to professional baseball.

John’s playing experience in professional baseball found him in places ranging from the California State League, with the Stockton Ports and Ventura Oilers, and the Provincial League with Drummondville Quebec.

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Madden, the most honored NFL broadcaster of all time, retired from television broadcasting in 2009 after 50 years calling games for every television network. Most recently Madden was the game analyst for “NBC’s Sunday Night Football.” Madden, who has won an unprecedented 17 Emmy Awards including the Lifetime Achievement Emmy Award in 2010, is known by football fans nationwide for his ability to analyze the details of the game with wit, candor and an imitable style. “John Madden was the best analyst in the history of the National Football League and, in my opinion, the best analyst of any kind in sports television history,” said Dick Ebersol, Chairman, NBC Universal Sports & Olympics. “John is much more than a football legend, he’s an American icon. He is the only sports television talent who resonates across all age groups—kids grow up today playing his video game and watching him on TV, as their fathers grew up watching him on NFL sidelines every Sunday as the head coach with the best winning percentage in league history.” In 2009, Madden called his 11th Super Bowl, Super Bowl XLIII in Tampa, Fla., on NBC.

Madden now serves as the special advisor to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, consulting on matters pertaining to the game—including competitive issues, coaching and personnel development, technological innovations, and player safety.

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences has honored Madden with 17 Emmy Awards. In addition, the American Sportscasters Association named Madden Sportspersonality of the Year in 1985 and 1992. In 1982, he became the first NFL analyst to receive the Touchdown Club of America’s prestigious Golden Mike Award. Sports Illustrated has called Madden “an American Fixture” and said that he “brings an unequaled big-game buzz to the broadcast booth.” In 2010, he was inducted into the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association and the Sports Broadcasting Hall of Fame.

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Freeman turned down several NCAA Division I scholarship offers to remain in the Bay Area and attend San Jose State University, where she earned a B.A. in English and a teaching credential.

Freeman has been teaching English and coaching since 1989, currently at Pescadero High.

Bill Ring
All-Conference CSM Player
2 Super Bowl Rings With 49ers

Following a local high school all-star sports career, Bill Ring took the first major step towards a pair of Super Bowl rings as an All-Conference running back for College of San Mateo.

Bill was born in Des Moines, Iowa. His family moved extensively while he was young because of his father's work. In 1967, when Bill was 10, the family moved to Belmont from Grand Rapids, Mich.

Bill attended Carlmont High, where he was South Peninsula Athletic League Football Player of the Year in 1975. He was all-league in three sports: football, baseball, and wrestling.

In the fall of 1975, he enrolled at CSM and played football for two seasons. Bill was a star running back and team captain and was named All-Conference his sophomore year.

He was awarded a football scholarship to Brigham Young University, where he played fullback for two seasons. His senior season, he led the Western Athletic Conference in scoring with 12 touchdowns and earned WAC All-Academic honors.

Bill was also a BYU captain in 1978 when they won the WAC championship and played in the first Holiday Bowl against Navy. He graduated from BYU in 1980 with a degree in finance.

Bill was signed as a free agent by the Oakland Raiders in 1979. He next signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1980 and made it to the last cut before venturing out to Canada on a two week try-out with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. The Bombers wanted to sign him, but Bill believed that he could play in the NFL and left Winnipeg.

He later signed with the San Francisco 49ers and played with them for six seasons, 1981 to 1986, winning Super Bowl rings in 1981 and 1984. Bill was special teams captain, and in 1985, was voted by his teammates as the recipient of the Len Eshmont Award (given to the team's most inspirational and courageous player).
In the spring of 1975, the head football coaching position opened at College of San Mateo and Bill was appointed head coach for a second time. He was selected coach of the year in the Golden Gate Conference in 1972 and 1981. His coaching record at CSM was 78 wins, 48 losses and three ties.

In 1981, he was offered a position at Stanford University and joined his former coach from Utah State, John Ralston. That season, Stanford won the PAC-8 Conference title and beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl. After the Rose Bowl win, Bill accepted a position as assistant football coach at the University of California at Berkeley and coached there for two seasons. Wanting a change of environment for his family, he accepted a position at the University of Utah and was on the staff for the 1974 season.

