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MEET THE BLUE BOOK . . .



IONE RHODES

News of Alumni . . .

Here's Life Member No. 3 in the Alumni Association—**Carl M. Esenoff, Ex-'28**. Carl, who active in pre-war Alumni organization, sent in his check for \$50.00 and now carries one of the plastic-sealed gold-faced life membership cards. On campus he was a member of Delta Kappa and Men's Glee Club and was both class treasurer and student body treasurer. Carl is a partner in the local certified public accountant firm of Everts and Esenoff.

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The constitution of the Alumni Association provides that four-fifths (or \$40.00) from each life membership dues shall be placed in a trust fund, from which only the interest shall be deposited in the general treasury of the association. It is the desire and intention of the Board of Directors eventually to use the income from the trust fund for the establishment of scholarships and other such worthwhile projects as may be determined by the Board. But first—we need many more life memberships.

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Arthur Linkletter, one of San Diego State's best-known Alumni—his voice is heard by millions weekly on the popular

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Alumni Association Incorporates as Board Adopts New Financial Policy

Through action of both the Board of Directors and the general membership, two important changes were made in the Alumni Association during June. First, the Association is now in the progress of becoming a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of California. Articles of incorporation have been signed by the officers of the Association and have been forwarded to the State Secretary's office for approval.

Second, under the articles of incorporation, the Treasurer's office has been combined with that of the Executive Secretary.

These changes, approved by the Board of Directors in meeting June 4 and the general membership in meeting June 17, were adopted at the suggestion of the Finance committee.

BALL QUEEN AND TWO . . .



KATIE DUPONT

Ione Rhodes, freshman and sponsored by Eta Omega Delta fraternity, was crowned Blue Book Ball queen in a ceremony held during the semi-annual dance June 11 at Pacific Square. Among her attendants were Katie Dupont and Frances Rybel, whose respective sponsors, Phi Lambda Xi and Omega Xi, were first and second in the June News Letter campus sales contest.—All photos by Maybelle Smith, Valley Studio.

'LOST HORIZON' OFFERED

Members of the summer session speech art classes will present **James Hilton's "Lost Horizon"** in the Greek theater July 30-31, at 8:15 p.m.

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The Finance committee pointed out that the changes will give a legal entity to the Association, will facilitate the transaction of Association business, and will provide for a better control of Association finances. The committee's suggestion that all activities be budgeted and that a purchase order system be inaugurated also was adopted.

At the board meeting June 4, **Winelda Park, '44**, was appointed Corresponding Secretary to fill the vacancy of **Helen Clark Jackson, '40**, who resigned because of ill health.

At the general meeting June 17 the

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OF HER ATTENDANTS



FRANCES RYBEL

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ALUMNI INCORPORATION

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constitution was formally adopted by
the membership.

One of the most important measures
in the constitution is the provision where-
by the official election of officers and
members of the Board of Directors shall
be held by mail. Any person desiring
to run for office, who has not been
selected by the Nominating committee,
may file an election petition bearing the
names of twenty-five (25) members in
good standing. Petitions must be filed
with the Executive Secretary by Sept.
15, for publication in the October Aztec
Alumni News. Ballots will be mailed the
second week in October.

On July 23 the Board of Directors will
meet at the home of the President, 4859
Monroe Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. There
will be no general Alumni meetings until
September, and plans are being made
to hold a beach party on Sunday, Sept.
15. Keep it in mind and watch for fur-
ther news next month.—Mrs. Jean Car-
mody Self, President.

'Crossing The Last Dim Line Into Eternity'

(The following, written by Spencer Held
'23, was published in a recent edition of
The Tribune-Sun in that paper's "Good
Afternoon" column. It expresses a senti-
ment common to countless Alumni who
"remember when . . ."—Editor's Note).

By SPENCER HELD

On a recent Sunday afternoon I
visited the State College campus. The
white buildings and well-kept grounds
were deserted; my footsteps rang hol-
lowly along the cement walks and I felt
the presence of a company of ghosts—
ghosts of the 120 State College boys
who were killed in the war.

Inevitably I felt myself drawn toward
Aztec bowl. The gates were locked,
but I followed a path that brought me
down to the north end of the field. The
bowl yawned empty and silent except
for the song of a meadowlark and quail
calling to each other across the field.
A covey of quail was lined up on the
five-yard line. As I walked across the
turf they whirred into the air and dis-
appeared in a brush-covered canyon.

My thoughts went back a few years.
I remembered hard-fought football
games I had seen there; games before
the war when the Aztec rooting section

sang "Roll Out the Barrel," to the ges-
tures of two cavorting girls and the
music of a red-hot swing band.

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I thought of that famous State 9,
Santa Barbara 8, game in 1936. Santa
Barbara had one of the best small-col-
lege teams in the country that year,
undefeated until the Aztec encounter.
. . . One of the stars for State was
Allen (Swede) Lovine, an Indian quar-
terback.

Nobody in the crowd that applauded
his play could foresee that he would be
killed in action a few years later.

I thought of **Bill Goodchild** and **Tom
Cozens**, other Aztec aces who died in
the war . . . **Russell Newbury**, **Jack Frost**,
Paul Siraton—the list is a long and
honorable one.

A navy plane zoomed overhead and
I remembered big, good-natured **Art
Kelly**, who became a navy flier and
was killed in the South Pacific.

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It seemed, as the sun dipped below
the bowl and shadows lengthened
across the field, that a full team of
ghosts was lined up there in front of
me. **Swede Lovine** was calling signals.
They ran through their plays smoothly,
effortlessly, moving in phantom forma-
tion down the field and crossing the
last dim line into eternity.

