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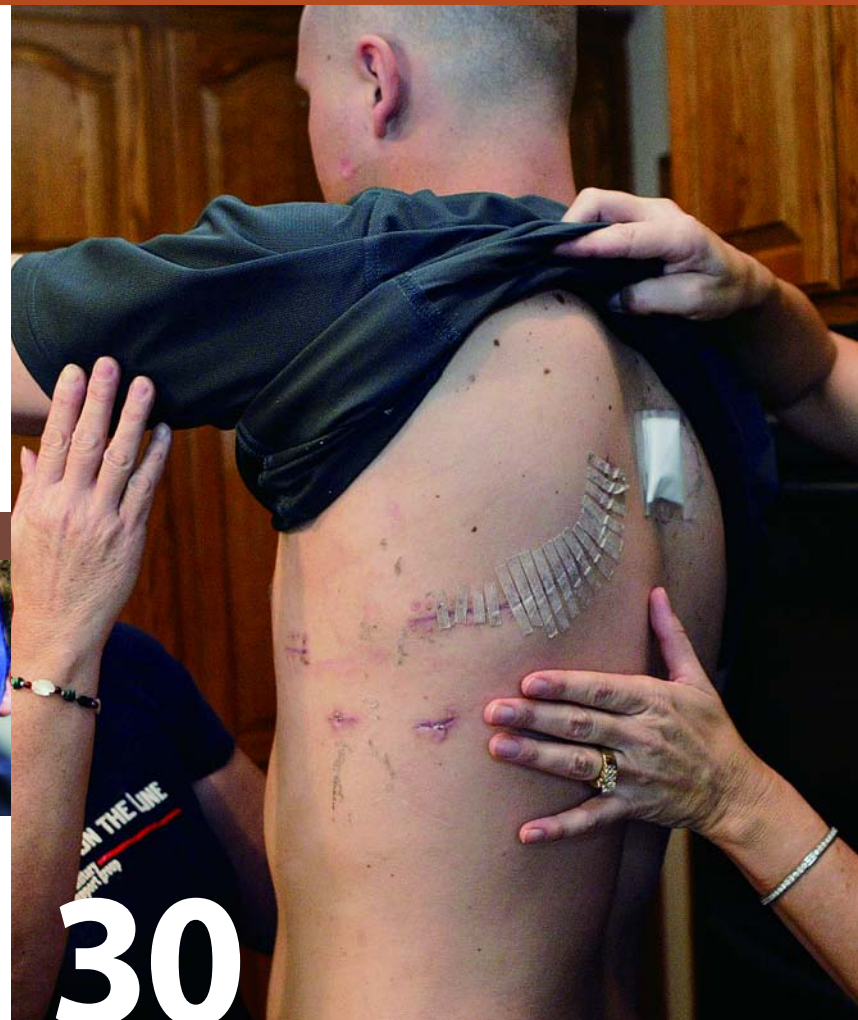
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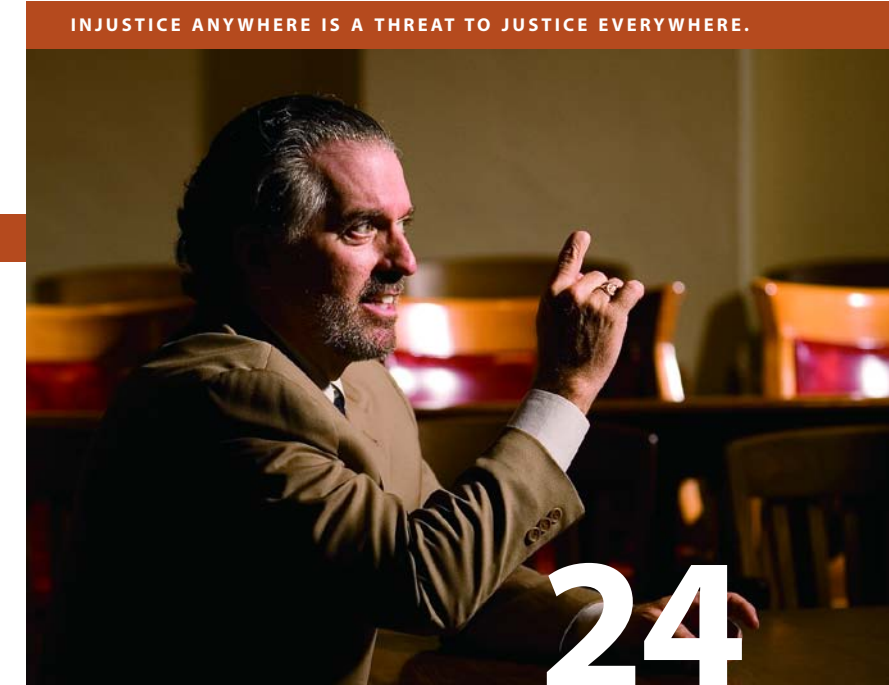
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NEXT OF KIN

The answers to big questions begin with simply listening



My father never liked to talk about the war. Nonetheless, we somehow found out that he fought in the Pacific Theater, that he was in the Air Force, that he saw combat. We knew from photos he kept in a shoebox, high on a shelf, that he looked impossibly young in 1943, and that when the camera was pointed his way, he tended to squint, just a little, and that he seemed fit and trim and ready for anything. We knew that he came home without visible wounds, and we knew, somehow, without him saying a word, that not all of his buddies made it.

He's been gone a long time now — over 15 years — and I still find myself wishing I'd found out more about his time "over there." It shaped him, I think, in a fundamental way, and perhaps made him the man he was.

He was a stickler for good grammar, loved words and ideas above all else, and immersed himself in academia for his entire career. For the most part, his experiences in WWII remained private. When he died, I found myself sifting through that stack of photos, wishing I'd asked more questions, listened more closely, learned more details, no matter how hard they may have been to hear.

A few weeks ago, I had a call to make, and I was hesitant to pick up the phone. But when I reached Jackie Kennedy, she was so delighted to talk to me that I was glad I'd called. "I love for people to talk about Joshua," she said. Her son, Platoon Commander Joshua Palmer '01, had been killed in Fallujah, Iraq in the spring of 2004. When I explained that the next *USD Magazine* would be a theme issue focusing on war and peace, she was delighted to talk about her son's ultimate sacrifice.

She told me not just about the day he died, when he and his troops had cornered a sniper that had been firing upon another platoon, but about his love of children, and how he'd shared many a meal with Iraqi families, and that he'd been awarded a posthumous Bronze Star. She sent me a photo of a smiling Palmer on a dusty Iraqi street, surrounded by more than a dozen smiling kids. She wrote on the back, "We think that this is the last picture Joshua was in. He loved the children. He loved to see them smile." She also sent me a thank-you note, which seems backwards, somehow.

When I first decided to focus much of an entire issue on war and peace, I had no idea how deeply it would affect my own life. I didn't know I'd wind up in a courtroom at MCRD listening to soldiers describe one of the most terrible days of their lives. I had no idea that I'd wake up in the middle of the night worrying about USD alumnus Joseph Ghougassian. While I'd known about the good work going on at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, I hadn't been aware of just how hands-on our peace-builders are and how they put themselves at risk time and again.

I didn't know a whole lot of things. I know now.

— Julene Snyder, Editor

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Wowzers!

I love your most recent issue of *USD Magazine* (Fall 2006). My husband, Ben Mosley '00, and I have lived all around the world since graduating from USD and getting married in Founders Chapel. We are always so proud to share our university with new friends. We are incredibly thankful for USD and all that it has to offer its students. May God continue to bless this amazing place!

— Robin (Perkins) Mosley '01

Wow! *USD Magazine* is really fantastic. I look forward to reading every issue, and the photos are superb. Ms. Snyder's "Editorial License" is always inspiring and real. We are really fortunate in having a magazine of this caliber produced on campus. The caring, visual eye, content and organization of staff really shows. Keep up the great work. Thank you.

— Rickey Jayne Vignati
Special Assistant to the Vice President, Student Affairs

Some Kind of Wonderful

Just got back from a great and productive trip playing in Nashville for the Americana Music Association conference to find the new *USD Magazine* — and the cover story profiling my life and career ("Someone After All,"

Fall 2006) — on my doorstep. Wow! What a spread! It looks beautiful, and the story is great.

I can't thank you enough for the wonderful story, the beautiful pictures and your opinion that my life and music were worth creating all the aforementioned for. What a heartwarming welcome home and a tangible measure of my own life. Thank you, thank you.

— Brigitte DeMeyer '86

Great cover piece on a very special fellow alum, Brigitte DeMeyer. The music is outstanding, and I would have never heard it had it not been for your article. I'm still living my double life (as an investment counselor/musician) and am enjoying every minute of it!

— Jim Hitchcock '83

I just wanted to thank you for the story on Brigitte DeMeyer. I thoroughly enjoyed learning how Brigitte is chasing her dream and how happy she is. If I close my eyes, I can see wonderful memories of Brigitte driving her blue convertible Volkswagen Bug through campus, and I start smiling as I remember her infectious smile and laugh. I look forward to seeing her on VH1 soon.

— Paul Van Stone '85

I wanted to compliment *USD Magazine* on the wonderful article featuring Brigitte DeMeyer. When I received the magazine in the mail I was instantly drawn to the cover and the story inside; the pictures surrounding the article were beautiful and truly portrayed Brigitte's unique style. I have been fortunate enough to hear Brigitte play in person and her music is amazing. Thanks for the great story on a great alumni!!

— Laura (Miller) Hasshaw '85

Meaningful Discourse

In the last issue of *USD Magazine* (Fall 2006), we ran a story about a topiary garden at the home of Alex Harper '83 (J.D.) and his wife, Edna, titled "Green Elephants and Leafy Pyramids." It was meant to be a light-hearted piece celebrating a hillside wonderland filled with whimsical greenery.

Unfortunately, in our attempt to craft an entertaining and colorful story, we ran a caption that could be perceived as insensitive and offensive. The text in question describes the topiary's gardener in the following manner: "See the little guy in the front wearing a hat? That's a 'self-portrait' of Pedro, the full-time gardener who helps bring all this whimsy to life."

As was subsequently pointed out, this description is insulting and hurtful to some members of the university community. Specific concerns included that the gardener was diminished in status by being referred to as "the little guy," a familiar, unprofessional and arguably demeaning characterization. Furthermore, the gardener is called by his first name only, again reducing his status and showing disrespect. Finally, it can be construed that highlighting a caricature of a Mexican man as a self-portrait reduces the real person to a stereotype.

While none of this was the intent of the story's author or the editor of the magazine, we have a duty to be respectful to all of the subjects of our stories. More care might have been taken to assure that we did not unconsciously rely on stereotypical or offensive depictions of anyone in the pages of this magazine.

For the record, the full name of the gardener who has worked

alongside Edna Harper to create the hillside topiary for many years is Pedro Duran Vidal, a 36-year-old man from Oaxaca, Mexico.

In a recent meeting with members of the university's Committee on Inclusion and Diversity and the editor of this magazine, ideas were exchanged on how *USD Magazine's* goals can continually strive to remain in line with the mission of our university, and to actively and foster cultural diversity. We are grateful for the opportunity to hear the concerns of all members of the university community and welcome the input of all of those who take pride in the University of San Diego, its mission and its magazine.

We take great care to make sure that each issue of *USD Magazine* reflects the diversity of our campus community, and welcome this reminder that we need to be ever-vigilant in the ways that we show respect for all members of the communities that the magazine and the university serve.

Our genuine apologies are offered. While it was never our intent to be insensitive or hurtful, we sincerely regret causing offense. Be assured that we will continue to listen, to learn and consider how best to respect diverse cultures in our pages.

— Editor

Write us ...

We welcome letters to the editor about articles in the magazine. Letters may be edited for length and content, and must include a daytime phone number. Write: Editor, *USD Magazine*, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110. E-mail: letters@sandiego.edu.



K.C. ALFRED

[watchdog]

COMMANDING RESPECT

Public Safety keeps the peace on campus

by Kelly Knufken

It's a big responsibility. "The mission of the department is to provide a safe and secure environment for the campus community," says Larry Barnett, assistant vice president for public safety. Students may be USD's largest stakeholder, but the charge also includes protecting faculty, staff and visitors. The latter category may include dignitaries who don't come with their own security detail, such as Shirin Ebadi, an Iranian human rights lawyer and Nobel Peace Prize winner who spoke on campus in September.

Barnett prides himself on run-

ning a department that functions professionally, like a sworn police department, ready to respond to anything that happens on campus. Still, the San Diego Police Department would be the primary responder for any felonies that may occur on campus.

"We have for many years had a strong relationship with the San Diego Police Department," Barnett says. That includes working on the College Law Enforcement Task Force, which looks to solve problems both on- and off- local college campuses.

Most incidents that do occur on campus are crimes of opportunity,

Barnett says. (The department's annual report, which includes statistics for 2005 and other important public safety information, can be found at www.sandiego.edu/safety; click the Annual Report link.)

The ongoing charge for the Department of Public Safety is to remind students and others to protect themselves and their valuables. "To me, the message is, 'Be aware of the potential for crime to occur,'" Barnett says.

Toward that end, before the Fall 2006 school year began, Public Safety was working with the Mission Beach Town Council, the San Diego Police Depart-

ment and others to promote USD student involvement in neighborhood watch programs. The focus was in Mission Beach, an area heavily populated with the denizens of Alcalá Park. Work began over the summer so that officials could present information at the Alcalá Bazaar for students interested in becoming more involved in their community.

All that planning helped the campus respond in mid-October when four USD students at an off-campus apartment in Mission Beach were the victims of a horrific crime that shocked the entire city. Gunmen sexually attacked the two women during a robbery. San Diego police made arrests the same week; three men and two 17-year-old boys face charges.

Within hours of the attack, Barnett convened USD's Critical Inci-

dent Response Team, a group of administrators trained to provide support from their various areas — including counseling, residential life, university ministry and public relations.

"Our number one focus on that Sunday afternoon was how to provide for our students who had been victimized in this incident," Barnett says. That focus was on providing for their con-

WOMEN TAKE CHARGE

of their own safety at classes that teach them to fight back.

tinued safety and getting them counseling. The next priority was to tend to family members and friends closest to the victims, then continue providing whatever help was needed to the larger campus community, Barnett says.

USD also sent fliers to all the residence halls letting students know about what had happened in Mission Beach. Barnett doesn't want to give away the "additional security measures" public safety officers took on campus to make sure all were safe.

Among the higher profile efforts to respond to the crime were a series of community meetings, including one in Mission Beach the night after the attacks and a student forum on campus the following week. Public Safety also publicized its Rape Aggression Defense classes to help women take charge of their well-being. The efforts didn't stop there: A student rally in mid-November was aimed at continuing to keep the issue of rape and safety front-and-center.

"If you talk to Public Safety officers, I think what you will walk away with is a very strong personal commitment to the safety of each individual and the property of this campus," Barnett says.

Larry Barnett holds open office hours for "Coffee with the Chief" daily from 8:30-9 a.m. in Hughes Administration Center, Rm. 144.

[syllabus]

Course: World Religions
Instructor: Bahar Davary

DESCRIPTION: The history and culture of religious traditions are explored in order to understand how religious world views are created through myth, dogma, ritual and symbolism.

SO, WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? Today's discussion centers on the question of whether monotheistic Gods are violent by nature. The primary focus is on Christianity, Judaism, Islam and Hinduism.

YES, THIS WILL BE ON THE TEST: The dozen or so first-year honors preceptorial students are instructed that 70 percent of their grade on their next test will be derived from their essay response to the question, "In what you've read of various religious traditions, what religions are theoretically inclined toward violence? Toward peace?" No doubt each of these scarily well-prepared students will ace this, and subsequent, tests.

PROVOCATIVE QUESTION DU JOUR: "How has Christianity both endorsed and condemned slavery? Are the biblical interpretations of Dr. Martin Luther King correct? Or is it the interpretation of the KKK that's correct? After all, the Ku Klux Klan burned crosses in the name of Christianity."

FROM IDEA TO BUMPER STICKER: One student sums up a previous classroom discussion in a single crystalline nugget: "If I say, 'I want to feed the hungry,' I'm a saint. If I say, 'Why are the poor, poor?' I'm a Communist."

SUGGESTED READING: Along with more expected texts (*Siddhartha*, anyone?), students are urged to seek out current provocative books, such as Jack Nelson-Pallmeyer's *Is Religion Killing Us?* One student thinks that the author may be "misrepresenting faith itself. He takes the verses he needs to make his point and leaves the others out." The teacher agrees that it's relatively easy to take things out of context. "Look at Cain and Abel. The whole Genesis story begins with violence. Is it religion? Or human nature?"



BARBARA FERGUSON

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FRESH NEW LOOK

New university logo celebrated at campus unveiling event

Faith. Compassion. Peace. Wonder. Justice. Those are just some of the key values of the University of San Diego. Every day, students, alumni and faculty are steeped in the ideals that USD is built upon, but getting the school's key messages out to the public in a meaningful way takes an enormous amount

of behind-the-scenes thought, work and strategy. At last, all that effort is paying off. In October, the university's board of trustees unanimously approved adoption of a new logo that was designed with the goal of reinforcing the school's Catholic heritage and unique traditions.

"After more than a year of research, analysis and hard work by countless constituents across campus, we are now better prepared to promote the university and enhance its reputation through a consistent visual and graphic identity," said USD President Mary E. Lyons, upon announcing this concrete exam-



ple of the university's push to brand itself for the 21st century. As of Jan. 1, 2007, all marketing materials will feature the new University of San Diego logo, which incorporates the graceful curve of The Immaculata's dome as a key part of its design. "The new logo, like the university itself, is classic and timeless,"

says Coreen Petti, assistant vice president of University Marketing and Creative Services. Petti is driving USD's branding efforts, and, in conjunction with her team of professional writers and designers, is crafting the university's new graphic identity and communications style manual. By July 1, 2007, conversion of USD's new graphic identity and style standards is scheduled to be well underway, with full completion slated for July 1, 2008.

Dozens of campus stakeholders participated in the process that led the university to this pivotal point. While the new logo is the cornerstone of a whole new visual identity for USD, it is just one of several graphics designed specifically as part of the school's new branding efforts.

