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Meet CHARLIE BYRNE. CHARLIE, the new editor of the AZTEC ALUMNI NEWS LETTER, and those of you who have seen the first issue, which came out this month, know that "DOC" POST'S baby is in capable hands.

CHARLES BRYNE finished school in 1940, missing out on graduation by a few units which eye strain had compelled him to drop. Majoring in ENGLISH, he was active in DELVERS, the AZTEC, in RADIO, served as a DIRECTOR OF PUBLICITY.

For years before the war he worked in the Sports Department of the SAN DIEGO UNION, and assisted in Public Relations work for the college.

During the war he served with the U. S. Maritime Service, and he became agent cashier for all Maritime service units in Oregon and Washington. Now he is back on the job with the SAN DIEGO UNION.

Married to SUE CORNELL BYRNE, an AZTEC from a family of AZTECS, they are the proud parents of AZTEC PAPOOSE named CHARLES SANDERSON BYRNE.

If you haven't been getting the NEWS LETTER, contact CHARLIE in the NEWS LETTER OFFICE (in the Field House temporarily) on campus. He keeps office hours every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday morning. Also send any and all news of AZTECS to him regularly, particularly service news. (Type it up and he'll bless you for it!)

CHARLIE is a fine example of the kind of ALUMNI an AZTEC becomes!

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FIRST ANNUAL AZTEC ALUMNI REUNION DANCE

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TO ALL THE AZTECS AND THEIR FRIENDS, GREETINGS

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we welcome you to the FIRST ANNUAL AZTEC ALUMNI RE-UNION DANCE.

One of the bitter-sweet lessons of the war has been the knowledge of the value of our college friendships, and the pleasure that their renewal can bring. To AZTEC men and women throughout the world who met by chance, or through the friendly contact of the AZTEC NEWS LETTER, the happy memories of college days and college friends became especially dear.

The sincerity of their letters to DR. POST, editor of the NEWS LETTER for 48 consecutive issues, clearly reveal that our ALMA MATER has hundreds of sons and daughters whose loyalty remains unswerving.

The record of our AZTECS in SERVICE is one that we may all view with pride. SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE sent approximately thirty one hundred men and women into the service of our country, and our SERVICE FLAG bears with mingled sorrow and honor its one hundred and nineteen gold stars.

To all our AZTEC VETERANS this evening is especially dedicated. We welcome you back with all our hearts, and we glory in your achievements. There are still some twelve hundred AZTECS to return home, and we sincerely hope that they may all be here for the BIG REUNION at HOMECOMING in the Fall.

The SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION offers to every AZTEC, who has left the college, an opportunity to renew war-interrupted friendships and acquaintances as well as active participation in an active ALUMNI program. We have a COLLEGE to be proud of, VETERANS and AZTECS IN SERVICE we are proud of, and we can have an ALUMNI ASSOCIATION to be proud of if we want to.

It's up to us. Let's keep the spirit of the NEWS LETTER alive. Let's keep it going to those twelve hundred AZTECS who have yet to come home. Take out your membership tonight. You'll find it satisfying!

Again let me say, to each and every one, a very sincere "WELCOME." We hope you have a good time, and that this may grow into one of SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE'S finest traditions.

