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Mrs. William E. Self (Jean Carmody '42)

(Photograph by Valley Studio, El Cajon)

Introduced to you in the photograph above is **Mrs. William E. Self (Jean Carmody '42)**, new president of the San Diego State College Alumni Association. Formerly second vice-president of the Association, she succeeded to the presidency when **Lt. Barney Carman** tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors on March 14, shortly after he was appointed Graduate Manager. Carman, who was discharged from the Navy March 25 and officially became Graduate Manager the same day, told the Board of Directors that he felt the pressure of his new duties would preclude his continuing to serve the best interests of the Alumni as president.

**Dave Barnes**, first vice-president, had

previously submitted his resignation March 1 because of his time-consuming duties as superintendent of schools in La Mesa.

Barney and Jean have both contributed greatly to the reorganization of  
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## Alumni Reunion Dance April 24

April brings the first big post-war reunion!

Alumni, faculty and undergraduates—take out that red pencil right now and put a circle around Wednesday, April 24th, on your calendar.

That's the date for the Aztec Homecoming Reunion dance at Mission Beach ballroom, when all Aztecs will gather to renew war-interrupted friendships and associations. Returning servicemen will be honored particularly, and the Reunion dance will be the occasion for the largest gathering of veterans yet.

Chairman **Bob Breitbard** and his committee of **Ed Costenborder** and **Joe Suozzo** have signed up **Chet White's** band to furnish the dance tunes, and they also promise a short entertainment program.

Bids (\$2.40 per couple including government tax) are on sale now at **Stanley Andrews Sports Goods Company** downtown, at the **Stanley Andrews** uptown store at University and Ohio, where **Aztec Alum Joe Rodney** will handle the ticket sales, and at **Thearles'** ticket department. Later on bids will be placed on sale at the Aztec bookstore and at a booth on the campus. The committee also plans to mail out a number of bids.

**Jack Jackson**, college advertising manager, is working on a souvenir program which will include photographs and a space for alumni to obtain the signatures, addresses and telephone numbers of friends with whom they have lost contact.

The hours: 9 to 1. Four hours no alumnus will want to miss. You'll be sorry if you do. This is the first on the calendar of events your reorganized Alumni Association is scheduling. Let's all turn out and make the Alumni Association mean something.

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## Alumni President

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the Alumni Association. Barney spear-headed the actual organization work, and Jean wrote the new Alumni constitution which was adopted by the Board in February.

After being active in many campus organizations, Jean was graduated with honors in June, 1942, earning distinction in speech arts. She was outstanding in debate, and among her other activities she was Cap and Gown scribe, vice-president of A. W. S., member of the student council, vice-president of Y.W. C.A., treasurer of her junior class, Cetza, Kappa Delta Pi, Toastmistresses, Theater Guild and Radio Workshop. She was a member of Alpha Sigma Chi sorority and is a past president of its Alumni chapter.

She married **Bill Self '42** at the end of their Junior year and they are perhaps the only married couple ever to serve together on the student council. They have a daughter, **Sharon Lyle**, who will be two in May. Bill, a lieutenant in the Army, is presently overseas.

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## ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP LIST

Since the last issue of the News Letter, paid up membership in the Alumni Association has increased approximately 200 per cent, and as this issue goes to press there are approximately 75 members in good standing. If we can make another 200 per cent increase in membership by the time the May 1 issue is off the press, then we really will be on the road to success. Here is a partial list of Alumni members, which will be continued in future issues as space permits:

Sol Schultz  
Selwyn Hartigan  
Jean Carmody Self

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## President Says:

### To All Aztec Alumni:

You will all join me in regretting that **Barney Carman** has found it necessary to resign as president of our Alumni Association. He has done a remarkably fine job in organizing an Alumni program and getting it well under way.

The Aztec News Letter has become an Alumni publication under the management of **Charles Byrne**, and a special News Letter fund has been set up to include all of the funds turned over to the Alumni by **Dr. Lauren C. Post**. (Our gratitude to "Doc" is boundless, and we want that money used only for continuation of the News Letter.)

The Alumni Reunion dance is to be held at Mission Beach on Wednesday, April 24, and the Senior-Alumni revival play, "East Lynne," is set for May 3rd and 4th at the former Masonic Hall. Plans also are underway for an Alumni dinner dance at Homecoming in the fall.

A scholarship committee, under the chairmanship of **Dave Barnes**, is working to obtain freshman scholarships in the fields of education, music, art, speech arts and athletics.

**Bill Koller** is heading the Alumni membership drive which gets under way this month. Give him your full support!

All in all, Barney has much to be commended for, and we wish him the best of luck in his job as Graduate Manager. The Alumni Association is proud to add his name to the many alumni who are already working at State, and we have no doubts as to his continued enthusiastic support.

The officers and Board of Directors join me in urging each and every reader of the News Letter to continue to support its successor, the Alumni News Letter.

As Aztecs you will continue to enjoy the friendly contacts provided by the News Letter, in addition to the advantages of active participation in the Alumni Association. Use the box application printed elsewhere in this issue and send in those dues! (And make it a life membership if you can!)

For the many readers who are not Alumni, and who have enjoyed and generously supported the News Letter in the past, we urge you to continue your support. Subscriptions are two dollars a year and should be mailed in immediately. (Alumni Association, Box 94, San Diego State College).

For myself, I should like you all to know what a very great honor I consider the opportunity of serving as Alumni president. I am sure that there are many, many Alumni who could bring the office

## Editor's Corner

Anything you do for the first time is likely to be an experiment, and putting out this first issue of The Aztec Alumni News Letter has been no exception.

You will notice some changes—particularly a stronger emphasis on Alumni news. If there is less service news than you would like, it is primarily because letters are fewer and fewer every month, and they are the source of news.

A whole drawerful of overseas News Letters "bounced" in March, indicating the addressees are on the move—toward home, we hope. When a letter "bounces," no more can be sent until a new address is received. So let's write, fellows.

### • Acknowledgments

Thanks to two campus sororities, **Tau Zeta Rho** and **Alpha Sigma Chi**, for sponsoring the on-campus sale of this issue.

Thanks a thousandfold to **Dr. L. C. Post** for all he has done to start the Alumni News Letter on its way. Not the least was in turning over a cash fund of more than \$400 to the Alumni publication fund. Also his voluminous files and records on Aztec servicemen, addressograph machine and equipment, and perhaps most important of all, his friendly advice, encouragement and good will.

### • Class Numerals

You will notice in this issue some alumni names with class numerals, some without. The News Letter's goal is to use all alumni names with class numerals, but it takes time to search the records. So—please include your class on all correspondence. If you didn't graduate, just place an "Ex" before your class. Which brings up a point worth repeating: you don't have to be a graduate to be eligible for membership in the Alumni Association.

### • News Letter Office

The Alumni and News Letter office has been moved to the field house. Drop in any Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning. Or write any time—**Charles T. Byrne, Ex-'40**.

more ability and greater prestige, and I can give only my sincere promise that I will serve, wholeheartedly, to the best of my ability.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I look forward to renewing contacts with friends and acquaintances of college days, and to making many more through an ever-expanding Alumni Association!

Sincerely,

(Mrs. W.M. E.) Jean Carmody Self  
President



# Alumni Featured in Treble Clef's Annual Spring Concert April 9.



**John Tyers '36**  
**PROGRAM**

I  
Now is the Month of Maying ..... Morley-Harris  
Adoremus Te ..... Mozart-Davis  
Villanella alla Napolitana ..... Donato-Reynolds

II  
**Baritone Solos**  
Nemico della Patrie?—from  
**Andrea Chenier** ..... Giordano  
Over the Steppe ..... Gretchaninoff  
The Cloths of Heaven ..... Dunhill  
Carnaval ..... Foudrain

**John Tyers**  
Folk Songs  
III  
Ifca's Castle ..... Czechoslovakian-  
Ashenbrenner  
Stodola Pumpa ..... Czechoslovakian-  
Strickling  
See the Gypsy Munching Cheese ..... Hun-  
garian-Kodaly  
Mother, Do Not Scold Me ..... Russian-  
Wilson  
The Three Cavaliers ..... Russian-Schindler

IV  
**Combined Chorus of Actives and Alumnae**  
Pueri Hebraeorum ..... Thompson  
Campus ..... Grace Walker Allen  
The Monastery ..... Wihtol  
One Kiss, My Bonnie Sweetheart—  
from **The Highwayman** ..... Taylor

**John Tyers, baritone soloist**  
Part Two  
**One-Act Operetta—"Kazitchka"**  
Music ..... Diana Quint  
Libretto ..... Consuelo Alden

**Cast of Characters**  
Tania ..... Elizabeth Kjolraug  
Ivan ..... Ruth Black  
Sonia ..... Consuelo Alden  
Zoompah ..... Dorothy Berry  
Petroff ..... Barbara Edelman  
Gregory ..... Fanchon Acosta  
Boris ..... Carol Pfimlin  
Nicholas ..... Nathalie Stribling  
Mariana ..... Shirley Brown  
Soldiers ..... Jeanette Andrews  
Enid Clement  
Betty Jean True

Music Director ..... Julius Leib  
Dramatic Director ..... Fanchon Acosta  
Art Director ..... Dorothy Johnson

Part Three  
**Twilight Songs**  
Purple Mountains ..... Grace Walker Allen

Alumni will have an opportunity to renew many old friendships Tuesday evening, April 9, when Treble Clef presents its annual spring concert at 8:15 in Russ Auditorium under the direction of **L. Deborah Smith**. Two alumni, **John Tyers '36** and **Bernard Lamb '41**, will be featured as soloists and an alumnae chorus of 130 voices will be heard in addition to the active Treble Clef.