A special ceremony to unveil the logo and branding marks took place on campus on Dec. 8, and was attended by President Lyons, members of USD's board of trustees, faculty, students and other campus constituents. All of the new graphic elements that were presented at the event feature colors in the University of San Diego's primary color palette: "Immaculata Blue," "Torero Blue," Founders Blue" and "Alcala White." Blue and white, of course, were chosen as the school's colors by the founders, who selected them due to their connection to the Virgin Mary, whose statue sits atop the dome of The Immaculata, which is also adorned with blue.

"Today marks a new era in the history of the University of San Diego," Lyons said at the unveiling event. "This is an exciting moment for any institution, particularly one that's on the move."

Bob Hoehn, chairman of the University of San Diego Board of Trustees, echoed those sentiments: "The new logo and branding marks we are unveiling today are symbolic of a new era at USD," he said. "They honor our past and welcome our future." ☕

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THE HUMAN CONNECTION

Partnership between Starbucks and USD promises to improve student life

Mmmm. Coffee. The bean's fragrant aroma wafts across college campuses nationwide, but this fall, there's more to that cup of java than just a yummy mental jumpstart. Starbucks, the world's leading retailer, roaster and brand of specialty coffee in the world, has joined forces with four prominent universities — including the University of San Diego — to launch a pilot program aimed at improving corporate support of college students both academically and socially.

It's a joint enterprise with a natural fit. After all, whether it's a cup of coffee, a place to study, a part-time job or a career, Starbucks has a whole lot to offer the average college student.

"The spirit of the partnership is about creating opportunities for human connection between Starbucks and the students," says Starbucks' channel manager for colleges and universities, Carolyn Reynolds.

The benefits to students include a variety of projects designed to be consistent with and beneficial to USD's and Starbucks' respective strategic missions, including sponsorship of a multi-school beach cleanup event in mid-November.

"The University of San Diego's mission and strategic priorities allow us to think creatively when responding to students' needs," says Carmen Vasquez, USD's vice president of student affairs. "Realizing that our missions complement one another,

we were able to develop a partnership which embodies three equally important elements: student life, academic life and community life."

Step one, of course, is getting the word out. Toward that end, the company has provided the campus with 1,500 free \$5 gift certificates, to be distributed to students who've completed an alcohol education questionnaire. "But this partnership isn't just about money," says Louise Stanger, director of alcohol and drug education services. "It's about changing the campus itself."

In addition to treating students to a free cup of joe, Starbucks has vowed to work with Associated Students on events like orientation and community service-learning activities such as fair-trade workshops. On the academic side of the house, the company will work with the School of Business to create curriculum and case studies for classroom use as well as participate in major academic conferences. Other aspects of the partnership include Starbucks' support in USD's career fairs, a pledge to hire part-time student workers in area stores and a summer internship opportunity at the Starbucks corporate support center in Seattle.

"USD is very grateful to have been selected by Starbucks for this unprecedented partnership," says Vasquez. "Our students and community members will benefit tremendously from the knowledge, experience and opportunities that it will provide." ☕



ERIC BROTTNER

USD PRESIDENT MARY E. LYONS WAXED RHAPSODIC at the logo unveiling event in mid-December, pointing out that the university's founders paid close attention to the connection between the aesthetic life and the internal life.

SAVE THE DATE

Jan. 25-27

Winter Autism Conference

This unique event brings state-of-the-art ideas on how to better understand and support children and adults who live with autism. Topics will include communication and behavior challenges, sensory-movement issues and inclusion options. Additionally, a Summer Autism Conference is scheduled for July 9-11. Call (619) 260-7704; or go to www.sandiego.edu/autisminstitute.

Feb. 23-24

Grandparents Weekend

USD grandparents can get a weekend glimpse into the lives of students. Highlights include a welcome reception, tour of Founders Chapel, attendance at the Founders daily Mass, lunch in the Main Dining Room and much more. To learn more, e-mail parents@sandiego.edu or call (619) 260-4808.

March 14-16

Kyoto Laureate Symposium

Begun on the USD campus in 2000, the prestigious event now includes presentations by Kyoto Laureates at three local schools. A gala opening event is scheduled at the San Diego Hotel & Marina on Wed., March 14, culminating on Fri., March 16, when USD hosts a lecture by designer Issey Miyake. To learn more, go to www.kyotoprize.org.

April 21

Alumni Honors

The premiere USD alumni event celebrates four distinct USD traditions of excellence in one unique evening of recognition. Honorees will be presented with the Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Service Award, the Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Humanitarian Award, the Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Award and the Hall of Fame Award. Proceeds benefit student scholarships and athletic programming. Call (619) 260-4819.

[hope against hope]

SERENITY SEEKERS

Carving out a path through the thorny field of conflict resolution

by Kelly Knufken

War has touched their lives. They've seen too much. It's made them seek ways to make peace.

Monya Kian, Yusuf Gawany and Zacharia Akol are three of the 10 students working toward master's degrees in Peace and Justice Studies at USD this year, and they want to make a difference in the world.

Kian lived in Iran until she was 6. She's thought a lot about her heritage and how it's complicated her career choices. It turns out that those in the peace field often have to carve their own path.

"Had I not had the background I've had, maybe I wouldn't even care (about peace)," she says. "Your background really does shape who you are. Sometimes I think, 'Why can't I be interested in architecture or want to be a doctor?' Being young and being in Iran when a war was going on, I was thinking about these things at a young age. It's been with me since day one."

She knows that she can't change the world overnight. Her current plan is to become a U.S.-based consultant focusing on mediating local dissent, and maybe serve as a contractor for the United Nations and travel to conflict zones to help arbitrate larger conflicts. She hopes she can someday help make progress on such issues in Iran as women's rights and the choking pollution she

experienced there when she visited her native country a few years ago.

Gawany is proud of his country's peaceful posture, but he's seen firsthand the effects of war on his home continent of Africa. He lives in Tanzania and works for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). He left his family — a wife, a son and a daughter — to study in the program affiliated with the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice for a year.

"I am a humanitarian at work," he says. He hopes to bring the conflict resolution skills he learns at USD to the camps where he's been helping protect refugees who've been fleeing from the Democratic Republic of Congo since 1994.

"You could imagine where you have 100,000 people living, you could have a lot of good and bad coming out of the situation," he says. "You have constant conflicts. You need to work on it. As UNHCR, we are there to protect the refugees. That protection is broad — you have mental protection, physical protection and legal protection."

Akol, meanwhile, was living a normal life in 1983 when Sudan crumbled with the outbreak of war. He left his family at age 9 to head to Ethiopia, and lived in Kenya before coming to the United States in 2001 as a refugee. Like the oth-



ers, he looks to the Peace and Justice Studies program to sharpen his conflict resolution skills.

Since moving to the United States he's been active in speaking about the problems of Sudan, and plans to continue in that educational role as long as he is here. Akol formed the Sudan Awareness and Support Group as an undergraduate at Michigan State University. He plans to eventually

return to Sudan, where he hopes to work with organizations trying to make a difference. Despite the peace agreement signed in 2005, he is far from optimistic about the prospect of peace in his country.

"With the mobility that I have had for years, I learned to be very optimistic and hopeful about certain things, but I have not been hopeful about the situation in Sudan," he says. "I wish that some-

Pursuing a master's degree in Peace Studies has been a gratifying educational experience for Zacharia Akol (left), Monya Kian and Yusuf Gawany. All of them say that finding a balance between being optimistic and realistic is one of their biggest challenges.

thing else could be done. The direction that things seem to be going is not very promising."

Kian, too, worries about conflict involving her native country.

"I used to be really, really optimistic," she says. "Now it depends on the day, truthfully. It's hard to see the news (about conflicts between the United States and Iran) and think they're going to work it out."

Still, a sense of hope creeps back in when she meets others committed to working on problems, whether in her role as a board member of the United Nations Association's San Diego chapter, or when she meets others who aren't content with the status quo.

"We can't go on like we are. People need to realize hardcore politics and fighting wars doesn't really lead to peace." 🌍

[etc.]

Japan's Empress Michiko met with USD President Mary E. Lyons at the Imperial Palace in Japan in November. The empress attended Sacred Heart University in Tokyo and was subsequently tutored by USD professor emerita Sister Helen McHugh, R.S.C.J., in English for several years. President Lyons spent an hour with the empress and delivered a letter and gift from Sister McHugh. The president was in Japan — along with Vice President and Provost Julie Sullivan and School of Business Administration professor Ellen Cook — to take part in the Inamori Foundation's presentation of the 22nd Annual Kyoto Prizes for Lifetime Achievement in Technology, Science and the Arts. USD will take part in the sixth annual Kyoto Laureate Symposium in mid-March, when events celebrating Kyoto Laureate and international artist and designer Issey Miyake will be hosted by the university. While in Japan, the group also enjoyed what Lyons calls "a wonderful alumni reunion in Tokyo" as well as taking in of a tour of Sony headquarters.

November was busy for President Lyons, who attended a conference on "Universities and the Church's Social Doctrine" in Rome late that month. She was invited to the event in August by Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace President Cardinal Renato Martino, who visited USD in late summer. "There were approximately 180 representatives from Catholic universities around the world at the conference," Lyons recalls. "Many were from Africa, Asia, Indonesia, Latin America, Eastern and Western Europe, and speakers addressed the benefits of interdisciplinary scholarship in promoting the values and application of the social teachings."

She says she was most struck by the wide-ranging conditions under which Catholic universities fulfilled their missions: "That awareness reminds the more affluent and secure universities of North America and Western Europe to be ever-conscious of the challenges confronting sister institutions around the world."

Low-income and disadvantaged youth will be served by a \$120,000 grant the university was awarded in November. The three-year grant, from Learn and Serve America, will help fund a USD-led project in which college students assist in community projects that prepare young people and their families for college and the working world. "At USD we believe strongly that college attendance will endow students with the skills and knowledge that will contribute to their own intellectual growth and, eventually, to California's economic vitality," says USD President Mary E. Lyons. "But first we must help get those students to college."

Some of the USD women's basketball team's biggest fans in the 2006-07 season are also their youngest. The Toreros adopted the kindergarten class at Bay Park Elementary School for a mentoring program. Each week the players visited campus for a physical education period in the morning with the students, followed by a classroom period when USD's players assisted with projects designed by the teacher. The 13 Toreros rotated in groups of three or four, participating on different days to work around their own class schedules. In other news, the women's volleyball team traveled to Gainesville, Fla. for the Sweet 16 round of the NCAA tournament, before losing to top ranked University of Nebraska. The Toreros ended their season with a 26-6 record.

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WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS

Toreros earn back-to-back PFL titles

by Tom Shanahan

The football players sat anxiously as they assembled on a mid-November Sunday morning in the auditorium of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice. They awaited the Division I-AA selection committee's bracket announcement on an ESPN telecast.

The Toreros believed they were worthy of an at-large berth in the 16-team bracket, although it was

posted a school record of 10-0 with 18 straight wins and back-to-back Pioneer Football League titles.

They even had a marquee attraction with a candidate for the Walter Payton Award — Division I-AA's Heisman Trophy equivalent — in junior quarterback Josh Johnson.

"No question, the selection committee felt our presence," said Jim Harbaugh, USD's third-

was missing among the players. A groan. Nobody expressed exasperation at being bypassed.

"We knew whatever happened, this season was a positive for USD football," said senior Chase McBride.

After all, unlike most teams in NCAA sports that are overlooked by a selection committee, USD could still look forward to playing two more games on their 2006 schedule. Harbaugh and

in the final year of transition from Division II.

Although USD lost to UC Davis 37-27, the Toreros led 18-13 at half-time, and Johnson put up another 300-yard passing performance.

The second reward was the Gridiron Classic, a bowl game that matched the PFL champion against the Northeast Conference champion. Originally scheduled for Nov. 18, both conferences agreed to move the game to Dec. 2 once USD's playoff chances appeared realistic.

As PFL Champion, the Toreros placed 16 players on the All-PFL team. The roll call included Johnson as offensive player of the year, junior defensive end Erik Bakhtiari as co-defensive player of the year and defensive back Gabe Derricks as the freshman of the year.

Playing the Gridiron Classic allowed the PFL champions to defend their storied 2005 national title among mid-major (non-scholarship) schools and No. 1 ranking throughout the 2006 season.

USD's early December 27-7 win over Monmouth University, the NEC champion ranked No. 2 among mid-major schools, led to the Toreros clinching a second straight national title with an 11-1 record.

"We knew this was a special group when we came here as freshmen," said All-PFL junior center Jordan Paopao. "We started talking about rising to the level of making the playoffs."

They did more than talk about it. They came so close to making the playoffs, they didn't need to groan when their name wasn't called.



ERIC DROTTER

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Q&A

ON THE FRONT LINE NIR COHEN KEEPS HIS EYE ON THE BALL

University of San Diego senior forward Nir Cohen grew up in Israel dreaming of playing college basketball in the United States. He spent his first three years out of high school in the Israeli Air Force, fulfilling his compulsory military duty, then played two years at Monroe Junior College in New York before Toreros head coach Brad Holland recruited him last year.

“WHAT'S TOUGHER — MILITARY BOOT CAMP OR COACH HOLLAND'S TRAINING CAMP?”

They're both tough, but on different scales. Sports-wise, Coach Holland runs a very tough camp. We work hard every day and we're definitely ready for the start of the season.

AS A JEWISH PERSON REPRESENTING AT A CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY, WHAT ARE TEAM PRAYERS LIKE FOR YOU?

That's something I really like here, when Father Mullen leads prayers. He inspires us. He talks about God, but I don't take it personal as a Jewish person at a Catholic school. I know who my God is, and I'm comfortable with it. I listen to every word Father Mullen says.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE LATEST ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT?

Every soldier knows when he joins the army no matter what happens the country is going to do everything it can to get you back. The war during the summer was mainly about the getting the soldiers back, not about territory. The value system of the Israeli people is about getting the soldiers back.

PLAYING SPORTS FOR YOUR COLLEGE IS UNIQUE TO AMERICAN ATHLETICS. HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE SCHOOL SPIRIT TO PEOPLE IN ISRAEL?

You can't ask for anything more as a basketball player and as a student. The support from students, fans and alumni is huge. It's there even when you have a bad game. It's definitely something I will remember forever.

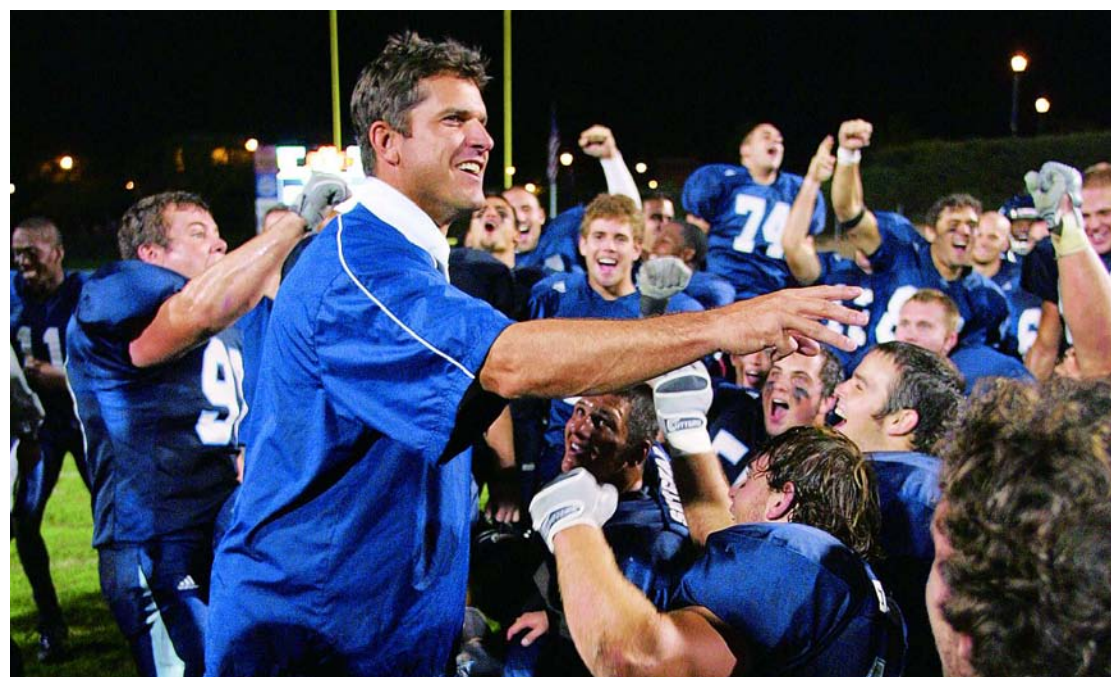
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TRULY TORERO When Tulane University cancelled its men's tennis season in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, coach Tom Hagedorn offered a slot on USD's team to Ryo Sekiguchi, who transferred to the University of San Diego in January 2006. Clearly it was a smart move all around; Sekiguchi was subsequently named WCC Freshman of the Year. When his Tokyo-based parents came to San Diego to see him play, Hagedorn went out to dinner with the family. "When Ryo's dad, Fujio Sekiguchi, told me he was going to name one of his ships after the team, I thought he was joking," recalls Hagedorn. But it was no joke: the shipping magnate has named an enormous tanker "Torero" in honor of his son's affiliation with USD. Go online for visual confirmation: www.sandiego.edu/usdmag.



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AFTER THREE YEARS AT USD, Jim Harbaugh recently accepted a job as head coach at Stanford. USD has hired University of Kentucky assistant coach Ron Caragher to lead the football team next season.

unprecedented for a non-scholarship program such as USD to be selected in a playoff system designed for schools that award as many as 63 scholarships.

USD's case included a No. 14 ranking in the nation among all Division I-AA schools at that point in the season. The Toreros had

year head coach. "You have to understand that for the committee to put us into the playoffs, it would have been unprecedented. I can guarantee you we were on the board."

But as the final two schools flashed on the big screen without USD appearing, something

athletic director Ky Snyder scheduled rewards beyond the PFL regular season title.

The first reward was a chance to measure themselves against a scholarship school, UC Davis. The Aggies were available for a game since they were ineligible for the 2006 Division I-AA playoffs while

Why is there

by Virginia Lewis

WAR?

How can we make sense of war? When we're confronted with gritty, gruesome images of war, is it possible to understand the "why" behind them? How can we justify the incalculable human suffering that war inevitably brings? How can we not be perplexed by war, the destroyer of families, of cities and of nations, yet also the maker of heroes and the sometime harbinger of peace?

We're not alone in asking, "Why war?" The historian Thucydides puzzled over the great conflict of his time, the Peloponnesian war, 2,500 years ago. His state — democratic, imperial Athens — fought a 27-year-long war with the city of Sparta and her allies, who feared Athenian expansion.

