

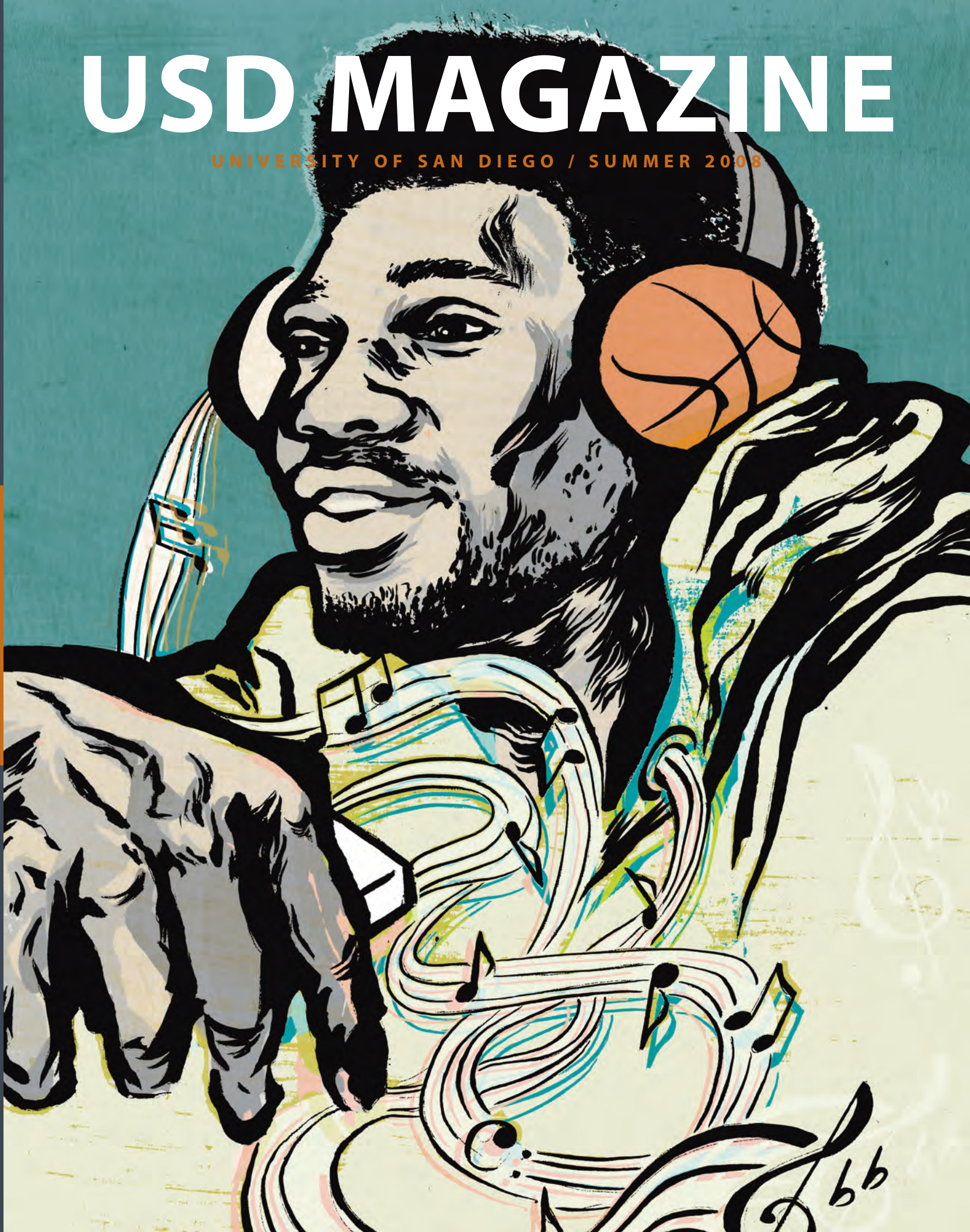
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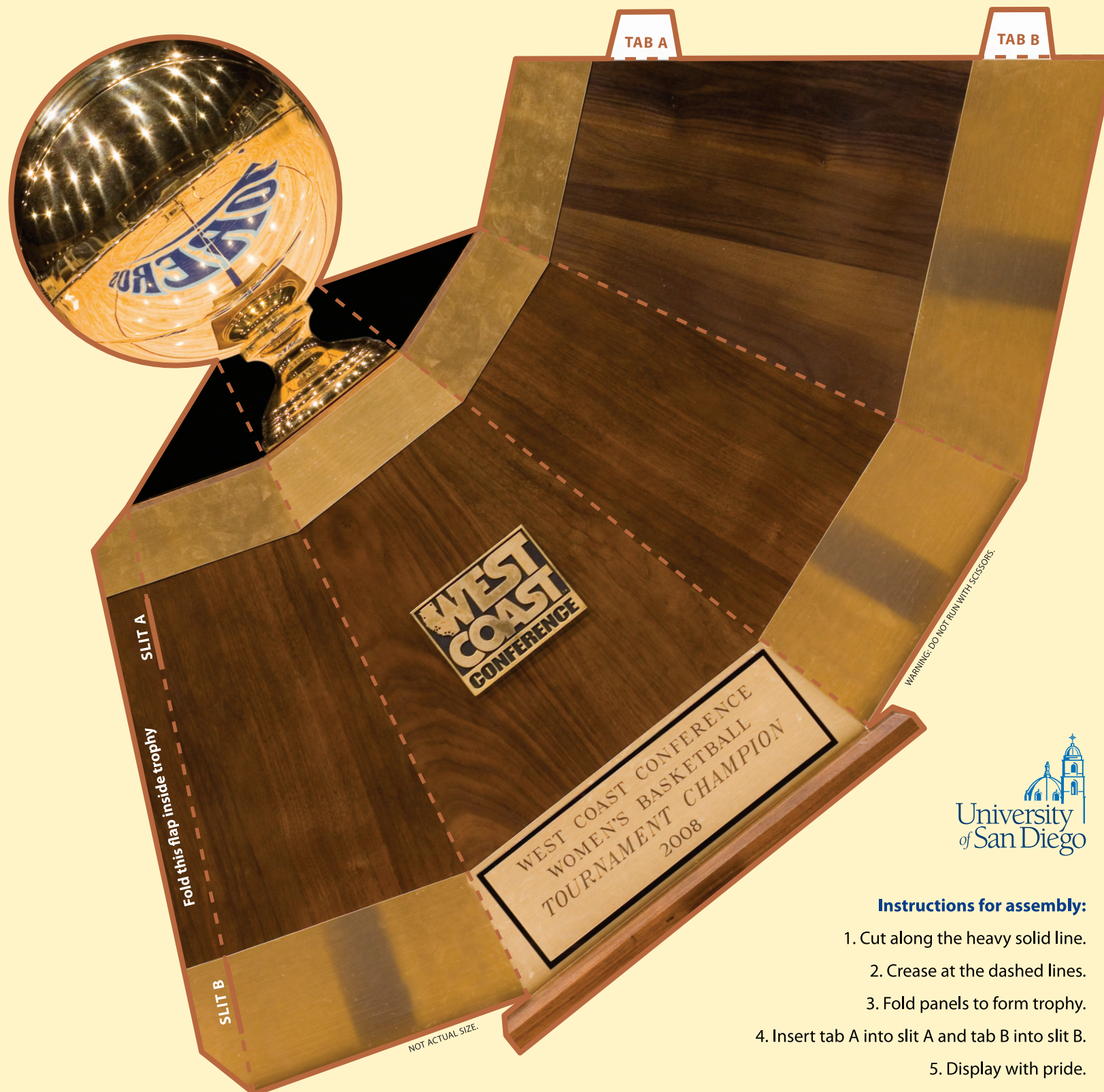
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DREAM WEAVERS

The first step to figuring out the correct answer is to ask the right question



You're strolling along, minding your own business, then, bam! A realization hits you like a cartoon anvil dropped from a high-rise. Much like falling in love or being unceremoniously thwacked on the head, discovering where your real passion lies can strike when you least expect. For me, it came early. I still vividly remember that third-grade English assignment. We were given a real book jacket and told to write a story that went with the cover. Mine, as I recall, was all teal and indigo with a picture of a submarine diving, surrounded by bubbles. I wrote and rewrote until late at night, more than a dozen pages, twice as much as any-one else in the class, a meandering tale of treasure lost and found. I, of course, was the hero.

"Maybe you'll grow up to be a writer," my mother remarked when congratulating me for the shiny gold star.

"Really?" I was incredulous. There was an actual job called "writer?" Sign me up.

It took me a while to get there, with lots of twists and turns, detours and meandering, in part because I believed the naysayers who periodically chimed in to tell me how unrealistic my dream was. But once I gained actual employment at a newspaper and my byline started appearing with some regularity, most of the doom-and-gloom crowd melted away, presumably to find someone else's dreams to thwart.

One of the most exciting parts of coming to work every day at this university is being surrounded by people who have found their true calling. From philosophers to scientists, athletes to altruists, reformers to artists, USD overflows with smart, focused scholars whose enthusiasm for their own particular passion is infectious, and they have a knack for bringing out the best in one another.

Those of us who have the privilege of coming in contact with our students every day already know that they skew toward the awesome end of the spectrum. Whatever their passion is, they pursue it with boundless gusto and laser-sharp focus, and they have no doubt that their contributions truly can change the world. Neither do I.

In a familiar ritual, yet another graduating class leaves Alcalá Park this spring. The campus will seem quieter (much quieter) and parking spaces will be plentiful (much more plentiful). Yet I know that those of us left behind will have a nagging itch that something vital is missing, a sense that our work isn't quite real without all those energetic young people, that it's just not the same without the school year's bustle and flow. But in truth, even when they're gone — whether they've traded classrooms for courtrooms or switched from locker rooms to board rooms — their legacy echoes throughout the university year after year.

I hope you feel their power, their impact, their energy in every page of this issue, which is built around the theme of students. In a way, telling their stories is the answer to my own question, the one about what I wanted to be when I grew up. I hope we did them justice.

— Julene Snyder, Editor

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Best Issue Ever

Just finished reading the Spring 2008 issue of the magazine. It is one of the best, if not the best, I have ever seen. Enjoyed all the articles and especially the notes from alumni. Earlier I had received the 2007 President's Report and this also was exceptional. The first time I ever actually read every word in a business report! Congratulations on a job well done on both publications.

— Beatrice F. Knott '88 (M.A. '91)

We Miss You, Too

As the mother of young children, I rarely read anything cover-to-cover (other than *Goodnight Moon*). But when my latest issue of *USD Magazine* arrived, I couldn't put it down. From "But Now I See," (how do they grow up so fast?) to "Garden Is A Verb" (USD's beauty spoke to me as a high school junior) to "The Witch Creek Sisterhood" (I, too, took an eclectic collection of items for my first fire evacuation), I found myself thoroughly enjoying the Spring 2008 issue — and thoroughly missing San Diego and USD.