After his high school career, Bill enrolled at CSM and played football for the Bulldogs. He earned the honor of playing in the East-West All-Star game. In March of 2011, Bill was inducted into the College and Professional Coach Hall of Fame.
In 1994, he returned to San Diego State, this time as the head coach. He coached there for eight years. Tollner was known for arranging a tough non-conference schedule, including schools such as Washington, Wisconsin, USC, Arizona, Arizona State, and Oklahoma. His Aztec teams posted 8-win seasons in 1995 and 1996, the first time the school reached that level in consecutive years since 1977.

Ted served as the wide receivers coach for the Buffalo Bills from 1987 to 1988, the offensive coordinator for the San Diego Chargers from 1989 to 1991, and as quarterbacks coach for the Los Angeles Rams from 1992 to 1993.

In 2002, he then became quarterbacks coach for the San Francisco 49ers. After two successful seasons, he was promoted to offensive coordinator. In 2005, he became the offensive coordinator of the Detroit Lions.

In late 2007 it was announced that he would serve as offensive assistant for the San Francisco 49ers in a late season attempt to revive the lacking offense and helped Jim Hostler in the play calling. In early 2008 Tollner was named quarterback coach assistant to the head coach for the San Francisco 49ers obtaining a permanent role in the organization again.

On February 4, 2009, Tollner was introduced as a part of the coaching staff with the Broncos, renewing his association with Broncos head coach Mike Shanahan (who had previously been offensive coordinator for the 49ers). Neal was subsequently promoted to general manager in 1999. He retired from professional football in 2004.

The former coaching assistant/director of research and development/football administrator/scout/contract negotiator/financial liaison for the 49ers (yes, he wore all those hats at one point or another) and later the director of player personnel, general manager and director of football administration for the Broncos, Neal had a prolific football career that lasted 39 seasons, 24 of them in the NFL.

Neal has the distinction of earning the most Super Bowl rings in history, seven. He received five with the 49ers and two with the Broncos. He is also a member of the San Mateo County Sports Hall of Fame and lived in the county for more than 40 years. He has four grown children (Laurie, Sherri, Christy, and Tim) and currently lives in Aurora, Colo.
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In addition to a successful career as basketball coach, Raymond Balsley’s 1962 golf team won College of San Mateo’s first and only official California Community College Athletic Association team championship.

Ray Balsley joined the San Mateo Junior College physical education department in 1946, coaching basketball and golf.

He brought good credentials. He was the second leading scorer in the West Coast Conference his senior year at Cal and was honored with Cal’s Gimbel Award in 1937 as the Cal athlete who exhibited exceptional leadership skill and positive attitude. Ray stayed on at Cal to coach basketball for two years and then took a high school position in Kern County for three years.

After a three-year stint in the U.S. Navy during World War II, Balsley was hired by San Mateo Junior College (SMJC). The basketball fortunes of SMJC were on the rise with Ray at the helm from 1946 through the 1959 seasons. The Bulldogs won conference titles in 1948 and 1952 and by winning the 1948 Modesto Tournament, could claim to be the best team in the state. In 11 seasons, Balsley’s hoopers had a winning percentage of nearly .600. The 1948 championship team had 29 wins and only four losses.

Balsley maintained that his best player was Bob Peterson who exhibited exceptional leadership skill and positive attitude. Those who knew Ray valued his kind and friendly disposition that was summed up by Peterson when he said, “Ray was a damn good fundamentals coach. He spoke soft but carried a big stick. He disproves the old adage ‘nice guys finish last.’”

Ray was a member of the Stanford Golf Club and was club champion twice. His wife, Betty, was the Stanford Women’s club champion. Ray Balsley retired in 1977 after 31 years of great teaching and coaching service to SMJC.

Bill Walsh

CSM Quarterback; Won 3 Super Bowls
Bill Walsh began his legendary college football career playing quarterback (and other positions) at College of San Mateo for two years in the early 1950’s.