Entire proceeds of the concert will go to swell the Treble Clef Organ Fund, which has reached the sum of \$6500 in two years' time through the medium of concerts and gifts from alumni all over the world. Treble Clef's goal is to raise \$25,000 with which to buy and install a concert organ second to none in the city when the college auditorium is built on campus sometime within the next decade.

**John Tyers'** rise to prominence in the concert field was rapid. After his graduation in 1936 he went to New York where he won one of the coveted Juilliard scholarships, being one of nine voice candidates chosen that year. Four years of intensive work in New York followed and then he was ready for the concert stage.

He sang considerable light opera on Broadway, toured for two seasons with the Nine O'Clock Opera Company and had sensational successes with the St. Louis Municipal Opera and the summer opera companies of other cities.

After he stopped the show for about 10 minutes in "Show Boat" with the singing of "Ol' Man River" in St. Louis one summer, M-G-M signed him to a film contract. Soon afterward he entered the army and joined the cast of "Winged Victory" as the only individual to be heard in solo in the show. It is Tyers who is singing "Silent Night" in that show when the enemy attack dramatically breaks off the song.

## Served on Destroyer Escore

**Bernard Lamb** had scarcely begun his professional career when he was called to service as a naval officer aboard a destroyer escort which saw action in both the Atlantic and Pacific. Although not much time is allotted to singing in the Navy, Lamb made one solo appearance with the Harvard Communications Chorus when that group was

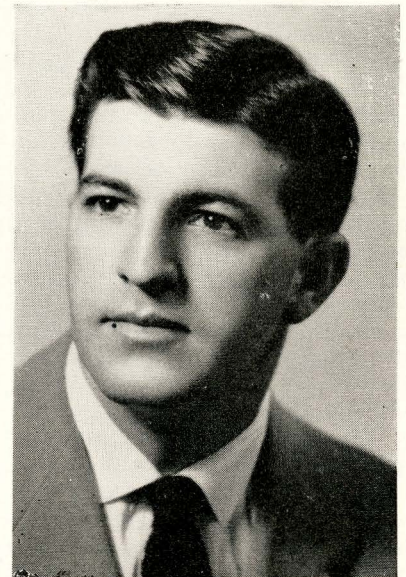
San Diego Alma Mater.....Dorothy Hall Goodbody  
Lullaby ..... Marilyn Kennell,

**Fanchon Acosta**  
**Mary Peck, Jeanette Andrews,**  
Mattinata ..... Leoncavallo  
**Bernard Lamb, baritone**

Serenade ..... Schubert  
**Bernard Lamb, soloist**

Calm is the Night ..... Bohm  
To a Child ..... Burgstaller

**L. Deborah Smith, Conductor**  
**Catherine Stamatopoulos, Accompanist**



**Bernard Lamb '41**

featured at one of the famous "Pop" concerts at Symphony Hall in Boston.

The alumnae chorus is made up not only of people who live in the vicinity of San Diego but of former Treble Clef members from Julian, Encinitas, Imperial Valley, Los Angeles and even as far away as Seattle, for **Rena Case Hubbard** from that city will be singing with the group.

Another item of interest to the alumni is the nostalgic song "Campus", written by **Grace Walker Allen**, of Brawley, which will be given its first presentation at this time. Grace Allen, a former president of Treble Clef, is remembered for her "Purple Mountains", which has been a sort of Treble Clef theme song. **Dorothy Goodbody Hall**, first president of Treble Clef Alumnae Association, has a dreamy college song in the twilight group of the program.

## Alumnae Chairmen Named

Members singing in the chorus represent classes all the way from 1921, when Treble Clef was first organized on campus, to the present. **Ruth Varney Stivers** is president of the Alumnae Association this year while the organization of the alumnae rehearsals and ticket selling has been in the hands of the group chairmen presided over by **Nancy Baker McLeod**. Working under her are the following group chairmen: **Christina Teachout Long, 1921-'24; Marie Beatty Krause, 1924-'27; Winnifred Green Rogers, 1927-'30; Reinette Chase Dunann, 1930-'34; Patti York Pourade, 1934-'37; Mildred Porter Lamb, 1937-'40; Jean Stocke, 1940-'43 and Genevieve Milligan, 1943---**

Tickets for the concert are on sale at **Mrs. B. A. Boker's** box office at Thearle's.



Probably the first Aztec to be among those joining their husbands in Berlin is **Joyce (Taylor) Allen**, wife of **2nd Lt. Bill Allen**, Assistant Fiscal Officer stationed at the German capital. Former Kappa Theta and Cap and Gown member, Joyce has the problem of getting a cold-weather wardrobe for the next year, outfitting son **Billy**, 4, with enough clothes and shoes for that length of time, getting all the electrical appliances she can find, choosing between taking a washing machine or a sewing machine. According to a government bulletin issued to families who will go to Germany, Joyce must take along all of her own appliances, and an electric transformer to fit them to the German current.

Joyce expects to leave this month from an eastern port, as yet does not know the date. Bill wrote that they will be billeted in a private home where he is already settled, and that they will have Post Exchange privileges. Joyce says that Hershey bars that sell for 3c at the P.X. will bring \$5 from the German people, that cigarettes are \$30 a carton from the civilians. Bill's landlady did a two months washing for him in exchange for one package of cigs. He also says that to drink the water, it must first be purified.

Joyce hopes to be able to find **Margorie (Newell) Breitenbach's** sister, **Lillis**, who has been in Berlin for about six years.

Another Kappa Theta who doesn't believe in sticking around is **Phyllis (Van Buskirk) Ruth**, wife of **Grant C. Ruth**, who is with Pan American Airways in Fairbanks, Alaska. Phyllis left by plane March 20 to introduce her brand new (three weeks) old daughter to her Alaskan home.

And still they fly away! **Phyllis (Mirow) Stone**, wife of Stanfordite **Grant Stone**, left March 25 with young **Suzanne Lee**, for Red Bank, N. J., to join Grant, who is with Solar Aircraft. Phyllis is a former Theta Chi, is now a former San Diegan.

## —Concert Notes—

Some side lights on the Treble Clef concert at the Russ, April 9th. . . **Benny Lamb** and **Johnny Tyers**, featured soloists, are well remembered for their operettas at State . . . this will be Benny's first public appearance since getting out of uniform. His last State vehicle was "Desert Song" four years ago with **Mildred (Porter) Lamb**. . . **Rena (Case) Hubbard** is remembered for her appearances in "Chimes of Normandy" and "Robin Hood." . . **Eleanor (Morrison) Steddom** is the former feminine star of "Vagabond King" and "Bartered Bride" . . . **Bea Spinola** and **Pat White**

will be remembered from the "Desert Song," and **Rosaleen (Remick) Schneeman** was a Treble Clef standby in her days on the campus. . . So if you go to the concert, no matter what class you represent, you'll see some familiar faces!

And speaking of Benny Lamb, he is just back from a wartime naval career, was separated as a Lieut. March 22, and is now working with an accountant. Benny plans definitely on a concert career. He will substitute for **Mme. Valeria Postnikova (Mrs. L. C. Post)** at the Second Church of Christ, Scientist, in late summer. Meanwhile, he and **Mildred** and 2-year-old **Dale** are making their home at 3614 Alexia Place.

## —Representative Aztec—

"**Aluminary-of-the-Month** . . . **Ed Owerend**, who is remembered on the campus from the class of '39 as being a whirlwind even then, and hasn't stopped whirling since, is now beckoning to politics, will run for State Assembly from the 80th district. We remember Ed as a Phi Lambda Xi and Skull and Dagger-er who was president of a capella choir, winner of one-act play tourney, vice-president of senior class, singer in operettas, and recipient of A.B. Junior High and Pre-secondary degree.