— Kelly (England) McElwain '90

An Encouraging Word

Instead of reading tax law while hooked up to my I.V. of coffee this morning at Aromas, I read the Spring 2008 *USD Magazine*. Outstanding! Loved your inspirational editorial, "But Now I See"; I'll definitely keep my eye out for the young actress referenced at future awards shows. My kudos to all of your writers; I think each is fantastic. Additionally, I thought the story on Darlene Shiley ("Meet Madam Chair") was warm and fun. It's uplifting to me to see you encouraging readers to support this university. Consistently promoting a culture of philanthropy is vitally important to the future of USD students. And finally, many thanks for getting the Mankey story told to the masses ("A Life Lived in Service"). Excellent job all around!

— John Phillips
Senior Director, Planned Giving



Flora Simply Wrong?

A word about grammar in your Spring 2008 *USD Magazine*: I believe that the word "flora," as used on the postcards ("The school's stunning flora is nearly as renowned ...") requires the plural form of the verb to be. The sentence should read "The school's stunning flora are ..."

This is admittedly a bit odd,

because flora is singular in Latin (the plural is florae), but the meaning of flora is not singular in English. The word means "the plants of a certain area or period" (or, sometimes, along with fauna, "the microorganisms inhabiting the human body.") There may be some precedent for your singular use of flora, but I believe that it is distinctly unusual, and likely to be considered simply wrong by readers who pay attention to this sort of thing. The same error, if it is an error, occurs on page 1 of the magazine: "... USD's flora has something to offer ..."

The point, I suppose, is that flora refers neither to a single object, nor to a collection of objects, but to the objects themselves considered as a group. Compare "The flowering plants of the Anza-Borrego desert bloom (not blooms) only after the winter rains."

— Alastair Norman Mcleod, '98 (J.D.)

According to Frederick Utech, adjunct professor of Biological Sciences at the Flora of North America Project at Carnegie Mellon University, the word "flora" is singular, and requires the singular form of the verb "to be." While that may sound odd to the ear, we stand by our original usage. — Ed.

Daniel, Revisited

We are writing to give you an update on Daniel Akech James '07, who appeared on the cover of the Fall 2005 *USD Magazine* ("Finding Daniel"). We are parents of three USD alumni; Daniel lived with us during several summers while he was in school and we are very involved with him in a new project he has started in Sudan. He is taking kids from the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, where he first



received schooling, and putting them into secondary boarding schools outside Nairobi. He is doing this with his own money and the help of friends here. He has always been so appreciative of the opportunity he was given at USD to get an education and sees himself in these kids. He now has 12 students enrolled, with 89 more starting in April. It is really amazing to see what he has accomplished in a very short time while waiting to start his own graduate program.

We will be helping him in the future to provide for these students. His goal is to eventually build a secondary school for them there. Thank you again for doing such a great story on him.

— Jerry and Kathy Moser

Find excerpts from Daniel's blog as this issue's "Point of View," which can be found on page 18.

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.



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A PLACE TO CALL THEIR OWN

Making history at the future site of new Student Life Pavilion

by Kate Callen

It was a moment frozen in time: A crowd of 300 thronged around a giant yellow backhoe on a graded dirt lot, smiled for the photographer perched on a ladder and looked into the future of student life at Alcalá Park.

When the four-story, 50,000-square-foot center opens in Fall 2009, that particular image from the March 27 kickoff for the Student Life Pavilion will be on display. It makes for a perfect fit, as the photo not only has a his-

toric pedigree — echoing a 1949 picture of Bishop Charles Buddy and Mother Rosalie Hill at the original USD construction site — but it captures a celebration in which excitement about the new campus hub was equaled by elation over the NCAA Tournament appearances of the men's and women's basketball teams.

Situated east of the Hahn University Center, the pavilion will boast stunning views, wireless Internet access and an out-

door performance amphitheater.

"It will change the lives of every student at the University of San Diego," Associated Students President Matt Thelen told the gathering. "It will offer students a place to relax, gather with friends and cheer on future Torero victories."

Every aspect of the pavilion's intricate design reflects student demand for a building all their own that will create a palpable sense of community. "The key word is 'transparency,'" said

Thomas Cosgrove, associate vice president for student affairs and a prime mover behind the capital project. "Students want to see and be seen. The *mercado* will overlook the main dining area, and the main dining area will pour out onto the *plaza mayor*. This will be a very exciting facility."

Cosgrove and Greg Zackowski, executive director of the Hahn University Center, headed up a 14-member committee that began studying the prospects for a new student union in 2004. Enthusiasm for the project was so strong that an April 2005 student referendum to help fund the center through a fee increase won 76 percent of the vote.

"Students saw the need," recalls Zackowski. "The committee went out to 35 different meetings, and the students made the presentations. Over the years, a lot of space inside the Hahn University Center was set aside for specific programs and reasons. But a student center is supposed to be a place where you come for no reason. With this new pavilion, we're trying to bring that back."

Opening in the fall of 2009, the new Student Life Pavilion will be a campus hub that promises to change the lives of every student at the University of San Diego.

Designed by Hom & Goldman Architects, the Pavilion will cost \$36 million to build. An estimated \$21 million will be covered by general obligation bonds, with the remaining \$15 million to be raised by private support in a drive that Cosgrove is committed to. "I've been here 35 years, so I've made a lot of connections with alumni," he says.

At the kickoff, Thelen remarked that, even though he will graduate before the pavilion opens, "I will enjoy it as an alumnus. I'm very excited for future generations of Toreros." Through donations to the pavilion, he added, "we can set a trend of giving and supporting our university, and leave a lasting legacy here at the University of San Diego."

Darlene Marcos Shiley, chair of the Board of Trustees, appeared at the ceremony in a radiant blue tunic ("I pawed through my clothing this morning looking for Torero blue, and I found it!" she quipped) and summed up the mood of the crowd. "If there's anything we've proved in the last couple of weeks, it's this: It's all about heart."

To learn more and see the photo from the kickoff, go to www.sandiego.edu/ucexpansion.

[syllabus]

Course: Introduction to American Politics
Instructor: Casey Dominguez

DESCRIPTION: "What does it mean to you to be a citizen of the United States? What are your rights? Your responsibilities? What do you need to know to fulfill those responsibilities? This class will consider these questions as we examine how politics and government in America work."

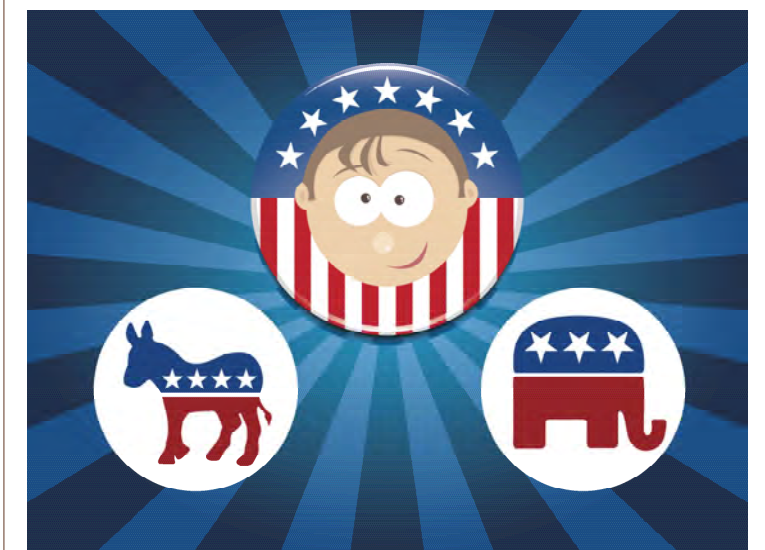
DOESN'T-BODE-WELL DEPARTMENT: "I hope I don't fall asleep in this class," says a student with rumpled bed-head. "I slept through my last class, and now my notebook has all these squiggly lines, like when you fall asleep holding your pen."

BUELLER? BUELLER? Today's class is built around the problem of getting people to participate in politics. When the professor asks, "What's going on in the news right now?" crickets can be heard chirping. Finally, one student mentions the scandal du jour regarding a certain East Coast governor's unseemly behavior. Whew. That was a close one.

DÉJÀ VU ALL OVER AGAIN: "So, why is participation important?" the instructor asks gamely. The response? Resounding silence and 18 blank faces. Finally a student offers an answer: "We need people to participate in order for democracy to work." A few minutes later, the Red Bull and coffee appears to kick in, when actual give-and-take occurs between students and teacher, and doesn't let up for the next 45 minutes.

TIME SURE FLIES: One eager student launches into a story but hits a stumbling block. "There was this thing in the car," she says. "We used it to listen to my grandma's oral history. I don't remember what it was called. Some sort of tape I think." Uh, I'm guessing it was a cassette tape? Good thing class is over, because I have just officially become so decrepit that I need a nap. Immediately.

— J.S.



[greenification]

BEST INTENTIONS

The drive toward sustainability is reflected all across campus

by Julene Snyder

Practice what you preach. From student life to transportation, there's a concerted effort at USD to reinvent institutional habits into more thoughtful, eco-friendly behavior.

You want specifics? How about cups made out of corn? Food that turns into water? Coffee byproducts that morph into compost? The intensive move toward embracing sustainability seems to be happening all at once, all across campus.

"Every step of the way, you have to walk the walk," says Harry Ryan '92. He's a passionate advocate of making a green impact on campus through his company's partnership with the university. Ryan Bros. Coffee — which began in the '90s as a 6-foot cart selling refreshments at USD sporting events — provides organic, fair-trade coffee and teas to the university, and is committed to helping the campus improve sustainability.

"The quality of the organics has been getting better and better, because the farmers are getting rewarded for it," explains Ryan, who runs the business with his brothers, including younger sibling Carmine '93. "It's not about huge estates, it's about the small, higher-altitude farms that produce the organic, sustainable coffees and teas."

The company has partnered with USD's Dining Services to launch its own coffee roaster pro-

gram at Aromas. This is not only unprecedented (the university is the first in the nation to have its own on-site roaster), but eco-friendly on a number of levels. Besides saving resources and materials, the program is estimated to save more than 10,000 metalized polyester tube bags and provide campus gardens with more than 4 tons of coffee compost annually.

But that's just one aspect of the campus-wide response to USD's Sustainability Initiative, created last fall by President Mary Lyons. "We have a green document that's a commitment as an organization," says André Mallié, USD's new executive director of auxiliary services.

"We'd like to get to the point where we buy everything within a 150-mile radius," says Mallié, who earned his degree in culinary arts and management in Bordeaux, France. "All products: seafood, vegetables, meat. We want to support the local farming industry and local producers."

He's been researching all sorts of cutting-edge products. "Our cold cups look like plastic, but are made of 100 percent corn," he says. "And almost all of our plastic tableware looks like plastic but is made out of potato." While the shift toward more eco-friendly institutional consumption has its challenges, technological advances are helping such efforts make sense in the real world.

"The momentum of sustain-

ability is everywhere, and the momentum is not going away," says Mallié. "It's the right thing to do, it's the right direction."

USD is heading down that road on a number of fronts. Seventy five percent of the university's cleaning products are green products. The Main Dining Room is now "trayless" on Fridays, with a goal toward going completely without trays by July 2009. Mallié explains that students tend to overload their trays, causing much of their meal to end up in the trash.