He was born in 1931, in Los Angeles and then lived in Hayward, where he was a running back at Hayward High School. He commuted over the San Mateo Bridge to play at CSM for the 1950 and 1951 seasons.

Walsh transferred to San Jose State, where he played tight end and defensive end—and also participated in intercollegiate boxing. He graduated with bachelor’s and masters degrees in physical education. He served under Bob Bronzan as a graduate assistant coach on the Spartans football staff.

Walsh was coaching football and swimming at Washington High School in Fremont when he was hired as an assistant football coach at the University of California at Berkeley by Marv Levy, who said, “I was very impressed...by his knowledge, by his edge, by his personality.”

Walsh began his professional coaching career as an assistant with the Oakland Raiders in 1966. He then served with the Cincinnati Bengals from 1968 to 1975 and the San Diego Chargers in 1976. While he was still an assistant coach, Walsh developed a reputation for superb offensive coaching that specialized in the passing game. He shaped Ken Anderson of the Bengals, Dan Fouts of the Chargers and Joe Montana of the 49ers into outstanding quarterbacks.

In 1977, Walsh was hired as the head coach at Stanford, where he stayed for two seasons, going 9-3 in 1977 with a win in the Sun Bowl, and 8-4 in 1978 with a win in the Bluebonnet Bowl. His notable players at Stanford included quarterbacks Guy Benjamin and Steve Dils, wide receivers James Lofton and Ken Margerum, and running back Darrin Nelson. Walsh was the Pac-8 Conference Coach of the Year in 1977.

At the age of 42 in 1979, Bill Walsh got his first professional team head-coaching job (as well as general manager position) with the San Francisco 49ers. In his ten seasons with the 49ers, Walsh compiled an impressive 102-63-1 record that included 10 wins in 14 postseason games. Under Walsh, the 49ers won six NFC Western Division championships and NFC titles in 1981, 1984, and 1988. Those NFC titles were followed with victories in Super Bowls XVI, XIX, and XXIII, which made the 49ers, by every measurement, the NFL team of the 1980s.

In seven of Walsh’s last eight seasons, the 49ers won ten or more games and appeared in the NFC playoffs. The 49ers advanced to the NFC title game against the Washington Redskins in 1983 and the NFC title game against the Philadelphia Eagles in 1986 and 1987. Walsh was named the NFL Coach of the Year in 1981 and NFC Coach of the Year in 1984.

More than two dozen former and current NFL head coaches trace their lineage back to Walsh on his coaching tree!

After leaving the coaching ranks immediately following his team’s victory in Super Bowl XXIII, Walsh went to work as a broadcaster for NBC.

Walsh returned to Stanford in 1992 to serve as head coach for the school, leading the Cardinal to a 10-3 record and a Pac-10 Conference co-championship. Stanford finished the season with an upset victory over Penn State in the Blockbuster Bowl on January 1, 1993 and a number nine ranking in the final AP Poll. Walsh retired from coaching in 1994.
Archie Williams

Archie F. Williams (1915-1993) is one of the most accomplished student athletes in the 90-year history of San Mateo Junior College. His career is testimony to the purpose and value of the college.

A resident of Oakland, where his mother and grandmother were community leaders, Archie grew up with an understanding of the importance of individual initiative. After graduating from high school and working at a golf course, he decided that he had to get back in school.

He enrolled at SMJC and his life’s purpose and direction began to take shape. Williams wanted to attend UC Berkeley so going to SMJC was a way of taking the trigonometry, analytical geometry, physics and surveying that he needed in preparation for a major in engineering. Years later, Williams wanted to attend UC Berkeley where he had one of track and field’s greatest breakthrough seasons. Coached by the legendary Brutus Hamilton, he won the 440 yard dash at the 1936 Pacific Coast Conference in 46.8 seconds and the NCAA championships in 47.0. In the NCAA prelims, he set the world record at 46.1.

He then won the Olympic Trials, joined a great team of athletes, headed by Jesse Owens, for the Berlin Olympics—where he won the 400 meter gold medal in 46.5 seconds. Archie Williams thus became one of the African American athletes who took gold in the so-called “Hitler Olympics”—which were intended to be a showcase of Aryan superiority.