EXIT THE 'LETTER'

With this issue **The Aztec Alumni
News Letter** officially becomes **The
Aztec Alumni News**. The change
was made when the constitution of
the Alumni Association was formally
adopted at the general membership
meeting June 17. This doesn't mean
we don't want letters any more—we
do, and we will continue to print all
news we receive via letters. But from
a long range point of view, **The
Aztec Alumni News** will be a more
appropriate title, since the publica-
tion will, of necessity, continue to
change in character from Dr. L. C.
Post's great and successful News
Letter, which went almost exclusively
to Aztecs in the service.

RECEIVES MEDICAL DEGREE

Homer R. Irwin, who attended State
College before entering U. S. C. as a
medical student, received his degree in
medicine and a first lieutenant commis-
sion at June graduation exercises. He
will join the staff of the Los Angeles
Children's hospital for training in pedi-
atrics before entering the Army Medical
Corps.

ALUMNI CALENDAR

July 23—Board of Directors' meeting,
7:30 p.m., 4859 Monroe Ave.

Aug. 13—Board of Directors' meeting,
site to be named.

Sept. 3—Board of Directors' meeting,
site to be named.

Sept. 15—Alumni beach party, site to
be named.

Oct. 8—Board of Directors' meeting,
site to be named.

Oct. 21—General membership meet-
ing, site to be named.

Nov. 2—Homecoming; football game
with Occidental in Balboa stadium.

Nov. 26—Board of Directors' meeting,
site to be named.

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ADVERTISING AGENT NAMED

Beginning with the August 1 issue,
The Aztec Alumni News will carry ad-
vertising for the first time. The Finance
Committee and the Board of Directors
have approved the signing of a contract
between the Alumni Association and
John T. O'Toole, 3932 4th Ave., who
will be advertising representative.

Advertisers may contact Mr. O'Toole
at the address mentioned, or by calling
W-0125. Alumni are urged to support
merchants and others who in turn sup-
port the Alumni Association.

News of Aztecs In the Service Or Mustered Out

• From the Overseas Mailbag

The overseas mailing list is down to around 200 now, but we still receive a few letters from FPO and APO addresses. We need more—how about it fellows?

1st Lt. Edwin G. Swann wrote from Clark Field, Luzon, to bring us up to date on his whereabouts. When the February News Letter reached him a month after the March issue, it reminded him to send in his address.

Ed wrote: "My mail is pretty well snafu. In the past few months I have received so many orders, changes of station, cancellations and tentative dispositions that I now feel like an Indian club in a juggling act. To mention just a few—I was in a replacement depot in Calcutta at the beginning of Feb. and was even clearing the base for the 'USS Gen. Hase' when the shipment was canceled, or rather postponed, while they removed a few of us unfortunates from the list.

"While I was at the depot, by the way, I saw **John Rockey**, who made a later boat and is now probably out of the service. (No word yet—Ed.) After that I was put on orders for Shanghai, China, but was taken off at the last minute. Then I was transferred back to AACCS (now ACS) to be sent by them to Wiesbaden, Germany, but that too fell thru, so finally in desperation they shuffled me to Manila, where I landed on the sixth of April. From there I was assigned to Clark Field."

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Pfc. Robert L. Crane received a batch of News Letters at the same time at Chinhae, Korea, and reported that they gave his morale a big lift.

"I had not received any mail for several days," wrote Bob, "and thought that I had been entirely forgotten, when those welcome booklets of news from home arrived and changed completely my outlook on life. Although we of the occupation armies see no combat over here, we are fighting a different type of battle overseas—a battle against boredom. Our ammunition is mail from home and the fight is a never ending one. . . ."

"Our pin-up pictures become ancient rather rapidly over here, and I was very thankful for the pictures of candidates for the Blue Book Ball which graced the front cover of the February issue. . . . Also I enjoyed the article on "Plans for a Greater San Diego State College." by **Dr. Hepner** and his optimistic views on State's being a great sports center in the near future."

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Pfc. Edgar A. Millsberg wrote late in April but his letter was misplaced, and

AZTECS MUSTERED OUT

According to information received since the last issue of the News Letter, the following have been discharged from the service:

Cpl. Ross A. Baldwin, USA
Lt. William F. Bethard, USA
Sgt. Louis J. Botte, USA
Lt. Leslie T. Brock, USA
Lt. (jg) Glenn S. Burne, USNR
Sgt. Charles W. Christensen, USA
Sgt. Ben Hull Clay, USA
Richard J. Clardy, CSK, USNR
***Ens. Robert H. Crawford, USNR**
Lt. Gerald Davison, USA
Lt. John J. Duich, USNR
Lt. Paul A. Duich, AAF
Pfc. Richard L. Edwards, USA
Sgt. David Ferris, USA
Ens. James Finster, USNR
Sgt. Nelson J. Fry, USA
Lt. Gordon S. Gaines, USNR
Lt. Terence B. Geddis, USNR
T/Sgt. James H. Graves, AAC
Maj. J. Elton Green, USMR
Lt. (jg) Walter Ray Hepner, Jr. (MC)
USNR

Ens. Don Kenney, USNR
Ernest E. Kirkpatrick, USNR
Lt. Comdr. Henry F. Lippitt, USNR
Lt. Francis M. Millican, USNR
Lt. (jg) Edward C. Moore, USNR
Lt. Jack Moscrop, USA
Cpl. William Plant, USMC
Lt. William E. Self, USA
Pfc. David S. Shepard, USA
Morris Shepherd, AAF
Chester Silvernail, S1c, USNR
Comdr. Clifford E. Smith, USNR
Ens. Garold W. Spittler, USNR
Lt. (jg) Isabel Stafford, WAVES
Lt. George Thompson, (SC) USNR
Cpl. F. W. Van Horne, USA
Lt. Charles L. Wilson, USNR

*Killed in automobile accident June 9, 1946.

by the time this is published he should be right in the center of activities at the great Crossroads Project at Bikini Atoll. At the time he wrote he was awaiting assignment as a cryptographic technician. Among 3000 service men on Kwajalein, he found one San Diegan—**Donald Woeste**, who went to Hoover High.

