

Item for SDSU Alumni News

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Milton married Roberta Elsner in 1947, when they were both students at SDSC. (She was in Phi Kappa Gamma and GAA; he was in Alpha Phi Omega and Theta Chi.) They had five children, now all grown. Roberta passed away in 1985. Milton has re-married and now lives in Sacramento with his wife Pene and her two children. He is still active in Boy Scouts and A-Phi-O, and drives a 1940 Chevrolet coupe exactly like the one he had when he was a student at SDSC (complete with Aztec windshield sticker).

Milton majored in psychology, and went on to earn an M.A. in clinical psych at Claremont Graduate School and a Ph.D. in ed psych at USC. His nearest claim to fame, if any, is his doctoral research, completed in 1968, on "Sense of Humor and Its Relation to Creativity, Intelligence, and School Achievement." (His conclusion, based on a study of 634 students: sense of humor is a valid indicator of the other three traits in adolescents.)

A licensed clinical psychologist and nationally-certified school psychologist, Milton is a Consultant in Pupil Personnel Services with the California Department of Education. His main job is helping local schools, districts, and county offices of education improve their pupil services programs, including psychological services, counseling, child welfare and attendance, and school social work.

Dr. Wilson is a Past-President of the California Association of School Psychologists. (He also plays drums in the CASP dance band, "The Severe Discrepancies.") He is on the National Certification Board of the National Association of School Psychologists. As listed in the 1994 directory of the American Psychological Association, Leaders in School Psychology, his areas of expertise include the role of school psychologists in regular education and the development of comprehensive school-linked pupil services. He represents California in the obscure 51-member National Association of State Consultants for School Psychological Services.

Milton has been a school psychologist for 39 years and a state consultant since 1971. When asked when he's going to retire, he replies, "I'm waiting for things to get better."

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*Thanks, Helen
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