Since then we've read that . . . Ed began his Marine flight training in '40, won his wings in '41, resigned from Marine Corps as Second Lt. two months later to join the Flying Tigers, with which group he subsequently bagged six planes. . . After the Flying Tigers disbanded Ed re-joined the Marines and proceeded to shoot down three more planes. . . With the rank of Major, Ed was fighter squadron commander in the Pacific which led to: a citation from Adm. William F. Halsey for "extraordinary achievement in air while acting as squadron commander of a fighting group . . . for leading 12 planes over Rabaul . . . for getting two planes and damaging a third when the tail of his own plane was badly damaged by cannon fire." Other awards include: Distinguished Flying Cross, Distinguished Flying Cross from Great Britain, Chinese Order of White Cloud Banner, Chinese Silver Star, Special Award from Mme. Chiang Kai-Shek.

You're a Democrat, Ed, and we're registered Republican, but here's to another feather in your cap!

## —Hilltop Inventory—

Making a canvass among the teachers, we find a representative crew of Aztecs at San Diego High. **Alfred Alexander**, class of '36, former editor of Aztec and Blue Key member, is teaching French and public speaking at the Hilltop, is married to Aztec **Betty Grimse**.

**Werner Petersen**, '30, who held the State javelin title for 10 years, is now teaching physics. He is remembered as an all-conference tackle, wrestler and tumbler, and Blue Key charter member. Pete didn't end his titles with school days, but in '31 was heavyweight A.A. U. wrestling champ for Southern Calif. He then coached football at Army & Navy Academy for several years before joining the Hilltop staff.

**Connie Bowman** '38 is in the English dept. At State Connie was editor of *Del Sudoeste*, assistant editor of the Aztec, a Toastmistress, in Cetza and Cap and Gown. Since joining the Hilltop staff she has been responsible for the Russ newspaper's making Pace-maker classification in national competition. And don't forget that she worked at Convair one summer, then wrote "Slacks and Callouses," which was illustrated by Stater **Clara Marie Allen**.

**Margaret Bock**, also '38, has taken over Connie's sponsorship of the Russ, and is likewise in the English dept. Margaret was one of the literati while at State, was active in Gamma Psi, Kappa Delta Pi, Cap and Gown, Alpha Pi Gamma, and worked diligently on the Aztec for four years.

**Dorothy Kuhn**, vintage of '32 at State, is now at the Hilltop as head of the art dept., and in charge of art section of the Russ.

**Ed Ruffa**, now a Lt. Comdr., USNR, has a leave of absence from the Gray Castle faculty, and will return to his coaching position in September. While at State Ed was a pace setter in track and football.

**Johnny Brose**, former Blue Key-er of '29, is coaching baseball at SDHS, and is now assistant to vice-principal.

**William Lyons** '31, former Delta Pi Beta, is now vice-principal. He was Alumni prexy in '35.

**Merrill Douglas**, Kappa Phi Sigma of '30, was one of the best basketball guards State has ever seen. He is now veterans' advisor for boys returning to the high school.

**Bill Bailey**, remembered for the famous "Mosolf to Bailey" passes for touchdowns during his halfback days as an Aztec, was with the class of '33. He is now a football coach where he's teaching his tricks to future stars. **George Mosolf** will be remembered as a javelin star.

**Gordon Wiggins** '36, was editor of the first large-size edition of *Del Sudoeste*. He was also president of Delta Pi Beta and a member of Blue Key. Gordon now teaches commercial courses and public speaking. In his spare



moments he is the enterprising president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Gordon is married to Shen Yo Doris Jean Stewart.

**Eleanor Soule '36**, was once assistant professor in State's art dept., is now with the Hilltop art dept.

**Alice (Donnelly) Rice** was a Sigma Pi Theta on the campus, has been with SDHS physical ed dept. for 10 years.

#### —Aztec Wave—

**Lt. Dora Newell, USNR**, who has enough points to be separated from the service, is not sure that she wants to end her life as a WAVE. She was in San Diego last month on 15-day leave, reported back to headquarters at Long Beach March 27. Dora was a Kappa Theta.

**Doris (Smylie) Sweet** has just returned from Rio de Janeiro, where she visited her father-in-law and sister-in-law for five and a half months. Doris made the trip down by plane, returned in 39 days via freighter, reports that the former mode of travel is more satisfactory. Landing in New Orleans, Doris went to Minnesota, where she visited more relatives before returning home. She will return soon to her job at Security Trust & Savings. A former Kappa Theta, Doris is the widow of **Jack Sweet**, who lost his life at Iwo Jima.

**Bob and Detty June (Stevenson) Conyers** and young **Jeffrey** will soon be San Diegans again, plan to leave San Francisco the middle of this month. Bob has left the FBI, and will enter private law practice. Bob, a former HOD, was in the class of '39, and Detty June was a Theta Chi in '40.

All the **Crawfords** have come home! **Barbara, Betty, Bill, and Bob**. Barbara has just returned from Pasadena where she has been doing industrial design. Betty is living with her parents and young son, **Leo Jensen Jr.**, while **Comdr. Leo Senior** is in the Aleutians. Bill and attractive bride, **Nina**, are living at 4122 Vermont, near Bill's car lot on El Cajon. And Bob is on leave of absence from Pan American, was an Ensign in the Naval Reserve. Barbara and Betty were Shen Yos, Bill was Epsilon Eta, and Bob? Eta Omega Delta.

**Chili and Edgie Scott** have also come home to live permanently. Chili and wife and two young daughters are living at Del Mar. He was released from the army in January. Edgie and Stanfordite wife **Lily Bell Coutts** and young **Edgie Jr.** are with her family 'till they find a home. Both boys will enter the insurance business, both were Epsilon Etas.

#### —Vow Takers—

Weddings and engagements are all ways of interest. . .

Newly engaged are **Ruth Evelyn Borchart** and **Capt. Douglas Lamar Inman, USMCR**, who will be married April 13

## Class of 1968

To **Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Huff (Charlotte Treiber)**, a son, born March 15, 1946, at San Diego, and welcomed by twin sisters, three years.

To **Lt. and Mrs. George W. Peck**, a son, **Courtney Allyn**, born Feb. 18, 1946, at Fresno, Calif.

To **Mr. and Mrs. Guilford (Bud) Quade (Kay Lee)**, a son, **Michael Terry**, born Feb. 10, 1946, at Escondido, Calif.

To **Lt. and Mrs. William H. Rossman (Evelyn Oberg)**, a son, **Donald Alan**, born March 7, 1946, at San Diego, and welcomed by **Bill Jr.**, three years.

To **Mr. and Mrs. Jerome W. Rudrauff (Audgerie Anderson)**, a daughter, **Ann Audgerie**, born Feb. 6, 1946, at Seattle, Wash.

To **Mr. and Mrs. James L. Caffee (Betty Brown)**, a son, born early in March, at San Francisco, Calif.

To **Lt. and Mrs. George Thompson (Betty Forbes)**, a daughter, **Kristina Louise**, born March 4, 1946, at San Diego, Calif.

To **Lt. and Mrs. G. E. Simmons (Lucille Pearson)**, a daughter, **Dianne La Rue**, born March 12, 1946, at Corpus Christi, Texas.

in Los Angeles. Ruth Evelyn is a Chicago girl, but we claim Doug as an Aztec grad. He is now teaching in the science dept. at State.

**Herbert E. Wells Jr.** and his bride, the former **Marie Ann Pribula** of South Amboy, N. J., are now residing at 3500 First ave. following their honeymoon in New York. Herb attended State from '40 to '42, was a Sigma Lambda.

**Jene Louise Petz**, former Phi Sigma Nu, became the bride of **Lt. (jg) Harold J. Zenner**, in a recent ceremony at St. Simon's Island, Ga. Zenner is a U. of Wisconsin man.

**Eileen (Lane) Hildebrand**, whose husband, **Bill**, is a Methodist minister in Arcadia, is helping with the building of a new church. Their young son, **Mark Lane**, six months, has a nursery in their home at 1801 S. Baldwin Ave., Arcadia.

**Ruth (Stevens) Baker**, wife of **Albert Baker, Jr.**, is living at 61 Alta Drive, Mt. Vernon, N. Y. Ruth has a son, **Albert III**, and a daughter, **Ragnhilde**, nickname **Ronnie**, three months old. Ruth, who was prominent in Treble Clef work, sent a telegram expressing her regret at not being able to attend the concert April 9th.

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(Alum-luminaries will be a monthly feature of The Aztec Alumni News Letter. Mabel Grant Hazard, remembered for originating the Aztecalities column on The Union, will be glad to receive news for her column at 1968 Chatsworth Blvd.—Ed. Note).