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Lt. John C. Swift sent in family Alumni dues all the way from Manila and also a note revealing he expected to be home by July. John, who is one of the original 38 ERC's from State, could have set up a three-man Alumni chapter in Manila with **Lt. William Self** and **Lt. George Ellis**, but Bill got home late in June and was immediately put on the inactive list.

• Civilians Again

Ens. Garold W. Spittler received his Navy discharge in early June and has returned to his home in South Bend, Ind. He will spend the summer as a director in a boys' camp, but will return to State in September and, to **Coach Bill Terry's** joy, will be out for football. Before the war he earned letters under **Leo Calland** and **John Eubanks**.

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Lt. (jg) Edward C. Moore, alias "The Blade," also was discharged in June, earlier than he originally expected, and immediately left with **Bill Downing** for an auto trip through the south. They expected to wind up in New Orleans with their own "Mardi Gras" celebration.

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Chester J. Silvernail, S1/c, has been discharged from the Navy and is to work in the optical laboratory at Cal-Tech on the big mirror for the Mt. Palomar observatory. He was a Delta Kappa at State in '38 and '39.

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Corp. William Plant has his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps after 30 months service, including 20 months overseas with the famous Fourth division. He was at Iwo Jima and classes it as the toughest battle of them all. Bill will be back at State in September.

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Nils H. Winther, a veteran of three years in the 102nd Infantry division, is out of the army and has been appointed office manager of the new Oceanside municipal airport in the San Luis Rey valley.

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Lt. Terence B. Geddis, who returned from Shanghai, China, in May, has been discharged from the Navy and will return to a principalship in the city school system in the fall. He was radar officer aboard the U.S.S. *Estes*, flagship for the Seventh fleet, and saw action in the Philippines, Iwo Jima and Okinawa engagements.

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• Still in Uniform

Lt. Comdr. J. L. (Joe) Howard, who is supply officer for the Operational Development Center, Solomons, Maryland, recently received the Bronze Star Medal from **Adm. Briscoe**, Commander, Operational Development Force. Joe, who was known on campus as **Joe Hurwitz**, is in the supply corps of the regular Navy.

He sent in Alumni family membership dues for himself and Mrs. Howard, the former **Irene Silver**. Joe wrote that

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Alum-luminaries

By Mabel Grant Hazard, '40

Gloria Winke Wade '42, has one of "the" interesting jobs about town. She is commentator over KGB at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday each week on a program called "San Diego Scrapbook," with script written by hubby **Bob Wade** and **H. Billy Miller**, who have collaborated on their writing since junior high days. Material deals with San Diego past, present and future. Twice a week there are interviews with prominent people, and the Friday issue is a "Did You Know?" type of program. Gloria is strictly free lance, has done commercial transcriptions for advertising agencies, conducted a quiz show for Serv-All Grocers and was at the Sky Room for several months. She and the boys sold their present idea to KGB last month.

When **H. Billy Miller** and recent-alum **Enid Edwards**, Gamma Phi Zeta, are married this year, the trio will become a foursome. Enid is artistic, has worked much in crafts, should fit in well with the writer-actors.

● Strolling Around

If you know the right places to go, a trip about town will seem like a receiving line of former Staters.

Start at the Grant Hotel . . . In the office of T.W.A. are Shen Yo **Barbara Cooper** and Chi Theta **Harriet Miller** . . . At Western Air, Phi Sigma Nu **Dorothy Davis** is in the office . . . **Jim Bachelder** and **Thea Carlson** are in the United Air office . . . **Eloise Hanson** is at the field office of United . . . And **Judy Ann Job** is at American Airlines field office.

Moving uptown, **Lorna McDonald** is in the jewelry department at Marston's . . . Shen Yo **Alice Fay Peschel** is Marston's ad writer since **Mary Ellen Bowlby** left.

At Walker's Chi Theta **Catherine Wueste** is head of advertising. At Jessop's Jewelry store **Jane Jessop**, Chi Theta, is in the office, **Art Jessop** is in the diamond division, and former AS prexy **Dave Jessop** is head optician.

Virginia (Jordan) Piechocki, who worked seven years with the Phillips Advertising Agency, is now with Eves and Price Adv. Agency in the Spreckels Bldg, doing everything from account executive work to production work. Incidentally, Virginia's husband, **Joe**, will return to State in the fall to complete a few units needed for graduation, will then enter either Stanford or Cal Tech. He has been working with county road surveyors.

Marjorie Wheeling represents State at Lion's . . . With headquarters in the Union Bldg., Chi Theta **Christine Heilman** is working with Red Cross as a home service worker . . . **Martha Lou**



ROBERT SULLIVAN
Alum-luminary of the month . . .

(Phillips) **Chamberlain**, also Chi Theta, is in Red Cross office . . . **Barbara Bone**, Chi Theta, is with Holcomb's Dept. store on University . . . **Ruth Giacelli**, former physiotherapist) at the crippled children's pool, and later a WAC during the war, is helping her mother and brother run the Acacia Nursery on El Cajon.

Dick Wheeler, Phi Lambda Xi, is with his father at W. H. Wheeler Co., is working towards his architect's license, and is teaching a University extension course one night a week at Horace Mann.

Jack Meltzer is back at his former job in the probation dept. at Civic Center . . . **Lee Packard** is learning his father's printing business at the Arts and Crafts Press . . . **Bud Thompson**, **Jack Boaz** and **Otis Pemberton** are all back at Gas & Electric Co., Bud and Otis in the extension dept. . . . **Christine Dickman** is with the county school dept. at Civic Center . . . **Ish Galligan** is with International Business Machines at 1265 4th Ave. . . .