He's also excited about a new product that turns leftover food and waste into a useful resource. "We're installing this new technology — it looks like a big dishwasher — that you put all your waste in. It tumbles all night and the next day it's 100 percent water. Then you can take the water and ship it to gardening. It reduces the number of garbage bags, reduces all the landfill. It was just invented last summer, and ours will be the first one installed on a West Coast campus."

There's more. Much more. Talk of building a fleet of Zip Cars that can be rented by the hour. ("We would park them right here, for students, staff, faculty, you pay by the hour. It will reduce the carbon footprint, help with campus parking, it's very affordable.") A plan to have a student-run herb and produce garden that would supply vegetables to Dining Services.

("We would buy them the seed, and use the product in our operation.") Talk of a green roof for the new Student Life Pavilion. ("The plants will help cool the building.") Emphasis is on making sure that philosophies mesh. ("We want to make sure we believe in

what our vendors are doing. What is their practice, their philosophy, their product?")

And, of course, there's coffee. That on-site roaster at Aromas is capable of roasting 250 pounds of coffee a day. "It saves a lot of packaging, but it also brings education

Harry Ryan '92 is a passionate advocate of making a green impact.

and connection to the world to the students," says Mallié. "And the quality of the product is fantastic, how much fresher can you be? It's right on the spot."

Ryan agrees. "The whole program, the attention on the farm,

the attention on the process of getting it here, the emphasis on what fair-trade and organic is all about, has started an awareness. It's teaching me. Each step of the way, you have to find the next way to conserve. It's pretty exciting."



GIFTS AT WORK

Darlene Marcos Shiley, chair of USD's board of trustees, along with her husband Donald, pledged \$1 million to the new home of the School of Leadership and Education Sciences, Mother Rosalie Hill Hall, capping off the institution's historic \$206 million Campaign for the University of San Diego. This gift bookends the campaign's earliest leadership gift of \$10 million made by the Shileys toward the construction of the Donald P. Shiley Center for Science and Technology.

Trustee Richard K. Davis and his wife Theresa pledged \$250,000 to support USD's emerging Center for Catholic Thought and Culture, adding to \$150,000 contributed by Stephen G. Julesgaard, bringing the total contributed so far to the center to \$1.25 million.

With a generous response to a special challenge grant from the Ackerman Foundation, the donor-directed Orca Fund at the San Diego Foundation has pledged \$200,000 to SOLES' Non-Profit Leadership and Management Program.

The Fred J. Hansen Foundation contributed \$190,000 in support of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice's Women PeaceMakers program.

The estate of the late William A. Moller provided more than \$241,000 to establish the Moller Endowed Scholarship Fund in the School of Law.

At last month's 2008 Alumni Honors gala, Bert Degheri '61 was honored as the charter member of USD's newest donor recognition level, Order of Alcalá, as the first graduate to have contributed \$10 million in total gifts during his lifetime. Since 1984, Bert and his wife Patti have generously donated to a wide variety of campus programs and projects.

[salutations]

EVERYBODY'S HOUSE

A decade of the United Front Multicultural Center



LUIS GARCIA

by Ryan T. Blystone

Chris Wilson grew up in a poor, black neighborhood in Detroit, but the United Front Multicultural Center at USD will always be home.

"The UF gave me a place I found comfort in," says Wilson '03. "It was a space for people of color to let our guard down. I owe UF a lot for helping me find my place in the world."

Wilson, USD's first Ethnic Studies graduate and first African-American Associated Students president, also takes pleasure in recalling those he met inside Room 128, a ground-floor space in the Hahn University Center. "The UF created people who care," he says. "It

sparked my knowledge. It's not technically a classroom, but it was a classroom."

The center's dynamic is immediately welcoming. There's an inspirational mural covering the left wall, with colors and symbols representing student organizations. Three comfortable couches serve as a social hotspot. Behind the couches are the office spaces of 11 student organizations.

"To me it's a space where all students are welcome and feel safe enough to explore their identity and really grapple with some of the struggles that come with some of those identities," says Kimberley Fernandes,

the center's assistant director.

The center opened Nov. 14, 1997; an informal 10th anniversary celebration took place last November. A formal event on Feb. 15 welcomed attendees with spiritual words representing different cultures, an exotic dinner menu, and students performed *tinikling* (a Filipino folk dance), spoken-word poetry and a *moitai* (martial arts-like) demonstration.

"Students pushed the university to a level that promoted a campus where people feel safe, included and can express their views and perspectives," says Guadalupe Corona '97 (M.A.),

United Front Multicultural Center Assistant Director Kimberley Fernandes (front center) is surrounded by those who feel like the 10-year-old center is their home.

director of the UPMC from August 1997 to June 2007.

United Front's genesis can be traced back to the spring of 1993, when five student organizations submitted a written proposal to then-Dean of Students Thomas Burke for a multicultural center. As it grew, United Front took a leadership role for a more inclusive and diverse community. For example, the group lobbied to have anti-hate crimes language added to USD's harassment policy in 1998. United Front also pushed to have sexual orientation added to USD's discrimination policy in 2000, and advocated for the addition of ethnic studies to the curriculum.

"(United Front) has been very successful in bringing forward young women and men who are really engaging. It's helped them become potential leaders not only on campus, but also in our community," says Albert Pulido, director of ethnic studies.

New leadership will play a role in UPMC's future. Women's Center Director Erin Lovette-Colyer is its interim director. Dean of Students Donald Godwin says a search firm was finding candidates in April so USD could interview candidates in May, allowing students to have a voice in the hiring process.

Corona, now director for Latino/a initiatives at Alliant International University, is excited about the next wave of students.

"There's a new generation of what we call 'millennium students.' They're much more progressive, much more inclusive, and they've been raised in an environment where a diverse and global economy is more prevalent. It will bring diversity to a whole new level."

[no regrets]

THE NEXT STEP

IPJ founding director Joyce Neu joins U.N. mediation team

by Barbara Davenport

This spring, Joyce Neu, founding director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, left the organization she started in 2000 to join the United Nations as head of its newly created Standby Mediation Team.

In her new position, the seasoned international mediator and in-the-field problem solver will lead a team of experts in international and constitutional law, human rights, security and other aspects of conflict resolution. The group will serve as a rapid-response force that can travel singly or as a group anywhere in the world to consult with U.N. peace envoys, as well as advise governments and other groups working to resolve conflicts.

Neu is short and slender, with an intense gaze. Her IPJ office is more workroom than showplace, with only a few mementos from a lifetime of travel. She leans forward when she describes the institute's

work in the world and its contributions to the university.

"Our most important audience is the students," Neu says. "I've tried to build programs that would match teaching with action."

That convergence is evident in the IPJ's peacebuilding projects in Nepal and Uganda, where staff have worked tirelessly to head off violence. Neu's favorite project, the Women PeaceMakers program, sponsors four women peacemakers from war-ravaged countries for an eight-week, on-campus residency each year, where they present their work and have it documented.

Men and women from the front lines of international peacemaking come to campus to speak each year at events that are free and open to the San Diego community. That visibility has led to the IPJ becoming one of the more influential entities at USD.

Confirmation comes from

Denise Dimon, director of the Ahlers Center for International Business. "We have students and faculty who've chosen to come to USD because of the IPJ," she says. "The IPJ deals with problems and moral issues that our people feel are important, and they want to be at a school that's addressing them."

Neu sees the institute's success as a story of generous collaborations. "It's been an amazing honor to create this institute," she says. "So many people have helped, all over campus. Not only faculty — I.T. and finance and the library, every department has helped us."

School of Peace Studies Dean William Headley summed up the feelings of those who've been fortunate enough to work with Neu: "We will miss your capacity to inspire those of us who worked with you in the cause of peace, and your steadfast commitment to give more than was asked."



MARSHALL WILLIAMS

SAVE THE DATE

May 17

Commencement

Law School graduates will receive their degrees on Saturday, May 17 at 9 a.m. at the Jenny Craig Pavilion, while the rest of the university's graduate students march across that stage a week later, at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 24. Undergraduate commencement is on Sunday, May 25 at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more details, go to www.sandiego.edu/commencement.

June 2-Aug. 10

Sports Camps

The university hosts more than a dozen summer sports camps for young athletes ages 6 to 18. All-Sports Camp provides a chance to learn soccer, basketball, baseball, archery, capture the flag and Frisbee golf. Those with an interest in individual sports can focus on baseball, basketball (boys and girls), football, tennis, soccer (boys and girls), softball, swimming or volleyball, or take a crash course in strength and conditioning. Adults can sign up for masters swim and tennis camp. Alumni receive a 5 percent discount. Call (619) 260-2999 or go to www.usdcamps.com.

June 30-July 1

Creating Safe Schools

Sponsored by the SOLES Character Development Center, this summer conference focuses on "character education," the umbrella term for a variety of programs that address the need for safe school and classroom environments. Subjects to be discussed include peace education, violence prevention, peer mediation, conflict resolution and anger management. Teachers, principals, counselors, administrators, parents and others are invited to participate by either recommending presenters, attending the conference or promoting the event. To learn more, go to charactermatters.sandiego.edu or call (619) 260-2250.

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WANTED: JUSTICE

Project seeks to solve issue of judicial reform in Mexico

by Ryan T. Blystone

Vicente Fox's elevation to president of Mexico in 2000 had all the makings of a Hollywood movie, complete with a happy ending for the candidate's National Action Party. Putting a halt to more than seven decades of rule by the Institutional Revolutionary Party was viewed as a major move forward for the country. While Fox's victory may have looked like it wiped the slate clean, it didn't erase Mexico's past problems, particularly when it comes to reform.

David Shirk, director of USD's Trans-Border Institute, has done extensive research and reporting for the institute's signature task, the Justice in Mexico Project. "We started this project six years ago. The idea of seeing the reform package we see now wasn't unimaginable, but the climate was totally different," Shirk says. "There weren't a large number of Mexican scholars mobilized around this issue, actively promoting or advocating reform."

Fox's six-year term ended in 2006. In 2004, he submitted an ambitious judicial reform plan for Mexico that included consolidating the nation's police forces and giving officers more power to investigate criminal activities and holding public, oral trials. It didn't pass.

Mexico's "public insecurity," as Shirk termed it in a 2007 Web log entry, "is significantly related to Mexico's recent political transformation ... In addition to concerns about providing economic stability and reducing levels of poverty

and inequality, the Fox administration was met by a growing public frustration and alarm about the proliferation of crime, corruption and violence."

Felipe Calderón succeeded Fox as president in late 2006 and once again, progress in judicial reform is gaining steam. In March, Mexico's Senate voted 71-25 to approve a series of judicial reforms, including public, oral trials and to guarantee defendants a presumption of innocence. The constitutional amendment still needs the approval of at least 17 of Mexico's 31 states before it officially becomes law.

Shirk optimistically calls it a "breakthrough." If it becomes law, it will be an overdue reward for Shirk and his staff at the Justice in Mexico Project. Shirk took ownership of the project in September 2005 from Wayne Cornelius, a political science professor at the University of California, San Diego, and director of the Center for Comparative Immigration Studies.