Williams graduated from Cal in 1939 and became a pilot, meteorologist and flight instructor of the famous Tuskegee Airmen.

Upon retirement after 22 years in the Air Force (as a colonel), Williams taught math for 22 years at Drake High School in Marin.

He is a charter member of the UC Athletic Hall of Fame (1986) and now an honored charter member of College of San Mateo Athletics Hall of Fame.

First Basketball Coach at College Heights; Division I and International Coach; JC Player

Jack Avina joined the College of San Mateo faculty in time for the 1962-63 basketball season. He inaugurated the new College Heights Campus gymnasium with a victory over Hartnell College on December 6, 1965, 85 to 51. His demanding practices and high expectations for each player immediately earned him a reputation as a tough, competitive coach who knew the game of basketball and how to motivate and inspire players. Those who played for Jack or watched practices would say that is putting it mildly. Physical Education Director Gordon Gray and Athletic Director Herb Hudson provided administrative guidance, support and friendship to help Jack’s transition to college coaching.

Jack was born in 1929 and was one of seven children whose family lived on a farm in Madera, California, near Modesto. When both parents were ill, all seven kids were placed in foster care and Jack’s father died when Jack was only twelve years old. Jack’s mother was on her own to raise the family. As a child, Jack worked in the fields picking various crops and then worked in a grocery store while going to high school. His joy in life was basketball. As a 5’9”-tall, 130-pound senior, Jack was the starting center on the Madera High School JV basketball team until the starting center on the varsity was called to military service and Jack was promoted to fill his spot.

Jack enlisted in the Navy at age 17 but was told by the commanding officer that he was being sent home due to a heart murmur. Jack refused to go. Tears came to his eyes as he pleaded not to be sent home. This was a pivotal point in Jack’s young career; if he were sent back home, he never would have attended college. The commander saw how much Jack wanted to be in the Navy and agreed to let him remain.

Following service in the Navy, Jack enrolled at Modesto Junior College and became a starter in his second season. He transferred to San Jose State. Reaching the gym just before the cut sheet was posted, he spoke with Coach McPherson who was putting the finishing touches on the list. McPherson at first said that yes, Jack’s name was on the list, but a closer look proved that it was not. McPherson said that he would add Jack as the 16th player but he had to understand he would have very limited playing time. Had Jack not been at the gym early, he would have been left off the team and again his coaching career would have ended before it ever had a chance to start. Jack worked hard between seasons but McPherson had enough of his bad temper. Jack did not accept criticism well. Jack had to promise McPherson that he would never hear from him all season. McPherson countered with his requirement that if he ever had to talk to Jack because of his attitude, he would be removed from the team. Jack became a starter his senior year and Coach McPherson never had to exercise his authority.

In 1953 Jack married the love of his life, Clare McCallum, a freshman pledge at the sorority house across the way. For as tough, demanding and unreasonable as Jack’s players saw him, they knew Clare to be kind, friendly and understanding. She was the perfect “Mom.” Clare passed away in September 2009, which also marks the start of Jack’s legendary coaching career. He taught and coached at Branciforte Junior High School in Santa Cruz, and then at Gridley and Sutter high schools before joining the staff at San Jose High School. At SJHS Jack coached all four levels of boys basketball each year and won 6 of 12 possible titles in three years. At SJHS Jack taught alongside another future hall-of-fame coach who is still a close friend, Chris Pappas (Pappas later coached at Monterey Peninsula College). Jack left his teaching position at San Jose High School to take the reigns at CSM. He hosted the state Championships in the new CSM gym in 1964 and was the president of the state basketball coaches association. Some of the best Peninsula preps played for Jack. Jack’s greatest victory at CSM was a first round victory over Pasadena in the Modesto West Coast Athletic Conference. Jack was a member of the National Basketball Coaches Association Board of Directors. He retired from Portland with 223 wins; seven players were NBA draft picks.