## Addresses Needed

So many News Letters are being returned that we are asking the help of other readers in correcting our address files. If you have any information on recent addresses of the following Aztecs, or if you know that they have been mustered out, please communicate with the Alumni News Letter, Box 94, San Diego State College:

T/Sgt. Robert H. Anketell.  
S1c Thomas E. Ables  
Dr. A. J. O. Anderson  
Capt. Augustine Apra  
Lt. (jg) C. B. Armstrong  
AERMIc Dudley H. Armstrong  
Lt. S. B. Axtell  
Harold W. Baker  
A.S. Delmore T. Bell  
T/Sgt. Willard C. Barbour  
Ens. Marlow C. Bell  
Lt. Jack F. Biery  
Sgt. Roy Boaz  
Ens. Lynn W. Brawner  
Ens. Glenn Burne  
Lt. John R. Carlisle  
Pfc. Ramon Chavez  
CSK Richard J. Clardy  
Lt. Joseph B. Clay  
RM2s Harry A. Cook  
Lt. Richard Cormier  
Lt. (jg) Bob Crowninshield  
Ens. Thomas D. Cullen  
1st Lt. Allan C. Dale  
Sgt. Orville Danforth  
BM2c Charles B. DeLong  
1st Lt. John Dillin  
Lt. Thomas Duer  
Chaplain D. L. Dyreson  
Capt. Frank W. Elliott  
Ens. Murl Gibson  
Lt. (jg) C. W. Gilman  
Pfc. Jack Goode  
T/5 Clinton R. Gooding  
Lt. (jg) Gordon R. Gould  
Ens. William Haddock  
Lt. William Hamby  
Lt. Charles D. Hargreaves  
Lt. Walter Harlin  
Pvt. Paul M. Hayes  
Reed Hastings  
Cpl. Lawrence C. Head  
T/Sgt. Harold Henson  
T/4 Orville L. Hill  
Cpl. Lewis A. Hillyard  
Maj. Orland Huffman  
S1c O'Hugo Jenkins  
Lt. W. H. Jennings  
M/Sgt. Emil P. Johnson  
Mary Kessel  
Mrs. Arlene Learner Kibrick  
Connie Kiely  
Ruth Kimball  
T/4 Laurence N. King  
Lt. Giles G. Larabee  
Lt. George A. Lee  
S/Sgt. W. B. Lampus  
Sgt. Norman G. Levi

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## News of Alumni

Any Aztecs passing through Sao Paulo, Brazil, should look up **Frances Coughlin '42**, who will be the Alumni Association's representative in that area, at least for the next year. Frances, who spent a year in the Wasps during the war, is getting back into the flying game, although hers will be a ground job. She has joined the J. P. Riddle Co., of Miami, which has a contract to instruct members of the ground forces of the Brazilian air force. Frances visited the campus before she left, paid her Alumni dues—and promptly was appointed Alumni representative in Brazil. On campus she was a member of Tau Zeta Rho sorority.

Her address will be: Escola Tecnica de Aviacao, Rua Visconde de Parnaiba 1316, Sao Paulo, Brasil.

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Right after **Frances Coughlin** was in, **Barney Carman** received a letter from **Wayne Joslen '40**, and it came from exactly the same address Frances gave the News Letter. Wayne wrote that he was very much interested in the Alumni reorganization, but that others would have to keep things going for the two years that he expects to remain in South America. Why not start an Alumni chapter in Brazil, Wayne? Get Frances to tell you what is being done locally.

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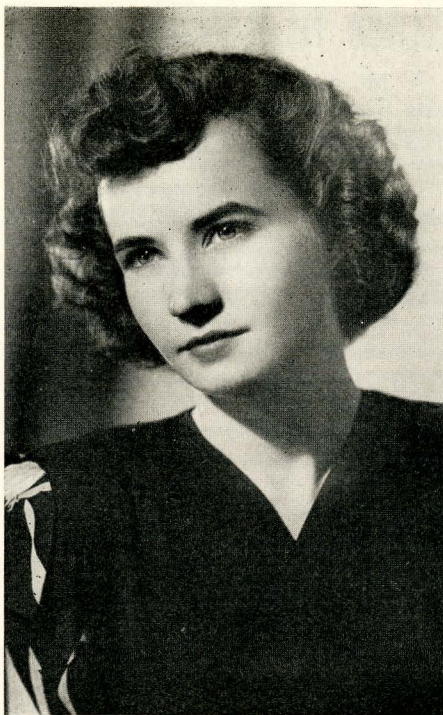
**Wilson Seacord '39** dropped into the Alumni office for a visit and went out with a paid up membership in his pocket. Since being discharged from the Naval Reserve with the rank of Lt. Comdr. (his terminal leave was up in January), Wilson has entered the insurance business and divides his time between the Los Angeles and San Diego areas. Alumni in the Los Angeles area can find him at 14646 Gilmore, Van Nuys, Calif.

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**Mary L. Clay (Mary Lynn)** sent in her subscription to the Alumni News Letter from Box 283, San Andreas, Calif., where she is teaching in the high school. Mary was married at Thanksgiving to an engineer whom she met at San Andreas, and after the school term is over in June she will join him in Colorado, where they are to be located permanently. (Don't forget to send in your new address, Mary).

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**Walt Harvey '41** dropped by the News Letter office to take out a family membership in the Alumni Association for himself and **Mrs. Harvey (Cora-Meome Jones '40)**. Walt is now employed in the playground department. You'll find the Harveys and son **Sammie** at 4453 47th St., San Diego.



**Frances Coughlin '42**

(Photograph by Valley Studio, El Cajon)

**Lt. Charles W. Stooke (SC) USNR**, an Aztec graduate of 1938, is on terminal leave until May 9. He entered the Navy Aug. 1, 1942, and spent the last 18 months of his service on the carrier Coos Bay, which was being decommissioned as he was detached. Charles married **Marjorie Ernsting '38** and they have a daughter, **Kathryn**. They are establishing their residence at 2815 India St., and he is to be associated in business with his father-in-law, **John Ernsting**.

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**Lt. (j.g.) James Fournier**, former Aztec football and track star, who served in the Navy's pre-flight physical education program, has been discharged and has returned as A. G. Spalding representative in San Diego. While at St. Mary's Pre-Flight he became well acquainted with State's new football coach, **William Terry**.

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### **JANE FRANCE ELLIOTT '31**

**Mrs. Morgan Elliott (Jane France '31)** died March 25 in a San Diego hospital after an illness of several weeks. After being graduated from State college, she took post-graduate work at Columbia university and later was employed by the San Diego Harbor department. She is survived by her husband, **Morgan Elliott**, whom she married in 1935; two daughters, **Susan Van Arsdale** and **Jean Morgan**; her father, **W. B. France**, and her brother, **Van France**, former Aztec, who has been in Germany.

## On the Campus . . .

By Phyllis Russell '49

March skipped in with a change of wardrobe, sometimes disguised as a lamb and then again on the fatal day the girls bravely trudged over to Scripps, to pledge or not to pledge, the old month had the roar of a lion. Ninety-six coeds pledged sorority on Monday, March 4, and their contentment was evident from those merry smiles and "I made it!"

Judging by the crowd at the Hod's Farmer's Frolic even the most dignified pencil-pushers are farmers at heart. Overalls, straw hats, corn-cob pipes and plaid shirts were the order of that March 9 evening. Despite a heavy fog the hay rides which left every half hour were overflowing with singing, laughing yokels.

Plaid shirts, levis, and slack suits were spruced up for the AS picnic on Sunday, March 17, at El Monte. Pick-nickers were guided by road signs and after reaching the park they were lured to the baseball diamond, dance pavilion, and barbecue lunch.

This year's Red Cross drive has been under the capable leadership of **Betty Ahlson** and **Enid Edwards**. **Judge Dean Sherry** spoke about his experiences as a prisoner of the Japanese and of the importance of the International Red Cross to the men in the armed forces, in the Little Theatre on March 13.

### **Reunion of 'Famous '38'**

A reunion of 13 of the "Famous '38" Enlisted Reserve Corps boys, who were yanked out of college in 1943, was held on March 21. Among the fellows swapping war stories and shaking hands in the main quad were **Paul Arriola**, **Oscar Thomas**, **Leonard Cosgrove**, **Bob Kelly**, **Jim Hurley**, **Vincent Sund**, **Wayne Keniston**, **Frank Howell**, **Czar Rafalovich**, **Charles Kruse** and **Francis King**.

The annual AWS banquet, held in the flower-decorated San Diego Women's clubhouse, was well attended by campus women. The Aztec co-eds and women faculty members were entertained by Treble Clef and by **Miss Beatrice Edmonds**, monodramatist, who reviewed "The Hasty Heart".

### **Veterans' Organization**

Fun, games, food and dancing headed the entertainment list for the WRA's Shamrock Shuffle, which was held in the gym. Highlight of the evening was the crowning of **Barney Newlee**, sponsored by Phi Sigma Nu, as **Saint Patrick**. Proceeds from the dance were given to the current Red Cross fund drive.

The newly formed veteran organization here at State elected the following officers: **Walter Garrett**, interim pres-



ident; **Stan Calder**, vice-president; **R. H. Manzella**, secretary; **Bryce Wisner**, treasurer; **Bill Scarborough**, publicity chairman; **Sheldon Campbell** and **H. McGinnes**, representatives from the floor.