"Wayne asked me to make contact with scholars who were working on justice issues in Mexico," recalls Shirk. "We pulled together groups already doing research. Many were dealing with their issues, but they weren't talking to each other. Criminologists weren't talking to public security officials. Sociologists studying prisons weren't connected to people dealing with judicial reform."

The project focuses on the rule of law through three components: regulation of individual behavior

within society under the law; accountability of the state and its representatives under the law; and access to justice through the law. The project's staff is making big strides. "It's been very encouraging," says project coordinator Robert Donnelly. "We've had a good turnout for our events in Mexico. We bring together researchers, academics, students and judicial actors — lawyers and judges — to discuss and debate criminal justice reform and its effective implementation at the state level in Mexico."

Funded by the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation and the Tinker Foundation, the Justice in Mexico Project boosts the university's profile. "It has brought in capacity and resources to USD and helped convene people and bring people into

the discussion," Shirk says. "We have the best law program in San Diego and, by working in Mexico on rule of law issues, we're establishing connections with institutions, students and practitioners that promote the reputation and prestige of (USD) in Mexico."

The School of Law co-sponsors TBI's law-focused events and provides continuing legal education credits for members of the bar who attend. Mexican Legal Spanish is new to its Fall 2008 curriculum. Administrators will go to Mexico City to discuss potential partnerships with leading law schools, says School of Law Dean Kevin Cole.

Conferences associated with the project have been held at USD and in several Mexican states. The most

USD's David Shirk spearheads the Justice in Mexico project.

recent one at USD, on April 21, examined national and local initiatives and, in the wake of recent developments, the conversation should be valuable. "(The reforms) will fundamentally overhaul the administration of justice in Mexico in very significant ways over the next eight years," Shirk says. "Many reforms have already been implemented in states we've been studying. We'll benefit from a better understanding of what's going on at the federal level and how states throughout Mexico have experimented with components of the reform package."

The project's collection of information, available online, is crucial. It has produced books, a monograph series, monthly news

reports and scholarly research papers on rule of law issues in Mexico. In short, Mexico's leadership has information available to help its country thrive.

"You can't really have a functioning democracy without the rule of law or vice versa," Shirk says. "I really think the people we're talking to on the ground, especially students, will experience an incredible transformation in the next 20 years. It's a great honor for us to be part of the discussions, to work with people who 100 years from now will be looked back on as having made a major change in Mexico."

To learn more, go to www.justicein-mexico.org.

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USD President Mary Lyons

was elected chair of the board of the Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities this spring. Lyons attended Pope Benedict XVI's address at the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., in April; there the pontiff spoke about the important role of Catholic education to more than 400 university presidents and diocesan education leaders from around the country.

The School of Business Administration

has named David F. Pyke incoming dean, effective Aug. 1, 2008. Currently the associate dean of the MBA Program at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College, Pyke has helped to develop Tuck into one of the nation's top business schools. USD's undergraduate business program, for the second straight year, is ranked by *BusinessWeek* as one of the top 50 programs in the nation.

USD's Chemistry and Biochemistry Department

has been awarded more than \$2 million from the National Science Foundation and other private foundations. Assistant Professor of Chemistry Peter Iovine received the prestigious \$475,000 CAREER Award from the National Science Foundation. Associate Professor of Chemistry David De Haan received a major research grant of \$310,000 from the NSF, funded through the Research in Undergraduate Institutions Faculty Research Projects program and NSF's Directorate of Geosciences. The Chemistry and Biochemistry Department was also awarded a \$500,000 Department Development Award from the Tucson, Ariz.-based Research Corp. that will be matched by funds from USD for a \$1 million-

plus investment in science. Finally, the department received nearly \$600,000 from the Henry Luce Foundation to establish the Clare Booth Luce Professorship in chemistry and biochemistry.

The 35th annual San Diego Crew Classic in Mission Bay was a "home" event for USD men's and women's rowing teams, but it was also the site of a special shell dedication. The "Karen L. Cosgrove" shell was named for the late wife of Tom Cosgrove, associate vice president of student life. Tom Cosgrove started USD's crew program 30 years ago in 1978. The new shell was christened and is being used by the men's program.

Quarterback Josh Johnson

was selected in the fifth round by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the National Football League draft on April 27. Johnson, who threw 43 touchdown passes and only one interception in 2007, was the 160th overall player selected. The record-setting senior posted a 30-4 mark in three years as the starting quarterback. He leaves as USD's all-time passing leader for most touchdown passes (113), completions (724), attempts (1,065) and passing yards (9,699).

The Office of Alumni Relations

is seeking nominations for the Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award, which recognizes outstanding service to the USD community, and the Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Award, which is bestowed for outstanding service for humanitarian causes. Go to alumni.sandiego.edu or call (619) 260-4819.

Find current stories about student achievements, faculty research and special events at *Inside USD*, a new Web site developed by the Office of Public Affairs. From academics to athletics, peacebuilding to sustainability, up-to-date campus news is at www.sandiego.edu/insideusd.

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THE DRIVE TO SUCCEED

Golf coach Tim Mickelson's desire is to bring a national championship to USD

by Ryan T. Blystone

Gazing out at the lush and very private Del Mar Country Club golf course, feeling the heat of the sun along with a slight Santa Ana wind, Tim Mickelson appears to be living the life. Unlike thousands of San Diegans stuck in traffic, this man — looking sporty in his Pebble Beach cap and wraparound sunglasses — is happy to be just where he is, even though it's well before 8 a.m. on a Monday morning.

In truth, the 30-year-old is living the exact scenario he pitches to University of San Diego golf recruits as the school's fifth-year head coach. "Weather and location are important and, obviously, at USD you're going to get a great education. It also helps that the three major golf companies — Titleist, TaylorMade and Calloway — are 30 miles away, making it easier to get equipment faster. And our guys can get fit professionally at their test centers."

The Toreros' roster proves the effectiveness of those selling points. "We have kids here from all over the Pacific Northwest and one from England. We're bringing in a kid from Hawaii and one from South Africa next year and possibly one from Finland. While we could just recruit locally, we're very global with our recruiting."

Going international at USD fits in well, especially with San Diego's current golf scene. From June 12-15, Torrey Pines' South Course in La Jolla will host Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson and the world's other



TIM MANTOANI

When Tim Mickelson was hired in 2003, he brought a heartfelt desire to win with him. It paid off: USD won its first-ever WCC golf title this year.

top golfers in the U.S. Open. It's the first time one of professional golf's four major tournaments will be played in San Diego.

Torrey Pines also hosts the PGA Tour's Buick Invitational, an annual event where Mickelson has continued a USD golf tradition started in the 1990s. Team members serve as locker room volunteers during the PGA event. "They clean golf shoes, deliver packages, pick up dry cleaning,

take stuff to the players' cars, basically anything the pros need for their day to go a little better."

Dale Smith, a USD sophomore from England, is enthusiastic about the experience: "It's a chance for us to see a little bit of what life is like on the PGA Tour. It's definitely motivating to see the players. The type of lifestyle they lead shows that if you really want it, you have to go after it."

Mickelson, a member of Ari-

zona State's 1996 NCAA national championship team, a record-setter at Oregon State where he graduated in 2000, and an assistant coach when San Diego State reached the 2003 NCAA Tournament, wants to get USD's program to the top level. "My whole reason for coaching is to win a national championship. I would never take a job at a school unless I thought there was a chance of that happening."

Winning conference titles without sacrificing academic integrity is a goal USD Director of Athletics Ky Snyder holds for all teams, but Mickelson's desire to bring a national title to USD certainly also garners his approval. "Tim takes it one step further ... he believes it can happen. Tim is still building the golf program but he has the ability to make that happen on this campus."

Mickelson's main priorities have been to get players more practice opportunities, better tournament competition and more money. Along with enlisting older brother and widely acclaimed pro golfer Phil to conduct an annual clinic, he ensures that the team has maximum number of scholarships allowed by the NCAA to recruit better student-athletes. His influence is making a difference. The program won its first West Coast Conference team title this year, earning an automatic berth into the NCAA Regional Tournament on May 15-17. Jake Yount, a junior, was the medalist (first place overall) in the WCC Tournament, winning a sudden-death playoff.

Since 2003, USD has also been WCC runner-up in 2007 and qualified for the 2006 NCAA West Regional. Darrin Hall qualified for the NCAA West Regional as an individual last year. Mickelson was 2005 co-WCC Coach of the Year, and his golfers have earned All-WCC honors for golf and academics.

Bucky Coe, who graduates this month, was part of Mickelson's first recruiting class. The Encinitas resident credits Mickelson as one reason he chose to play for USD. "He makes you feel important. He's a very personable guy. Once you know him, it's hard not to want to come here because he's a coach who truly cares. It's not all about winning. It's about trying to develop your game, help you become a better person and to be prepared after college."



TIM MANTOANI

[guiding light]

ON THE SAME SIDE

Mentoring program makes contact with baseball players

by Ryan T. Blystone

It's the ninth inning. Josh Romanski is pitching. There are two outs. Only Harvard's Matt Vance stands between a University of San Diego win and, for the first time in 12 years, a no-hitter by a USD pitcher. Vance makes contact, but when the fly ball lands safely in centerfielder Kevin Muno's glove, the celebration begins for Romanski and his teammates. Their excitement is matched — possibly even exceeded — by that of Judy Eppler, who is up in the stands watching. She has tears running down her face.

"I was saying under my breath (in the ninth), 'I know you've had some tough times, but I know you're going to make it. This is for all the times people doubted you

and you doubted yourself,'" Eppler recalls. "When the team rushed onto the field, I can't tell you how happy I was for him. I was crying."

Romanski's achievement means a lot to Eppler, his mentor since he came to USD in 2006. That was the first year of baseball coach Rich Hill's Championship Mentors program, which pairs freshmen with university staffers and community members. "Coach Hill did it so freshmen have someone they can talk to about adapting to college," says Romanski, now a junior. "(Judy and I) have developed a great relationship. She's like my mom away from home."

Eppler, USD's director of donor relations, has been a "beacon, our star mentor," Hill says. As for Romanski, he's glad to have another

adult to come to for advice. His mother, Sheila, has survived two breast cancer scares. And while his father, Andy, has been a big influence, living up to a parent's expectations can pile on the pressure. A star high school pitcher — the San Diego Padres made him a 15th round pick in 2006 and reportedly gave him a six-figure offer — Romanski chose college instead because USD lets him pitch and play in the outfield. The decision, however, also meant facing a tougher academic landscape than he was used to in high school.

"When Josh got here, it was a real culture shock," Eppler recalls. "Not only being away from home, but also learning to budget his time. He realized how important it was that he was in class doing his assignments. If you're not turning in assignments, you don't get grades, you don't stay eligible and you won't play."

While she's good at dishing out tough love, Eppler's abiding passion is for baseball. She's a regular at USD home games. As a mother, she equates mentoring with open, honest communication. "I try to be a sounding board and talk to Josh. When I ask him how he's doing in school, I want the truth. I tell him, 'I don't want to hear what you think I want to hear.'"

