

## Emil Seifert

### Class of 1936

Emil Seifert was born in 1918. He then proceeded to live a very accomplished life.

Emil lettered in football, baseball, basketball and tennis during high school. He was the quarterback and a captain for the Dixon High football team. Emil was a three-year captain for the baseball team and a captain of the basketball team, in which he was named All-Conference while playing for the "C" team. Emil even won a boys doubles tennis conference championship.

Emil received a scholarship to play football for College of the Pacific's legendary coach Amos Alonzo Stagg. During his time with COP/UOP, Emil played well enough to be inducted into UOP's Hall of Fame in 1985.

Emil was drafted into the US Army before the attack on Pearl Harbor. He participated in the invasion of France and was also stationed in Italy, Germany and Africa. He was discharged as a Captain and returned to Stockton to work for the Parks and Recreation department. Emil rose to become the Director of the Parks and Recreation department for 39 years. During those years, he oversaw the construction of 29 parks, 5 recreation centers, an ice arena and a golf course. A recreation center was named in his honor and UOP awarded Emil its AA Stagg Award of honor in 1997 in recognition of his work for the community. Emil married Melba and had one son, Rick. He died in August 2008.