Sincerely,

JEAN CARMODY SELF, '42

President, Alumni Association



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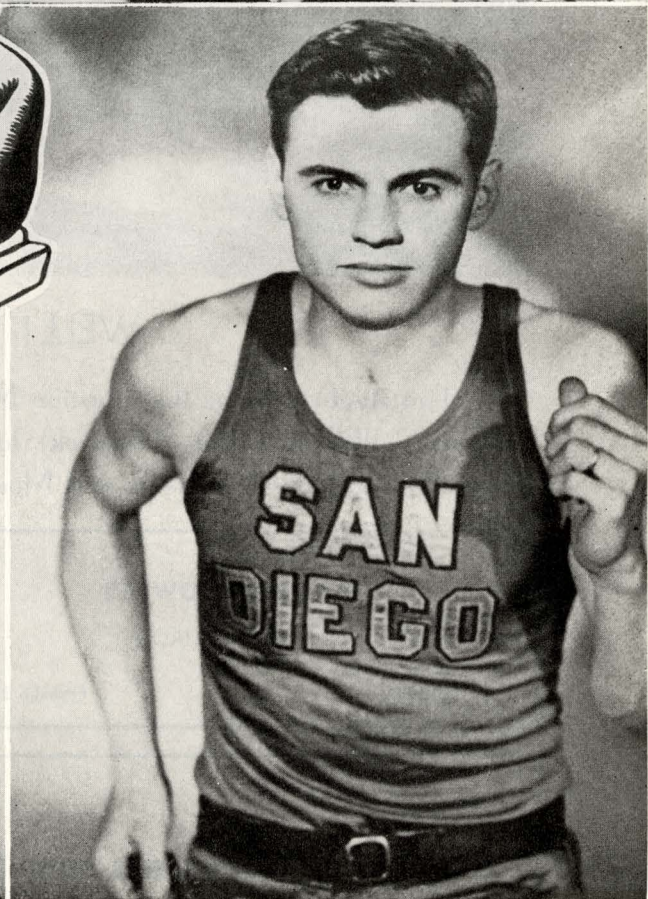
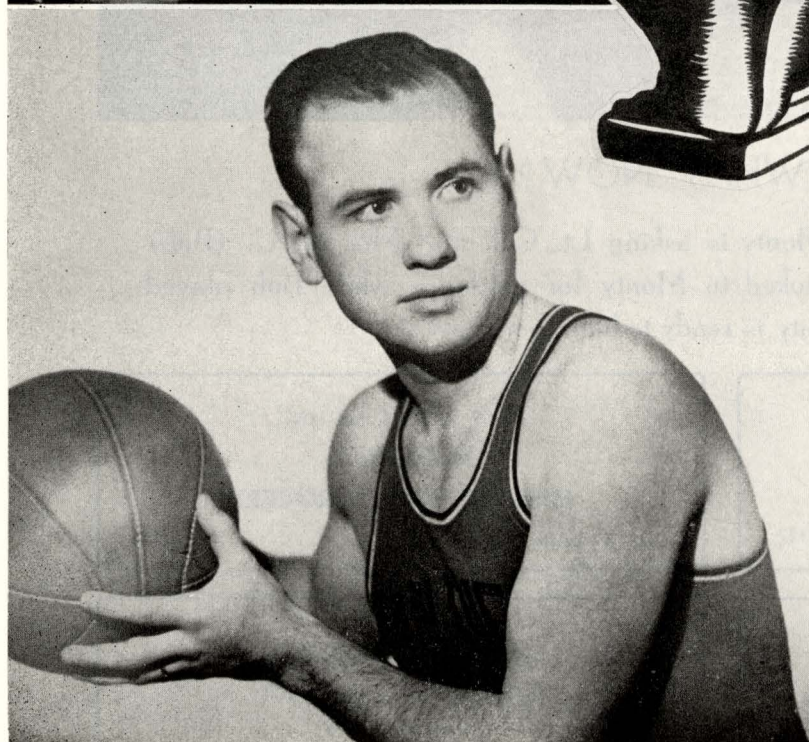
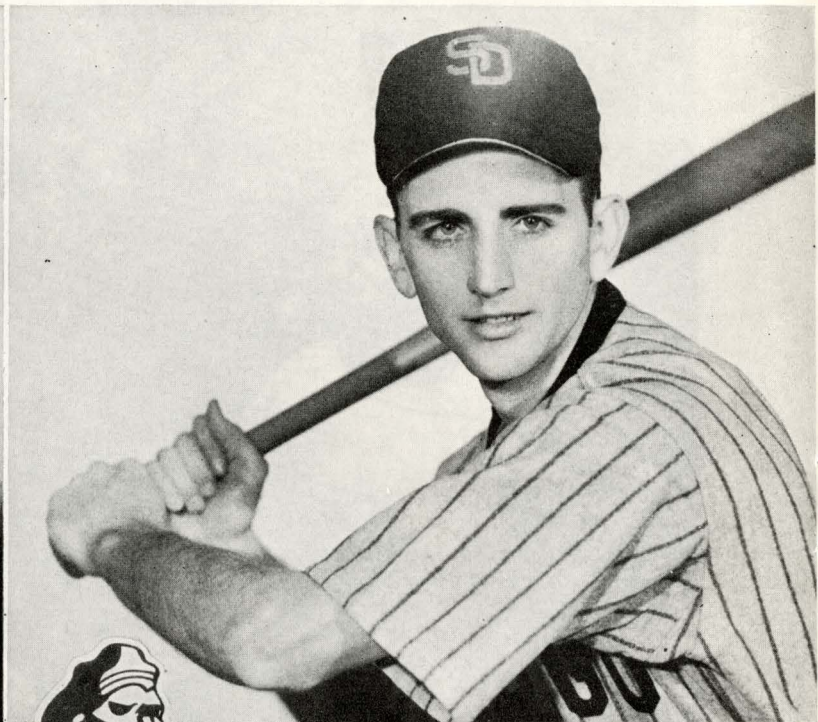
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All the Alumni will be interested to know that Fred A. Boyer, a candidate for state senator, is a state college man all the way through. Mr. Boyer was not only the first man to receive his degree from San Diego State College when the college became a degree granting institution but he also had two sons that were students on Montezuma Mesa.