Mentors are asked to serve as role models. Practically, this means holding a monthly meeting with their student-athlete, counseling and guiding the player's transition to college, working in conjunction with coaching staff to provide a system of checks and balances, and assisting with nuts-and-bolts advice on etiquette, wardrobe and effective communication skills.

Hill, who's built USD into a nationally ranked team, says the mentor program is an effective recruiting tool. "When you're talking to parents and talking about developing their son at USD, this is one of the things we're going to do for them," he says. "It's a way to ensure that their kid develops and flourishes."

[pay it forward]

THAT ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Finding the connection between alumni and students reaps benefits for both

by Carol Cujec

We all know it's better to give than to receive, but did you know that giving can also increase your own sense of happiness and well-being? That's the conclusion of a recent study published in the journal *Science*. That data is definitely worth taking into account when it comes to helping out the university. Writing a check is one way to give back; other ways

include mentoring students on careers, their study abroad or just helping them survive another round of finals.

As a member of the USD National Alumni Board for the past eight years, Rich Yousko '87 has been trying to get more alumni involved. "Ninety percent of the students that go through USD had a phenomenal time. They got the best education ever and walked away with great friends for a life-

time, but when it comes to actually making a donation, there's a disconnect," he says. "We need to challenge our alums to make that conscious decision to give back."

Toward that end, the board has created scholarships endowed specifically by alumni, like the Kyle O'Connell Memorial Scholarship. Kyle — the son of two alums, Mike '87 and Julie '88 (Belfiore) O'Connell — lost his battle with brain cancer in 2005.

Yousko, who was Mike's friend, helped create this scholarship for students pursuing studies in science, nursing and counseling. "Scholarships are a tangible way for alumni to give back to the university and know that it's going toward something very near and dear to them — the education of future students," says Yousko. How does it feel to donate? Fantastic, he says. "When we direct money to Kyle's

scholarship at USD, we know it's something that will give back over a long time. Who knows, maybe someone who receives Kyle's scholarship will make a huge difference in the world."

Each time Ashley Farrell '97 returns to campus, she recalls hours spent chatting with friends over coconut smoothies in the deli. "Some days, it feels like I never left," she laughs. As a member of the alumni board's Outreach Committee, Farrell enjoys attending many student/alumni events on campus, such as Take a Torero to Lunch, in which alumni answer student questions about careers and transitioning into the workforce.

Like an A-list celebrity, Farrell recently found herself with a line of students waiting to talk to her about her experiences working in marketing for UPS. "I know I helped steer them in the right direction," recalls Farrell. "It made me feel really good to give back." She encourages others to come to campus and simply feel the energy. "I always say, 'Just try one thing, and it's addictive. You'll make time because it's so rewarding.'"

Arika Wells '02, a new alumni volunteer, recently reconnected with USD after working out of state for four years. She served up some tasty grub to anxious undergrads at the most recent Finals Feeding Frenzy. "I could see the stress on their faces, and I was thinking, 'Oh to be young again and just have the stress of finals.'"

As a black student, Wells remembers being one of the few minorities at an event or in a class. One of her goals is to show other minority students that they're not alone. She describes her alumni involvement as a blessing. "If nothing else, it's a blessing to me, and I hope it's a blessing to somebody else too." 📧

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, call (619) 260-4819 or send an e-mail to alumni@sandiego.edu.



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ALUMNI IN TRAINING

SAA connects USD's past with its future

Kathleen Holloway '08 was intimidated when she joined the Student Alumni Association as a freshman. "I used to put alumni on a pedestal," she says. But since then, she's come to find their perspective invaluable. "Back at Alumni Honors in 2006," she says, "an alumna gave me some advice that's stuck with me. She told me: 'Just jump. Even though others might be against it, if you think it might make you happy, just jump and learn from there.'" With graduation looming, Holloway's seriously considering heading off to Italy to teach English, at least in part because of that guidance.

USD's Student Alumni Association takes a proactive stance in connecting current students with alumni. Witness the annual Take a Torero to Lunch event, which brought together 20 alumni with 60 students this March. Many of them were looking for practical advice. For example, how do you find your dream job right out of college? The main challenge lies in getting organized, according to Sean Coughlin '89. "Make a list of your short-term, medium-term and long-term career and life goals," he advised USD students. "Look at the list at least once per week."

But Megan Fonseca '01 has a completely different take on finding your bliss. The assistant lighting director for the Old Globe Theatre says that landing her job was a bit of a fluke. "If it wasn't for a former professor's offer to make a call to a USD alum to see if they had any openings, I wouldn't have even thought of working at the Old Globe."

This year's keynote speaker, Rebecca Smith '93, was eloquent in addressing attendees. "Beyond networking, let's think about building community," she said. "Let's not think about what we can get, but about what we can give." Smith also talked about the need for authenticity, boldness and compassion by students. "What I love about USD is that we care, and compassion is about bringing our passions to others."

"It's wonderful to hear students say how much they've been impacted by an alumnus they met at an SAA event," says Sarah Evenskaas '97 (MBA '03), associate director of Alumni Relations. "And alumni enjoy the experience as well. They like to come back to campus. They really feel like they're making an impact with current students." 📧



JIM FRAZER

LETTER FROM HOME

Dear alumni and friends, This is a special issue of *USD Magazine*. Students are at the heart of everything we do as an alumni association, which is reflected in our vision statement to "engage alumni on behalf of students." For those of us on campus, we are amazed every day by the exceptional students we meet. Not just for their intellect, but for their values, creativity and concern for the community.

Every year, hundreds of USD alumni volunteers give of their time and expertise to support current students. Our alumni bring their personal and professional expertise back to the classroom, volunteer at student-alumni events, review scholarship applications and help students network for internships and jobs. In addition, thousands of alumni give back financially to students, whether through supporting scholarships, student services and facilities, or academic enrichment. As we reflect on our students in this issue, I encourage you to help us in our mission of supporting our wonderful students. Your participation and support will give our students the knowledge, opportunities and experiences to succeed in their endeavors.

If you want to get more involved with your USD Alumni Association please contact us at alumni@sandiego.edu. I hope to hear from you.

— Martin Kaplan
Director of Alumni Relations

Daniel Akech James '04 recounts the daily challenges of his return to Africa to "rebuild the youth, rebuild the nation"

Jan. 27, 2008

When I left Kenya in 2001, the Sudanese living there would find it difficult to travel because nearly all of them were undocumented. The Kenyan police would take advantage of the situation by charging them extra money when traveling. So if you were a Sudanese and you looked Kenyan, the police would not notice you and they would not harass you. Being among the shortest Sudanese at six feet tall, it is hard to tell whether I am a Sudanese or Kenyan. This allows me to get through security check without difficulty. Now I am an invisible Sudanese. I look Kenyan — that is not something to be proud of at this moment of killing in Kenya.

I am staying in Nairobi and I want to go to Nakuru. We have some students going to high schools there; my mother, brother and sister are in Nakuru. I get out from my room this morning to get my breakfast. It is one of those silent mornings when the country sees another moment of shame. Kenyans are standing in the corners of buildings reading and discussing a news headline which reads "Nakuru erupts." I have to call my mother and check on the scholars we have in three different schools in Kenya, but all of the shops that sell calling cards remain closed. I get the newspaper and start reading the first few lines: "15 people are dead in Nakuru and the whole town is burning." I go back to my hotel and dial my mother's number.

"Hallo, Daniel."

I ask how they are doing and she says they are doing okay. She adds, "Make sure you do not come to Nakuru until we tell you it is safe. The Kalenjinns have attacked

three villages that belong to Kikuyu and killed six people. The police are fighting with the attackers and the death toll is rising. We are trapped in the house. The shops are burning and there is nowhere to go and buy food.”

I call Joseph who is in contact with the schools where our scholars go and he tells me that the schools are safe. The armed forces are pursuing the attackers.

Jan. 31, 2008


I am going to Kakuma refugee camp to recruit new scholars for the Sudan Scholarship Foundation. The flight takes between 45-90 minutes, then I board a taxi, a small four-door Honda Accord. There are seven people in the car, with two passengers sharing a seat. No one is wearing a seat belt. There are three police stations on the Loki-Kakuma road. The car must stop at each station for security checks. All six passengers are Kenyans but me. Remember I look like one of them. So when the police look at our faces, we are all Kenyans.

The taxi stops near the UN compound. I step out and ask if they have a place I can spend the night since it is not safe where the refugees stay; local tribes attack refugees at night. They ask me to go to the district manager's office—four miles away from the UN compound—to get an approval letter. I'd rather go to the refugee camp and stay with refugees. I walk to the refugee camp and stay in my former group, number 46.

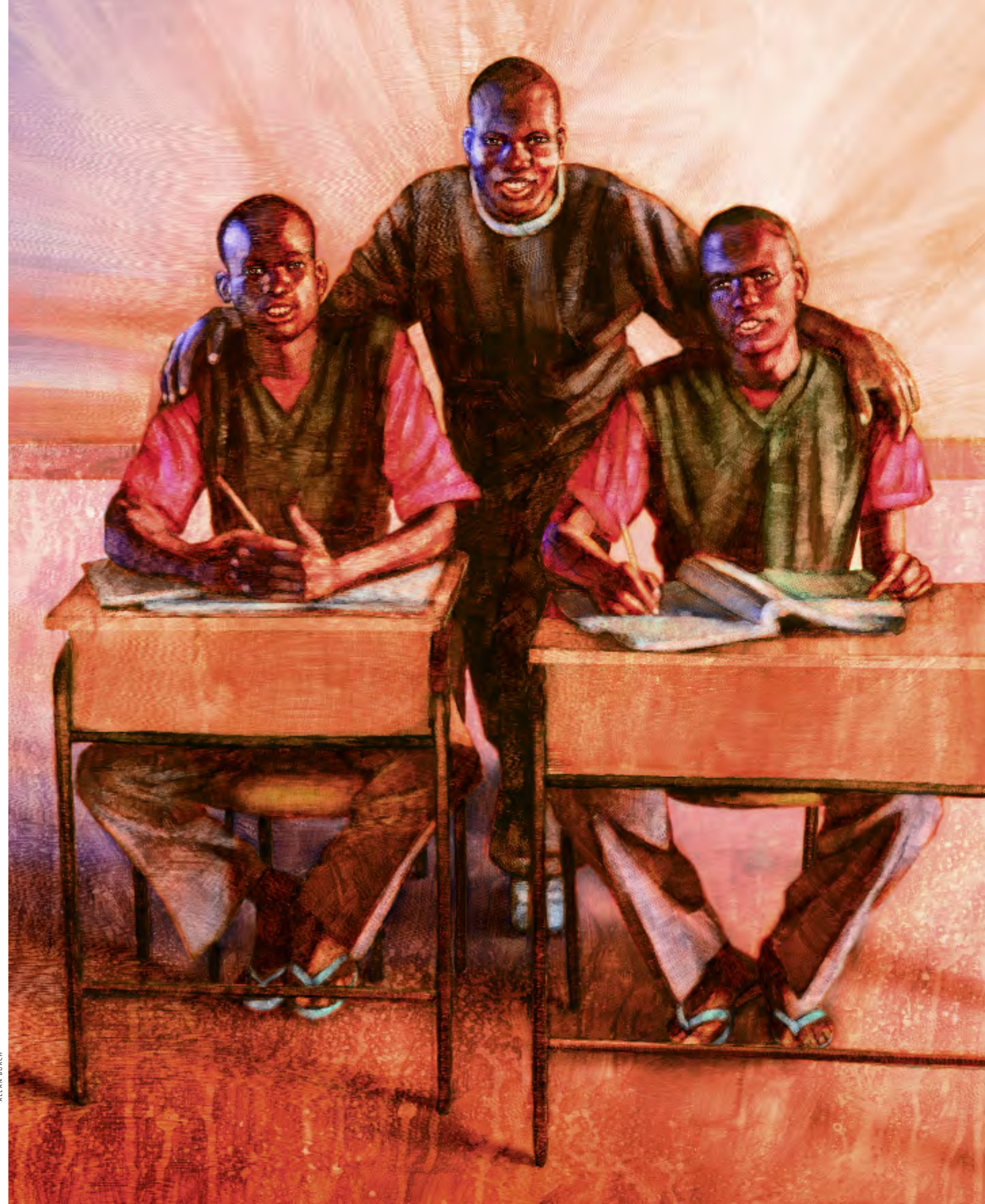
I ask two former classmates to help and send flyers out, telling 9th, 10th and 11th graders to meet me at my former elementary school in Kakuma at 8 a.m. The attendance is poor. Some kids ignore the notice. While the