Shen Yo **Betty Kay Bone** is with the Naval Housing office . . . **Pat Perry Bradley** is with the Naval Intelligence dept. at 11th Naval Dist. . . . **Margaret Ward**, who was with Federal Housing for 3½ years, is now with Civil service, has been at 11th Naval Dist. for 1½ years.

Phi Lambda Xi **Glenn Curtis** is with his father in Curtis Realty Co. . . . **Ernie Boldrick** is with the police dept. as photographer . . . Epsilon Eta **Dick Clardy**, recently discharged Navy C.P.O., is with Retail Credit Co. . . . Shen Yo **Helen (Wetzell) Wallace** is supervisor at the Telephone Co. . . .

Joe Carter, Epsilon Eta, is secretary and accountant for Hill Properties, has had the property management job for seven months, makes his headquarters at Broadway Cafe . . . **Gene Clardy**,

Epsilon Eta, formerly Lt., U.S.N.R., on picket patrol for Kamikaze attack, is with Hotchkiss & Anewalt Realtors . . . **J. Elton Green**, former Maj., U.S.M.C.R., Epsilon Eta, is in taxidermy with **Ted Huff** . . .

Barbara (Schumann-Heink) Goodbody is helping hubby **Maurice** in new florist shop in Coronado . . . **Jerry Sullivan**, Kappa Phi Sig, is manager of Ocean Beach Lumber Co., and commutes from there to Pacific Beach Lumber Co., where he is also manager . . .

● Representative Stater

"Aluminary-of-the-Month" is **Robert J. Sullivan**, president of San Diego Light Opera Company, which makes its debut this month with "The Mikado" from July 5 to 14 at Wegeforth Bowl.

A Native Son, Bob was at State from '30 to '32, played Frosh and Varsity football, was a member of Kappa Phi Sigma and Tau Sigma. With the death of his father, **Herbert Loring Sullivan**, Bob left college and began work with Sullivan Hardwood Lumber Co., is now secretary and sales manager of the firm.

Bob's activities include: member and past president of 20-30 club; member of Junior Chamber of Commerce; Board of Directors and treasurer, San Diego Zoological Society; Board of Directors, Children's Convalescent Home; Board of Directors and vice-president, Merchant's Credit Association; Secretary of San Diego Lions Club, Vestryman St. Paul's Episcopal Church, and President San Diego Light Opera Asso.

When W.P.A. was producing operettas in Wegeforth Bowl, Bob was appointed by Board of Directors of the Zoological Society as Chairman of the Wegeforth Bowl Committee, representing the zoo in the conduct of the Musical performances. Thus was born Bob's interest in operettas, and since then association with **William (Billy) Dean** and **Charlie Cannon** have strengthened his belief that San Diego is ready for an opera company of its own.

The three were undaunted by the fact that to get started they would have to have money for producing the show, at least 50 people for a cast, 20 for an orchestra, to say nothing of stage hands, a stage director, a dance director, stage manager, and interested "angels." Following an announcement in the paper, more than 200 people appeared at Thearle's March 8th to sign up for the opera company, and thus commenced the San Diego Civic Light Opera Co.

Since then rehearsals have been going on every Friday night at the Riverlawn Housing Project. Charlie Cannon is choral director, **Marguerite Ellicott** joined the project with her dancers and is

director of stage routines, Billy Dean is official producer.

It is Bob's hope that we will have light opera under the stars for years to come. He feels that many of our stars will find this a road to national stardom, and that future talented San Diegans will find this Association a means of development right here at home for their aspirations in the field of acting, dancing and singing. And, speaking editorially, we predict that anything Bob is backing will be a success.

● Some Short Salvos

Maurice J. Forshaw has been awarded the Legion of Merit for "exceptional" services in connection with the liberation of prisoners of war from Untermauseld internment camp, Germany. Maurice, former army staff sergeant, served as translator and interpreter when the camp, containing 1200 political and war prisoners, was liberated.

Lt. Comdr. John E. Snyder has returned to active duty for one year to command the 12th battalion of the naval organized reserves in the San Diego area. In addition to directing the battalion, Snyder will recruit Class V-6 reserves for inactive duty.

Lt. Comdr. Harvey W. Hall jr., Kappa Phi Sig, was graduated recently from the post-grad school of the U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis.

Dr. John S. Carroll was re-elected county superintendent of schools without opposition . . . **Bob Conyers** learned in Mid-June that he was one of six from San Diego to pass the bar exam. . . . **Lionell U. Ridout** is working on his doctor's degree at Berkeley this summer.

Jay Daris Conner, who received his A.B. from State and his M.A. from Stanford, received doctor of education degree June 15 from Berkeley. Conner was vice-president of Lincoln Elementary, later was principal of McKinley Elementary, and in '37 was named assistant city schools superintendent.

Dr. Richmond Barbour was principal speaker at the Washington School Administrators convention June 17 to 19 at Mt. Rainier. Barbour explained work of San Diego city schools child guidance bureau.

Among the 15 new directors of the Junior Chamber of Commerce are former Staters **Jack Lovejoy**, **Jerry Masten**, **Jerry Sullivan** and **Gordon Wiggins**.

Ranette Dunnan has been elected vice-president of the San Diego Choral club . . . **Bill Brotherton** has been appointed to the Community Welfare council of the Community Chest . . . **Peggy (Shallenberger) Allen** has been elected president of newly formed Thursday Club Juniors . . . **Edward Yates** has just received his master of science degree from U.C.L.A. Ed, '40, has been counselor and science instructor at Dana

Class of 1968

To **E. Russell Alkire '39** and **Mrs. Alkire (Ellen C. Adair, Ex-'38)**, a son, **Steven Vinson**, brother of **Anthony 2**, **Joe 5** and **Carolyn 7**, born April 29, 1946, San Diego, Calif.