**Mr. and Mrs. Chester Kennedy** became the parents of twin male papooses on March 13. The proud papa paused to remark, while recklessly passing his best cigars around, that, "Guess I showed you young fellas a thing or two!"

Spring and Easter were prematurely celebrated by light-footed campus cut-ups at the Spring spree, sponsored by the Sophomore class, and the Delta Pi Delta's annual Hare Hop. Spring Sprees elected, all in fun, **Alyce Bickham** and **Cliff Vorhies** as the outstanding wolfess and wolf on campus. Two lucky couples were presented with bunny rabbits at the Hare Hop. This could be the beginning of a real industry for those fortunate winners.

#### Sororities Set Pace

Those all important grade point averages were released one by one this cheerful month of March. Again bringing up the world-wide question of who's more intelligent than who, the sororities came up with the highest averages.

Averages as released by the registrar's office are:

**Sororities**—Tau Zeta Rho, 1.639; Gamma Phi Zeta, 1.633; Delta Chi Phi, 1.58; Phi Kappa Gamma, 1.47; Theta Chi, 1.46; Phi Sigma Nu, 1.41; Shen Yo, 1.32; Kappa Theta, 1.26; and Epsilon Pi Theta, 1.13.

As Alpha Sigma Chi lacked sufficient members for activity they are not included.

**Fraternities**—Sigma Lambda, 1.47; Omega Xi, 1.45; Tau Delta Chi, 1.43; Phi Lambda Xi, 1.39; Sigma Delta Epsilon, 1.34; Delta Pi Beta, 1.32; Eta Omega Delta, 1.31; and Epsilon Eta, 1.24.

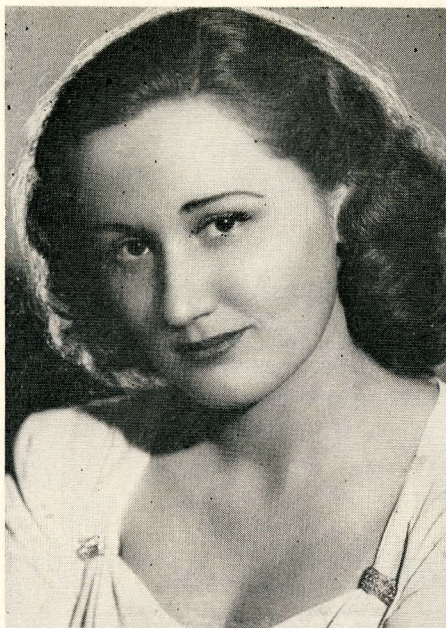
**Veterans**—In a scholarship report, 190 veterans averaged a grade of 1.36, and 56 averaged B or above. Six who averaged a straight A are **Hugo Baldelli**, **George Bascom**, **James Holton**, **Henry Siegal**, **Lawrence McClary** and **Edward Randall**.

Fraternities finished up the month with a bang by pledging 109 men.

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**James K. Lucet**  
**Maj. Herbert W. Lyda**  
**Ens. Lawrence Lydick**  
**Lt. George B. Maillot**  
**Cpl. Paul J. Marsden**  
**Ens. Robert J. Marshall**  
**Sgt. Lindsay J. McKellips**  
**Lt. Col W. A. McKinley**  
**A. S. Ormand G. Mitchell**  
**Ens. Lewis H. Newbrough**  
**A/C Robert J. Ogden**



**Martha Jane Shown**

(Photograph by Valley Studio, El Cajon)

## New Dates Set for Play; May 3-4

By **Gretta Driver '48**

Fun-loving Aztecs and Alumni are setting aside May 3rd or 4th to attend that old granddaddy of melodramas, "East Lynne," which will be presented on those dates jointly by the Senior class and the Alumni Association as the annual Revival play.

**Sol Schultz**, Alumni treasurer and business manager for the production, announces that the Revival play will be presented in the former Masonic Hall (now the Journal building) on 5th Ave. It was originally scheduled for April 11 but was moved back because of production difficulties.

Veterans are well represented in the cast and behind the scenes of the play. Director **Al Bradt** was a member of the 12th Air Force for three and a half years, with 17 months overseas.

The suave, scheming, sinister villain of the piece is **Larry Knechtel**, former instructor in P-38's. Rehearsals so far have shown him to be a moustache twirler of no mean ability.

**Ex-Army Lt. Bob Kelly** threatens to steal the show with his priceless portrayal of **John Dill**, a silly old love-sick gent of 60.

The noble, upstanding hero, **Archibald**, is very believable in the person of that tall, lean and handsome Norwegian,

**Sterling Jenson**, recently back from the Pacific.

**Dick Woolley**, former Lt. (jg), has been assigned the part of **Raymond Vane**. **Dotty Schlerf**, ambitious freshman, wangled the role of his wife, **Emma**.

That perennial master of ceremonies, **ex-Sgt. Sheldon Campbell**, is in charge of the Olio which follows the play. The acts lined up so far are exceptionally good.

Off stage vets will be **Jim Braun**, in charge of lights, and **Robert Kelly**, manager of the stage crew.

The heroine, **Lady Isabella**, is described as "a winsome, slightly husky, sunbeam." With the aid of false eyelashes, State's "First Lady" of the stage, **Martha Shown**, manages to be quite coy and convincing.

**Florence Officer**, pretty president of the Senior class, is **Miss Barbara Hare** in the melodrama. **Nona Rader** plays **Cornelia**, a hard-bitten old maid, with a sharp tongue and tight purse-strings.

**Little Willie** will be played by **Barbara Newman** (who, by the way, is a Mrs.). **Diane Driver** is taking the part of **Wilson**, "a buxom, 20-year-old, loud mouthed servant." The other servant, **Joyce**, is **Peggy Ashby**. The wayward son, **Richard**, is played by **Allen Richardson**, and **Mrs. Otway Bethel**, a character part involving approximately six lines, will be rendered by **Gretta Driver**.

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#### LT. TIMOTHY HALLAHAN '39

is on terminal leave after 38 months in the Navy and has returned to the campus preparatory to succeeding **Mr. C. L. Fisk** as supervisor of buildings and grounds on July 1, when Mr. Fisk will retire after 28 years' service. Mr. Hallahan was previously employed by the college from the time of his graduation until he entered the Navy Jan. 1, 1943.

After attending indoctrination school at Cornell, recognition school at Ohio State and taking sub chaser training at Miami, Fla., he was assigned to the U.S.S. Bowers, a destroyer, in November, 1943. The Bowers supported the Wakde and Leyte invasions, and then, while at Okinawa, was hit by a Japanese suicide plane. All but 90 members of the crew of 213 became casualties, killed or injured.

After being hit, the Bowers was converted into an APD, and Hallahan became skipper in December, 1945, serving until he was relieved to be discharged. He holds the Asiatic-Pacific area campaign ribbon with three battle stars and the Philippine Ribbon and star. You'll be seeing him around the campus busy in a responsible position that is a compliment to the ability of a young alumnus.



# News of Aztecs in the Service . . . . .

## LT. COMDR. CHARLES M. WITT

was killed in the crash of a Navy PBY4 photographic plane at Atami, Japan, on March 11. Seven others were killed in the same crash. Witt, who had previously commanded a photo-recon. squadron during the war in the Pacific, was executive officer of Squadron VD-5 at the time of his death.

He left State College to enlist in the Navy in June, 1940, and earned his commission at Midshipman's school. He then took flight training at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla. He saw a great deal of action in the Pacific and his ribbons included the pre-Pearl Harbor, American theater, Asiatic theater with five stars and Philippine Liberation. His decorations included two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Air Medals and the Bronze Star.

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## LT. HAROLD D. CURREY

has been declared deceased according to notification received from the War Department by his mother, Mrs. H. D. Currey, Sr. at 6870 Brooklyn St., San Diego. Lt. Currey, a graduate of San Diego High School, attended San Diego State from September, 1941, to June, 1942, before entering the air forces. He was pilot on a B-29 in the Pacific and has been missing since his plane failed to return from the big fire raid on Tokyo March 11, 1945. This is the first notification the News Letter has received, and Lt. Currey's name has not been carried on previous lists of Aztecs missing in action. (With the addition of the names of Lt. Comdr. Charles Witt and Lt. Currey, the Aztec Honor Roll of those killed in action or training now totals 119. The last complete list was published in News Letter No. 48. There are several which have not been traced down and any new information will be appreciated.—Ed. Note.)

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## JOHN J. DORIA, Ph.M. 2c

has been discharged from the Navy after three years of service. He was with a military government hospital, which was set up on Leyte immediately after the invasion, and later landed with it on Okinawa on the second day of that invasion. John did research work on tetanus and tropical diseases, and holds the Navy Commendation Ribbon. He plans to return to State in the fall.