UN gives the 12th graders this year to graduate, the 11th graders are kicked out from school in the camp because all of the Sudanese are going back to their country. The Sudan scholarship will help the 11th graders to finish their high school education in Kenya; perhaps we will take some 10th and 9th graders if we get more funding. The screening process begins. I pick 33 high-achieving applicants. This is the number we can afford to send to boarding schools in Kenya.

Feb. 6, 2008

The recent post-election violence has made some Kenyan roads unsafe for traveling. Some gangs ambush vehicles and set them on fire when there are no police around. I am traveling to Nakuru from Nairobi. I inform the hotel manager of my traveling to Naku-ru. "You will not make it," he says, scaring me. Despite the warning, I go to the bus station and buy a ticket because I am in Kenya to see the scholars in Nakuru. The bus takes off. We are passing through Naivasha, where more deadly violence is occurring just a mile away from the road. It is very silent on the roadside. Our eyes are rolling in terror. The bus arrives in Nakuru. The number of the internally displaced people is high in Nakuru. I rush to meet my mother and relatives. The scholars go to school 5 miles away from Nakuru town. I get a taxi and visit them, then return to Nairobi. 

Daniel Akech James was featured on the cover of the Fall 2005 issue of USD Magazine. To read more of his blog — which is excerpted above — or to learn more about the Sudan Scholarship Foundation, go to <http://sudanscholarship.com>.



THE *way* the BALL BOUNCES

by *Julene Snyder*

When you're the underdog, maybe it's easier. At least there's less pressure coming at you from the outside. On the inside though, it's a different story. Just because other people don't have great expectations doesn't mean that you don't. You do. Every beat of your heart reinforces that desire, that drive, that determination, the thing that keeps you sharp and your focus on the win. In your head, in your heart, in your gut, you want it and you fight for it and you hardly have time to think about anything else. That's OK. It's what you do, you play ball and this year, this particular year, you surprised a whole lot of people.

And it was thrilling, all of it. Opening the newspaper day after day and finding stories about USD, about our teams — our men, our women, our student-athletes — made us, the ones who, of course, aren't on the court, still feel a very personal satisfaction. "Hey! That's us! They're talking about us!" The astounding one-two punch of winning West Coast Conference titles for both men and women gave us bragging rights, made us pay closer attention to the talking heads on television, gave us reason to shush conversation when the sports update came on the radio, made us learn what it feels like to really get behind a team. We found out how to rally together and show school spirit and how to wait in line half the night for tickets and to spontaneously applaud when we saw Brandon or Amanda or Gyno striding across campus.



Through it all there were so many nail-biting moments that we sometimes worried that our hearts couldn't take the excitement. When the women's team toppled Gonzaga — the top seed, no less — in the WCC finale and earned a slot at the next level, we jumped around like maniacs and yelled so loud we hurt our throats and slapped complete strangers on the back. And we'll never forget that magic day, the one where De'Jon hit a fade-away jump shot in overtime to get the upset over Connecticut in the first round of the NCAA, when the town crackled with the kind of electricity that only comes from having the national spotlight squarely focused upon you. It was all thrilling, even that uncertain time when the rumor was everywhere that Coach Grier had been offered the big bucks to take a job in Oregon, and we didn't know what would happen next. When we finally found out that he'd be staying here, our sigh of relief was loud enough to hear three counties away.

It took our collective breath away, this glorious season. And if we were, as they say, a Cinderella story, well then, we all got a chance to go to the ball, the Big Dance, the national stage. And when you did your thing, playing your hearts out, you showed us what it looks like to really give something your all. And we were so proud, so awed, so glad to be a part of it, that we just want to let you know how much it meant to all of us.

Thank you for taking us to the ball. It was amazing. 🏀

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THE POSITIVE THINKER

His own health on the mend, Joshua Hamilton turns his attention to helping others.

by Kelly Knufken

Joshua Hamilton was supposed to die.

The odds of beating the deadly brain virus he contracted were put at 20 percent. His chances of coming out of it essentially fine, as he has, were estimated at only 2 percent. But Hamilton is quite an overachiever, and that apparently extends to his health.

To back up a bit, the first indication he had that something was really wrong was in the summer of 2004. That's when he collapsed as he tried to get up from his study desk. An ambulance trip to the emergency room was followed by weeks in the hospital, paralysis, Parkinson's-like shakes and a couple years of recovery.

"I lost control of my hands. I lost control of my fingers, my facial expressions and my voice. I could only talk in a whisper," Hamilton remembers. "It was intense."

It was six months before doctors figured out he had West Nile virus, likely contracted in Utah, where he'd been preparing for a mission abroad with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It took a year and a half of rehabilitation and therapy before he started to come out of the worst of it. The virus sapped his energy for all but a few hours a day. But Hamilton, back in San Diego during his recovery, put those hours to good use by speaking about his illness at meetings and conferences.

"I spent a lot of time sharing my story and listening to other people's stories," he says.

That likely provided good training for his current volunteer work at Rady Children's Hospital, which he began a few years ago when his illness abated. He goes to the Hematology/Oncology Care Center every Wednesday and plays games, reads or just sits and watches a movie with the kids. "A lot of them don't have hair, they may have staples in their head or incisions. Some children are actually there for years. It's tough," he says, his voice quieting. "But you know, you kind of get over that, and you get the opportunity to see them have fun."

It was the support and love he felt when he was fighting West Nile virus that spurred Hamilton to make a connection with these children who are fighting for their own lives.

"When I was sick, so many people did so many great things for me," he remembers. "I just want to do something of that nature (for others). It was amazing how much support I got. I love doing it, and those kids are just so wonderful, and they really fill my life with something positive."

With no real cure for his own illness, his doctors' strategy of treating his symptoms with L-dopa began paying off a year and a half after Hamilton fell ill. Everyone noticed the changes when the medication finally reached the right level.

"My posture was better, I started to talk a little louder. One day I was

able to just sit down at the piano and not have a problem at all. My father looked at me, and he just said, 'You don't look like the same person anymore.' After that point, I just got better and better exponentially."

When he finally started to come out of this deadly illness, he says, "I was very blessed and very, very lucky."

Now Hamilton's life has returned to normal. That's not a given for the West Nile form of encephalitis — a brain hemorrhaging disease that usually causes irreparable brain damage. The only lingering problems he has are severe headaches.

There have been unexpected positives. When he needed to get control of the tremors in his hands, he turned to the piano. And learned to play it by ear.

And his near-death experience helped him learn to take the focus off himself. He says the toughest part of his illness was seeing the toll it took on his friends and family.

"It really helped me to take the whole situation ... and focus on others and keeping their spirits up and trying to be in a good mood and learning not to be so focused on myself, and to appreciate others and what I could do for others."

An Eagle Scout, Hamilton now juggles serving as Alcalá Club president with his volunteer work and leadership of several fraternity committees, among other commitments.

"I guess I've always been busy," he says. "My parents filled my life with a lot of things that were worthwhile, and I've had a very structured life — gotta go to school, lessons, practice. It's been a full life and a lot of opportunities, that's for sure."

What drives him to succeed? Well, as the oldest of eight, he's clearly aware of his role as firstborn.

"It's been a challenge," he says. "When you have so many eyes on you, it's a lot of pressure to not screw up, you know?"

When it came time for college, Hamilton chose USD over Harvard — in part because of the accommodation of his mission schedule. That wasn't an easy decision for someone who had wanted to be a lawyer since he was 5. But he's learned a lot about life in the years since he started at USD — including a leave that was to be for his mission, but turned into recovery time. He's decided a law career may not be the best fit. A senior in the fall, he'll later go to graduate school and likely pursue an MBA.

"I want to do something that's worth something — something of value that I can hold myself to the highest standards. I want to give of myself whatever I have to give to improve whatever situation or organization I'm in — something to make a real difference."

If providing an up-close-and-personal look at grace under pressure counts, Hamilton's already there. 📷

[overdrive]

THE GO-GETTER

Hiermona Tesfamicael scarcely has time to breathe. And that's just the way she likes it.

by Julene Snyder

Later, there'll be plenty of time for fun. Not so much right now, but sometime in the future there may well be enough unscheduled minutes to watch an entire television show. And yes, one day it could very well come to pass that Spring Break might involve a tropical paradise. Perhaps a time will come when eight hours of sleep will not sound like an impossible dream.

Someday, maybe, but not now. And probably not next year either. Or the year after that. Could be the case in three years or so, but no promises. It's just that at this moment, and for the foreseeable future, Hiermona Tesfamicael '09 is busy.

For one thing, she's actually supposed to be Class of 2010, but Tesfamicael — a double major (finance and business administration) with a minor in accounting — is in overdrive, on track to graduate a full year early.

"My friends always say, 'You always walk so fast, and every time I see you, you never have time to talk!'" The 20-year-old shrugs. What can you do? "But when I'm studying, I do keep my AIM (AOL Instant Messenger) on. I'm a good multi-tasker. I keep in contact with my friends that way."

A strikingly pretty young woman, Tesfamicael's smile lights up her face. While her days at USD have been jam-packed, she relishes exceeding the challenges she's set for herself, not least because of the purpose that powers all her hard work. "I want to help my family back home," she says with quiet certitude.

Though Tesfamicael was born in Queens, New York, her mother and father come from Eritrea, an East African country bordered by Sudan and Ethiopia. "My parents came to New York in 1979 with nothing, and they worked from the ground up." Each of them left large numbers of siblings behind in the troubled country. Tesfamicael has more than 100 Eritrean cousins — many of whom she got to know over an extended visit one childhood summer — and their living situation in the politically volatile region worries her. A desire to ensure her extended family's well-being, coupled with the example provided by her parents, is what fuels her breakneck pace.

