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Dear Pat,

For what they may be worth, here are a few offerings as a response to your request for Pre-50's information.

I am a native San Diegan and in September 1923 began my association with what was to become San Diego State University when I was enrolled as a first grader in the Normal Training School of the San Diego State Normal School located at the Park and El Cajon intersection. After six grades and graduation from there I went the sequence through Roosevelt Junior High, San Diego High and graduation from San Diego State in 1939 with a major in zoology and minors in botany and geology. That was followed by a year at Berkeley and two years at the University of Idaho with a teaching fellowship in the zoology department and Master's degree in 1942. After WWII service as an aerial photographic officer in the Army Air Corps I joined the San Diego State zoology faculty and, after taking a year leave-of-absence, received the PhD at Oregon State University. In 1980 I retired as an Emeritus Professor of Zoology but still participate in SDSU activities, especially those of the SDSU Retirement Association, and in January my wife and I served as Hosts for the Elderhostel Program conducted on our campus. As a student, I was active in Alpha Phi Omega, national service fraternity, and later served as faculty adviser. And, this May had an opportunity to reflect on those times when, along with other alumni, I attended the reactivation of the local Alpha Delta chapter after a few years of inactivity.

My wife Lillian and I were married in 1945 while she was still an Army Air Corps Nurse (yes, I had been one of her patients while stationed at Yale University). When we came to San Diego in 1946 she worked as a San Diego County Public Health Nurse and later worked in the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District from which she retired in 1981 as District Nurse in charge of health services. Oh yes, she graduated from SDSU in 1963, the year President Kennedy was awarded a doctorate.

We have two son's, Robert, a 1971 graduate of SDSU, who is a Lt. Colonel in the Dental Clinic of the Army Air Force base in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and Gregory who owns a stoneware business in Weaverville, California. They, their wives, and five grandchildren give us much incentive to

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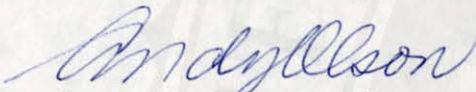
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travel in our motor home for visits with them. Yes, we even drove the Alaska Highway in 1981 when Robert was stationed near Fairbanks, Alaska. On another winter trip up there to help welcome a granddaughter into the world we twice experienced -65 F temperatures and on one occasion without help I changed a flat tire at -45 F.

Anyhow, my interest in SDSU spans the period from 1923 to the present and I always look forward to the annual Pre-50's reunion and luncheon.

That's more than enough so I'll stop with the hopes that this is the sort of information you wanted for the "SDSU Report."

Most sincerely,



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