## AZTECS MUSTERED OUT

The Aztecs listed below have been reported mustered out of the service since the last News Letter was published. Judging by the large number of News Letters that have been bouncing, both overseas and domestic, the list is far from being complete, but that alone is not sufficient evidence of discharge. Please send in news of discharges or of change of addresses, both for their news value and to avoid waste of postage.

Sgt. Fletcher Carr.  
Pfc. Albert P. Couvrette.  
Maj. George J. Couvrette, AAF.  
Lt. (jg) Richard R. Davis.  
Pfc. Maria DelAcqua.  
S/Sgt. Stanley deTreville, USMCR.  
John J. Doria, PhM2c.  
1st Lt. Herbert W. Ernst, AAF.  
Sgt. Vincent J. Farina.  
Lt. Comdr. Richard E. Farwell.  
Lt. (jg) James Fournier.  
Cpl. Evelyn I. Frederickson.  
Sgt. A. H. Gallup.  
Lt. Timothy Hallahan, USNR.  
Lt. John A. Hayes, USMCR.  
Sgt. Paul M. Hayes.  
Paul W. Heritage.  
Sgt. James Hough.  
Pfc. Loren S. Hover.  
Lt. (jg) F. Harry LeBarron.  
Sgt. Henry Manley.  
Cpl. Albert E. McQuoid.  
T/5 Morris A. Naiman.  
Sgt. William H. Neild.  
Pfc. P. R. Oncley.  
Pfc. Frank Ono.  
Ens. Robert Ragenovich.  
Nona G. Ratcliffe, Sp.(r)3c.  
Thomas Roche, QM2c.  
Ovidio Romano.  
A/C Earl L. Severin.  
Sgt. Ann W. Thornton.  
Ens. B. D. Trease.  
S/Sgt. Tom Piscopo.  
Ens. Forrest Warren.  
Cpl. Henry F. Wiegand.  
Lt. (jg) Tom E. Willis.  
Lt. Donald P. Wolfer.  
Pfc. Harry D. Woody.  
Cpl. Barbara Woollet.  
Pfc. Ross Workman.  
Maj. Ralph M. Young.

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Col. Seymour W. Wurfel, former member of the faculty, was assigned to the judge advocate general's office in Washington, D. C., with the closing of the School of Military Government, Charlottesville, Va., in March.

Lt. Albert T. Marrs wrote from Guam, where he is attached to Headquarters of the 20th Air Force. He can't see much chance of returning home before summer, but adds, "However, my overseas life has been made more interesting because I've been able to travel around considerably. I spent two months on Tinian, and have been on temporary duty at Saipan, Iwo Jima, Ulithi, Pel-elieu, and in Japan. Welcomed in the New Year in Tokyo."

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Lt. J. F. Brewer writes from Wheeler Field on the island of Oahu, which he describes as "a little more civilized than Guam, but still a long way from the main land." His engineering outfit is reclaiming real estate.

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M/Sgt. Roy Combs was mustered out March 5 after 33 months in the Army. He spent the last year and a half at Ft. Shafter, Oahu, attached to the headquarters company of the army air forces for the mid-Pacific theatre. While on campus Roy was a member of Delvers, Sigma Delta Epsilon and Tau Sigma, and he expects to return to college later.

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With the memory of his first trip through the Panama Canal still fresh in his mind, Bob Kennedy, SC 2c USCGR, former Aztec basketball and baseball player, wrote from aboard his LST off Cuba. He was inspired by the trip through the canal and wrote an interesting description, too long to print. Bob has sufficient points for discharge on April 1, and hopes to be back in San Diego about the first of May.

"I'm anxious to get back and see the revamped Cafe," he wrote, "for it sounds as if we 'ex-busboys' will have it comparatively easy with the new deal 'cafeteria-style' Caf. Also want to get back in time to work out with the baseball team and try to get back that 'school-boy figure', which (believe me) has disappeared beneath a bevy of bulges."

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Lt. (jg) Tom E. Willis, Ex-34, is on terminal leave after serving 18 months as a Navy Armed Guard officer with the merchant marine. Although his Liberty ship made several trips into the Pacific war zone, it escaped actual combat. Tom, however, won't soon forget the experience of going through the famous typhoon. He was in Manila at the war's end, and later went to Tokyo for three weeks. Tom, who was a Tau Delta Chi while on campus and used to do the makeup on The Aztec at the printers, will re-enter business after a few weeks' rest.



**Lt. (jg) W. J. (Joe) Seminario** is still aboard the U.S.S. Biloxi, which is in the Puget Sound area preparatory to being decommissioned. In Seattle he visited with Bob Brown '41, who is expecting to go into business there. They both attended South Gate High school before coming to San Diego State. Joe's address now is U.S.S. Biloxi, c/o PM, Seattle.

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**Ens. Robert Ragenovich** has been discharged after four years in the Navy. He spent two years in the Seabees, then later attended the Naval Training Unit at the University of New Mexico before receiving his commission. At the war's end he was attached to the U.S.S. Fall River, new heavy cruiser. Bob has the Asiatic-Pacific and American Theatre ribbons. He may return to State College or to University of New Mexico.

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Recently promoted to her present rank, **Capt. Dorothy Les Tina** has returned from overseas and is now at 1221 Bryn Mawr Ave., R.R. 2, Orlando, Fla. Overseas she had been attached to Special and Info. Services, Hq. Co. Z ETOUSA.

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**Sgt. J. A. Orcutt** wrote from Kassel Air Depot requesting that his name be taken off the overseas mailing list, "not because of any dissatisfaction over the No. 1 morale builder on my part, but rather, because the Army has become so desperate to appease Congress on the redeployment question that they are shipping my body home . . .

"I have traversed the ocean blue in a convoy consisting of four ships—the Nina, the Pinta, the Santa Maria, and a canoe commandeered from a Miami Beach amusement concession. From Italy to France I travelled on the S.S. Brighton—a Limey beer keg—but now, I'm informed that I will travel in style—an excess of boats, yet. My intentions are modest, however, and I will merely requisition promenade deck aft for my quarters."

Sgt. Orcutt expected to be home and out of the army in time to enroll at State College for the split semester for veterans beginning April 8.

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**Lt. J. W. Clements**, who attended State College from 1929 to 1932, saw the March 1 issue of the News Letter and wrote asking that his name be added to the mailing list. Aztecs of his era can reach him at Box 2Q, U.S. Naval Base, Terminal Island, San Pedro, Calif.

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**Jack C. Neale**, who was at University of Texas in the V-12 program, is now an ensign assigned to the Officer's Organization Course, Naval Training Station, Newport, R.I.

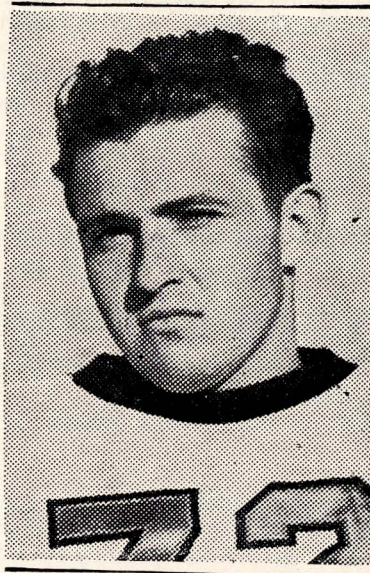
**Paul W. Heritage, Ex-'31**, has been mustered out of the Navy as ACRT(PA) and is now at 327 N. Maple St., Colville, Wash. He spent most of his time as electronics instructor with navy night fighters, especially in radar. "I was able to locate some old classmates such as **Col. Ossie Ritland** and **Lt. Comdr. Howard Avery**, who were both at Grossmont High with me."

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**Lt. (jg) Ted Smyer** wrote from the Naval Air Station, Brunswick, Maine, where he and **Lt. Comdr. Ed Conant** are waiting for their Midway class carrier to be completed "so we can go back to Japan and admire (?) the work we did over there last Feb. 16 to July." Ted added that he could be quoted: "San Diego was never like this."

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**Lt. (jg) Richard R. Davis '43**, former Aztec varsity tackle, is on terminal leave after two and a half years in the Navy and is establishing his family in San Diego before going into business here. Dick left in September, 1943, with **Joe Seminario**, for Northwestern, where both were commissioned. Then they parted and Dick took LST training at Solomons, Md., and in succession became gunnery officer, executive officer and finally skipper of the LST 545, which was en-



DICK DAVIS

gaged in training other LST crews in the Atlantic.

In May, 1945, the LST 545 was transferred to the Pacific and from its bridge Davis saw first the Philippines, then Okinawa and finally Japan. On one occasion they visited Ponape in the Carolines to pick up 750 Jap men and officers for repatriation to Japan.

Dick married **Charmian Ehmcke '43** and they have a nine-month-old son, **Richard William**. On their first visit to the campus they bought their Alumni membership cards.