To **Leslie Baskerville '42** and **Mrs. Baskerville (Edna May Lasky '42)**, a daughter, **Susan Edna**, born May 11, 1946, San Diego, Calif.

To **Charles F. Kremesec (U.S.F.)** and **Mrs. Kremesec (Barbara Clare '42)**, a son, **Charles Richard**, born June 8, 1946, San Francisco, Calif.

To **Jerome Niederman, Ex-'35**, and **Mrs. Niederman**, a son, **Michael Frederick**, born June 3, 1946, San Diego, Calif.

To **John J. Sellwood '41** and **Mrs. Sellwood (Mary Yule '41)**, a son, **Jeffrey Yule**, born May 4, 1946, Los Angeles, Calif.

To **Henry Woods** and **Mrs. Woods (Dorothy Cook)**, a daughter, **Martha Lee Woods**, born May 30, 1946, San Diego, Calif.

To **Henry Leboffe** and **Mrs. Leboffe (Virginia Staninger '42)**, a daughter, **Diana**, born April 23, 1946, at Hillside Hospital, San Diego.

To **Herman Thorn** and **Mrs. Thorn (Marjory Meggison)**, a daughter, **Rebecca Lee**, born April 4, 1946.

Junior High school for past five years.

Marjorie Hudson and **Esther Rheinheimer** plan to study at a commercial art school in Los Angeles . . . **Christine Heilman** and **Susan (Couts) Springstead** are Staters among the new Provisional class of the Junior League . . . **Grace Emily Yale** returned home May 16 from Philadelphia where she has been studying cello at the New School of Music . . . **Zelda Schumann-Heink**, Shen Yo, who is studying voice in Hollywood, was guest performer at the annual Zlac luncheon June 15. . . .

Charlie Byrne, editor of this paper, has been appointed full time director of public relations for State College, will supervise campus publications, and will have the title of assistant instructor. Appointment is effective in September.

● Cupid's Way

John "Buster" Murphy, Epsilon Eta, will marry **Claire L. Berg**, of Westwood, Aug. 3. Buster, who was a major in the Army Air corps during the war, is continuing his studies at State, will finish his courses Aug. 2. He is marrying the secretary to **Joseph Schenck**, president of Twentieth Century For, and a former Kappa Alpha Theta at U. of Minnesota.

Leslie T. Brock, who attended State for two years, is engaged to **Jean Richard** of Laguna Beach.

Ruth Ann Fox, State grad, was married to **Charles Davis** June 8 in Machado

Memorial chapel. The groom studied at State and at Berkeley.

Marie Smedley, Phi Kappa Gamma, and **Lynn C. McEan** were married June 22.

Jacquelyn Cummings, of La Mesa, was married to **John Fertig, Jr.**, of Fontana, at a recent ceremony. Jacquelyn attended State.

Maj. Betram Ellis, U.S.A., married former Stater **Lt. Nell Frances Dunlop (NC) U.S.A.**, in Las Cruces, N. M., June 2. After attending State, Nell graduated from the School of Nursing at the County hospital.

Arlette Skrivanek was claimed as bride June 17 by **Dr. Lloyd Denton Taylor**. The bride was a Stater, and Dr. Taylor is a graduate of Oregon State Dental college.

James Carleton Cook, former Aztec, married **Suzanne Waldrop** in June. Cook followed study at State with work at Cardiff University, Cardiff, South Wales.

Donald LeRoy Soester, former Stater, was married May 21 to **Barbara Louise Mayer**.

Eta Omega Delta **John Wesley Burnett, Jr.** married the former **Bonnie Jo McGahey** at a ceremony June 16.

Barbara Jane Lindscoog was claimed as bride June 15 by **Lt. Lennart E. Karlson, (DC) U.S.N.R.** Barbara, a State grad, has been teaching in the city schools.

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FLORENCE OFFICER HONORED

Florence Officer, president of the Class of 1946, was awarded a scholarship to the Plymouth Drama Festival in Plymouth, Mass., for this summer. She is to enroll for a six-weeks course in drama in which she will have work in voice, diction and interpretation.

Florence was awarded the A. B. degree from State College with honors, and she also received honors in Education and Speech Arts. She has taken part in many college plays on the campus, one of which was "East Lynne," which was sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Senior Class. This fall she is to enroll at U. S. C. for graduate work.

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COVER GIRLS PICKED

San Diego State College coeds scored another triumph when **Maybelle Smith** of the Valley Studio of El Cajon was one of four photographers in all of southern California chosen to show photographs in the Eastman Company's national exhibit in Chicago this summer. The company's representative, after carefully looking over many portraits in the Valley Studio, selected photographs of four News Letter cover girls, **Lynn Lucas**, **Barbara Mackay**, **June Stein** and **Gloria Vallier**, besides those of **Marie Laudan** and **Margaret Peterson**. See their enlarged portraits in Chicago!

News of Alumni . . .

(Continued)

"People Are Funny" radio program over NBC — forwarded family membership dues for himself and **Mrs. Linkletter**, the former **Lois Forrester**, class of '36, via his former Aztec basketball teammate, **Frank Nottbusch**. Art, class of '34, was an outstanding basketball center and held the Aztec scoring record until **Byron Lindsley**, and then the late **Milton (Milky) Phelps** came along to break it. The Linkletters live at 1134 Alta Loma Road, Hollywood, Calif.

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Richard H. Nida was appointed boys' vice-principal at Belvedere Junior High School, Los Angeles, after being discharged from the Navy as a lieutenant (jg). For eight months before the war ended, he served on a ship in the Philippine sea frontier.