In writing the classic study of war, Thucydides shared his observations of the behavior of states. One of his most provocative insights is that states robe their pursuit of power in deceptive language. States will pursue the path of war to satisfy their own interests of security, wealth and prestige, he reported; yet leaders cloak the self-interested nature of these goals in public discussions with their own citizens. States will lead their people to ignominious death while simultaneously offering them a chance to achieve glory by dying for a righteous, selfless cause.

States also create a language of "the other" to denigrate the opponent and to spur citizens to commit war's inhumane acts.

Thucydides invites us to join him in a conversation about war. Is war, in fact, necessary to achieve political goals? Can we imagine states that would act in ways opposed to their self-interest? Would ordinary people recoil from warfare if they were to see its actual dynamics? Are our leaders simply the true reflection of ourselves, as Thucydides thought? Are citizens unwilling to face the requirements of their own self-preservation? Don't all reasonable people prefer peace?

Perhaps human behavior is the real question here. Are we really warlike? Is war only a mirroring of our nature? Perhaps there is a biological survival mechanism in humans that — although once helpful for primitive survival — has become dysfunctional. Despite the best efforts of civilizing forces, is the beast within all people only intermittently domesticated? Is it inevitable that soccer matches can only substitute for war for a limited time, as Orwell noted? Before World War II, Germany held pride of place in the culture rankings of the West; after the war, Nuremberg confirmed the extent of depravity there. Clearly, Western values are no inoculation against the fever

of war and its attending horrors.

Thucydides' ruminations might offer us a clue to the way out of the labyrinth of war. In spite of his revelations about the ruthless way that states wage war and his depiction of war as a common outcome of the pursuit of power, he understands humans to be capable of more than warfare. His own rational examination of the awful destruction around him stands as evidence that the human condition is not hopeless.

First, we need to take a clear look at the nature of our human interactions. Although we are all unquestionably capable of destructive acts, we are also the authors of acts of great nobility. The human race has lasted this long, not because evil-doing is inevitable, but because overall we exhibit socially integrative behavior. For example, the sacrifices we make in family life are much more widely characteristic of human behavior than are the atrocities of Abu Ghraib. Even in the hell of warfare, soldiers' actions of courage and compassion are everyday occurrences. Thucydides saw them, and we see them, too. We need not lose heart and retreat to the snatched pleasures of the private realm in the face of the brutality we witness.

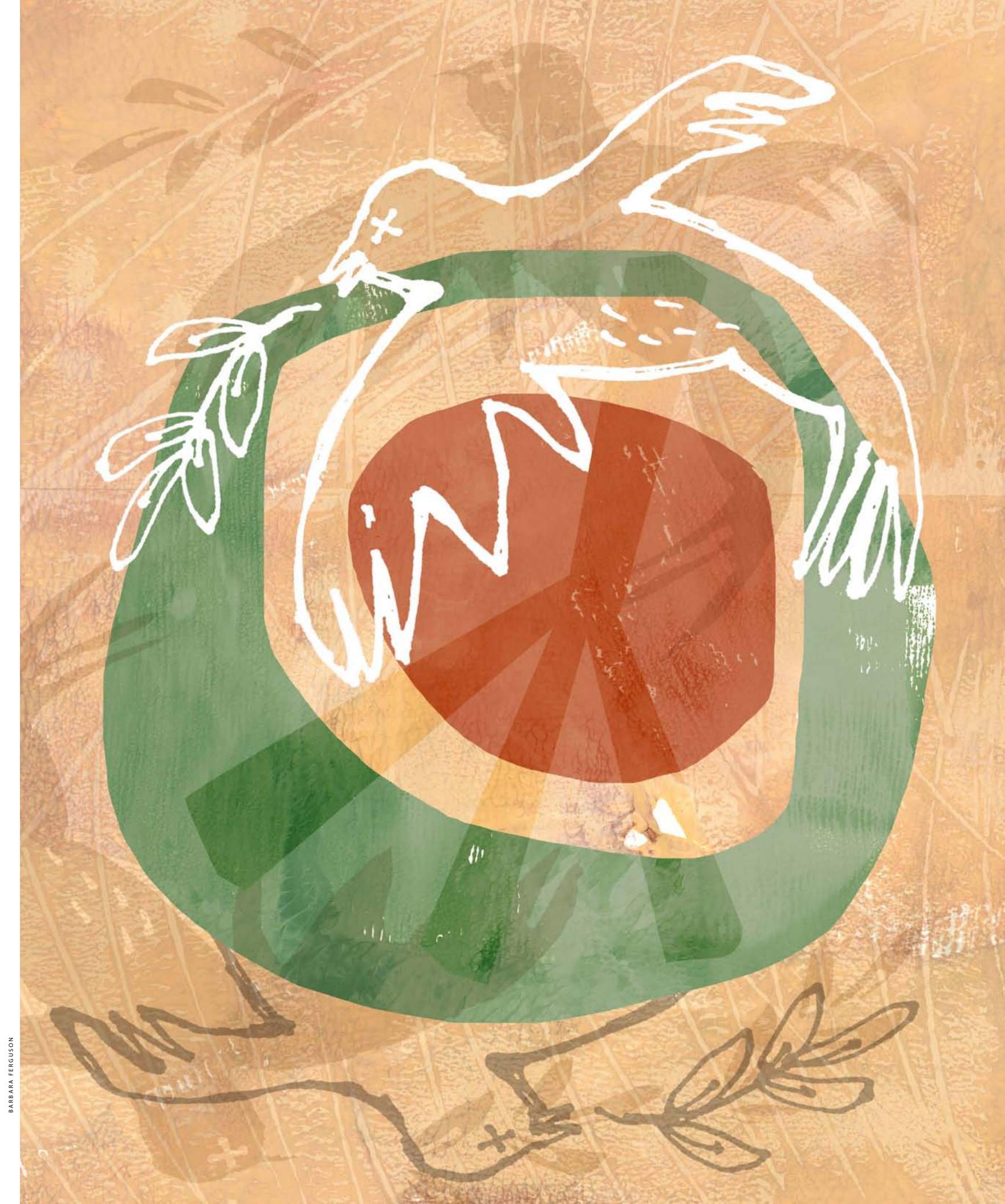
Secondly, states don't really do anything, waging war includ-

ed. It's actual people who do things, Thucydides reminds us. Individual people are policy-makers, warlords and generals. It's easy to feel powerless to stop a particular war or to change the conduct of warfare. However, when we remember that individual choices bring us to war, it becomes possible to see that statecraft is constructed. States don't inexorably act, like glaciers. We can identify decision points where citizen intervention can make a difference. We might even become leaders ourselves.

If Thucydides is right about the lynchpins of war, we could begin to discuss in the public realm new ways to understand national security, wealth and prestige. We need not eliminate those policy goals: we could redefine their meaning. Instead of allowing our fears to lead us to war and to guide our conduct there, we could bravely consider what true political peace might involve.

War might be a repetitive motif of human interaction, but it's certainly not inevitable. Political history is as much the story of the success of peace as it is the story of war. But the burden of achieving peace rests squarely on our own shoulders. 🇺🇸

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BARBARA FERGUSON

Blessed *are the* Peacemakers

Training graduates to cool off global hot spots isn't easy, but the IPJ and recipients of USD's Master's in Peace Studies are up to the task

by Barbara Davenport

Stand at one of the doors to the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice. Look up. Above the lintel, a dove carved in stone carries an olive branch. If you stand at the other door and look up, you'll see Astraea's scale, ancient symbol of justice. These carvings testify to the conviction shared by Joan Kroc and the

illustrations by Barbara Ferguson

institute itself that peace and justice are deeply linked, and that one is impossible without the other. Every speaker and conference and program at the institute, every peace initiative its staff and graduates make, from Uganda to Bosnia to Southeast San Diego, is built from this fundamental knowledge: fairness, inclusiveness and respect are the basis of peace. Five years into its mission, the institute teaches this conviction both on-campus and on the ground in some of the world's most troubled places.

Since it opened its ornately carved doors in December 2001, the IPJ has become a respected instrument of peacemaking in the world. Conversations with staff, graduates, faculty, current students and guest scholars reveal how the institute connects with the campus and how it works at building peace in hot spots around the world.



The IPJ's simultaneous engagement with USD's academic mission and with its global mission is embodied in its campus presence. The curving entrance plaza is planted with daylilies and roses and graced with a flowing fountain. The two wings of the institute reach out to the rest of the university grounds. On the building's west side, the Garden of the Sea meditation garden and reflecting pool look out to San Diego, the Pacific Ocean and the world.

The structure's dramatic rotunda, along with its auditorium, conference rooms, production studios and negotiation center are all designed to serve national and international constituencies. The second floor brings the international work home to the campus; that's where the departments of history and political science have their faculty offices, as well as eight classrooms. Kathryn Statler, associate professor of history and coordinator for the undergraduate minor in peace and justice, is delighted with this arrangement. She says that students who come for classes or to meet with professors become aware of events organically. And they've so come to see the building as theirs that when security is increased for an international newsmaker or a former U.S. president, they've been known to grumble about the intrusion in their space.

As part of Peace and Justice 101, a basic course for the 18-unit minor in peace and justice, Statler requires her students to attend three IPJ events. Students come to the minor with questions about war and peacemaking, and want to learn the nuts and bolts of how societies go about rebuilding after conflict. "They get their eyes opened," she says. Students come away with a deeper understanding once they've had up-close contact with generals and legislators, heads of state and Nobel laureates, people who've been in the thick of peacemaking efforts.

This fall, Shirin Ebadi, an Iranian lawyer and peace activist who was awarded the Nobel prize in 2003, came to the campus as part of the IPJ's Distinguished Lecture Series; 1,800 people heard her speak in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. But Statler and 30 USD undergraduate students had a private meeting with Ebadi, including a free-flowing question-and-answer session in the IPJ.

The master's program in Peace and Justice Studies, an intensive interdisciplinary program emphasizing ethics, international affairs and conflict resolution, admits 12 students a year. Its graduates work for non-governmental organizations (NGOs), in university settings, in multinational corporations and elsewhere. In San Diego, one 2003 master's graduate used what he learned to build Reality Changers, a program to support first-generation college students.

The institute and the university's academic programs will become linked even more closely soon, once the first dean of the new School of Peace Studies arrives on campus. His or her task list includes expanding the current Peace and Justice minor into a full undergraduate major, and increasing the scope of the existing master's program. Like the IPJ, the school will serve both the campus and the wider world. Its charge is "to advance peace and justice through the development and dissemination of interdisciplinary scholarship and state of the art practice to serve the region, the nation and the worldwide human community." The IPJ will then become part of the School of Peace Studies, and its executive director, Joyce Neu, will report to the dean.

Endowing the IPJ was a direct reflection of Joan Kroc's longstanding commitment to peacemaking. Her vision of a peace institute at USD evolved through the '90s, in continuing conversations with then-President Alice Hayes. Both saw the institute as a concrete statement of Catholic social teachings that see peace as inseparable from justice.

Kroc wanted USD to engage with the whole world. In 1998, she gave the university \$25 million to build a facility that would include a conference center, classrooms, meeting facilities and a residence to house visiting scholars, as well as start an institute to do this work.

While the institute's home was being built, Kroc frequently came to campus. Dee Aker, interim director, remembers that Kroc would park near the construction site, and when the weather was good, she'd sit on a bench and watch the work. "She didn't come into our offices, and she

never told us how to build it," Aker remembers. "You could look out the window and see her sitting there, and just know how much she cared."

The mission statement published at the groundbreaking ceremonies describes Kroc's vision: "... to establish harmony, safety and hope in a context of mutual respect and fairness in international, national and local communities. Through its peace studies, research and outreach programs, the Kroc Institute will creatively promote conflict resolution, non-violence and cross-cultural harmony in a setting where scholars, students, activists and political leaders can study, reflect and exchange in dialogue."

Kroc made her vision for the institute crystal clear at the building's dedication in December of 2001: "We must not only teach peace, but make peace."

That vision has guided the institute's work for its first five years. Joyce Neu of the Carter Center, which is committed to advancing human rights and alleviating suffering with health and peace programs, became director in 2000. Neu, Aker and other IPJ staff have traveled frequently to Nepal and Uganda to participate directly in peacemaking and planning. The U.S. Agency for International Development confirmed the institute's standing in the international community when it awarded a major grant for its in-country project, "Building Constituencies for Peace and Democratic Development in Nepal."

The IPJ also organizes conferences and programs that bring peacemakers to campus, most notably the Women PeaceMakers Program, which program officer Diane Kutlow calls "the heart of the IPJ." This initiative, unique to the institute, grew from Aker's work in Uganda, where, in the wake of a brutal civil war, she saw that "women were holding society together, literally rebuilding their country," yet they were excluded from the talks aimed at promoting peace.

The program recognizes that women on the front line of efforts to end violence and secure a just and peaceful solution seldom record their activities and insights, primarily because they have no time or, sometimes, insufficient formal education to record their stories. Each year, the institute

invites four women who've made significant contributions to peace, social justice and civil society in their own communities to come to campus for an eight-week stay, in which they can document, share and build upon their unique peacemaking stories.

Being invited to take part in the program, which covers transportation and the costs of the stay, is a significant honor and an internationally recognized validation of the importance of their work.

The most recent crop of PeaceMakers came from Kosovo, Serbia, Afghanistan and Sudan. Palwasha Kakar of Afghanistan created a secret home school for girls at a time when the Taliban forbade girls any schooling, and she smuggled texts in, using copies of the Koran. Shukrie Gashi, a lawyer, poet and mediator, drafted laws for mediation, property and housing, and gender equality for the newly liberated Kosovo.

The Women PeaceMakers have usually worked in hostile conditions, often in great personal danger. For each, her stay at the institute has been a welcome chance to step away from work, to slow down and reflect. They live in Casa de la Paz, a comfortable two-story guesthouse that opens onto the Garden of the Sea. Serbia's Svetlana Kijevcanin gestured around her room cluttered with papers, books and pamphlets, and grinned. "It's wonderful to be here, to have a chance to think about what I've done."

Each PeaceMaker is paired with a writer who's schooled in international affairs, and also works with a filmmaker to document her work. The films and the written documents, as well as the women's public presentations during their stay, make their work visible to a wider audience, confirming its importance to themselves and the community.

As USD's School of Peace and Justice grows and more students take courses and major in peace and justice studies, the institute's international and local peacemaking efforts will become even more visible and influential on a worldwide basis. In just five years, the vision of Joan B. Kroc has begun to manifest itself in far-reaching ways, to the enrichment of USD, the IPJ and the world. 🌍





GREETING

the Tense New Dawn

When the people rose up and took to the streets in Nepal, the IPJ was there

by Thomas Larson

Last April, Dee Aker and Laura Taylor, peace-builders with the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, flew to Kathmandu, Nepal. It was their third trip in seven months, each flight taking 38 hours with a 10-hour layover in Bangkok.

Before leaving San Diego, Aker and Taylor had read State Department warnings: Nepal was still unstable and had been since Feb. 1, 2005, the day King Gyanendra had declared a state of emergency. Frustrated by a decade-old Maoist insurrection, he had closed the country, jailed political dissenters, shut down radio and TV stations, and cut electric communications, even cell phones. In the interim, some liberties had been restored, but much of the country continued to struggle under martial law.

On previous visits, Aker and Taylor had experienced disruptions of their work. Once they had to hide some of the student leaders from security police; another time, they got a whiff of tear gas. Arriving this time, they wondered how they'd find the familiar, vital capital of 1.5 million. Smog usually obviated the view of the nearby Himalayas, but on this clear spring day the snowy peaks were crystalline close.

The pair had come to Nepal to facilitate workshops for political and human rights leaders as well as disenfranchised groups; they expected some citizen-led disruption. But the ride in from the airport was eerily calm. Kathmandu's commercial districts felt strangely subdued: thousands had closed their shops to mass near the palace.

Fed up with a non-functioning government and the unstable King Gyanendra, unarmed demonstrators thickened the streets to encounter the gun-toting Royal Nepalese Army, in green, and the police, in blue. But time and again, the protestors turned back; the potential for violence was too great. A taxi driver told Taylor that the U.S. ambassador had begun evacuating non-essential American personnel. Though she and Aker felt no danger, Taylor did "feel it was not safe for those involved."

Tanks and soldiers stood vigil in front of the Hotel Malla, where Aker and Taylor had planned to hold their conference, which they subsequently cancelled for the safety of participants. The king had issued a shoot-to-kill curfew from 9 a.m. to dark. The pair was locked

is open." For three days, Aker and Taylor facilitated discussions among political leaders, youth, and women. They thanked the IPJ for not fleeing during the chaos, then Aker asked them, "What next? Now that peace has broken out, how will you involve yourselves in the political victory you have won?"

IPJ interim director Dee Aker is a woman whose long, gray-going-gray hair attests to a lifetime spent fighting for people, often those traumatized by civil conflict. Such groups, geographically and linguistically isolated, can benefit, she says, "when they work through a non-governmental agency, or NGO, where they learn to resolve difficult challenges from abuse to bad governance." The IPJ is an NGO that holds forums, facilitates peace-building activities and fosters a safe environment for victims to safely talk and learn from one another. Generously funded by Joan B. Kroc and now celebrating its fifth anniversary, the IPJ is a major player in the world of local conflict resolution.

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in the hotel all day, but from the front gate they watched stand-offs between marchers and tanks, reminiscent of the pro-democracy battle in Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Actually, this was the second people's uprising in Nepal. The first, in 1990, was primarily a peaceful protest, called *Jana Andolan*, or citizen revolt, in Nepalese. That rebellion led to a constitutional monarchy and a government that promised democratization and rights for women and indigenous groups. But while key elements of the constitution slumbered, the country became enmeshed in military and political conflict. A Maoist insurgency armed rural communities, and seven political parties organized opposition to the monarchy.

In the hotel, Aker and Taylor remained worried, though they knew the military would not target international observers like them. As Taylor recalled, "We were concerned for those Nepalis, our friends — the leaders, the youth, the women — who were on the frontlines."

They watched the protests grow: tens of thousands kept flooding the streets, defying the curfew. Some of the women who planned to attend the IPJ conference joined the march, and a few were beaten by the police. Several beatings ensued after the women had taken snacks and flowers to the troops — and after they had told the men they were "threatening their own mothers and wives." At one point, helicopters tear-gassed the crowds. (Twenty-four people would die in 19 days of clashes during *Jana Andolan II*.)