## NEW AZTEC ADDRESSES

**Col. Dolf E. Muehleisen**, Hq. 20th Air Force, APO 234, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

**Lt. (jg) Charles R. St. John**, Div. 1, Bldg. 102, N.A.A., Hutchinson, Kansas.

**2nd Lt. William A. DeRiemer**, 78th A.A.F.B.U., Langley Field, Va.

**Lt. J. F. Brewer**, Co. A, 1864th E.A.B., APO 959, c/o PM, San Francisco.

**Pfc. Edgar A. Millsberg**, APO 22212, c/o PM, San Francisco.

**1st Lt. R. T. Lyles**, 99th Ordnance, H. M. Company, APO 315, c/o PM, San Francisco.

**Lt. William R. Burns**, 3746 43rd St., San Diego 5, Calif.

**Lt. Robert C. James**, 5850 Estelle St., San Diego 5, Calif.

**Pvt. Roger L. Hunnable**, Co. A, 22nd Bn., 7th Reg. IRTC, Ft. McClellan, Alabama.

**Jens Hutchens**, 4363 Trias, San Diego, 3, Calif.

**Albert Parr**, 4773 Mansfield St., San Diego 4, Calif.

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Two more of the four Couvrette brothers who were in the service have been mustered out. They are **Maj. George J. Couvrette** and **Pfc. Albert Couvrette**. George had five years of "foreign duty" in the air corps—all of it was in Texas, mostly at Randolph Field. He is now back in San Diego and can be reached c/o **George Browning**, 6315 El Cajon Blvd.

Albert, who left State College in March 29, 1943, with the second group of ERC men, also drew one and a half years of "foreign duty" in Texas, but later was overseas for six months with the 13th Armored Division. He has campaign ribbons for the Battle of the Rhineland and the Battle of Central Europe. Before being discharged, he was on duty with an Army postoffice unit. He is thinking of going to University of California in September.

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**Jeanne Couvrette** is still with the American Red Cross overseas. **Maj. Joseph Couvrette** and **Cpl. John Couvrette** had previously been mustered out.

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**Pfc. W. G. Robinson** wrote from Dible General Hospital saying he expected to be discharged "in a month or so."

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**Lt. James V. Couche, Ex-'40**, is on terminal leave and is now attending University of California with his wife, the former **Margaret Lundberg**, also an Aztec.



**T/5 Chester A. Hagman** is still stationed at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, where he is operating a typewriter as company clerk in place of the heavy 30-calibre machine gun he used to operate overseas. He wrote giving a description of combat conditions as he knew them and also giving an insight into a combat man's feelings:

"I had a great deal of excitement while I was overseas in combat. I went on line during the winter, just in time for the big German counter-attacks. I joined my squad as last ammo bearer, but within a month I was first gunner. Advancement was rapid because gunners did not live long.

"During one fight, several of us were getting ready to make a dash down a street under sniper fire. Suddenly a mortar shell burst a few feet away. Our first gunner, who was standing by my side, was killed. The remainder of us were not hurt. So I took his pistol and the machine gun tripod, and off we went down the street, leaving him there in the snow.

"Quite often our squads would only contain three or four men. Our officers had to help carry ammo. Often, too, they would stand guard with us. Rank meant nothing on the front line. It was what a man had inside of him that counted.

"Right now we get a great deal of amusement from the numerous awards that the Army and Navy are passing out to the 'armchair commandos.' It has become now so that one can figure that the more ribbons a man wears, the less combat he saw. In fact, many of the awards are given to non-combat men.

"All this is amusing, because anyone who was really in the fight knows that the real heroes are dead. They fell, over there, in the mud, or snow, or rain, and the ground was stained with their life blood.

"Some were blown into so many pieces that parts of them were never found. Some were cut in half and lived for a few awful moments. Other men were shot in the stomach and died a slow, painful death.

"These men were the heroes, but they are dead. Already many people have forgotten them."

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The reorganized Alumni Association sounds fine to **Lt. C. H. (Bud) Schmid, USMCR**, whose letter from Peiping, China, returned the Alumni questionnaire sent out with the January issue. Lt. Schmid, an Aztec graduate of 1943, hopes to be back in time for the Homecoming football game next fall. He wrote, "Peiping, China, is a long way from State, but I can never forget the old stomping grounds. Way across the

globe the News Letter makes the miles seem much shorter."

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Another questionnaire that required several months for return came from **Capt. James M. Lee, Jr. Ex-'38**, who wrote "I'm glad to have the opportunity to indicate my approval of the general program outlined."

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**Alan Van Horne** has been promoted to technical sergeant overseas and wrote his mother that he expects to start home in April from his base in the Pacific. He also wrote that he had received a Christmas letter from an Aztec co-ed and that he appreciated it greatly and intended to keep it as one of his war souvenirs.

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**Chaplain Ralph Bailey**, who was with a combat unit in Europe during a great deal of fighting, is in the United States for a 45-day furlough, his first in three years. He and his wife (**Ruth Taunton**) spent some time in San Diego but also have been visiting friends in Boston, Washington and Louisville.

Since V-E day he has been with the occupation forces in Bavaria.

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**Jim L. Caffee Ex-'44** is in his last semester at the University of California medical school and he and **Mrs. Caffee (Betty Brown)** are busy taking care of a baby boy who arrived early in March.

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**Comdr. Carl Young**, still attached to St. Mary's Pre-Flight, where he is in charge of the athletic program, secured a short leave so that he could be in San Diego for the Aztec A.A.U. Invitational Relays. He expects to be discharged from the Navy in June, and will return to State College in the fall as Director of Athletics and chairman of the Physical Education Department.

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**Henry Manley**, an Aztec veteran and a director at Memorial playground, was married recently to **Miss Mayme C. Allen**.

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**Grace A. Hunter '42**, who saw service with the American Red Cross until early this year, was married recently to S/Sgt. Foy C. Phillips, of Santa Ana. They are living at Pacific Grove while Sgt. Phillips is stationed at Fort Ord.

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**Lt. Comdr. John K. (Bing) Williams** wrote from Solomons Island, Md., with a correction and some interesting information about himself:

"I see by the Feb. 1 edition of the Aztec News Letter that you have me mustered out of the service. I hope the Navy doesn't find out because according to its records, and mine, I have requested to transfer over to U.S.N. 'Yes, I'm still in and intend to stay in (unless your dope was better than

mine), for I like the Navy and intend to carve a career out of it.

"I am presently squadron commander of the last PT squadron remaining in commission in the U. S. Navy. It is M.T.B. Squadron 4 and is located at Solomons Island, Maryland, about 50 miles southeast of Washington, D. C. We're engaged in experimental and testing development work. It is interesting work and the Bureau with its numerous new inventions certainly keeps us hopping.

**Lt. Comdr. Joe Howard** is stationed here with me, which is an odd coincidence as we went through kindergarten, grammar school, high school, San Diego State and University of California together and now we are stationed together.

"I hope to be in San Diego in the summer and autumn of this year to visit my wife and baby (**Mrs. Jane Grant Williams and John K. Jr.**), so please hold off the big reunion 'til then.

"I've certainly appreciated your grand editorial work in the Aztec News Letter and wish to thank you for your interest and talent in keeping us all posted throughout the war years."

(This letter was addressed to **Dr. Post**. The sentiments expressed by Lt. Comdr. Williams in the last paragraph of his letter have been included in almost every letter received from service men by the Alumni News Letter.—**Ed. Note.**)

When a letter from **Lt. Comdr. Dexter C. Rumsey, U.S.N.** was opened, out fell a \$5.00 United States postal note for his Alumni Association dues. This is happening more and more frequently as news of the Alumni Association reorganization is spread by the News Letter.

Lt. Comdr. Rumsey has been made commanding officer of the U.S.S. Chantrelle (AV10), which at the present is at the Philadelphia Navy base being prepared for the inactive fleet.

The same mail which brought **Lt. Comdr. Dexter Rumsey's** membership dues also brought dues from **Ens. Mary W. Varnado**, whose address is 2140 Fell St., San Francisco, Calif. The Navy is doing all right by the Alumni Association. Another who recently signed up is **Comdr. Harold P. Requa, Jr., USNR**, who attended State College from 1928 to 1932. Comdr. Requa was one of the fortunate few Aztecs to be aboard the U.S.S. Missouri in Tokyo Bay for the historic ceremonies which ended the war.

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**Lt. Bower Forbes**, who was student body president in 1941, became the first to send his Alumni Association membership from overseas. Not only that, he also included dues for **Mrs. Forbes**, the former **Margaret Holland '41**.



## BARNEY CARMAN'S "FAREWELL"

### Hello Alums:

You can consider this somewhat as a "farewell" message, although I am really not going anywhere. Since taking over the duties of Graduate Manager here at State, I find that I cannot do the office of president of the Alumni Association justice. Rather than let it go by the wayside, I have chosen to resign. I hope that you will all help the new president, **Jean Carmody Self**, as much as some of you have helped me—it is not a simple thing to handle, and your full cooperation will aid her tremendously.