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John Tyers '36, baritone, and **Donald Coker**, tenor, remembered as the stars of several State College operettas in the 30s, are making reputations for themselves in light opera since being discharged from the army.

Tyers received excellent notices for his singing and acting in "The Vagabond King," which recently closed a successful three-week run in the Curran theater, San Francisco. The San Francisco News critic wrote, "Tyers has gained immeasurably in stage ease and dramatic ability, and his voice seems now to be at its peak, full and powerful and a delight to the ear." His next role will be in **Victor Hubert's** "The Fortune Teller," which opens July 22 in Philharmonic auditorium, Los Angeles.

Coker has been engaged for the role of **Capt. Dick** in "Naughty Marietta," which will open July 22 in Dallas as a production of the Dallas Civic Opera company. Later he will sing a role in "Wonderful Night," which also will be produced by the Dallas company.

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Dave and Mrs. Ferris (Lois Thompson '39) are back in San Diego—house hunting, too—after Dave's discharge from the Army. He was last stationed at the Halloran General hospital. They were in the gallery every day at the recent County Amateur golf championship at La Jolla, rooting for Dave's brother-in-law, **Dick Disney**.

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Congratulations are in order for **Carlton Lichty**, a former Aztec, upon his promotion to manager of the U. S. Grant Hotel. He served more than four years in the Navy, being discharged as a lieutenant commander.

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Helen Clark Jackson, former Alumni



ARTHUR LINKLETTER '34
he and Lois join Alumni Association . . .

secretary, underwent an emergency appendectomy late in May, and is now completely recovered. She recently moved to La Mesa, Rt. 1, Box 1176.

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Robert M. Chamberlain, who was back on campus for the spring semester after his discharge from the service, spent 18 days in the Naval Hospital—and shortly before finals, too—as the result of a bone infection in his thumb. He's all right now. Bob and his wife, the former **Thelma Hollingsworth**—who has done a great deal of work on the "Aztecs in the Service" panel—are both Alumni members.

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Francis M. Millican '40 who was discharged from the Navy in March as a lieutenant, returned to the University of Washington to complete graduate work he had started before the war. After his schooling is completed, he and **Mrs. Millican** hope to settle in southern California. (Too much rain up there, Francis?)

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Jesse E. Bailey '39 and **Mrs. Bailey (Marian Johnson '43)** are established at a new address in San Diego at 1809 Linwood St. now that he is out of the Navy after 34 months' service. He is now managing a 5c and 10c store at Park Blvd. and University.

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Keith Whitcomb '40, who finished his terminal leave as a Marine Corps officer several months ago, is again at Ryan's as a research chemist.

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Edward N. Yates, an Aztec graduate who has been counselor and science instructor at Dana Junior High School for several years, received a master of science degree from the University of Southern California in June.

In Memoriam

ROBERT H. CRAWFORD, EX-'43

Alumni of recent years and many students still on campus were shocked to hear of the death June 9, 1946, of **Robert Howden Crawford, 24**, son of **Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Crawford**, 1448 Dale St., San Diego. Crawford, the fourth member of his family to attend State College (1939 to 1942), was killed in an automobile accident in Rose canyon.

On campus Crawford was a member of Eta Omega Delta (Hods) and Sigma Pi Sigma, physics society. He also attended Pomona College and was graduated from Stanford University in 1943. After graduation, he had served as a Naval Reserve ensign on duty with Pan American Airways as a flight engineer. Since his release in March, he had been associated with his older brother, **William W. Crawford, Jr.**, also a former Aztec, in the motor car business.

Also surviving are two sisters who attended State College, **Barbara Jane Crawford**, of San Diego, and **Mrs. Leo Jensen (Betty Crawford)**, of Seattle.

Riding with Crawford at the time of the fatal accident was **Lt. C. Chandler Mitchell, 23**, of 9430 Sierra Vista Ave., Grossmont, also a former Aztec, who sustained serious injuries, including loss of his right arm. He was taken to Naval Hospital.

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LESLIE S. EVERTS

Leslie S. Everts, 69, prominent San Diego certified public accountant and a former State College faculty member, died June 1, 1946, while visiting at the Wagon Wheel ranch, Winslow, Ariz. Mr. Everts, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and active in civic and lodge affairs in San Diego for many years, organized the college accounting department and was instructor of accounting from 1922 to 1924. Later he went into public accounting and at the time of his death was senior member of the firm of **Evert and Esenoff**. His partner, **Carl M. Esenoff**, is an Aztec alumnus, class of '28.

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DAVID E. MARRS '29

A State College graduate of the class of 1929, **David E. Marrs** died May 30, 1946, in Pittsburg, Calif., where he was mathematics instructor in the high school. Mr. Marrs, who had been associated with musical groups both here and in other California cities where he had taught, held a Master's degree in mathematics from the University of California. Funeral services were held in San Diego.

He is survived by his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Marrs**, 4369 Ibis St.; a sister, **Miss Martha Marrs**, and a brother, **Lt. Albert T. Marrs, A.A.F.**

Sports Roundup . . .

Coach Charlie Smith has made a habit of producing great baseball teams at San Diego State, but few, if any, of his Aztec clubs ever compiled a greater record than the 1946 team. The Aztecs compiled an overall season record of 32 victories against 7 defeats, and they won the California Collegiate Athletic Association title for the second straight time with 11 victories in 12 games, including one forfeiture.

San Diego had five consistent winning pitchers in **Phil Seewald**, **Hal (Lefty) Clarke**, **Jim Gleason**, **Fulton Vickery** and **John Bradshaw**—all of whom are due to return next season, and came up with the C.C.A.A. individual batting champion in Centerfielder **Mickey Aguirre** with a .415 average. For the entire season, Outfielder-Catcher **John Ritchey** nosed out Aguirre by three percentage points, .356 to .353.