"When you come from nothing, it can't get any worse," she says. "The only place you can go is up, and that's pretty much how my folks saw it. They took every opportunity they saw in America to make their life better. That's why I want to help back home, because family is all you have."

She remains extremely close to her parents — who live in Chula Vista, Calif. — and sees her father, a radiation therapist, and her mother, a nurse, as role models. "The first thing they did when they got established was send money back home," she recalls. Tesfamicael hopes to get to the point where she too is helping those relatives as much as she can. The need among her Eritrean kinsmen is great: for

homes, for better amenities, for an education, for a better life.

But first, she's got a few other things on her plate. For example, in addition to 19 units worth of classes she's taking this semester, she's got tutoring, lab hours, working at the United Front Multicultural Center and serving as president of the Resident Hall Association. "I've been a hard worker since kindergarten," she says. "I always looked up to my parents and would see them working hard, so I work hard too."

In high school, Tesfamicael took Advanced Placement classes in addition to belonging to "countless organizations" such as the ASB, the Black Student Union and MEChA. She was vice president of her junior class, tutored younger students through the YMCA and tutored her peers in algebra.

"I love interacting with people," she says, flashing that killer smile. "I like to give them the go-getter attitude that our family gave us. I have a passion for working with people."

That's a sentiment that's soundly seconded by Rick Hagan, USD's director of housing. He gets together with Tesfamicael every week in her capacity as president of the Residence Hall Association. "I always look forward to it," he says. "She is so positive — even with her course-load and the seriousness with which she takes academics — that at the end of our meetings, I always wind up being more energized than before."

Tesfamicael wound up at USD because of the communal environment and small class size. Though she lives with a pair of roommates in the Bahia apartments, it wasn't necessarily her parents' first choice for her to live on campus. "My mom definitely wanted me to stay at home," she recalls. "It was hard for my mom and dad to understand why I wanted to live on campus." But in truth, she had good reason. "For one thing, I don't drive. I have my job here, my home here, my classes here and my friends here. I don't need to go off-campus. And if I do, my friends and family will take me."

While she spends much of her rare downtime with family, she can foresee a time in the future when she'd enjoy traveling. Of course, there's also grad school to be considered — she plans to pursue an MBA — and then a career, and perhaps, one day, a family. Though she says her dream job would be in human resources for a medical or educational firm, she also thinks that it would be fun to open a restaurant with her mom, serving traditional Eritrean food. Oh, and being a CEO is also at the top of her wish-list for the future.

One thing for certain is that right now, for Hiermona Tesfamicael, there's no time for chit-chat. She's got to get moving if she's ever going to finish all she needs to do. There will be time to rest later.

Much later. 📺





[help wanted]

THE DARFUR GIRL

Summer Buckley takes an active STAND on campus against genocide.

by Ryan T. Blystone

If you didn't watch your step, you might trip over a dead body. Prone forms were sprawled on the grass in front of the Hahn University Center, causing passers-by to tread carefully. Although these students were, in fact, still breathing and not actual casualties of the strife in Darfur, each one represented 10,000 of those who have lost their lives since 2003.

The startling spectacle was Summer Buckley's idea. The junior sociology major coordinated a "die-in" event to raise awareness on campus about the Sudanese government's sponsoring of attacks against its own, resulting in 400,000 deaths and displacement of 2.5 million (according to www.standnow.org). Buckley formed a USD chapter of the national Students Taking Action Now: Darfur organization last October.

In addition to the symbolic war casualties, the die-in also featured smiling young girls performing a traditional Sudanese dance in native dress and women from the Southern Sudanese Community Center in City Heights serving their native cuisine.

"The die-in was the most amazing event because it also looked at the culture, beauty, dances, music, food — and then it looked at death," Buckley says. "When people see the beauty, it's encouraging and it shows it's just not Africans being killed, it's an entire culture."

Nearly four years ago, then-Secretary of State Colin Powell defined the Sudan violence as genocide. Buckley's first exposure came a year later, when she watched the film *Hotel Rwanda*, the story of the 1994 Rwandan genocide told by of Paul Rusesabagina, a hotel manager who sheltered more than 1,200 civilians from rebel forces. Actor Don Cheadle, who got an Oscar nomination for his portrayal of Rusesabagina, later co-wrote *Not On Our Watch* with activist/author John Prendergast. The latter was 20, Buckley's age, when he first looked at the world beyond the U.S.

"People who don't even have an interest in Darfur will read *Not On Our Watch* because it shows the compassion, the motivation and energy that can be infused into anything. It shows the power of one individual," Buckley says. "John saw the famine in Ethiopia and said, 'I'm going there to see what's happening.' He read about it and said, 'This is wrong. I want to end this.' You look at where he's gone. He worked in (Bill) Clinton's administration. He wrote books. He's lived the life for people who want to follow in his footsteps."

When Buckley arrived at USD in 2005, she wasn't happy. "I was lost. I didn't know what I was doing in San Diego. Sure, the weather is beautiful, the beach is amazing and people are cool, but I felt empty." She considered a transfer. "But I stayed, and part of it was because I knew I could find something."

That something was the Sudanese center. Buckley had a friend who

worked there as a class requirement. It sounded like a perfect fit. "I needed a place to go that wasn't USD or work." (She waits tables in a restaurant in the Little Italy area).

Now Buckley tutors children and edits grant proposals. She also organizes slumber parties for the center's teenage girls. "It's the reason I'm still here. I fell in love with the people. I feel like part of the family. You watch (*Hotel Rwanda*) or (*God Gave Up on Us*) and, in those stories, I see the faces of the kids I tutor. I hear their stories. I was talking with one of the little boys. He was born in Kenya and half of his uncles are dead because of war, poverty and injustice."

Buckley purchased a \$300 plane ticket with money earned from extra restaurant shifts and attended the national STAND convention last September in Washington, D.C. "I fell in love with STAND. I fell in love with the people behind it, the motivation and empowerment. There's a charge of energy you get when people come from all over the country and they're here for the same reason."

Initially, convincing USD students to support STAND worried Buckley. "There's a fear that our school is full of apathy, that you see an atrocity on the front page of the newspaper, say 'That sucks' and go on with your coffee, your book for class, continue your day and don't do anything about it."

Buckley showed the documentary film *Darfur Now* at the IPJ Theatre. A standing room-only crowd renewed her faith. "People were sitting on the stairs ... I had chills," she says. "I was worried only five or 10 people would show up, but to have an amazing turnout — 90 percent were students — made me realize people do want to do something. This school is full of committed, active, energetic beings."

Many of STAND's members are underclassmen. At a recent meeting, Buckley spoke from the front of the room, but soon asked, "Can we move the desks into a circle? I don't want to be the leader. This meeting is about encouraging action and to hear what everyone else has to say."

Prendergast, who was a Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies Scholar in Residence this past spring, praises Buckley's efforts. "When I met Summer in Washington, D.C., there wasn't a STAND chapter here, and there wasn't any organizational effort on campus. Less than a year later, not only is there a strong and vibrant chapter, but it has also infected the local community," he says. "Summer's efforts have engaged a number of activists to become more involved."

Darfur is never far from Buckley's mind. Between helping at the center, on-campus activism and satisfying requests from students who interview her for a class assignment, she is willing to see everything through. "Call me 'Darfur Girl'; I don't care. It's all I talk about every single day, because I want what's happening there to end." 📍

[megawattage]

THE ODDS-BEATER

Student-athlete Gyno Pomare helped bring USD to the Big Dance. Now he can't wait to go back.

by Nathan Dinsdale

Next year. It's less a literal designation of chronology than a universal salve that sports fans apply to stinging pride after their team falls short of aspirations. It's renewed promise. It's a fresh pair of socks. It's "new car scent" hanging on the rearview.

There's always next year. Just wait until next year. You'll see.

Junior Gyno Pomare spent "three" next years — one as a redshirt — with the USD men's basketball team, only to watch each season end unceremoniously before the madness of the NCAA Tournament began.

"At some point," Pomare says, "you start to wonder how many chances you have left."

That is, until *this* year.

It started in Honolulu on Nov. 9, when Pomare sank a game-winning free throw against Hawaii. It ended in Tampa, Fla., on March 23, when Pomare scored 20 points in a losing effort against Western Kentucky in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

What happened in between — a win at Kentucky, a delirious run through the West Coast Conference Tournament and a dramatic upset of Connecticut — represented a seismic shift in the fortunes of USD basketball. And it's hard to imagine any of it happening without Pomare.

Four days before the Toreros' first NCAA Tournament game in five years, the 6-foot-8 (6-foot-11 if you count his mini-mushroom cloud of hair) forward could barely contain his excitement about not joining his fellow students for Spring Break.

Instead, Pomare was running sprints and muscling for position underneath the basket at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. A week earlier, the arena had been filled with more than 5,000 fans screaming themselves hoarse as the Toreros stunned WCC kingpin Gonzaga in the championship game of the conference tournament.

"That was a golden moment, just seeing that '00:0' on the clock after beating Gonzaga and having everyone storm the court," Pomare says, basking in the memory. "That's something that I'll always remember."

Now the gym is eerily quiet. The stands are empty. The only sound comes from squeaking shoes and the exhortations of first-year head coach Bill Grier. In four days, the team will be in Tampa to play Connecticut in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The odds are stacked heavily against the Toreros — just the way they like it.

"We knew from the start that we could beat anyone that we had on our schedule," Pomare said. "Toward the end of the year, we really started to show that we could."

During this St. Patrick's Day practice at the JCP, the gravity of the

task ahead is tugging Grier's mouth down at the corners. Pomare is a different story.

"I think the guys on this team gravitate to him," Grier says. "He's got a great personality, he has a really witty sense of humor and he's just a lot of fun to be around."

While the two-time All-WCC selection exudes quiet determination on the court, it doesn't take much to spark his megawatt grin. Toward the end of practice, junior guard Brandon Johnson fires a pass to Pomare near the three-point line. He lofts a high-arching jump shot that sails through the net with a definitive snap.

Pomare sprints to mid-court, then stops and points to the empty stands, acknowledging the roar of a phantom crowd. His teammates chuckle. Grier just shakes his head.

"I like to push the envelope sometimes and see what I can get away with," Pomare says with a mischievous grin. "That just comes from being a laid-back guy. I love to laugh and have fun, but I can definitely get serious when I need to."

When it comes to stoicism, Pomare — who likes to listen to musicians whose monikers begin with "Lil" (Jon, Scrappy, Wayne, et al.) to pump himself up before games — was an Easter Island statue during the WCC Tournament.

The Toreros' season appeared doomed late in their semifinal game against St. Mary's on March 9. That's when Pomare and Johnson sparked a jubilant celebration by carrying the team to a thrilling double-overtime win.

"Never at any point of that game did I say, 'This is over,'" Pomare says. "But we knew we had to turn the game around or our season was done. Me and BJ just kept our cool, the team came together and we fought back."

Less than 24 hours later, the pair was mobbed once again by a powder-blue maelstrom of fans after helping ignite the Toreros' upset of Gonzaga. The duo was suddenly thrust into the media spotlight in the days that followed as conversation turned from celebrating the WCC win to how Pomare and USD could possibly compete with Connecticut and Hasheem Thabeet, the Huskies' hulking 7-foot-3 center.