On April 25, the king, swayed by the people themselves and, perhaps, a diplomatic outcry that he was squashing democracy, issued an order to restore parliament, which he had dissolved in 2002. The next day, a million people staged a victory rally in the streets. Aker and Taylor were invited to join the ecstatic celebration, a march beribboned by flags of the seven oppositional parties, including the hammer-and-sickle. Many wore the Hindu blessing, the *tikka*, the vermilion thumb-swath on the forehead. One of many slogans chanted was, "The door to democracy

With soft-voiced surety, Aker ticks off a capacious resume. She was in the Peace Corps "while Kennedy was still alive." She did brain science and international relations, and holds a double doctorate in psychology and anthropology.

"What I'm really interested in," she says in her campus office, "is how people's belief systems impact their ability to live a relatively healthy life." She's lived and worked in Zurich, Paris, London, New York, India, Japan and Africa, where she directed the United States International University in Nairobi, Kenya, and later, as a journalist, covered the creation of Uganda's "affirmative-action constitution, the highlight of my life." In San Diego, she has worked with Carl Rogers, who is known for his client-centered approach to psychotherapy, and through him, in Central America during the 1980s, "getting people in civil society to work across their differences."

At KUSI-TV, Aker produced 234 half-hour programs about women in crisis, women as survivors. From these profiles, it became clear to her that women received scant coverage for their grass-roots organizing.

Joyce Neu, executive director of the IPJ, decided that the institute's first conference should focus on human rights and conflict resolution. Aker and Neu agreed that conflict resolution tends to employ the major players. Such negotiations seldom include women, farmers, laborers, even soldiers, those decimated by violence. To ensure citizen participation, Aker and Neu identified four countries at different stages of armed conflict. Aker chose Nepal as one of the four because it had not been fully destabilized by war.

When she first assessed the situation in Nepal, Aker said she believed "the IPJ could help build greater constituencies for democracy in which women would play a leadership role." As women got together, whether as Maoists or government supporters, "they got along and worked side by side, often preventing violence."

The "very hard work" of raising funds for the Nepal project occupied

Aker and others for four years. The first support came from former USD President Alice Hayes. In 2004, Aker and a former program officer and graduate of the College of Arts and Science's Master of Peace and Justice program, Karon Cochran, wrote a successful U.S. Agency for International Development grant, which has funded the "intense work" of 2006.

Aker has learned that when dealing with patriarchies in Nepal or anywhere, it's key that men are involved to co-facilitate programs. As a result, she enlisted Conflict Management Partners, whose two top members "get the right attention from male leaders quickly."

Still, Aker insists that in their negotiating process "one woman from the central committees of all parties join the two top leaders during our trainings, to promote a new consciousness about inclusion and human rights."

At 26, Laura Taylor is a peacemaking wunderkind. Four days after receiving her master's degree in peace and justice from USD, she was hired by the institute as a program officer and grant manager. She attended Haverford College where she "became a politically connected person as opposed to just an individual person." After that, Taylor, who calls herself as a "global citizen," spent two years working with the Guatemalan Human Rights Commission. In 1996, the 36-year civil war ended in Guatemala, but not before rural populations had been torn apart by the disappearance and murder of men, women and children. While the military used a "scorched-earth policy" to eradicate leftists, many members of the country's 24 indigenous groups had fled to the hills and hid out in fear. Every three months Taylor flew to Guatemala and drove 18 hours into the jungle to work with people who were devastated by the war.

Sleeping in huts, walking in knee-deep mud, and using her education in Spanish and psychology, Taylor and her colleagues worked with women, often the *comadronas*, or midwives. "We worked through them to provide mental health services and human rights training." She remembers supporting women who testified against soldiers on trial for war crimes as particularly difficult.

"We saw a lot of post-traumatic stress — physical symptoms like

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gastritis, headaches, insomnia." The midwives knew natural remedies for these afflictions. Taylor and others helped "provide a space where people could talk and re-weave the social fabric." Feeling safe, the women began planting community gardens; some returned to making their traditional colorful clothing.

For the Nepal Project, the IPJ used the grant money "to build constituencies for peace and democratic development." Aker and Taylor targeted three Nepali groups: emerging leaders; women and indigenous groups; and political parties and policy makers. "We do workshops with each of these groups; we bring in international lawyers in human rights, experts in democratization and Women PeaceMakers."

Key issues for Nepali women are property rights and citizenship in

the mother's name. For centuries, citizenship has devolved only through the father — if he died or if there was a divorce or a rape, the child had neither citizenship nor rights. Widowed women forfeited their property to the husband's family. Another issue is security. Taylor points out that the government has killed twice as many Nepalis as the Maoists have. In turn, the Maoists have extorted money from villagers, especially teachers who receive a state-guaranteed salary.


Taylor hopes to apply lessons about post-conflict turmoil from Guatemala to Nepal, where long-term damage has so far been averted. "You should prepare yourself during conflict for what is going to happen in post-conflict situations," she says.

In Nepal, where a feudal past and a Hindu caste system still define daily life, Taylor asks, "How can a sense of agency and mutual respect be fostered?" Poverty and illiteracy continue to cripple development. "There's a mistrust of politics — how does one engage democratically, how does one know what one's rights are?" In addition, the Maoists, who often abduct adolescents to serve in their cadres, must be demobilized, as well as the king's army. "Those who once held a gun," Taylor says, "must now share a plow."

Throughout Nepal, Aker and Taylor have worked with many trainers. One such trainer is Shobha Shrestha, who, in partnership with the IPJ, instructs several Nepali groups in conflict resolution and peace-building. At last October's IPJ Women PeaceMakers conference, Shrestha, who also works on small-arms control, presented a paper, "Women in the Nepali Democratic Revolution, Missing from the Government."

Shrestha, 42, speaks explosively about the discrimination Nepali women face, not only in the family but also in governing: "When women try to speak, men harass them. People say it's sexual harassment, but these days it's more mental harassment. Men make fun of women — they say they aren't informed, can't articulate themselves well." She says the IPJ in Nepal underscores her and others' demand that women be allowed to speak in political forums — and be heard. Even during the *Jana Andolan II*, women were "not taken into the process," she says. "We need to upgrade the laws and eliminate the patriarchal society. But all with nonviolence."

Taylor says that the best outcome of the IPJ's workshops is if trainers like Shrestha take their skills to their constituencies. Apparently, it's happening. When she and Aker returned in July for a final "peace summit" on building democracy, they found that the wheels of the democratization train were inching along. Women, youth and the indigenous were ready to take to the streets again if the Maoists and the elected leaders did not negotiate a comprehensive peace agreement.

Finally, in November 2006, an agreement was signed by all parties, and the Nepalis stand ready to move forward. Aker and Taylor, too, stand ready to take another 38-hour flight to Nepal, once they secure new funding. Aker concluded, "It's been a privilege to see and have the IPJ involved in a genuine, peaceful, people's revolution." 



The Defense Never Rests

When attorney Neal Puckett's on the case, expect intensity, squared

by Julene Snyder

illustrations by Barbara Ferguson

It's shortly after 7 a.m., and a soldier stands alert, scrutinizing the driver of each car entering Gate 5 of San Diego's


Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Her posture is perfect, her demeanor polite, her gaze level. She is, of course, armed. There's not the slightest bit of doubt that if the situation demanded it, she would use her weapon.

Visitors are instructed to slowly maneuver their cars around a series of staggered concrete barriers and make their way directly to their particular destination. Constant vigilance, dogged efficiency and the faint smell of freshly-mown grass mingle in the air.

Inside the courtroom, it's quite pleasant. Six ceiling fans keep air circulating; open windows let in the roar of jets from nearby Lindbergh Field along with occasional distant yells and incongruous bursts of bugle song. When Judge Lt. Col. Jeffrey Meeks calls the court-martial proceedings to order, the accused, Staff Sgt. David J. Roughan, is flanked by his military counsel and the civilian

defense attorney he's hired to represent him against serious charges: involuntary manslaughter, reckless endangerment and dereliction of duty.

Grave as those charges are, Roughan is in good hands. To his left, the attorney with silver-tinged hair curling over the collar of his tailored shirt is Neal A. Puckett, a retired Marine lieutenant colonel. In his entire career as a military criminal defense attorney, he's never lost a case.


 "I always win. I've never had a situation where I've lost since I was in private practice." Puckett is enjoying himself. "Of course, a win doesn't always mean acquittal."

Puckett is a man who likes to talk, to persuade, to pontificate — all excellent attributes in a lawyer. There's an appealing fearlessness to him; it's easy to imagine that if you needed someone to defend your life in court, you'd be in the right hands if Puckett were on the case. He recalls that even as a boy in Indiana, he was fascinated by courtroom scenes. "I'd watch Perry Mason-type shows," he recalls, when pressed. "My favorite movie was 'To Kill a Mockingbird.' I'm still interested in how

civilians — Puckett was livid. "He shot his mouth off and said that these Marines killed in cold blood," he recalls. "That's a congressman telling people that they were guilty. So I got the full story out there by talking to a contact at The Washington Post."

"It will forever be (Wuterich's) position that everything they did that day was following their rules of engagement and to protect the lives of Marines," Puckett told the newspaper in June 2006.

"I gave that reporter the story of what really happened in Haditha," he says. "These guys are innocent."

 Inside the MCRD courtroom, Staff Sgt. Small is all apologies. It's his job to escort media on and off the base, and the proceedings are running behind schedule. "These cases are notorious for starting late," he confides. "There's a lot of hurry up and wait." He settles down to read a tattered paperback.

Glancing out the window, it's hard not to notice that the grounds of MCRD have a lot in common with a certain well-manicured college campus. There are stucco buildings topped with curved terra-cotta tiles,

escape drills, of Gonzales yelling to be let go.

On cross-examination, Puckett is all business. "You said today that Roughan continued to tell him to relax, that he must have said it three or four times." Then the response: Yes.

"You previously said that you saw nothing out of the ordinary. You didn't have a need to intervene. Is that correct?" Yes.

"If you'd seen something unsafe, you'd have a duty to stop it, isn't that correct?" Yes.

Another Marine testifies that yelling wasn't unusual in the grueling training. "Every time we played water polo, at least one student would get out of the pool and want to quit the program." Another adds further context: "Obviously it's shocking to them the first time they play. We were instructed not to be too intense. We don't want students out of the water, not participating." Puckett keeps hammering certain points home: that Roughan held a briefing with instructors just before the training began about class safety. That he again brought instructors aside to remind them not to go overboard. That any of the Marines in the pool that day could have stopped the training if they'd thought

feasible. "I'd been married for three years, my second child was due, and the reality was that the Marine Corps wasn't going to pay for my law school, they were just going to give me the time to do it before I went on active duty as a lawyer."

So Puckett and his wife decided to roll the dice and take whatever assignment came his way. He'd found out that there was a program that would pay for officers to go to law school after their first tour. "I thought, 'I'm not going to let my dream of going to law school die, I just simply can't afford it right now.' It was pure economics."

So he became an intelligence officer, which he describes as "someone who's familiar with the collection, analysis and dissemination of information about the enemy." The enemy at that time was the Soviet Union. "My first real assignment was as an intelligence officer for an infantry battalion," he recalls. "And the executive officer of my battalion went on to become Gen. Tony Zinni, who was the U.S. central commander right after (Gen.) Schwarzkopf and before (Gen.) Tommy Franks." Zinni — one-time special U.S. envoy to Israel and the Palestinian Authority, and now vocal critic of the current Iraq war — became one of Puckett's mentors.



people come to break the law, and I'm interested in human motivation."

Puckett doesn't shy away from high-profile clients. In just the past few years, he's represented Army Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, who was in charge of the Abu Ghraib prison when the notorious prisoner abuse scandal occurred. He's currently representing Marine Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich in the Haditha investigation, and filed a defamation lawsuit against Congressman Jack Murtha (D-PA) in connection with his remarks regarding the Haditha case.

"Karpinski and I hit it off while we were doing research, in case charges were brought," Puckett recalls. When "60 Minutes" did a story about Abu Ghraib, she wanted an opportunity to correct the record, and Puckett made a few calls. Within hours, the pair were talking to every big media outlet in New York. "We did Diane Sawyer, you name it. We spent two days going from studio to studio, talking to all the top news shows."

In the end, Karpinski wasn't charged, but she did get demoted in a manner that still makes Puckett's blood boil — via a statement released by the Army. "When you get fired in the military, it's a face-to-face situation," he says, adamant. "Always. You simply don't expect treatment this shabby by the Army."

When Murtha opined publicly on the Haditha investigation — which involves accusations that Wuterich led a squad that massacred Iraqi

there are perfectly groomed expanses of lush green lawns and most everywhere you look, there are fantastically well-toned humans.

But soon enough, the proceedings are underway. After some discussion about witness lists, the prosecution lays out its case, which asserts that the death of Staff Sgt. Andrew Jason Gonzales during water-survival training at the depot training pool in August of 2005 was the fault of swimming instructor Roughan, one of two instructors charged in the case.


"My client pleads not guilty on all charges," says Puckett.

During his opening statement, the prosecutor asserts that Gonzales drowned because Roughan wanted to send a message, and that his rough handling during rescue escape drills resulted in the Marine drowning while surrounded by his classmates and under supervision of instructors. While the mood in the courtroom is serious, there's a sense of geniality between the attorneys on both sides of the aisle and the judge. In the spectator gallery, a young woman wears a photo of a square-jawed Marine around her neck. It's of her late husband, Gonzales.

One by one, Marines testify about what happened that day in the pool. They tell of Gonzales' initial refusal to participate in the exercise, his reluctance to take part in games of underwater water polo, of Roughan towing him toward the deep end to take part in one-on-one

something unsafe was going on. When a brief recess is called, Puckett takes off his jacket, revealing an immaculately pressed dress shirt and a pair of fancy leather suspenders.

As far as revelations go, that's nothing. Before the day is over, he'll divulge a piece of evidence that will make spectators gasp.

 As a teenager growing up in Indiana, Puckett was one of the lucky ones. By the time he started winning speech and debate competitions in high school, he already knew precisely what he wanted to be when he grew up: a litigator. His interest in the Marine Corps came a bit later.

"The Marines had a program that let you complete Officer Candidate School, get commissioned as a second lieutenant when you graduated, then defer your active duty until you finished law school." He leans forward, thoroughly engaged. "That's what interested me; I wanted to go to law school right after college, then go into the Marines because they promised me lots of good courtroom experience. That's what they were advertising; you come in as a lawyer, you go right into the courtroom, you get your own cases."

It was a good plan, and it would have worked beautifully except that while Puckett was a college freshman at Indiana University he got married; by the time he graduated, going to law school wasn't financially

Subsequently recruited as a counterintelligence officer, Puckett got into some serious cloak-and-dagger work: "It's basically the gathering of the human intelligence. Running spies. It's recruiting host-country nationals to spy against their own government. It's also the protection of our information and personnel against exploitation by the enemy." Asked if he was able to come home from a hard day's work in those days and tell his wife about his day, he laughs out loud.

"Absolutely not."

After serving on active duty for four years, Puckett got selected for the Funded Law Education Program, and attended law school at Indiana University. During the summers he'd go on active duty and serve as non-lawyer trial counsel (i.e. a prosecutor). It worked out well when it came to garnering on-the-job training, since Puckett got to prosecute cases in court years before he graduated. "At the lower level of court-martial, the prosecutor doesn't have to be a lawyer," he explains. "Only the defense attorney does."

Upon passing the bar, Puckett received orders to go to Naval Justice School, where he learned military procedure and law, and was subsequently certified as a judge advocate. In 1984 he lobbied to be assigned to Camp Pendleton. Steadily rising through the ranks, he served as staff judge advocate and chief prosecutor before applying for a special



education program offered to just six officers to get their L.L.M. in a specific area of law.

"I wanted it, mainly because it meant that I'd spend one year getting an L.L.M., and the payback was having to commit to three years as a military judge." He flashes an infectious grin. "Becoming a military judge was my goal, so if I got picked, I would get to be a judge without having to go through a separate selection program."

When he got into the program, the University of San Diego was his first choice. "It had the best law program in the area and I got to stay with my family, since we were in-quarters at Camp Pendleton." Puckett loved his time on campus. "USD was so accommodating to me, in allowing me to design my own curriculum and basically call it criminal law. Now when people look at that, and see L.L.M. in criminal law — which fulfilled my military aspirations and my professional aspirations — well, to say I got an L.L.M. in criminal law at USD looks pretty prestigious."

After receiving that degree, Puckett was assigned to serve as a military judge in Okinawa, Japan, hearing all manner of cases. He'd thought he'd get sent back to Camp Pendleton once that assignment was completed and buckle down to his work as senior defense counsel, but the Marine Corps had other plans. "They told me I was going back to school. Understand, I'd just left USD, had spent three years in Japan, and now they're sending me back to school to the Naval War College to get a master's degree in National Security and Strategic Studies."

He smiles, aware of just how lucky he's been. "By the time I retired, I had four degrees, including two law degrees, and three of that number were paid for by the Marine Corps. I was a poster child for educational opportunity."

As a counterintelligence officer, Puckett's been involved in some serious cloak-and-dagger work. "Basically the gathering of human intelligence. Running spies."

After getting that master's degree, Puckett returned to the bench as a military trail judge at Twentynine Palms for a few years before returning to Okinawa as the officer in charge of the legal service support section of the Third Force Service Support group; during that tour, he also successfully defended a capital murder case. Before retiring from the Marine Corps in 1997, he got his kids off to college: a daughter to Indiana University, a son to USD.

When he moved to Virginia with his second wife, he assumed he'd have no problem finding work as a judge. For quite possibly the first time in his life, the roll of the dice let him down; there simply weren't any jobs in his field available.

No worries. He'd just change careers.

"I really like coffee," he says, deadpan. "I went down and put an application in at Starbucks and worked there for eight months while taking classes and putting together a business plan. I was going to open my own coffee shop." But in the end, he decided to bag the coffee career, put his 22 years of experience to good use, and get back into law as a solo practitioner in military criminal defense. It's worked out well thus far, because as he's happy to tell you, in all his years as a military criminal defense attorney, Puckett has never lost a case.

It's been a long day of testimony in the MCRD courtroom, and the prosecution is winding down. Marine after Marine has talked about the day that Gonzales climbed into the pool breathing, only to be pulled out of the water lifeless less than an hour later.