Despite their complete dominance of the conference, the Aztecs placed only three men on the All-C.C.A.A. team—Aguirre, Ritchey (for the second year) and Seewald. Five others made the second team—Clarke as a pitcher, **George Caswell** at second base, **Fred Rapp** at shortstop, **Ruben Beseda** in the outfield and **Don Brorson**, third baseman, as a utility man.

● Steele Boosts Record

When the May News Letter went to press, Aztec **Willie Steele** had just boosted his State College broad jump record to 25 feet 5/8 inches in the Fresno Relays. Shortly afterwards he broke it for the third time with a winning leap of 25 feet 1 7/8 inches in the Los Angeles Coliseum Relays. To date this is the best inter-collegiate mark in the country this year.

Steele was denied a chance to compete in the recent national collegiate championships in Minneapolis because San Diego State's membership in the NCAA had lapsed during the war. However, he added to his laurels by winning the broad jump title in the National A. A. U. championships June 29 at San Antonio. He is State's first National A. A. U. champion.

● Trophy Winners Announced

As a result of his track and field prowess, **Willie Steele** had his name placed on two trophies when announcement of the annual trophy awards was made at the end of the year. He won both the **Fox Brothers'** trophy as the most valuable trackman and the Associated Men Students' trophy as the outstanding athlete of the year. Other awards:

Linn Platner trophy, highest baseball batting average—Won by **John Ritchey**,



CHARLES R. SMITH
another great baseball team . . .

catcher-outfielder.

Renwick Thompson trophy, most valuable football player—Won by **Gene Smith**, tackle.

Paul Mott trophy, most valuable basketball player—Won by **Dick Barnes**, center.

Charles Dietrick trophy, most valuable golfer—Won by **John Rising**.

Dolf Muehleisen trophy, most valuable tennis player—Won by **Howard Smith**.

Milton Phelps Memorial trophy, honorary basketball captain—Won by **Hal Summers**, guard.

Werner Petersen trophy, most valuable wrestler—Won by **Armando Rodriguez**.

Jessop trophy, cross-country winner—Won by **Bill Ludwig**.

The **Williams Lundberg** Memorial trophy was not awarded this year.

● Ahler Goes to Hoover

Former Aztec athletes figured prominently in a series of high school coaching assignments and changes announced during the last several weeks. **Jim Ahler**, who was a center on State's Kansas City championship basketball team, was appointed to the Physical Education staff at Hoover High School and will be head basketball coach, replacing **Rickey Wilson**, who joins the staff at an eastern university. Since his discharge from the Navy as a lieutenant (jg), Ahler has been studying at USC.

N. O. (Pete) Walker, first of the **Walker** brothers to play football at State, was granted a leave of absence from Hoover, where he was football coach, to continue his studies.

Charles L. Wilson, a three-sport star at State during the 1930's, resigned from the Pt. Loma High coaching staff on his doctor's orders, as the result of an illness

CCAA Baseball Records

Final Standings

	Won	Lost	Pct.
San Diego State	11	1	.917
Fresno State	6	6	.500
San Jose State	5	6	.456
Santa Barbara College	1	10	.091

Individual Batting—Aztecs

	AB	R	H	PO	Pct.
Aguirre, F., cf	53	11	22	16	.415
Caswell, G., 2b	35	7	12	28	.343
Cassie, L., 1b	30	8	10	69	.333
Ritchey, J., c	41	15	13	51	.317
Rapp, F., ss	44	15	13	29	.296
Brorson, D., 3b	44	12	11	18	.250
Beck, E., c	30	4	6	44	.200
Beseda, R., lf	30	8	5	15	.167
Bass, J., lf	27	2	4	15	.167

(Less than 20 times at bat)

Smith, D., 1b	10	7	5	15	.500
Vickery, F., p	7	2	2	21	.500
Newlee, B., of	13	1	3	3	.286
Seewald, P., p	13	2	3	11	.231
Gleason, J., p	6	2	0	1	.231
Clarke, H., p	11	2	0	1	.000
Bradshaw, J., p	2	0	0	0	.000

contracted while he was a Navy armed guard officer, and **Don Clarkson**, former Aztec basketball star and student body president, was added to the Pt. Loma staff as basketball coach. Clarkson is now studying at University of Oregon for his M.A. **Herb Ward**, one of State's greatest tackles before his graduation in 1939, resigned as football coach at Pt. Loma and soon afterward signed as Ramona High School coach.

S. Walter (Walt) Harvey, a three-year varsity football letterman at State under **Leo Calland**, was appointed football coach at Holtville High School in Imperial Valley, and **Bill Matthie**, another former Calland-coached backfield star, recently discharged as a lieutenant in the air forces, was appointed football coach at Victorville High School.

● Bobby Garner—Champion

Three former Aztecs were very much in the golf spotlight during June. **Bobby Gardner**, only six weeks out of the Navy as a lieutenant (jg), won the Southern California Amateur championship with a 2 and 1 36-hole victory over **Johnny Dawson**, the defending champion. Dawson has long been one of the country's greatest amateurs, having, among other achievements, beaten the nation's top pros in the last **Bing Crosby** tournament at Rancho Santa Fe in 1942.

Another ex-Aztec, **Harry LeBarron, Jr.**, also a former Navy officer, won the San Diego County Amateur championship by beating still another former Aztec, **Jack Lovejoy**, in the finals. In the semi-finals, Lovejoy had accounted for a major upset in eliminating Gardner.



Phyllis Barker Burns as "Yum-Yum," soprano lead in *The Mikado* which opens in *Wegeforth Bowl* on July 5.