The Association has begun to get back on its feet. The process has been somewhat slow, but it has been steady—it shows definite signs of being continuous. I shall do everything I can as Graduate Manager to help that growth.

Thanks a million to all of you who have made the organization process easier than it might have been!

Come out to the college and visit sometime.

Good luck, Jean!

Yours,  
Barney Carman '36

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## ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP LIST

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Harriet Marshall  
Ed Overend  
Bob Breitbard  
Patricia Barth  
Douglas Inman  
Winifred Smith  
Barney Carman  
Ed Costenborder  
Joseph Suozzo  
Alvin Cushman  
Charles Byrne  
Sue Cornell Byrne  
Keith Whitcomb  
Norma Boldman Pyle  
Charles E. Kahn  
Charles Wilson  
Mrs. Raymond Pyle  
Virginia Wells Horn  
Robley Baskerville  
William A. Koller  
Winelda Parks  
Spencer Held  
Frances Coughlin  
Charles W. Stooke  
Marjorie Ernsting Stooke  
Wilson Seacord  
Walter Harvey  
Cora-Meome Jones Harvey  
Richard R. Davis  
Charmain Ehmcke Davis  
Mable Grant Hazard  
H. Billy Miller  
June Herzig  
Harold Otwell  
Barbara Wright Otwell  
Bower Forbes  
Margaret Holland Forbes  
Harold P. Requa, Jr.

## WILLIAM A. KOLLER '39

has accepted chairmanship of the Alumni Membership Committee, succeeding **Dave Barnes**, resigned. Bill, a former State college student body president who, as an officer in the Navy, saw service in both the MTO and the Pacific, and his committee plan an active campaign to swell the Alumni membership rolls.

Bill's message to Alumni follows:

### Dear Alumni:

It looks as if we're really on our way this time and a real Alumni Association will result. Here's the proposition, viz: your year membership will cost you \$5.00 and here's what you'll get for it:

(1) A year's subscription to The Aztec Alumni News Letter (12 issues yearly).

(2) Admission yearly to the Senior-Alumni revival play (this year on May 3rd and 4th at the former Masonic Hall, now the Journal building. This time it's "East Lynne."

(3) A dinner dance next fall during Homecoming.

(4) The privilege of purchasing reserved seats for all Aztec home games.

(5) An opportunity to contribute to a real Alumni Scholarship fund.

For those among the Alumni who want a lifetime membership, it can be obtained for \$50.00.

What about a second alumnus member of the family? Just \$1.00 provides a yearly membership and \$20.00 a life membership.

Present members of the membership committee include **Virginia Wells Horn**, **Werner Petersen**, **Vesta Muehleisen**, **Dick Wooley**, **Pat Wyatt**, **Mary Helen Jackson**, **Norma Boldman Pyle**, **Charles Byrne** and **Bill Koller**.

I'm sure that most of you feel a closer association to the college because of the touch with home and friends that it provided through Dr. Post and the News Letter (thanks to him!). How about showing your interest and appreciation by helping the college with a strong Alumni Association to provide strength and backing for it in the future?

We'll endeavor to contact all of you in the future; if we are not able to, phone (R. 1183 Ext. 19) or write to the Alumni News Letter office, Box 94, State college, or use the membership form printed in this issue.

Yours,

Bill Koller,

Alumni Membership Chairman

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**Stanley deTreville**, former photographer and cartoonist on The Union and a staff sergeant in the Marines during the war, is gaining new laurels as an artist and writer. The March issue of Elks magazine has a cover page designed by him and he also has an article published in it entitled "Fouled Up for Fair". He has a story, "King of Buck Mountain," in the February issue of "Outdoor Life".

**CHARLES T. BYRNE**, Executive Secretary,  
S.D.S.C. Alumni Association,

Box 94, State College,

San Diego 5, Calif.

Enclosed find remittance in amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to cover my/our membership (s), indicated below, and subscription to The Alumni News Letter, for year 1946:

ONE YEAR SINGLE MEMBERSHIP (\$5) [ ]

ONE YEAR FAMILY MEMBERSHIP (\$6) [ ]

(Husband and Wife)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP (\$50) [ ]

FAMILY LIFE MEMBERSHIP (\$70) [ ]

(Husband and Wife)

MEMBER(S): 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Years attended S.D.S.C. \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated: Yes [ ] No [ ]

2. \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Years attended S.D.S.C. \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated: Yes [ ] No [ ]

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ Please list campus organizations and

activities: \_\_\_\_\_



# Sports Roundup . . .

By Norrie West, Ex-'38

Spring sports got away to a tremendous start at State in the first full-fledged track, baseball, and tennis schedules since 1942.

Top event to launch the track season was the Aztec A.A.U. Invitational Relays, which saw more than 600 of the west's finest track and field men compete in one of the biggest relay classics in the nation, March 30. **Dean C. E. Peterson**, in his 25th year as head track coach, ran the meet with the precision of a timer's watch.

But the same week, March 25 and 26, the Aztec baseball team, with **Charlie Smith** back at the helm, took on the San Jose State in a two-game series at Navy field, walloping the Spartans, 13 to 11, and losing 4 to 6. Up from Hoover High, **Jimmy Gleason** won the first game after **Phil Seewald** had chucked nearly seven innings. The batting of **Johnny Ritchey**, right fielder, and former State ball player, and **Mickey Aguirre**, who belted out a triple and three singles in the season opener, featured the series.

A couple of alumni, **Hal Summers**, basketball and baseball letterman, and **Dick Mitchell**, who led the Aztec cagers to a national crown before the war, are doing all right too. Summers recently signed a contract with the Cleveland Indians, who will send him to their Wilkes-Barre club of the Eastern league. He reports in April. Mitchell, who is still an athletic officer in the navy, is the new badminton champion of the 11th Naval District, having downed **Lt. Comdr. Rod Luscomb** (well known in San Diego athletic circles), 13-16, 15-2, and 15-9.

In the minor sports State has staged a revival. **Dick Thomas**, student manager of the tennis and golf teams, has lined up a full net schedule against Pepperdine college, Loyola, Fresno State, and matches in the C.C.A.A. minor sports carnival at San Jose, May 11. **Ben Press**, ex-San Diego High netman, **Howard Smith**, **Eddie Brown**, **George Holland**, **Roy Short**, who led the Bee basketball team in scoring, and **Howard Roche** form the Aztec tennis team.

The "he-man" sports—wrestling and boxing—aren't doing so badly, either. Under the tutorship of 25-year-old **Ed Hubbert**, former Navy chief specialist

and veteran amateur leather-pusher, the Aztec ring team is showing worlds of promise. Hubbert is attempting to line up intercollegiate competition with University of Arizona and Redlands. **Big Roger (King Kong) Heatherly**, former Marine boot camp heavyweight champion, is one of the top mittmen on the squad. **Sig Sigman**, middleweight, and **Earl McCanna**, another heavy, are among the seasoned campaigners on the Aztec glove team.

As for wrestling, four Staters won San Diego County A.A.U. titles recently. **Armondo (Shadow) Rodriguez** took the 138-pound crown, **Ed Cline** topped the 165-lb. class, **Rigo Rodriques** copped the 175-lb. division, and **Del Walden** kept his heavyweight title. **Jack Harris**, 154 pounds, **Bob Dierdorff**, 175, and Heavyweight **Larry Crandall** were second at their weight.

Coach Charlie Smith recommended nine men for varsity basketball letters, and the student council approved. **Dick Barnes**, who scored 209 points in 17 games against intercollegiate foes, was named most valuable man on the squad, receiving the **Paul Mott** perpetual trophy. Barnes has been inducted into the armed forces. The lettermen: **Buddy Caldwell**, **Charlie Hampton**, **Bernie Goodbody**, **Bob Crumly**, **Barnes**, **Dick McKee**, **Sal Gumina**, **Hal Summers**, and **Don Brorson**.

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## WILLIAM L. TERRY

is here to take over his duties as football coach. He was discharged from the Navy March 27 and arrived in San Diego just in time to be introduced to a large number of coaches and Aztecs at the Aztec A.A.U. Invitational Relays March 30.

Terry, who will get right to work on spring football practice, probably is well acquainted in San Diego by now. He was to be introduced to the San Diego Kiwanis club April 2, and on the evening of April 2 the Alumni Association athletic committee invited all coaches and sports writers in the county to a dinner at the U.S. Grant Hotel to meet the new Aztec mentor. **Bob Breitbard**, Alumni volunteer coach of last season's football team, was in charge of the latter affair.

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**Albert (Abbie) Vanoni Ex-39**, one of State's all-time greats as a running guard, is back on campus completing his studies under the G.I. Bill. Abbie (see photo at left) helped to win two Southern California Conference championships in the late '30s and probably is best remembered for his work in stopping Santa Barbara's famous **Howard Yeager**, usually right at the line of scrimmage.



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