An earlier Article 32 hearing had resulted in these charges being filed against Roughan; at that time, Puckett told a reporter from the Marine Times that his client had done all he could to prepare students for the intensity of the course. "There's no standard operating procedure, and there's nothing to tell them how to do it," he said, pointing out that the teachers "passed it down from generation to generation."

When he pauses in his cross-examination and asks the judge to have a new piece of evidence admitted, spectators wonder how they ever could have missed the enormous poster leaning face-down against the wall. Puckett shows it to the judge. He shows it to the court reporter. He shows it to the prosecutors, and finally, he turns it so that the courtroom audience can see it.

There really is such a thing as a collective gasp.

The poster measures at least three-by-five feet. Fully dressed soldiers are in a swimming pool. One is pointing a gun at the camera. One is behind a swimmer he's getting ready to dunk under water using a rear-head hold. Bold type reads, "Swim or Die. Just Don't Quit."

"Do you recognize this poster?" Puckett asks Gunnery Sgt. Tim Sissen.

"Yes."

"Is that you?" Puckett asks, gesturing to the soldier that's getting ready to dunk the swimmer under water.

"Yes." He admits that this piece of evidence appears to be identical to a poster on display at the swimming pool in Coronado, where the official

three-week Marine Corps Instructor for Water Survival course is taught, the very same course these Marines were training for that day. That poster will come up once more in this trial, when Puckett gives his closing argument. His last witness, First Sgt. Slattern, admits under questioning that he hadn't even listened to Gonzales' complaints that morning, when he'd come to him and asked to be released.

"First Sgt. Slattern had told him to 'Swim or die' because his career was going to die if he didn't do it," Puckett said during his closing argument. "To Gonzales' credit, he tried his best to do what he was told, but in the end, he just ran out of air."

The judge apparently agrees and dismisses the charges on all counts. The death of Gonzales is ruled an accidental drowning; Roughan won't be facing a dishonorable discharge and 20 years in prison.

Puckett is pleased, of course. "I love doing military defense," he says. "Prosecutors never get thanked by anybody. I get so much personal satisfaction from being appreciated by a human being, by a service member, whose life I may have very positively affected."

After court is dismissed, there are hugs and thanks and tears. Later that night, there is most likely a beer or two hoisted. But no more than that, because the next day, he's off to the Naval Air Station, Miramar, to drop by the brig and check on another client.

Arguing the defense in a military court case every month or so isn't exactly the most restful sort of retirement imaginable, but it seems to suit Neal A. Puckett just fine. 📄

back

from
the
brink

Chris Simonds '05 reflects on cheating death in one of the bloodiest months for U.S. troops.

by Greg Hardesty

Chris Simonds stood in the kitchen of his mother's house, sunlight bouncing off the swimming pool and flooding through the windows.

A month before, more than 7,600 miles away, Simonds had been lying facedown in dirt — a bullet in his back.

As October 2006 — the bloodiest month in a year for U.S. troops in Iraq — wound down, Simonds, 24, was recuperating in Orange County, thankful he wasn't among the nearly 100 soldiers and Marines to die in the previous four weeks. "The Wild West doesn't have anything on (Iraq)," Simonds says. "I'm one of the lucky ones."

The Army specialist took a month-long convalescence leave with his family after getting shot Sept. 28 while patrolling a village on the outskirts of Ramadi, a focal point of resistance to the U.S. occupation of Iraq.

He had been in Iraq only for about eight weeks.

Just a month after his injury, Simonds was able to walk, gingerly, in Yorba Linda's Fiesta Days parade with members of Moms of Military, a group he credits with keeping his mother, step-mom and other relatives sane while he was in combat — and lying unconscious in a hospital.

"For those who know what's going on over there, the support has been incredible," says Simonds, whose injuries left him with a fresh, vivid pattern of scars across his back and side.

A Purple Heart sits on the counter — an award Simonds never wanted, but now cherishes.

As he recalls it, the single shot came from a clearing in the reeds.

Simonds and about 18 other infantry soldiers had been on patrol in a blazingly hot region where insurgents routinely blow up clinics and schools, and where 10-year-old boys who greet U.S. troops leave behind bombs.

Simonds heard the blast, and then his 220-pound, 6-foot-3 body — weighed down with 90 pounds of grenades, artillery rounds, body armor and a missile — fell to the ground. "Get up," he thought. But he couldn't.

Machine-gun fire erupted around him.

Simonds didn't really feel pain, but it was harder to breathe. He didn't know it at the time, but a bullet from a sniper's rifle had hit him in the back from about 250 meters away. With a killing range of more than 1,000 meters, the 7.62-caliber bullet packed a punch. It tore through Simonds' upper back, just above his body armor plate, barely missing his spine.

Moving downward, it slammed against his chest armor and then exploded into fragments, ricocheting through his insides. Pieces of the bullet severed a pulmonary artery, punctured a lung, pulverized one rib and fractured five others. A large piece of the bullet exited through his left side, about six inches below his armpit. Two other large pieces and about 30-odd shards found permanent homes in his bones and soft tissues.

"It was the most hopeless feeling," Simonds recounted, as his mother, Sarah O'Neill, and step-mother, Diane Simonds, stood by him, at times fighting back tears. "I was on the ground, unable to move, bullets flying everywhere," Simonds said. "After about a minute, blood starting coming



Chris Simonds '05 is flanked by his step-mother (left) and his mother, after being wounded in Iraq. He has since reported back to duty.

out of my mouth. I knew I had gotten soaked.

"Then, by the grace of God, I heard someone run up and grab me. It was our combat medic. He grabbed me by the back and dragged me out of there." Breathing became more difficult. The medic tore off his shirt and put him on a stretcher. A patrol mission had turned into a rescue mission. Someone called for a helicopter.

"If you don't land, he's dead," Simonds recalls hearing someone say. Minutes later, he heard the "beautiful sounds" of a copter slicing the air. Then, about 30 seconds into his flight, Simonds remembers trying to breathe, "and then I just couldn't." Then he passed out.

Simonds spent 24 hours in emergency surgery in Balad, Iraq, before he was flown to a hospital in Germany and, finally, to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

He was on a ventilator for five to six days and, for four days, coughed up blood and dead tissue from his collapsed left lung. Each cough caused extreme pain because of his injured ribs.

"What I was not prepared for was witnessing my only child struggling

for every breath to live," said Sarah O'Neill, who visited her son at Walter Reed. Simonds arrived back at his Orange County home in mid-October.

Assigned to the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade, 1st Armored Division in Baumholder, Germany, he reported back to duty in mid-November, but is unclear if his injuries will ultimately leave him medically unfit to serve.

The USD alumnus, who graduated in 2005 with a degree in history, signed up for the Army for three years, inspired by the examples of three uncles who have served and a grandfather, a Korean War veteran with two Purple Hearts. If all goes well, he's due to get out of the Army in June 2009, after which he plans to pursue a master's degree and go into politics.

For now, Simonds is mending and keeps his wounds in perspective.

"I couldn't feel sorry for myself when I was at Walter Reed," he said. "I'd walk outside, and I'd see guys with one arm. I'm lucky." 📷

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BARBARA FERGUSON

[generosity]

THE FUTURE IS NOW

\$200 million campaign goal within reach

Some said it couldn't be done. Others were kinder, but still called it exceedingly ambitious. Nonetheless, week by week, month by month, year by year, the goals of the landmark Campaign for the University of San Diego are being quietly met.

The \$200 million fundraising effort began in 2001 and has

already posted a staggering \$181 million. Those dollars will go for campus initiatives such as endowed faculty chairs, the funding of a new school as well as institutes and centers and funding for two new buildings. These are the Donald P. Shiley Center for Science and Technology and the new School of Leadership and Educa-

tion Sciences (SOLES) building, which is scheduled to open in Fall 2007.

Built around the university's mission statement, the campaign was designed to support USD's vision for the future: educating students who are globally competent, ethical leaders working in our ever-changing world. A good portion of the monies raised will build an endowment that will enable the university to invest in student aid, groundbreaking research, outstanding and innovative teaching programs, new technologies and

world-class learning facilities. Other key initiatives include an endowment to benefit the School of Law, an endowed chair in real estate and a new Mission Cafe and Fitness Center.

USD President Mary E. Lyons has been an enthusiastic booster of the Campaign for the University of San Diego. "The gifts of our generous donors have provided students of exceptional ability with the benefits of a faith-based education," she says. "These monies ensure that graduates of the University of San Diego are prepared as they assume positions of influence in our region, the nation and around the world."

The campaign has been ably chaired by university trustee Sandra Brue, who points out that USD has come a long way since its founding more than 50 years ago. "The school has achieved distinction on many levels," she says. "It has outstanding faculty and exceptional students, innovative graduate programs, centers and institutes, acclaimed community outreach efforts, and competitive men's and women's athletic programs."

This close to the finish line, the goals of the campaign are nearly within reach. All that's needed is for those who love their university to seriously consider making a personal donation, influencing their company to make an outright or matching gift, or advising an organization or foundation to support USD.

Vice President of University Relations Tim O'Malley is confident that the goals are realistic and attainable: "The Campaign for the University of San Diego has generated excitement and support from all branches of the university family. Faculty, staff, alumni, parents, corporations, foundations, friends of USD, and even our students themselves are contributing to our success. We look forward to celebrating a \$200 million campaign victory in 2007." 📄

For the latest campaign figures, go to www.sandiego.edu/campaign/.

[gung ho]

GENUINE ZEAL

Trustee Sandra Brue digs deep to support students

Sandra Brue spent more than two decades in business for herself, making small, realistic animal sculptures that her company, Sandicast, sold all over the world. But these days, USD has become an equally big passion. "I really do love USD," says the long-time board of trustees member.

Brue designated that her own contribution to the Campaign for the University of San Diego go toward scholarships for Catholic students. While she welcomes religious diversity on campus, she says, "I'd like my donation to help a Catholic student who needs the

money and has the qualifications. I look at it as a way for the parents hopefully not have to sacrifice as much as they would have."

Her connection with the university started when Brue attended the College for Women for her first two years of college before transferring across town. She always kept a fondness in her heart for the University of San Diego.

Brue loved that USD offered so many opportunities to participate in and connect more deeply with her Catholic faith. These days, she says the campus still offers that to students during what is often the

first time that college students choose — on their own — to participate in their religion.

"My husband and I love to go to student Mass several times a year," Brue says. "Founders Chapel is packed, and nobody's forcing them to go. It's upbeat and just what I think public worship should be."

Serving on USD's board of trustees gives Brue a deep respect for how the university is run. "When problems arise, I see how things are handled, and I see an honesty there. We are always checking our actions against our values and our mission."

As for the campaign, Brue touts the "wonderful naming opportunities" available for donors and says the campaign is a way "to make a difference in the future for thousands of students." 📄



ALAN DECKER

[commemoration]

IN CELEBRATION of the final massive steel beam being set in place at the construction site of the new School of Leadership and Education Sciences building, a party marking the "topping off" was held on-site in late October. Above, architect Michael B. Wilkes shows off the blueprints to USD Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management Roger Manion, along with Sacred Heart alumna Fran Dolan and friend of USD Paul Cloonan.

1950s

[1958]

ROSALIE PARKMAN (B.A.) is retired and living in Tucson, Ariz. "I am enjoying a summer home in the mountains, connecting with good friends and writing (hopefully, if it ever gets finished) a children's book."

1960s

[1960]

SISTER LINDA HAYWARD (B.A., M.A. '68) spent 10 days in New Orleans nine months after Hurricane Katrina for a retreat and to witness the effects of the storm.

[1964]

MARITA ANGLETON SHEEHAN (B.A.) is assistant academic dean and professor of pediatrics at the Texas Tech University School of Medicine in Amarillo, Texas. "I am a pediatrician and teach medical students and residents. I also serve as academic dean for medical students and residency programs at this campus."

[1966]

RICHARD GRAY (B.A.) is training in Washington, D.C., for a new assignment as management officer at the U.S. Consulate in Naples, Italy. "I'm happy to meet USD alumni if you visit Naples during the next three years!"

[1969]

EVA (VIDAS) YOUNG (M.ED.) is a professor for Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where she teaches aviation/aerospace, management, humanities, and literature and writing.

[1968]

THOMAS WOOD (J.D.) still lives in Carlsbad and drives 1½ miles to work. His office is just blocks from the beach in the village area. Thomas and wife Barbara have two grown children — both married — and two grandchildren.

[1969]

DENNIS DIEMOZ (J.D.) is the chief legal officer for United Space Alliance in Houston. He is responsible for legal, internal audit, security, technology protection and export control functions. United Space Alliance operates the space shuttle and the International Space Station for NASA.

KENT LEVIS (J.D.) plans to retire in April 2008. He is a judge for the Fresno County Superior Court and, having completed a two-year stint as misdemeanor presiding member of a criminal law education committee, is now sitting on a general trial assignment. He bought a second home in Cambria, Calif.

1970s

[1970]

THOMAS BELLEPERCHE (B.A.) resigned from full-time law practice in February 2006 and is a self-employed investor in Fort Wayne, Ind.

[1972]

JOHN HEISNER (J.D.) is a partner in Sullivan, Hill, Lewin, Rez & Engel, a litigation law firm in San Diego. He is also an adjunct professor at USD's School of Law and on the board of directors of St. Jude Research Foundation. He is active in Masonic organizations and is the author of "Meditations on Masonic Symbolism."

[1973]

SISTER MAXINE KRAEMER (M.A.) is still active in the Kraemer Endowment Foundation, which she established to benefit St. Madeleine Sophie's Center, an organization that serves developmentally disabled adults in San Diego. Sister Kraemer was director of St. Madeleine Sophie's for 25 years until her retirement in 1992.

[1973]

JAMES BOSTWICK (J.D., LL.M.G. '02) handles criminal appellate cases through Appellate Defenders Inc. in San Diego and the California Appellate Project in Los Angeles. He has been a recognized appellate law specialist by the State Bar of California since November 2004. He is active in Toastmasters and an avid reader of Shakespeare.

[1975]

DEBORAH HALL (M.ED., M.S. '75) has been writing as an avocation for several years. "My biggest publication thrill came late last year when I had an essay accepted for NPR's 'This I Believe' series," Deborah says. "My essay was titled 'The Power of Presence' and can be found online at NPR." It was broadcast on Dec. 26, 2005, and is included in an anthology of all "This I Believe" essays from the first year

on NPR. The book is currently available in bookstores.

[1977]

ROBERT JOHNSON JR. (J.D.) received the highest jury verdict award for a Jones Act case in California: \$5.2 million vs. ExxonMobil for a worker injured on duty. He spends summers at his 42-acre horse ranch in McAllister, Mont., where he raises Tennessee walker and Missouri fox trotter pleasure horses.

[1974]

CAPT. MARK ZECCA (B.A.), commodore of Naval Coastal Warfare Squadron 30, returned home after a year in the Middle East involved in coastal and port security for Iraq and Kuwait. There, he earned a Bronze Star for actions involving force protection of the United States and allied assets in the region.

[1975]

LANCE BEIZER (J.D.) retired in January 2002 after 25 years with the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office in order to attend the Episcopal Seminary at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley, Calif. He received a master of divinity degree in May 2005, was ordained as a priest on Sept. 10, 2005, and is now on the staff of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in San Jose, Calif.

[1976]

STEPHEN EVATT (B.A.), longtime advertising manager of *American Handgunner* magazine, is now also the advertising manager of *American Cop* magazine. Steve and his wife, Sally, live in San Diego, and they have two grown daughters.

[1977]

BRUCE GINSBURG (J.D.) continues to try cases in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. "My children are growing and scattered to the wind." Son Aaron is a manager of film writers and directors in Los Angeles; daughter Lauren works in the corporate offices of a clothing manufacturer in New York; and daughter Ariel entered college as a freshman in September. "I visit L.A. three to four times each year for business and pleasure. I always think fondly of my time spent in San Diego, and of the Law School itself."

[1978]

LORRAINE (CAGLIERO) PETERSON (B.A.) worked for three years after graduating from USD, was married and went to San Diego State University to earn a B.S. in nursing. She stayed home with her two sons

until they were older, then worked at Costco, as an aide at Santee schools, and then as a school nurse at San Diego City Schools for five years. "I have worked in psychiatric nursing and in triage nursing for 1 1/2 years," she says. "I enjoy nursing as an occupation."

[1976]

RICHARD ANNIS (J.D.) reports, "On May 17, 2006, I became the grandfather of a beautiful baby girl, Daniela Vercollone."

[1977]

LARRY ROSENSTEIN (J.D.) has been practicing workers compensation law since 1977 with a private practice in West Los Angeles. "I have been active in the community as a member of the board of trustees of Temple Israel of Hollywood, a member of the Legal Division Cabinet of the Jewish Federation and a frequent volunteer at Meals on Wheels and the AIDS lunch program at L.A. County-USC."

[1978]

MICHAEL SPILGER (J.D.) has a solo practice in real estate transactional law in San Diego and is an author and speaker for continuing education classes for real estate brokers and attorneys.

[1977]

JAMES BOONE (M.ED.) and his wife, Lauralee (Nelson) '77, are both retired from public school education. "We continue to serve the Lord Jesus Christ through teaching opportunities in our local church community and overseas," Lauralee reports.

[1978]

ROBBIN CUTLER (B.A.) has been a special education teacher with the Redlands Unified School District for the past 18 years.

[1979]

DAVID FROMAN (J.D.) practices business and immigration law in San Diego. His family recently moved into their new home, which was built on the site of their home that burned in the October 2003 Cedar fire. David is a co-sponsor of the David Froman and Sandra M. Wagner Comparative Law Award at USD's School of Law.

[1980]

RITA MARIE KELLEY (M.ED.) is thrilled to announce the birth of her first granddaughter, Natali Cadence Kelley.

[1981]

NANCY (SCHONS) SMOKE (J.D.) sends "more kisses to my fellow law school Class of '77 alums!"

[1978]

ERIC GORDON (J.D.) and his wife, Bonnie Braiker-Gordon '78, moved to Los Angeles after law school and opened their own law practice in 1981. They have two adult children: Jessica, 26, a licensed cosmetologist, and Spencer, 24, who earned an M.B.A. in April 2006 and is working toward his J.D. degree in a joint J.D./M.B.A. program at Pepperdine University.

[1979]

ANA ESPANA (B.A., J.D. '82) continues to represent children in foster care in San Diego. Ana has been involved in drafting several bills pertaining to foster youth, and every one has been signed by a governor. "My oldest child is a sophomore in college, my middle child is entering college, and my baby is starting high school!" she reports. Ana and her husband, Jeffrey Reilly, have both worked in the San Diego County Juvenile Court for more than 20 years.

