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SDSU alumni Associates
San Diego State

Dear friends,

I have written a rather comprehensive report which may be too involved, but that is entirely up to you and I thought you might like to have a report on two additional graduates from State who are unable to write for themselves.

I hope this turns out to be a most successful project and I would very much like to have a copy of whatever it is you're compiling.

Best of luck.

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I attended SDSU under two names. Beginning in 1922 as Laura Van Horn (better known as Peggy) at the old Normal School where I received a two-year teaching credential.

Married to Wilson Chase while we were both attending State and thus became Peggy Chases. While there I did office work for Dean Peterson and played violin in girls' orchestra in the Broadway Strand Theatre and Chamber Music in the San Diego Hotel. I also sang soprano in the girls glee club under Deborah Smith.

I returned to State in 1932, I think it was, where I received my A.B. degree. Previous to that time I taught in Lemon Grove, Tustin, Whittier and Lynwood. Wilson was attending U.S.C. Dental School.

To those of you who are to become teachers or are already teaching it might be interesting for you to know that many areas in the middle 20's & early 30's would not let you become permanent; insisted you live in the town in which you taught; were not married; signed an agreement that you did not drink or smoke. You taught in an area for three years; you were dismissed, taught in a town close by for a year and then hired back, if they liked you. Also the teaching load was terrific. I had 51 students - 1A, 2B & 2A; I had yard duty; there were (over please)

no special-help classes, so I stayed after school to help the slow readers + others. I had a harmonica band after school; an orchestra and put on at least two plays a year. I received \$900 a year + worked summers as a stenographer in various parts of the U.S. to support myself.

Around 1940 I taught at San Diego State after it had moved to its new location when the Junior college was temporarily there. - I think my picture was in the College Year Book. I was with City Schools at the time. Dr. Neppner, President of SDSU at the time offered me a teaching position there, ~~at the time~~, but I didn't take it because S.D. City School paid much better salaries.

I eventually ^{taught} in City Schools at City College until I retired in 1968

In the meantime I married again - Neil Harrington in 1948 who obtained a position teaching in the Chemistry Department at State where he taught for 30 years. He received his M.A from State and his Ed.D from the University of Northern Colorado where I obtained my M.A ~~in~~. In 1942 - 1954 I was a Lt. jg in the U.S. Navy Reserve as a WAVE. When I returned from active duty in 1946 I taught at City College until Retirement.

Neil Harrington - Received his M.A. from SDSC after the Vietnamese ^W war where he served in the Chemical Corp stationed in Maryland & Alabama. After the war he returned to teach at State and was there until his retirement, ~~in 1988~~.
Neil passed away in 1991.

Wilson Chase - 1922-24 at State - old building as a pre-dental student. He graduated from USC with his D.D.S., where he passed the entrance exams with the highest score ever recorded in the department & the highest score of any entrant at the University for that particular year. Practiced dentistry in San Diego and Pasadena. During W.W.² he became a Commander in the Navy Dental Corps and after it was over became the Director of Dentistry at the Veterans Hospital in Los Angeles. Rank of Captain. Deceased in 1988.