(Photo by Valley Studio—El Cajon)

Membership List

Has your name been printed yet in the paid up membership list? If not, send in your dues and put your name on the list for an early issue. Here are some recent additions, with addresses and telephone numbers:

Herbert W. Ward '39 and **Dorothy Donnally Ward '39**, 646 2nd Ave., Chula Vista, Calif. CV-825-W.

Alex A. Alexander '42, 1937 Klauber St., San Diego. F-3905.

Geoffrey Rothero, Box 247, Ocean Beach, San Diego, 7. B-4867.

Dr. Lauren C. Post (Hon.), 4538 Norma Dr., San Diego. T-5613.

Ellis H. Meyers, Ex-'44, 1433 Dwight Way, Berkeley, 2, Calif. TH-0160.

Robert C. Cozens, Ex-'42, and **Patricia Hamrick Cozens, Ex-'43**, Box 81, Blythe, Calif. Blythe-1411.

Bryant Kearney '30 and **Ruth A. Kearney '29**, 600 "I" Esplanade, Chula Vista, Calif.

Donald P. Wolfer '34, c/o City Hall, Cairo, Ga. Cairo-172.

Mrs. Muriel Tolle '30, 631 3rd Ave., San Diego. F-6606.

O. W. Todd, Jr., and **Emily G. Horr Todd '21**, 8471 Lemon Avenue, La Mesa, Calif. H-6-8831.

Margaret Sinclair '45, 5830 Hardy Way, San Diego, 5. R-2223.

Jo Estelle Power '45, 5830 Hardy Way, San Diego, 5. R-2223.

Dr. William H. Wright (faculty), 5059 College Ave., San Diego, 5. R-1875.

Mrs. Irwin T. (Iona Foster) Horn '45, Somerton, Ariz.

Jeanne Gillette, Ex-'47, 4223 Hildale

Aztecs Prominent In Light Opera Cast

State College Aztecs, past and present, will have important parts in the city's new venture in the field of music this summer—The San Diego Civic Light Opera Association. Aztecs are represented in all types of roles from president of the company to chorus members. Here are some of their names which will appear on the programs of the six operas that are to be produced:

Consuelo Alden, **Ruth Black**, **Margaret Bock**, **Phyllis Barker Burns**, **Charles Cannon**, **Howard Hill**, **Elizabeth Kjorlaug**, **Julius Leib**, **Charles Miller**, **Marie Moneen**, **Larry Peterson**, **Laurabelle Law Peterson**, **Valeria Post**, **Alan Richardson**, **Alice Mae Sharpe**, **Jerry Sullivan** and **Robert Sullivan**.

Bob Sullivan is president of the company, and Julius Leib is the conductor. Charles Cannon is the company's handy man as he is chorus master, assistant coach, "Koko" in *The Mikado*, "Col. Popoff" in *The Chocolate Soldier*, and he undoubtedly will have leading comedy roles in the other four operas. Charley has a long record of overseas service, but all may rest assured that he has lost none of that sparkle that endeared him to the hearts of thousands of San Diego music lovers.

Get your tickets early and make San Diego's "Star-Light Opera" in *Wegeforth Bowl* a part of your summer's entertainment. Also make it another "Little Aztec Reunion."

Rd., San Diego, 4. R-3805.

Wes Hite, Ex-'31, 4422 Dale St., La Mesa, Calif. H-6-8903.

Winnifred Robinson '40, 3412 Russell St., Pt. Loma, San Diego. B-3886.

M. F. (Jack) Jackson, Jr., '43 and **Mary Wright Jackson**, 2837 University Ave., Apt. 2, San Diego. J-6843.

George T. Forbes, Jr., '47, Associated Students president, 1946-47.

1st Lt. William A. MacKersie, Ex-'43, and **Roxie MacKersie, Ex-'43**, 511 E. Lemon Ave., Monrovia, Calif. Monrovia 7174.

Faith Whitten '36, P. O. Box 672, Chula Vista, Calif. CV-224-W.

John L. Westland, Jr., Ex-'41, and **Mary Belle Foster Westland, Ex-'43**, 1742 N. Valley St., Burbank, Calif. CH-8-2808.

Lawrence Carr, Jr., '29 and **Eloise Wills Carr, Ex-'32**, 3623 Warner St., San Diego. B-7669.

Durlin L. Flagg, Ex-'32, 4668 60th St., San Diego, 5. R-6552.

Jack R. Edwards '41 and **Mildred Larson Edwards, Ex-'42**, 2290 California Ave., San Bernardino, Calif. SB-412-80.



Valeria Post as "Nadina," soprano lead, in *The Chocolate Soldier* which will follow *The Mikado*.

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Aztecs in Service

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Lt. Comdr. J. K. (Bing) Williams—who has recently been transferred to San Diego—and anyone else who served at the old ATB base in Solomons "can sympathize with us in the kind of weather we are subject to here all the time, e.g. hot as blazes one minute and raining cats and dogs the next."

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Lt. John Eugene Molchan, former Aztec from Rancho Moreno, Campo, was graduated from the United States Military Academy on June 4 and received a commission in the Air Corps.

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Another Aztec, **William B. Bonfield**, was to enter West Point July 1 after receiving an appointment from **Sen. William F. Knowland** of California. He returned to State last September after three years in the army air corps.

Bonfield, who was a first lieutenant and pilot of a B-24 Liberator with the 15th Air Force in Italy and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf clusters, two Presidential Unit citations and seven battle stars.

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Edwin (Buster) Johnson, who joined the army after the 1945 football season at State, has been promoted to corporal and is attached to the athletic office at Camp Lee, Virginia. He reports that another Aztec, **Bob Werly**, is stationed at Camp Aberdeen, Maryland.