[1980]

SISTER CHRISTINE FENDEL (M.ED.) is a teacher in the Early Start program with the San Bernardino Unified School District.

[1981]

REGINALD GATES (J.D.) published his first book, *The Barefoot Lawyer*, on May 5, 2006. It is a 225-page compilation of 32 fictionalized short stories based on personal experiences.

[1982]

GARY LOGAN (J.D.) is a partner at Klein, DeNatale, Goldner, Cooper, Rosenlieb & Kimball in Bakersfield, Calif.

[1983]

STEPHEN MANCINI (J.D.) is a principal with Strazzeri Mancini, an estate and business planning firm in San Diego, and with the Southern California Institute, an educational institution of professionals teaching other professionals.

[1984]

JAY SACKS (J.D.) has been a member since 2003 of Courtly Noyse, a Renaissance instrumental/vocal group. They have performed at the Poway Center for the Performing Arts, California Center for the Arts in Escondido and the Old Globe Theatre.

[1985]

SUSAN EYDENBERG WESTLAKE (J.D.) joined Sage Legal Search in New York, which places experienced attorneys in the corporate departments of law firms and corporations.

1980s

[1980]

GUSTAVO BLANKENBURG (M.B.A.) closed Edumate Educational Materials in San Diego after 20 years in business. He recently established NetLearn Inc., a marketing company for sales and training of a Web-based English language development curriculum for English learners and struggling readers. Gustavo has the exclusive rights in California, Nevada and Oregon for ESLreadingsmart.com, a No Child Left Behind compliant program, and is looking for sales/training representatives throughout the region. More information is available at www.netlearn.us.

[1981]

STEPHEN FLYNN (J.D.) was named assistant director of the Aviation and Admiralty section of the Torts Branch, Civil Division of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

[1982]

GARY MARTIN (J.D.) started a law firm with Anthony Passante '80 in San Diego's Del Mar area. The firm specializes in real property and business matters.

[1983]

MONTY MCINTYRE (J.D.) is a San Diego County Bar Association delegate to the ABA House of Delegates.

[1984]

CHARLES MOUNT (M.ED.) retired from the U.S. Navy after 38 years. He is chief nursing officer at Continental Rehabilitation Hospital in San Diego.

[1981]

JAMES POOLE (J.D.) continues to practice patent and trademark law in Colorado, and has clients from several other states. "Recently, I took my son on our first hot air balloon ride in beautiful Steamboat Springs, Colo."

[1982]

MERRY ARMSTRONG (M.S.N., D.N.SC. '92) received a graduate teaching award at Washington State University's College of Nursing in the spring of 2006. "I have a private practice as an advanced registered nurse practitioner, am involved in professional organizations and chair a foundation for the International Nurses Society on Addictions." Merry lives in Spokane, Wash.

KAREN BLACK (J.D.) published her first novel, *Code of Conduct*, based on her husband's experiences as a prisoner of war. Learn more at www.code-of-conduct.com.

[1983]

TERRANCE BLANCHARD (B.A.) joined Morgan Stanley's Wealth Advisor Group as a financial adviser in the firm's Irvine Spectrum office. Terry has been with Morgan Stanley since 2003 and lives in Orange County, Calif., with his wife, Christy, and their children, Brandon and Nicole.

[1984]

MICHELLE (FABIAN) LILLIE (B.B.A.) and her husband, Brett, welcomed twins Brayden and Mikayla on Jan. 31, 2006. The twins were baptized at The Immaculata on July 16, 2006.

[1985]

NANCY LIO (B.A.) married Paul Colderchant on Dec. 31, 2005, in Long Grove, Ill. Present at her wedding was her friend and college roommate, Cathy (Galvin) Schneiders '83. Nancy is a certified meeting planner and program director for Total Event Resources in Inverness, Ill., where she produces special events, meetings and conferences for Fortune 500 clients. Nancy and Paul live in Darien, Ill.

[1986]

BETSY MYERS (B.B.A.) is executive director of the Center for Public Leadership at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government. She lives in Massachusetts with her husband, Rob Keller, and their 4-year-old daughter, Madison.

[1987]

JOHN DUFF (M.ED.) is in his second year as chair of the advisory board for Aging and Independent Services of San Diego County. John is also a member of the Commission on Aging for the city of La Mesa and a member of the National Silver Haired Congress. He retired from his position as an academic counselor at Imperial Valley Community College.

[1988]

BOB GAGLIONE (J.D.) is president of the Todd Inn of Court and served as program chair of the 2006 annual dinner of the San Diego chapters of the American Inns of Court.

[1989]

MARY CELESTE KEARNEY (B.A.) is assistant professor of radio, television and film at the University of Texas at Austin. She published her first book, *Girls Make Media*, which

focuses on the rise of girls' media production in the United States since the early 1990s.

[1985]

ANN (WAGGONER) AKEN (B.A.) and her husband, Mike, welcomed their first child, Abigail Rose, on July 27, 2006. She weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces, and was 20 inches long.

[1986]

LAURA (FLORES) BADILLO (B.A., M.ED. '89) and her husband, Ted, have been married for 21 years and they have six kids: Nick, Danielle, Joe, Anna, Teddy and Mario. Laura is principal of the newly chartered Santa Rosa Academy in Wildomar, Calif.

[1987]

HEATHER WILLIAMS (J.D.) has been with the Federal Public Defenders Office in Tucson, Ariz., for 13 years. She teaches Legal Ethics for the Criminal Practitioner at the University of Arizona Law School in Tucson and teaches each summer at the National Criminal Defense College in Macon, Ga. She is researching a book on the parts of the criminal process with a defender's name attached, such as Miranda warnings.

[1988]

ANNA (TOMALINO) AMUNDSON (J.D.) lives in San Diego with her husband, Steven, and 11-year-old son, Grant. She is a partner in the San Diego office of Koeller, Nebeker, Carlson & Haluck, where she has worked for 11 years. "We just received the Lawyers Club award for having the highest women partners ratio!"

[1989]

STEPHAN BRENNAN (B.A.) and his wife, Lisa, have been married for 18 years and they have two teenage daughters. Stephan is a partner at Iliff & Meredith, a law firm in Maryland that focuses primarily on professional liability litigation.

[1990]

DONNA (HEATH) BROWN (B.A.) released her first publication, *The Scorecard: How to Fix Your Man in One Year or Less*. She has been featured on news programs including the "Today" show, Chicago ABC-7 and Fox-12 news, and in publications including *Business Week*, *Parenting*, *Times UK* and *New York Newsday*.

[1991]

MONICA (DUACSEK) BUEHNERKEREMPER (B.A.) is a vocal coach for Clear Lake High School in Lakeport, Calif., with her husband, Mark.

In September 2005, they opened M-Square Farms, a horse boarding facility on their 10-acre ranch in Kelseyville, Calif. "We enjoy spending time with our children: Chris, 14, Veronica, 12, and Julianna, 10," Monica says.

MITCHELL DEAN (J.D.) has been at Daley & Heft in Solana Beach for 19 years. "I have been married for 20 years to Rose, and my oldest child just graduated from Vista High School. My other three children (16, 12, 11) are well on their way."

MICHAEL DI ROMA (J.D.) writes, "After practicing law for several years, I joined the FBI in 1995. I was assigned to the Sacramento division and handle counterterrorism and counterintelligence investigations." Michael was deployed to Afghanistan in 2003, and Qatar and Iraq in 2005. He is currently at FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C., assigned to the Office of Congressional Affairs.

THERESA (PLUM) GARNIER (B.A., M.ED. '88) has been married to Warren for 15 years, and they have three children: Karina, 12, Hunter, 10, and Jake, 6. Theresa shares a job as a Spanish immersion teacher two days a week and is taking Spanish classes at San Diego State University to earn a single-subject credential in Spanish.

JANE LIEBERMAN (J.D.) has been in Iceland for the last two years and is off to Cambridge, England, for more adventures.

BARBARA SCHUPELTZ (B.S.N., M.S.N. '87) retired as a captain from the U.S. Navy in 1994. She does volunteer work with Rotary Youth Exchange and American Red Cross Disaster Relief.

MARK SHOUP (J.D.) is a supervising deputy public defender for San Bernardino County. For 10 years, he has served Apple Valley, Calif., as city councilman and currently is its mayor. Mark and his wife, Maryann Connolly Shoup '87, live in Apple Valley.

LYNNE (CUMMINGS) VELASCO (B.A.) lived on Catalina Island for 13 years while she and her husband, Pete, managed a hotel. Pete passed away in January 2004 following a long illness due to complications from diabetes. Lynne moved off the

island with their daughters, Madison, 11, and Brianna, 8, to live in Orange County, Calif.

PORTIA WEBSTER (M.A.) published a book, *We Adore Thee*, through Liguori Publications early in 2006, and she is hard at work on another.

[1987]  **ALAN ALVORD (J.D.)** was appointed presiding administrative law judge in the San Diego Office of Administrative Hearings, which provides administrative hearings for more than 1,000 state and local agencies. Alan's wife, Janene, is a graduate of the USD paralegal program and is corporate compliance administrator for Life Settlement Solutions Inc. Alan and Janene live in Chula Vista with their three boys.

BARBARA BEELER (B.B.A., M.A.F.M. '06) earned the Outstanding M.A.F.M. Scholar distinction in May 2006 by graduating with a 4.0 grade point average. "I am working toward completing the requirements for my CPA license," Barbara says.

KURT HALLOCK (J.D.) received an outstanding trial lawyer award from Consumer Attorneys. In March 2006, he took first male grand master and won the Road Runners Club of America Marathon Championship in Napa, Calif., and in July, he won the grand master division of the San Francisco marathon.

DENA JENSEN-DUGAN (M.ED.) is a world and U.S. history teacher at Douglas High School in Gardnerville, Nev. Because she has a special education background, several special ed students are included in her regular education classes. Dena taught geography for 12 years at the local middle school. She co-chairs an Amnesty International student group that responds to urgent-action letters to help incarcerated prisoners of conscience around the world.

SISTER MIRIAM KAESER (ED.D.) was elected to the leadership team of her religious community. She began her six-year term as councilor in July, while continuing to serve as assistant superintendent for curriculum for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. "Wish me luck!"

SAM LAVORATO (B.A.) was appointed superior court judge of Monterey County, Calif., by the governor. Sam lives in Salinas with his wife of 10 years, Tina, and their two boys: Samuel, 6, and Louis, 3.

[1988] **NAVY CMDR. MICHAEL CARAMBAS (B.A.)** was named commander of Training Squadron IV at Pensacola Naval Air Station. As commanding officer, Michael leads more than 100 aviators and is responsible for training future Navy, Marine and Air Force navigators. Michael received his Naval commission in 1988 through the ROTC program and earned his Naval flight officer wings in 1989. As a combat aviator, he has logged more than 2,800 flight hours and 500 carrier-arrested landings.

JOHN HANES (ED.D.) advises Fortune 500 companies, large government agencies and the military on increasing teamwork and leadership effectiveness. He lives in Lake Arrowhead, Calif. "I have been trying to visit every beautiful island resort in the world on vacations," John says. "I aspire to the Jimmy Buffet lifestyle when I retire."

CHARLES HENDERSON (J.D.) moved into semiretirement in July 2005. "I had the opportunity to ease back on the old rat race and I took it!" he says. "I am presently setting my sights on an extended European tour. I want to make some practical use of the language skills I've developed. Since my language studies have been European (French, German, Russian and Spanish), I think a trip to Europe of oh, say, 18 to 24 months is in order."

DAVID KINGSLEY (B.B.A.) has been in the financial services industry for 19 years. "I enjoy teaching my son, Harrison, 6, and daughter, Maitland, 4, golf and cooking," he says. David and his wife, Crystal, live in Wildomar, Calif., with Harrison, Maitland and Weston, 2.

SANDRA MCBETH (J.D.) is in her 18th year of practice, and her seventh as a sole practitioner. She is a Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee and most of her practice relates to bankruptcy: debtor, creditor and trustee representation. "I am also very involved in the Central Coast Volleyball Club as a coach and a director," she says. "My husband,

James, and I live in Orcutt, Calif., with our three teenage children (the most challenging part of my life!)"

ETHEL PASCAL (M.S.N.) planned to relocate to San Diego from Alexandria, Va., in early 2007.

[1989] **MARIE GIBLIN ANDERSON (B.A.)** married Robert Anderson in Founders Chapel in July 2004. Their first baby, Joseph Michael, was born Feb. 15, 2006, and was to be baptized in November. "He is the light of our life." Joseph was named after Robert's uncle, Joseph Coppo, who died in the World Trade Center on Sept. 11, 2001. Robert and Marie are both in pharmaceutical sales.

THOMAS DIACHENKO (J.D.) has his own practice in San Diego with his wife, Beth, specializing in medical malpractice, personal injury, employment and business litigation. His oldest son, Alex, is attending the University of California, Davis, on a baseball scholarship. His younger son, Drew, is attending Cathedral Catholic High School.

DAVE DUNN (B.B.A.) is the head football coach at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

JOHN GROH (B.A.) was named publisher of *The Produce News*, a New Jersey-based weekly trade publication that covers the fresh fruit and vegetable industry. He joined the company in 1995 as assistant editor. John and his wife, Mary Anne, live in the New York City suburb of Haworth, N.J., with their 5-year-old son, Zane, and 3-year-old daughter, Skyler.

NEAL PUCKETT (LL.M.G.) lives in Alexandria, Va., and has a solo practice specializing in military criminal defense. "I represented Army Lt. Col. Allen West in 2003, and Army Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski in the Abu Ghraib case. I currently represent Marine Staff Sgt. Frank Wuterich in the Haditha investigation. I filed a defamation lawsuit against Rep. Jack Murtha, D-Pa., in the Haditha case." (See story on page 24.)

1990s

[1990] **KRIS (REUBA) BROWN (B.A.)** and her husband are living in Roseville, Calif., with their four children: Madeleine, 7; Ethan, 4; Abby, 3; and Alexander William, born Feb. 17, 2006. Kris is a stay-at-home mom.

ERIC DEUTSCH (B.B.A.) has been married to Courtney for five years. They have two daughters: Peyton Marie, 2; and Parker Jane, who was born July 20, 2006. The family lives in Dayton, Ohio.

WILLIAM HAMBY (B.A.) is assistant chief counsel for the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Houston. He is also a major in the Marine Corps Reserve serving as a judge advocate with the 1st Battalion, 23rd Marines in Houston.

KAREN HUNCK (M.B.A.) lives in Encinitas and was recently divorced. "I keep busy with triathlons and work," she says.

ELIZABETH KREITZER (J.D.) was named the 2005 Michael C. Shea Chair by the San Diego Certified Family Law Specialists for service as a teacher and mentor to family law attorneys.

KATHLEEN LAVIN (B.A.) has been a personal fitness trainer for 14 years and has owned her own personal fitness training business for the past nine years. Kathleen lives in San Clemente, Calif.

ANN (KRAUSS) MAYO (M.S.N., D.N.SC. '98) is a post-doctoral fellow at the University of California, San Francisco, studying memory and aging.

JENNIFER MCCAIN (J.D.) writes, "I continue to enjoy my job as assistant city attorney for the city of Escondido. My husband, Doug, is a commander in the Navy. We are busy with our six children, three boys and three girls ranging from 16 to 2 years old."

JEWELS (ROGOWSKA) TENEVA (J.D., M.A. '90) says, "I am still working as an immigration specialist but very part-time since the birth of my fourth child, Konrad Nikolas, on Oct. 24, 2005. He joins his twin sis-



In Baghdad Joseph Ghougassian is seldom alone; he's flanked by his personal security detail, which accompanies him everywhere he goes to protect him from insurgents.

[stepping up]

LIFE DURING WARTIME

Rebuilding public services for Iraqis from the ground up

by Julene Snyder

Bringing decent public services to Iraq is a tough job. That's why they called in Joe Ghougassian.

From a secured compound in Baghdad, the former ambassador to Qatar talked about his decision to spend the next three years there to head efforts to bring basic services such as water, electricity and fuel to the people. "They have to wait in line for hours just to get a tank of gas, and it's dangerous out there."

Tapped in August to become chief of party for a project funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) to develop and strengthen public service delivery to Iraqis, Ghougassian admits that things are wildly different now than they were back in 2004 when he was in Baghdad as an adviser to the Coalition Provisional Authority, charged with normalizing higher education.


"Then, I was able to travel all over the country by myself or with Iraqis," he says, sounding weary. "Now, I cannot even leave the compound by car or by walking. I'm always surrounded by guards. Things have deteriorated to such an extent that I would not dare to travel about on my own."

In spite of the dangers he and his team are facing — insurgent activity, ethnic violence, criminal elements such as kidnapping, carjacking and murder — Ghougassian is determined to bring about progress. "We want procedures to be transparent, and to stamp out the kind of bureaucratic corruption that is endemic in the Middle East. We want to bring them in tune with the best practices of industrial nations."

It's a gargantuan task indeed. "There are 1.9 million public servants that need to be trained," he explains. Luckily, he's put together a solid team, mostly

made up of Iraqi-American academics who are there to show the people what being the best of the best looks like. "We train trainers, who train other trainers, and spread out from there."

Ghougassian, who earned two degrees from USD — a master's in international relations in 1977 and a J.D. in 1980 — also taught on campus for a number of years. Of course, in a manner of speaking, he's still teaching. "There are five areas we need to focus on," he explains. "Fiscal management, personnel management, information technology, communication management, and strategy and planning."

While the job seems impossible, Ghougassian is used to exceeding expectations. "Within two weeks, we had already put together two training courses in procurement. Washington couldn't believe how quickly we were able to begin the work." 

ters, Agnieszka and Tekla, born on Feb. 14, 1997, and brother, Stefan Paul, born on Feb. 14, 2003. Somehow, Konrad is the only child not born on Valentine's Day! I also have a business renovating and renting houses, so I am a landlord too."

[1991]
JODY (MORGAN) CAMPILLO (B.A.C.) married her husband, Mark Campillo '90, in September 2004. In August 2005, they welcomed their son, Noah Donald. Jody also has a son, Barry, 12, and Mark has a daughter, Ashley, 10, and a son, Bradley, 7. They all live in Poway. Jody is chief financial officer for a San Diego software firm and Mark is a corporate trainer for Geico.