He has been an educational leader in San Diego County for over twenty years. We know you will make a good senator.—Good Luck Fred!

The Alumni living in and about San Diego need no introduction to Ed Overand. A graduate of Coronado High School, Ed came out to San Diego State and added much to the enjoyment of Staters and friends with his voice. He is more renown however for his exploits during the war—Marine Corps, Flying Tigers, back to the Marine Corps. The rest of us know your various experiences have fitted you well for public life. As assemblyman is just the beginning.—The best of luck to you Ed.

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GEE, I DON'T KNOW ANYONE OUT HERE NOW!

That used to be the nostalgic sigh of any Aztec Alum after a morning visit to Monty's Tableland. But not now! The mesa now, as always, is overrun with new faces and new voices, but now and then up pops a familiar face, or a voice we remember bellows out, "Why, Stinky! You old so and so." Yes, many old Aztecs are in the grind again, finishing up a long neglected education or brushing up on something new.

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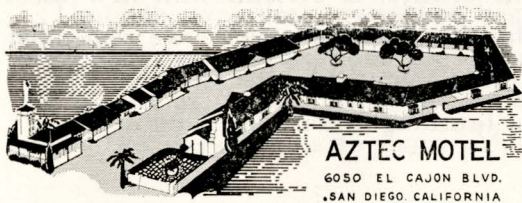
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Monty, what do you say about this revived State College Alumni Association?

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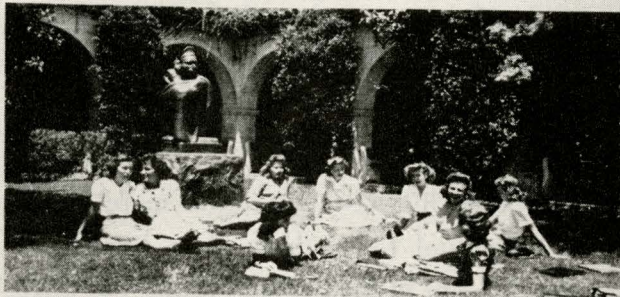
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DR. LAUREN C. POST
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To All of the Aztecs in the Service and Their Friends:

If your News Letter had to be forwarded to you, we don't have your latest address. Some News Letters are returned, and if yours is returned you probably won't receive another until the correct address is sent in. We still have a list of about 300 addresses wanted.

Editing was more difficult than ever, partly because of the great number of letters received and partly because they were so fine. Many a good long letter was cut to a mere line. The overseas letters still get priority space. Some letters had to be omitted, but they will appear next time. Hope yours was not among them.

The war news still continues to improve so our Victory editions must not

be forgotten.

And again, best of luck!

Lauren C. Post

Editor of the News Letter.

FIRST LT. RAYMOND L. ADAIR was listed in Life Magazine, July 5, 1943 as killed in action. Previously he had been reported missing in action since August 29, 1942.

Lt. Adair had been on duty in the Alaskan area about four months. He piloted a B-17 Flying Fortress, presumably in the Aleutian fighting, and was decorated prior to the action in which he was reported missing.

CAPT. JOHN W. BASSETT

was reported killed in action in the Aleutians, May 29. Capt. Bassett was in the army medical corps.

CAPT. WESLEY P. EBY

was killed in the crash of an army plane near Fresno. He was stationed at the Merced Army Flying School at the time of his death. Eby's plane was one of two that crashed a mile apart when caught in a downdraft while flying low in search of a 15-year-old Fresno boy.