In the following years, Jack coached for two years in Turkey and two years in Brazil. For four seasons he served as a consultant at University of San Diego, and from 1970 to 1982 he helped coach the Japanese Olympic team. Jack, along with Pete Newell and Stu Inman, coached the victorious U.S. team in the World University Games. Jack was a real Bulldog: demanding on the court, in practice, and games; tough on officials and yet respected and liked by all. The members of the team always knew that off the court Jack and Clare were concerned about their well-being. He was a father figure to many and the reason many chose to attend college Jack Avina is highly respected in the coaching community and is a member of the California Community College Basketball Coaches’ Hall of Fame. He is a great family man, a great coach and a great Bulldog.
A message from Ron Galatolo

Chancellor, San Mateo Community College District

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first annual Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony at College of San Mateo. This year’s honorees represent a group of notable men and women, former coaches and student athletes, who have all achieved personal distinction and professional greatness. More importantly, however, these men and women are symbolic of the character and dedication of the faculty, staff and students that enter our doors each day. These inductees are talented students who reached for the stars and believed that anything was possible as well as esteemed faculty who stood as shining examples of the academic excellence we continue to strive for today. Thank you for attending our Hall of Fame ceremony that recognizes and celebrates the athletic accomplishments of these extraordinary individuals.

A message from Mike Claire

President, College of San Mateo

On behalf of College of San Mateo, I welcome you to CSM’s inaugural Athletic Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony. As the college begins its 90th year, we are proud to establish the Hall of Fame to permanently honor the outstanding accomplishments of our former student athletes and coaches. As you will hear at tonight’s event, the achievements of this charter class of inductees are truly remarkable. The Hall of Fame is a wonderful opportunity to look back on our athletic legacy as we honor the most successful student athletes and coaches that have been associated with CSM. Congratulations to all of our honorees. We are privileged to celebrate their success.

A message from Andreas R. Wolf

Athletic Director, College of San Mateo

It is a great honor to take part in the induction ceremony of the inaugural class of College of San Mateo’s Athletics Hall of Fame. With over 90 years of athletic and academic history, this first class is truly special. This feat could not have been accomplished without the teamwork of many folks in the district and the college, and I owe a great deal of gratitude to all those involved. The interest, dedication and teamwork created a valuable bonding experience for us all, and we are proud to host this celebration in honor of our inductees, families, and guests. While we have a lot of catching up to do in recognizing those many student-athletes and coaches who have truly reached the pinnacle of success in their academic, athletic and professional endeavors, we are committed to continue this celebration throughout the years to come. To those inductees, and all who have been associated with College of San Mateo’s storied history, “We stand on the shoulders of those that came before us.”
Program

CSM Athletics Hall of Fame Inaugural Induction Ceremony
Friday, September 23rd, 2011

4:00 pm . . . . Ribbon Cutting Ceremony . . . . . . . . . . Hall of Fame Plaza
4:45 pm . . . . No Host Cocktails/Silent Auction . . . . Bayview Dining Room, College Center
6:00 pm . . . . Dinner/Induction Ceremony . . . . . . . . . . . Bayview Dining Room, College Center

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Hal Ramey - Master of Ceremonies

Hal Ramey began his broadcasting career as a student at CSM in 1965-1966. He worked for the campus stations, doing a weekly sports show and football play-by-play on KCSM-FM. He did CSM basketball telecasts on KCSM-TV.

Hal has been the sports director and afternoon sports anchor at KCBS radio since 1987 and has been covering Bay Area sports for most of his life—since starting as a writer for Lon Simmons at radio station KSFO in 1969. Prior to that he assisted the CSM sports information office and Junior College Athletic Bureau in compiling local and state statistics reports for the news media.

Hal served as the radio play-by-play voice at Stanford University, Santa Clara University, and San Jose State University, as well as the Oakland Athletics, and has done a variety of football, basketball and soccer telecasts. He served as the San Francisco 49ers public address announcer for 20 years during their Super Bowl days of the ’80s and ’90s.

Hal was also the voice for football and basketball at the University of Oregon from 1984 to 1987. Hal’s sports reports and play-by-play work has earned awards from the Radio-Television News Directors Association, the Associated Press, and the United Press International. Hal was elected to the Bay Area Radio Hall of Fame this year and will be inducted in October, along with retired CSM professor and broadcasting instructor Dan Odum.
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