HYDEE (HARRIS) HAWKINS (J.D.) married her husband, Brad, in 1994. "We moved to Lexington, Ky, in May 1997 to be closer to family. I have worked as an assistant U.S. attorney for almost four years. My husband practices law at a small civil firm in Lexington. We have two wonderful little boys: Harris is 5, and Mason is 19 months old."

HOLLY (WOODRUFF) LYONS (J.D.) says, "Hello all! I am still in D.C. working for the U.S. House of Representatives Aviation Subcommittee. It's an interesting place to be since Sept. 11, 2001. I really miss San Diego!"


DAVID MONTELEONE (J.D.) and his family joined classmate Jamie Corbin and her family on a southern Caribbean cruise. They had such a good time that they are planning another cruise in the near future. David is in private practice in Rockford, Ill., where he concentrates in the areas of medical malpractice and personal injury. He and his wife, Kathleen, have three children: Seth, Adam and Cynthia Kate.

RON PETERSEN (B.B.A.) married MartyAnn Thomas on New Year's Eve 2005 at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Carthage, Mo. "We had a lovely wedding, and our new lives have begun!" Ron owns 12 apartments and is the manager of his family's two radio stations. MartyAnn is a health and safety director at Fisher Scientific. They live in Carthage with their four children. "Between work and kids we stay very busy. It is hard to believe we graduated from USD 15 years ago. Just older and wiser, I say."

NAVY LT. CMDR. MARSHALL PROUTY (B.A.) and Vicki (Morgan) Prouty '91 live in Virginia with their three children: Shannon, Ben and Erin. Marshall is the executive officer on the USS North Carolina.

DELRENA SIDES-SWAGGERTY (B.A., M.A. '95) and her husband, Dave, welcomed their second daughter, Georgia. Their oldest daughter, Delrena, is 2. The family lives in El Cajon.

MICHEL ZELNICK (J.D., M.A. '04) and his wife, Barbara '04, opened a psychotherapy consulting practice in La Jolla. The Zelnick Group provides psychotherapy, performance and organizational consulting services.

[1992] 
CHRIS DANIEL (B.A.) moved to Rhode Island with his wife, Michelle, their daughter, Corynne, two dogs and a cat. Chris started his own consulting business focused on international humanitarian issues. Michelle is an emergency physician at a local hospital and trains residents at Brown University.

LISA LEMAY (B.A.) married Steve Brown '94 on Sept. 3, 2005, at Founders Chapel. They both work for Callaway Golf Co. and live in Carlsbad.

GREG PHILLIPS (M.B.A.) and his wife, Jill, are raising their three children — Julia, 5; Cassie, 4; and Robby; 3 — in beautiful Frederick, Md. They return to San Diego regularly to visit friends and family, and they report that they have a wonderful life together.

LORI (ARBOGAST) ROY (B.A.) is a stay-at-home mom in Carlsbad. Her son, Colin Woodrow, was born on Dec. 11, 2003.

MAUREEN (FEERICK) ST. PIERRE (B.A.) is married with four children and living in Arlington, Va. She and husband Scott have three boys, ages 11, 10 and 6, and one girl, 14 months. Maureen is a part-time education consultant with companies such as Scholastic Books. Scott is an independent defense contractor with the U.S. Navy. The children attend Catholic school at St. Thomas More Cathedral in Arlington. Maureen says several USD alumni live in her neighborhood.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS (B.A.) and his wife, Tracy, have three children and live in Menifee, Calif. Christopher earned his insurance license in 2003 and his real estate license in 2006.

[1993]
TOM GAMBON (B.B.A.) and his wife, Angi, welcomed Samantha Riley into the world on April 13, 2006. "She joins Madison (2 years old) who just loves being a big sister," he says. The family lives in Erie, Colo. Tom was recently promoted to chief financial officer at Cognitive Solutions Inc., a manufacturer of thermal barcode and label printers in Golden, Colo.

KEVIN HERDE (B.B.A.) and his wife, Freya, welcomed their first child, Garrett Trey, on April 7, 2006. Kevin is director of finance at Gen-Probe, a biotech company in San Diego. The family lives in San Diego's Kensington neighborhood.

BRENT HODGES (B.A.C.) is now principal of Rancho Solano private school in Scottsdale, Ariz. He has a 10-year-old son, T.J.

CATHERINE (DUFORT) KUIPER (B.A., M.ED. '94) and her husband, Jason, welcomed their second child, Christian Thomas, on Sept. 27, 2005. "After a bumpy few months, he is finally a healthy, happy little boy, and Tierra is a wonderful big sister!" says Catherine. The family lives in Julian in San Diego's backcountry.

HAYS (FRAIM) PADRNOS (B.A.) and her husband, Daniel Padrnos '93, welcomed a baby girl, Ella Christine, in June 2006. She joins big sisters Kate, 6, and Charlotte, 4. Alumni Meredith Lucey and Dan Kilkenny are Ella's godparents.

HISASHI SAKASHITA (B.S.) and Chrystol Koempel '94 were married at The Immaculata on March 12, 2005. Hisashi is assistant vice president of investment services for Union Bank of California.

[1994]
DEBRA FISCHER (M.S.N.) has worked as a family nurse practitioner at an urban Native American health clinic in Seattle since 1998. She earned a Ph.D. in health psychology from Capella University in 2005.

ERIKA VALERIO HARRINGTON (B.A., J.D. '03) and her husband Tucker celebrated the birth of their son, Parker Matthew, on Aug. 20, 2006. The Harringtons live in Santa Clara, Calif. Erika works at the law firm of Hopkins and Carley in San Jose, and Tucker is at Apple Computer in Cupertino.

KIMBERLY DAY JACOBS (M.ED.) writes, "Amazing! Living at the foot of Diamond Head in Hawaii. Loving life!" After graduation, Kimberly moved to the islands, spent five years at Chaminate, a private Catholic university, and has been at Marimed Foundation for seven years, where she is director of education. "I was married last year to Stan Jacobs. We honeymooned in his native Budapest, Hungary; Vienna, Austria (we love opera); and the South of France to meet my god-daughter. And, yes, the Danube is blue when you're in love."

KOURTNEY (SCANLAN) KENNEDY (B.A.) says she would love to be more involved with USD alumni. She is also looking for interns for her educational organization.

SISTER JEANETTE MCDERMOTT (M.A.) continued to work as hospice chaplain through Grossmont Hospital after graduation from USD. In 1998, she was elected western district coordinator for her community, Medical Mission Sisters in La Mesa. She completed her term in January 2003. "From August 2003 until the present, I have worked as a volunteer in various activities, but my work is perhaps best covered under the umbrella of spiritual direction."

THOMAS MELITO (M.ED.) is a teacher with Baltimore County Public Schools in Maryland. "After earning my doctorate in modern archaeology, I ran with the bulls in Pamplona, Spain. I am currently in training in Houston for the NASA Voyager expedition in 2008."

BRIAN TOMPKINS (M.B.A.) recently moved to Bend, Ore., to sell home theaters and ski at Mount Bachelor. "I recently became divorced and spend half of my time with my 4-year-old daughter, Victoria," Brian says. "We love Oregon so far and are looking forward to the summer here!"

[1995]
DONALD DE ANGELO (M.A.) is social studies department chair at Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego. Donald is an active volunteer with the Anti-Defamation League through the planning committee for the Bearing Witness program. The three-day program brings Catholic school teachers together to examine issues of the Holocaust, anti-Semitism and Catholic-Jewish relations. Donald was one of 30 Catholic teachers in the United States chosen by the Anti-Defamation League to participate in the national advanced program last summer, which included six days of travel in Israel. "We arrived in July, just as the war began, and had some very interesting experiences," he says. "It was an amazing journey I will never forget. My task now is to find three teaching ideas to share this new knowledge in the classroom at Cathedral Catholic High School." (See story on page 44.)

REBECCA DE LA CERRA (J.D.) and her husband, Mark, have a 1 1/2-year-old daughter. "She is the absolute love of our lives," says Rebecca. "After taking some time off to stay at home with the baby, I have decided to join an old friend as partner in his law firm." She expects the Law Offices of Cho and De La Cerra to be in full partnership in the next few months. The firm is in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

TERRI (BURGES) HIRNING (B.A.) and her husband, Eric, celebrated the birth of their second child, Emma Kathryn, on Jan. 27, 2006. "Emma was five weeks premature, but weighed an amazing 6 pounds, 3 ounces, and is doing very well," says Terri. Emma joins big brother Matthew, 2. The family lives in Gilbert, Ariz., where Terri is a full-time mom.

DEBI HUYSSOON (B.A.) graduated from the Oregon Health Sciences University School of Dentistry in June 2005. Three months later, she and her husband, Scott Grant, welcomed a son, Anthony Braydon. The family lives in Portland, Ore.

MELYNDA MYERS-MALLORY (M.S.N.) says she is "still enjoying family practice in Temecula and my own practice, Mallory Medical, specializing in integrative health care for fibromyalgia and chronic fatigue syndrome."

ELIZABETH (DENSFORD) ROCHA (M.S.N.) is enrolled in a post-M.S.N. certificate program at USD for clinical nurse specialists.

JEREMY TYSOR (B.B.A.) and his wife welcomed Joakim Ellwood Sebastian Tysor on May 14, 2006. Older brother Jonathan is 2 1/2. "We love our two boys." The family was planning to go to Sweden for the holidays so the boys could see their grandparents.

[1996]
EDWARD BRYANT (B.A.C.) and his wife, Gabriela (Gonzalez) Bryant '95, celebrated the birth of their second child, Alexander, on Nov. 14, 2005. Alex joins older sister Stephanie.

MARK BARRETT (M.B.A.) relocated to New York City as vice president of customer strategies and marketing at Wells Fargo Bank. He lives and works in Manhattan.

DIANA (CASTRO) CARSON (B.A., M.ED. '00) published her first children's book, *All the Muchos in the World*, through Pauline Books and Media. She also began a disability awareness teaching program for elementary schools — called Ability Awareness in Action — and was honored as teacher of the year at McMillin Elementary School in Chula Vista.


DON FELLOWS (M.ED.) was elected to serve as president and chief executive officer of Marts & Lundy, a national philanthropic services consulting firm based in Lyndhurst, N.J.

KATHRYN GRYBOSKI (B.A.) and her husband, Dan, welcomed their first child, Samson Joseph, on April 9, 2006. Sam weighed in at 6 pounds, 2.6 ounces, and was 19 inches long. The family lives in Westminster, Colo.

GABRIELLE KEENUM (M.A.) says, "We added to our family again in the spring of 2004. We went to China to adopt our daughter Chloe (now 3), who joins big sister Mikaela, 9, and big brother, Shaler, 6. God's blessings are amazing and our adoption of Chloe was a miracle. All praise to Him!"

BARBARA MCCURTIS (M.A.) is the curator/director of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot Museum in San Diego.

ANDREA ORSINI-BROWN (M.A.) recently moved to Michigan with her husband, David, and their two sons, Roman, 4, and Nikolas, 3 months.

[1997] 
SARAH BURCHETTA (B.B.A.) and her husband, Jim, celebrated the birth of their second child, James David ("Jake"), in January 2006. He joins sister Charlotte.

CAPT. JUDITH FIDELLOW (M.S.N.) retired after 26 years in the military and is using her degree in case management as the military account manager with Gentiva Health Services. Judith lives in Valley Center in San Diego's North County.

JILL FUERTGES (B.B.A.) married Nick Mazzocco on Sept. 9, 2005, in Positano, Italy, surrounded by family and friends. Fellow alumni Tanya Gosner and Carl (Peters) Streeter attended the ceremony. Jill and Nick live in Scituate, Mass.

SEAN GAFFNEY (B.A.) and his wife, Kelly (Ranger) '98, live in San Diego with their son, Nicholas, 1. Sean earned his J.D. degree from the University of San Francisco School of Law in 2000 and practices civil litigation with Sullivan, Hill, Lewin, Rez & Engel.

MICHELE (TEKIPPE) GAMBLE (J.D.) lives in Pasadena, Calif., with her three children. She is an attorney with Collins, Collins, Muir & Stewart, where her practice is focused on the representation of design professionals.

DAVIN HECKMAN (B.A.) and his wife welcomed their second son, Oscar Romero, on Feb. 17, 2006. Davin teaches English and media studies, and is under contract with Duke University Press to publish his first book. "When I'm not at work, I mostly just goof off with my family and assist my wife, Carrie, in her work as a peace and justice advocate."

KELLY KREISLE (B.B.A.) married Ashley Burke in Huntington Beach, Calif., on May 27, 2006. Bridesmaids included alumnae Ashley (Adolph) Farrell, Gina Dornan and Jamie Hewitt. Other USD alumni in attendance were Rob Gannon, James and Shawna (Kiser) Phelan, Patrick and Paige (Tippin) Wilson, Michael and Jennifer (Ross) Viola, Lloyd Jurado, Vanessa Martires, Travis Farrell, Mike Leonard and Dean Rossmann. Kelly is

an associate marketing manager for Taco Bell Corp. in Irvine, Calif., and Ashley is a programmer analyst for the University of California, Irvine. They live in Costa Mesa.

ALY (RUTHERFURD) ROMERO (B.A.) and her husband had their second child, Nicholas Eric, in January 2006. "He has been a wonderful addition to our family and to big sister Madison, who is 3."

JAMES RUANE (B.A.) and wife Monica (White) Ruane '98 had their second child, Patrick Denver, on June 8, 2006, in San Francisco. Older son Gavin is 2.

JODI (WHITE) SCHNOEBELEN (J.D., LL.M.T. '03) is still working for White and Bright out of her home office. Jodi and husband Marc have two children: Kai, 6, and Maia, 16 months.

MARK WOODBRIDGE (B.A.) finished his residency in family practice at the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton and expects to be stationed in Japan for a year with his wife, Blanca.

[1998]
KENDALL (GASPAR) BROWN (B.A.) and husband Frank welcomed Gracie Kathryn on Feb. 15, 2006. Big sister Hayley will be 3 in February.

RICHARD BRYDGES (ED.D.) is continuing his work in leadership, organizational achievement and strategic planning as a founding partner with the ARC Leadership Group, a training development and publishing corporation. They work with individuals and organizations to address the challenges before them and go to the next level. Richard and his wife, Carolyn Salerno-Brydges '91, live in Encinitas.

BRYNN (EDMONDS) BURNS (M.ED.) and her husband, Don, celebrated the birth of their second child, Samuel Allen, on Dec. 14, 2005. He joins sister Shannon, 3. The family lives in Leawood, Kan., a Kansas City suburb.

STARR (WEDEMEYER) DODS (B.A.) and her husband, Christopher, became the newest partners in a marketing and advertising firm, Element 8, in Oahu, Hawaii. Starr is starting her public relations practice.



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look at the text so differently.”
In his day-to-day life, De Angelo teaches history at Cathedral Catholic High School, the gleaming campus in San Diego’s North City that replaced the old University High School across from USD. De Angelo’s shaved head and soul patch, coupled with his self-described “biting sense of humor” prove that he’s not your stereotypical history teacher, as does his banter with students.

DONALD DE ANGELO '95
stands at the top of the Massada, a national shrine to Israelis.

He received a master’s in international relations at USD in 1995 after being laid off as a marketing operations specialist at Chase Manhattan Bank. When he began teaching at Uni more than 11 years ago, he didn’t know if it would turn out to be a realistic career choice for him. “Then you have those moments when kids respond,” he says. “They send e-mails from college about how much of a difference I made.”

The Israel trip left an indelible mark on De Angelo, who plans to now help students make connections. Since returning, he put together a lesson to help the drama club really understand the “Diary of Anne Frank” by showing them that the characters were real, three-dimensional people, not just words in a book.

“I noticed kids tearing up. The room got very quiet. I realized, ‘This is something I can do. I can make an awareness of this horrific experience, which is such a pivotal moment in history. I can help them understand and complete the Jewish experience.’”

He’s careful to say he doesn’t hold Israel blameless for all its actions. Still, “You stand in one spot and see Syria and Lebanon — both places hostile to Jews — and Palestinians live within their borders, and you see they’re cornered. You can definitely begin to appreciate what they must go through every single day just to survive.”

The tour took the group to religious sites in Israel; at each there would be a Bible reading. “We had a priest and a rabbi with us the whole time — it sounds like the beginning of a bad joke,” he quips. The priest would give the traditional Catholic interpretation, and the rabbi would talk about what life was like for a 1st-century Jew. “It was just amazing. It makes you

[pilgrimage]

TEACHING THE TEACHER

While bombs fall, educator learns about faith

by Kelly Knufken

Touring Israel was supposed to help Donald De Angelo gain a greater appreciation of Judaism. But it also helped him make a deeper connection with his own Catholic faith. De Angelo and a few dozen other Catholic teachers from around the country left for Israel in mid-July, arriving just in time for the outbreak of war with Lebanon.

The group was participating in the Anti-Defamation League’s “Bearing Witness” program,

aimed at bringing lessons about the holocaust and anti-Semitism into classrooms. The impact of their trip was immediate. “Everything there had meaning — spiritual, historical — it was very intense the whole time. Your faith really comes alive when they say, ‘Jesus stood right over there.’” De Angelo still marvels at the experience.

As the group toured Golan Heights, they heard a reverberating boom. The fighting had begun

in Lebanon. Later, the bombs dropped in Israel. The group arrived in Tiberius just an hour after a bombing. They also got a glimpse of the life-goes-on attitude of Israelis when they could see smoke from the clash while people continued to water-ski on the Sea of Galilee. “There’s something in your head that says, ‘Those are bombs falling,’” he says. “But the tour guide kept going, so something in you says, ‘I guess there’s nothing wrong.’ It was very surreal.”

TINA STAHLKE DONALDSON (B.A.) is executive director of the Robertson Education Empowerment Foundation, which created a financing program to help students attend universities. Tina and husband Brian live in Solana Beach with daughter Rachel, 2, and son Pierce David, born June 24, 2006.

BRIAN EGAN (B.A.), along with wife Marissa and 3-year-old son Sean Patrick, welcomed the newest addition to the family, Ireland Danielle, on Aug. 31, 2006. Brian works with his dad and brother in commercial real estate development in Reno, Nevada.

HASHEM KAROUM (J.D.) practices civil litigation, business, law and bankruptcy. In 2003, he married Adele (Vigil) Karoum, who expected to complete her law degree at USD in January 2007.