LT. RICHARD F. KENNEY

was reported missing in the North African area. See News Letter No. 15 for

a story on how he had chosen to stay and fight even after he had been shot down, wounded, and badly burned. One of several newscasts told of him shooting down three Axis planes in one day with his P-38. On June 5th Richard had been awarded the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, and the Cluster. He has been missing since June 15th.

S. SGT. EDWARD WEISENBERG

was reported missing in action in the European area. Sgt. Weisenberg left for the European April 1.

MAJ. ROBERT I. BACHRACH

of the Army Air Corps received the Distinguished Flying Cross in North Africa. His brother, 1st Lt. Herbert R. Bachrach, is in an anti-aircraft outfit and is also in North Africa.

CAPT. MACARTHUR GORTON

received the Distinguished Flying Cross from Gen. Douglas MacArthur after nearly a year spent in New Guinea. Following is part of the story:

"While piloting a B-17 on a reconnaissance mission in the Southwest Pacific the latter part of 1942, Lt. Gorton and his crew sighted a Jap convoy. They shadowed the convoy for an hour, during which time they were attacked five times by Zeros. The citation was

This miniature of the cover of the familiar Aztec News Letter to be known from now on as the Aztec Alumni News Letter will serve as a reminder to all of you to be certain that Charlie Byrnes, the new editor, has your address. This letter is still being sent to over 1200 Aztecs that are still in service, but many of the letters still come back with "Return to Sender" stamped on them. If you haven't written in or dropped by, do so tomorrow.

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DR. LAUREN C. POST

I know that I can say without fear of contradiction that the man on the State College Campus today, best known to the armed forces is Dr. Lauren C. Post.

Dr. Post with his news letter did more than any one individual I can think of to bring together the Alumni of San Diego State. He has by turning over the news letter to the Alums provided a medium of contact that is exactly what the Alumni Association has needed to tie the Association together.

Doc, you have our eternal gratitude for the many helps you have given us and we want you to know that any time you need us you have but to call.



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This is it. Do you or don't you, will you or won't you, support an ALUMNI ASSOCIATION?

There are plenty of skeptics who don't believe you will, but I don't agree with them. I've served as Student Body President, I've seen AZTECS in action, and I know what kind of loyalties you have.

When the chips are down, the AZTECS have always come through. Close to a hundred AZTECS have already put their five bucks worth of belief in the college into an ALUMNI dues card. What about you?

That five dollars goes a lot of different ways. Two dollars goes to support the AZTEC ALUMNI NEWS LETTER, twelve hundred copies of which still go to our AZTECS in SERVICE. The rest goes three ways to build a scholarship fund, to admit you to the SENIOR-ALUMNI REVIVAL PLAY (East Lynne to be presented May 3 and 4. Back page for story!), and the HOMECOMING DINNER DANCE (the BIG REUNION we've waited for!), and to maintain operating expenses.

In addition you will get twelve copies of the NEWS LETTER, a chance for a reserved seat at football games, and the satisfaction of knowing you're giving your full support to our ALMA MATER, SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE.

Get your membership tonight. If you can't make it tonight, mail your check in to the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, Box 94, San Diego State College, or contact me or any of the ALUMNI OFFICERS.

Come on, AZTECS let's show the skeptics!

Sincerely,
BILL KOLLER, '39
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

ALUMNI ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALUMNI-SENIOR PLAY *East Lynne* will be given May 3 and 4 on the State College Campus. This is a real old tyme mellowdrama. Your Senior and Alumni dues cards will admit you free of charge. Without the dues cards, the charge is 85 cents. This is your chance to hiss the villain, Larry Kenchtel, and to cheer the hero, Sterling Jensen. We'll see you there May 3 and 4.

GENERAL ALUMNI MEETING to be held sometime in May. The exact date will be announced at the play.

Another big event in November is the HOMECOMING FOOTBALL GAME with its colorful half-time of Wheelbarrow races and floats.

BIG RE-UNION Dinner Dance is planned for next November.

There will be RESERVED SEATS at all the athletic contests (football games, basketball games, etc.) for the Alums who have dues cards.

The NEWS LETTER will be continued with Charlie Byrnes as editor.



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