JON MCMULLEN (B.B.A.) married Jennifer Muller on Aug. 26, 2006, at St. Mary Magdeline in San Diego. “We had a wonderful two-week honeymoon in Tahiti.”

STACY MILAZZO (B.A.C.) married Christopher Campbell at the Dana on Mission Bay in San Diego. Alumnae in the bridal party were Lisa Biggs and Kris Shadoan. Stacy works at the Gemological Institute of America, and she and Christopher live in San Diego.

CLEMENS PAULY (LL.M.C.) says, “I am proud to announce the birth of our third son, Maximilian August, on June 28, 2006. This comes approximately one year after our law firm was restructured to Langstadt Pauly Chartered in Coral Gables, Fla.” Clemens was sworn in to the Florida State Bar in April 2005 and he is now licensed to practice law in Germany, New York and Florida.

STEPHANIE RIESENMAN (B.A.) lives in Stamford, Conn., and is a faculty manager for the Scienomics Group, a medical education and communications company in Greenwich, Conn. “After completing my master’s degree in science, health and environmental reporting at New York University in December 2003, I have worked as an occasional freelance journalist for a variety of news outlets,” she says.

CYNTHIA (JACKSON) SHORT (M.A.) and her husband, Brian, welcomed a son, Maxwell Grant, on April 25, 2006. He weighed 6 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 inches long.

KRISTI MILLER ULRICH (B.A.) taught an archaeological field school at the Alamo over the summer for the University of Texas at San Antonio. She’s also been co-authoring a field guide to Spanish colonial ceramics of Texas that is expected to be published soon. “I still love spending my free time with my beautiful daughter, Rachael, 2, and husband, Lucius,” she says.

[1999]
BRIAN BICKEL (J.D.) established his practice in San Diego in March 2005, specializing in the automotive lemon law.

ROCIO CASTRILLON (B.B.A.) graduated in August 2006 from Pepperdine University with an M.B.A. in global business. Rocio lives in Orange County, works as an account supervisor in advertising and would like to pursue an international assignment in Europe.

DEBBIE HUTCHINSON (B.A.) married Trevor Adams on June 18, 2006, in Norfolk, Va. Debbie graduated with her Ph.D. in ecological sciences from Old Dominion University in August. Her dissertation was on “Chemical Evidence for Dietary Toxin Sequestration in the Asian Snake *Rhabdophis tigrinus*.” She is working as a postdoctoral research associate at Old Dominion University.

PETER LEESON (J.D.) founded his own law firm, Leeson Law Group P.C., in June 2005. The Pasadena, Calif., firm specializes in complex bankruptcy litigation and employment and business litigation.

KEVIN MCPHEE (J.D., M.B.A. '00) and Seda (Evis) McPhee '00 celebrated the birth of their son, Kaya James, on Sept. 28, 2005. The family lives in San Diego.

WHITNEY (SYMINGTON) MORGAN (B.A.) and Don Morgan '95 welcomed their second child on April 24, 2006. “Donald Leonard Morgan IV is doing his best to keep up with his sister, Molly Lorraine.” Donnie, as he is known, was baptized in August, with godparents Michelle (Watson) Alfonso '94, Juan Alfonso '94, MBA '95, and

Richard Symington '02 all on hand for the big day. The family lives in Pasadena, Calif. Don is completing a Ph.D. in public policy at the University of Southern California and running a consulting firm that helps nonprofit organizations raise money.

DANIELE DILLING POLLIN (M.I.B.) and her husband, Andy Pollin '99, welcomed their second child, Grant Andrew, on Feb. 22, 2006. Grant joins a big brother, Jack, 2.

AMY (LOGAN) WRIGHT (B.A.) and her husband, David, celebrated the birth of their second child, Ryan David, on Sept. 15, 2005. Their first child, Ashley Christine, was born in October 2003. The family lives in Gig Harbor, Wash., where Amy is at home with the children and David is a branch manager for Smith Barney.

CHRIS YOUNT (B.B.A.) and Mary (Engel) '99 happily welcomed their beautiful little girl, Amanda Elizabeth, into the world on May 18, 2006. The family lives in Reno, Nev.

2000s

[2000]
ERIN (ENGLAND) ACOSTA (B.A.) and her husband, Jeff, celebrated the birth of Samantha Elizabeth in September 2005. The family lives in Orange, Calif.

TARYN BAACKE (B.A.) married Rob Estelle on July 22 on Fort Lauderdale Beach, Fla. He proposed to her on May 9 at a Florida Marlins baseball game.

LISA COMER (B.A.) is a graduate student at the University of Kansas. She received a master’s degree in Spanish literature in 2004 and is now in the graduate certification program for K-12 Spanish and working toward an English as a Second Language endorsement. She expects to finish the program by 2007 and earn another master’s degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages. Lisa lives in Lawrence, Kan.

KATE (BERG) GALINDO (B.A.) completed her master’s degree in teaching English to speakers of other languages in May. She also earned a certificate in language program administration. Kate accepted a 10-month fellowship in Montevideo,

Uruguay, with the English language fellows program. She will work closely with the Council of Primary Education and the Office of Bilingual Education to develop curriculum and materials for 34 primary English immersion schools. Her duties will include advising school directors on best practices developed in United States immersion schools, conducting in-service and pre-service teacher training, and monitoring and assessing educational programs.

JAYMIE GONZAGA (M.A.) is still working as an adjunct counselor professor at MiraCosta, Miramar, City and Cuyamaca community colleges in the San Diego region. Jaymie also is a single parent to Bart, 17, and a military police officer with the California Army National Guard.

[2001]

CHRISTINE BROWN (M.F.A.) continues to have success in her acting career. During the spring of 2006, she completed the role of Sarah in the play "Trying" at the Old Globe Theatre in San Diego. In August, Christine played the female lead (a girl with bipolar disorder) in an industrial film shot in New York City for a drug company that produces Risperdahl. In the fall, she was cast as Masha in Anton Chekov's classic play "Three Sisters," at the Center Stage Theatre in Baltimore, Md.

ALLISON DUSHANE (B.A.) earned a master's degree from Duke University in the spring of 2006. She is working toward a Ph.D. in English.

CHRIS FALCIONI (B.A.) and his wife, Stacey, welcomed their first child, Kai Roa, on April 11, 2006. She weighed 5 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 17 inches long.

SCOTT FELBER (B.A.) married his wife, Anabella, in 2002, and they welcomed a son, Drew Matthew, on Aug. 23, 2006. Drew weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces. Scott is a teacher at Orestimba High School, and Anabella is a fourth-grade teacher at Von Renner Elementary, both in Newman, Calif.

KENNETH GARRISON (LL.M.T.) is a qualified intermediary with Investment Exchange Group, and he facilitates Internal Revenue Service code 1031 tax-deferred exchanges. "I had an article published in *Realtor Magazine* in May 2006 with over

1.3 million readers," he says. "The article was entitled 'See Past Myths' and explains some of the misconceptions regarding 1031 exchanges." Kenneth and his wife, Ann, live in Pueblo, Colo.

JOHN HEMMERLING (J.D.) has been with the San Diego City Attorney's Office since graduation. He is the police legal adviser. John spent June 2005 to June 2006 on military leave to Iraq.

JAMES HEWETTE (M.S.G.L.) married Ingrid Schroeder in June 2004 and then left the active Navy in December 2004 to fly for UPS Airlines as an MD-11 international first officer. Recently, James and Ingrid had a baby boy, J.B. "Life is good!" James says. "I am writing this from a hotel in Hong Kong as I prepare for tonight's flight to Anchorage, Alaska."

JAMES HEWLETT (B.B.A.) lives in Portland, Ore. "I'm trying to weather the wettest winter on record for the Northwest," he says of early 2006. "Most of my contracting business is outdoors. Business is booming."

JUAN OROZCO (B.A.) completed his M.B.A. degree at Washington University's Olin School of Business and was accepted into Raytheon's Supply Chain Leadership Development Program.

ELIZABETH PARKER (J.D.) married Tim Gamber on Oct. 16, 2004, and they welcomed a daughter on Aug. 2, 2005. "I stopped practicing law shortly before Molly was born," she says. "In January 2006, I began working as an elementary school teacher through the Clark County School District's alternative route to licensure program." The family lives in Las Vegas.

DOMENICA (CIMARUSTI) PEARL (B.A.) and her husband, Joey, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Savina August, on June 21, 2006.

[2002]

LORI ABELLA (B.A.) is in graduate school at Dominican University in River Forest, Ill. "I will graduate in May 2007 with a master's degree in library and information science," she says. "My present plan is to become a school librarian, although I have not yet chosen a specific grade range."

NICOLE (ANGLE) BERGEN (B.B.A.) and her husband, Scott, celebrated their first anniversary on Aug. 13, 2006. Nicole is a research manager for Time Warner Cable in Los Angeles and was recently named manager of the year. Scott is in his seventh year of teaching at his other alma mater, St. Francis High School in La Cañada, Calif.

CHANTELLE DAVIS (B.B.A., J.D.) and Casey Fisher '03 were married on Aug. 12, 2006, at The Immaculata at USD. Chantelle practices law in San Diego, and Casey is in medical school.

EMILY ROTH (B.A.) spent the past two years teaching in Guatemala, where she met her husband, Luis Bolaños. They were married in Antigua, Guatemala, on June 10, 2006. Both have jobs at another international school in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, for the next two years. Emily will teach first grade, and Luis will work in the information technology department and coach varsity soccer.

LESTER SEBASTIAN (M.B.A.) has been with Wells Fargo Bank since 2003. He is a commercial loan officer and assistant vice president in San Diego, helping entrepreneurs purchase their buildings, equipment, businesses and business lines.

[2003]

ELISABETH BIEBL (B.A.) has been living in Vail, Colo., for two years. "I suppose I'm taking a break from the real world," she says. "While in Vail, I've worked on Vail Mountain as a 'yellow jacket' (basically skiing around five days a week, helping the ski patrol and lost or injured guests), and have delved into the nearly non-existent public relations scene in the area, among other odd jobs. It's been a blast, but unless a miracle trust fund appears, I'll be back in the San Francisco Bay area to continue pursuing a 'real' job in PR."

GARLAND BLACKWELL (LL.M.T.) established the Garland Blackwell Scholarship Fund at North Carolina A&T State University.

DAVID BRENNAN (LL.M.I.) enjoys teaching international law and international business transaction courses as an adjunct professor at Western State University College of

Law in Fullerton, Calif. He also is faculty adviser to the International Law Students Association.

BASIL CONSIDINE (B.A.) graduated from Boston University in 2006 with an M.T.S. in theology and musicology. He finished with seminary and is a Ph.D. student in musicology at Boston University.

SCOTT HAWMAN (M.S.G.L.) works as a civilian at the Department of Defense in Hawaii. "The project management courses I took as part of the M.S.G.L. program apply directly to my job as the program manager for infrastructure support within a joint interagency task force," he says. "I would highly recommend USD to any transitioning military officers preparing themselves for a civilian career."

ERIKA SHARP (B.A.) married Ben Powers '01 on April 22, 2006, at San Pedro Catholic Church in Ambergris Caye, Belize in Central America. Erika and Ben were married by the bishop of Belize, and many USD alumni attended. They honeymooned in Belize and Guatemala, and currently live in San Diego.

ELLA (ROBINSON) SLOAN (ED.D.) retired from City College in San Diego on June 30, 2006, and plans to pursue a second career in the nonprofit sector. She founded the W.E.B. DuBois Leadership Institute for Young Scholars in 1997, targeting fourth- through eighth-grade students. Ella also facilitates student travel to West Africa, taking school supplies to children in the Ashanti village in Kumasi, Ghana.

AARON TUBBS (B.B.A.) recently returned from a year-long trip around the world. Aaron now works for a New Zealand touring company leading outdoor tours all around the United States.

[2004]

JAMIE BANKER (M.A.) is working toward a Ph.D. in marriage and family therapy at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

ERIN BURKE (B.A.) is a full-time graduate student at Colorado State University, expecting to graduate in May with a master's degree in social work. Erin also works as a school social worker in grades K-12. In July 2006, she was a bridesmaid in the wedding of her USD roommate,

Sandy Phanthasone, who got married in Anchorage, Alaska.

KRISTEN DENNIS (M.B.A., J.D.) is a policy analyst at the White House in the Executive Office of the President. She says she longs to return to the climate (both weather and political) of Southern California.

ANDRES GARCIA (B.A.C.) moved to Los Angeles after graduating and worked for a CPA firm that allowed him to travel throughout California. "This job made me realize how much I love San Diego, so I moved back in 2006," he says. Andres works for a local CPA firm in University City and bought a house in Normal Heights. "You can probably find me at a Home Depot, if not training for my first triathlon!"

ETIENNE JAMBOU (B.B.A.) has worked for Google in Dublin, Ireland, since January 2006.

LADONNA KIENITZ (LL.M.T.) has her own private practice in Tustin, Calif., and works at the tax law clinic at the Chapman University School of Law.

DIMITRIS MAGEMENEAS (M.B.A.) and his family — wife, Jeanette; son, Dominic, 7; and daughter, Calista, 5 — "enjoyed a wonderful summer in 2006, spending many weekends at our beautiful San Diego beaches and two weeks 'back home' in Chicago," says Dimitris.

1ST LT. ANDREA NEWHOUSE (B.A.) is stationed at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and was recently deployed with the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit (special operations capable).

LT. J.G. JOSHUA REHFELD (B.S.B.A.) earned his wings of gold on July 28, 2006. He and his wife, Mariella (Bravo) '03, expect to be stationed at NAS Lemoore, where Josh will fly the F-18 Super Hornet.

[2005]

MERRILL DIBBLE (I.M.B.A.) is the processing manager for a large almond farm in Bakersfield, Calif. Merrill and his wife welcomed their second child, Daniela, in May 2006 and he says they are enjoying life in Bakersfield.

RENEE PROVENCHER (B.A.) is West Coast field organizer and policy organizer for the National Student

Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness. Her most recent work has focused on building grass-roots support for the Affordable Housing Fund. "In this position, I've had the opportunity to reach out and involve college students in organizing events around the issues of hunger and homelessness, including a new group at USD called S.O.M.E. (So Others May Eat)!"

JENNIFER SAMSON (M.ED.) says, "I married my best friend in 2006. We had a beach wedding in June and a church wedding in July. I plan to take a year off from teaching and work part time." Jennifer and her husband, Shaun, plan to live in Lake Bluff, Ill., and then move closer to Shaun's work.

[2006]

TOBIAS HERRERA (B.A.) and his wife, Tracey (Albright) '04, celebrated the birth of their second child, Madison Grace, on Aug. 1, 2006. "We are doing well and can't wait to get back to San Diego," Tobias says.

In Memoriam

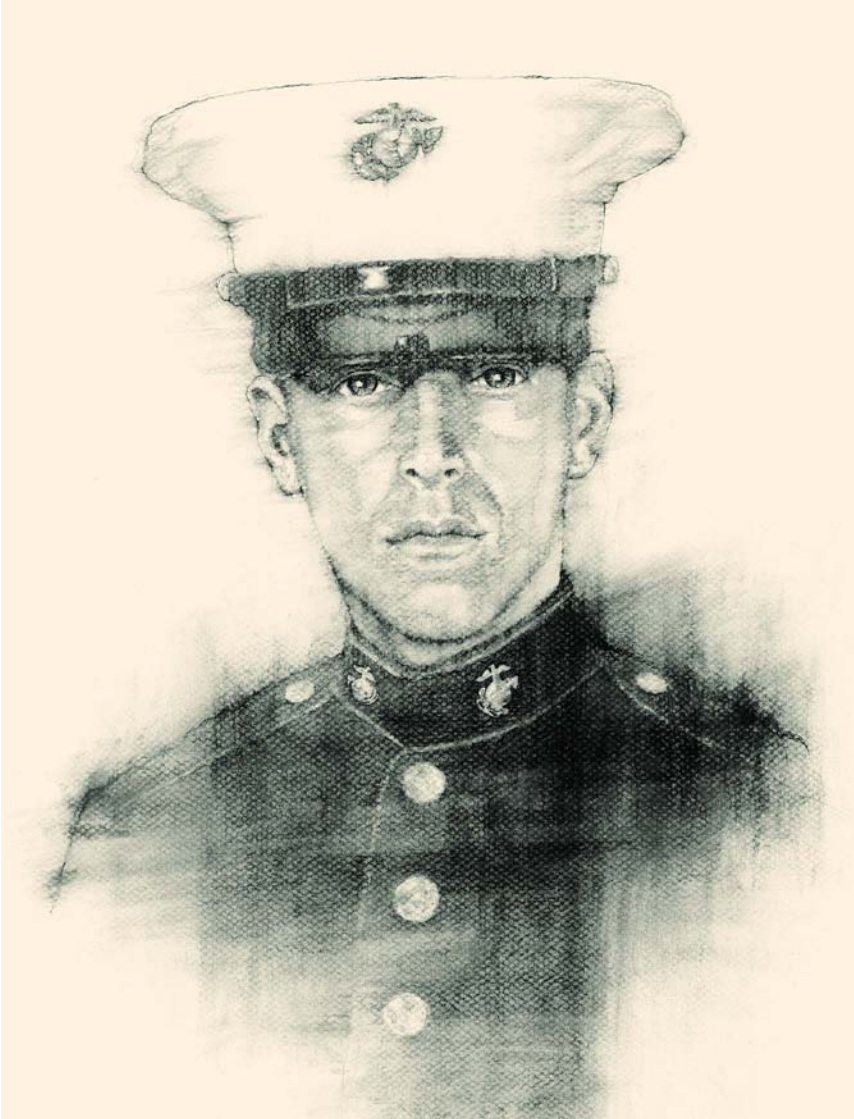
PATRICIA BRASELL (B.S.N. '81, M.S.N. '93) passed away on April 1, 2006, of complications from cancer.

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ALAN BURCH

[heroism]

JOSHUA PALMER '01 [1978-2004] Just minutes before he was killed in a firefight in Fallujah, Iraq, on April 8, 2004, the infantry officer dodged heavy gunfire to rescue a group of soldiers from a rooftop, where they were being bombarded with sniper fire. His mother, Jackie Kennedy, says that witnesses compared his quick reaction in getting them down to "something out of a movie." She says her son, an international relations major who attended the University of San Diego while in the Marine reserves program, "loved USD, loved education and wanted people to have freedom." The entire campus community salutes Palmer, along with all the fallen who've made the ultimate sacrifice in service to their country.



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