"7-foot-3, 8-foot-3" I don't care — I'll post him up," Johnson (who needs high tops to break the six-foot barrier) told reporters with grinning bravado. Pomare was more measured, saying he'd do whatever he could to contain Thabeet and help the Toreros win.

"Brandon is a vocal leader, a nonstop talker," Grier says. "Gyno is more of an E.F. Hutton type. He's one of those guys who doesn't say much. But when he does, they listen. He also leads through example,





especially the way he played in the last few games of the season. When push came to shove and we needed to make a big play, he always stepped up and elevated his game.”

Up until March 21, the closest Pomare had ever come to the NCAA Tournament was playing NCAA March Madness in the campus dorm room he shares with teammate Chris Lewis. (“I always play as USD,” Pomare says, “and I always put myself in the game.”)

After March 21, Pomare was the understated linchpin of the first USD team to ever win a game at the Big Dance. It was sophomore guard DeJon Jackson who hit the game-winning shot in overtime to beat Connecticut, but it was Pomare — who held Thabeet to 14 points while scoring a game-high 22 points himself — that set the stage.

“Gyno, I thought, was the key player in the game,” Connecticut head coach Jim Calhoun said afterwards. “He gave them confidence when they needed confidence.”

Calhoun had previously referred to USD as “Gonzaga South” in hopes of ensuring that his team did not overlook the Toreros. It’s a compliment, in its own way, but Pomare is hopeful there will be a day when Gonzaga is referred to as “USD North.”

“When you look in the media guides, it’s always ‘WCC regular season champions: Gonzaga, Gonzaga, Gonzaga,’” Pomare says. “Then you look at the [WCC] Tournament champions and it’s always ‘Gonzaga, Gonzaga, Gonzaga.’ That’s what I want our program to become.”

As a standout player at El Camino High School in nearby

Oceanside, Pomare had his choice of schools. He was recruited by USD, Boise State, Portland and Cal State Fullerton before he ultimately decided to stay close to home.

“I think I made the right choice,” Pomare says with a chuckle. “I’m very happy and blessed to be here at USD. I wouldn’t change it for anything.”

Not that it’s always been easy. In his four years at USD, Pomare has witnessed the ebb and flow of attendance at Torero games, and the ups and downs of the team’s win/loss record, as well as a “USD *who?*” response from the national sporting press.

“We’ve seen every scenario there is, in terms of the number of fans and the kind of media attention we get,” Pomare says. “We just try to keep ourselves grounded and focus on playing hard and playing together with the expectation that good things will eventually come our way.”

When the season first began, it looked like good things might be a long time coming. The team was just 6-8 when it arrived in Lexington to play the University of Kentucky on Dec. 29. But then the team racked up a monumental 81-72 win.

“Playing at Rupp Arena in front of 23,000 people — probably the biggest crowd we’ll ever see — was big,” Pomare says. “Winning at Rupp Arena in front of 23,000 people was *huge*. We knew that if we could keep our composure and play with poise there, we could do it anywhere.”

But it wasn’t until the Toreros began storming through the conference tournament — and left Connecticut in the dust — that the team started to become the proverbial Cinderella story.

“It’s nice to see USD on *SportsCenter* every once in a while,” Pomare says. “We’ve proven a lot this year, I think. But we don’t take what we hear — positive and negative — and let it affect us. We just work hard and play ball.”

When he isn’t playing ball, Pomare is cheering on the Lakers (“I’m a big-time Kobe fan”) watching movies (*The Bucket List* is a recent favorite), playing video games (“A lot of the guys on the team think they can beat me,” Pomare says, shaking his head) or inhaling Italian food (“I can eat just about anything, but I love pasta”).

Pomare’s towering frame can also frequently be found sprawled out on the bleachers at other Torero sporting events. He talks about fellow USD teams with the zeal of a diehard fan. In fact, hours before the WCC semifinal against St. Mary’s, Pomare was giddily rushing the court to celebrate the women’s basketball team punching their own ticket to the NCAA Tournament after knocking off Gonzaga.

“We have a lot of great programs here,” Pomare says. “A lot of them don’t always get the recognition they deserve, but we try to support each other as much as we can.”

Lewis, a redshirt sophomore, credits Pomare with helping him adjust to college life after he came to USD from Bedford, Texas. Pomare took Lewis under his wing both on and off the court, offering him pointers in practice and showing him around San Diego. Not that there isn’t the occasional downside to rooming with Pomare.

“He snores really loud,” Lewis laughs. “One time when we were on the road I took out my cell phone and recorded it for a good 10 seconds. Then I played it for him when he woke up.”

Beyond any laments about how Pomare can best improve his sleeping etiquette, Lewis has nothing but praise for his roommate’s skills on the basketball court.

“He’s not bigger than a lot of guys, but he’s very active and has great instincts around the basket,” Lewis says. “If he gets position on you, it’s hard to get around him. He’s tough to guard too, especially around the basket. If he can create space and get a shot off, he’s pretty automatic.”

Pomare is hopeful those skills will eventually translate into a professional basketball career, either in the U.S. or overseas. As a communications major and business minor, Pomare anticipates his eventual vocation will be in sports marketing or sports advertising (“Something to do with sports”) but he isn’t in any hurry to put down the ball and pick up a briefcase.

“Education is always first. That’s why I’m here — to get that degree,” he says. “But I love to play basketball, and I want to keep playing as long as I can. When that crossroads comes, I’ll have to make a decision. Right now, I’m just looking forward to another year of school and basketball.”

The Toreros finished the season at 22-14 after finally running out of gas against Western Kentucky. USD fans can find solace in the fact that the team will essentially return its entire roster next season. But the team’s success also means the Toreros will have to transition from being the hunter to being the hunted.


“I think it’s natural for people to look at this team and say they have a chance to do all this again next year,” Grier says. “But this is going to be more of a marked team. People are going to want a bigger piece of them because of what they accomplished. Our players will have to elevate their game or people will pass us by.”

But while Grier is cautious about the Toreros’ prospects for 2008-09, Pomare is confident the team can meet heightened expectations.

“We have everybody coming back, and I think that makes us very deadly,” Pomare says. “We know that we can step up and play in these big games. As long as we continue to improve and are hungry to win, this program is going to be in great shape.”

In other words, just wait until next year. 🏀



But no hurry, really. "From where I sit right now, every day is a cool day." 

1950s

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SISTER VIRGINIA RODEE (B.A., M.A. '74) is assistant vice president for mission and ministry at USD. She serves as chaplain to the USD Alumni Board and as moderator for the Alumnae/i of the Sacred Heart. Sister Virginia also serves on the board of trustees for St. Madeline Sophie's Center for adults with developmental disabilities; the Kraemer Endowment board of trustees, which secures funds for St. Madeline Sophie's Center; and the Conrad N. Hilton Fund for Sisters committee, which distributes funds to religious congregations in all parts of the world.

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PETER JUNGERS (BBA) is retired from his position as a district manager for the San Diego Park and Recreation Department. "I attended last season's homecoming football game," he writes. "I was honored along with many of my 1956 teammates. We were the school's first football team. It was great seeing old classmates. The athletics department did a great job for us, and has developed a very excellent sports program."

STEWART TAYLOR (BBA) is retired from Bank of America and is a member of the Bonita, Calif., Kiwanis Club. In 1958-59, Stewart belonged to the USD Circle K Club, which was sponsored by the San Diego Kiwanis Club. "Vice President Richard Nixon handed me my diploma," Stewart remembers.

1960s

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TIMOTHY WILBUR (B.A.) is retired and lives in the Ocean Hills Country Club neighborhood in Oceanside. Timothy's wife, Molly (Breen) Wilbur, who attended the College for Women from 1958 to 1960, passed away in 2002. Molly was the owner of M.T. Wilbur Graphics.

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ELIZABETH F. BRADLEY (B.A.) and her daughter, Elizabeth L. Bradley, also a USD alumna, are partners in the business litigation law firm of Bradley & Bradley in Los Angeles. "Visit our virtual home at www.twobradleys.com," writes Elizabeth F., who practices law as Elizabeth Franco Bradley.

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COL. WILLIAM AMBRE (B.A.) is retired and spends time with his grandchildren in San Diego and Flower Mound, Texas. He is active with the Knights of Columbus.

PAT (YOUNG) WILLIAMS (B.A.) reports that she is still working. She is a substitute teacher in local Catholic schools. Pat also enjoys spending time with her daughter, Reina (Williams) Robinson — who graduated from USD in 1995 — and her grandsons, Sam and Ian. "Would love to hear from some of my former classmates!" Pat writes.

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BEVERLY (TURSE) JUMP (B.A.) is a professional artist in the Pacific Northwest. She paints with acrylics, and her work is represented by the Roby King Gallery on Bainbridge Island, Wash.

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FRED COVER (B.A.) recently toured France and made his fourth trip to Estonia in July and August 2007. He previously visited Estonia in 2002, 2004 and 2005. Fred also has traveled to Finland, Sweden, Latvia, Lithuania, Germany, Austria, England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the Netherlands.

PAUL MAJKUT (B.A.) is a full professor at National University, where he teaches graduate English and philosophy. He was a Fulbright Teaching Fellow (Argentina, 2003), a National Endowment for the Humanities Scholar (Cambridge University, 2006), and Fulbright Senior Specialist (Finland, 2007). He has been invited to speak on media, literature and philosophy at universities in Brazil, Hungary, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay. He has also been invited to speak by groups in Australia and Germany. During the 1990s, Paul won many journalism awards from the Greater Los Angeles Press Club, the San Diego Press Club, the Society of Professional Journalists, and the National Conference of Christians and Jews for investigative journalism, political commentary and film reviews.

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AGNES WEST-KOHLER (B.A.) writes, "As I approach the magic date for retirement, I can hardly wait to move back to San Diego. My children are dispersed in New York City, Helena, Montana, and San Francisco." Last summer, Agnes attended partial fam-

ily reunions in Virginia and Maine. "My work in gerontology research encourages me to stay active at church, in the choir and at Habitat for Humanity," she adds.

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EDWARD BRENNAN (J.D.) practices estate planning, tax and trust law at Newham, Fitzpatrick, Weston & Brennan in La Jolla.

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JOHN VALDEZ (B.A., M.A. '02) is chair of the Multicultural Studies Department at Palomar College in San Marcos, Calif. He was nominated to present papers on diversity at Lincoln College, Oxford University, in March 2006 and 2007. John's daughter, Micaela, is a published poet and artist. She teaches at Thurgood Marshall High School in San Francisco. John's son, Joaquín, is a soccer player, trainer and coach, and is doing graduate studies in sports psychology.

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LUCINA (SANDOVAL) DALE (B.A.) lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. She is widowed, and has a daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter, who all live in Scottsdale.

PATRICIA (RUSSELL) JOHNSON (B.A.) is a Realtor with McMillin Realty in San Diego. Her husband, William Johnson, passed away. "I think *USD Magazine* is the very best!" she writes.

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WILLIAM BUCKLEY (B.A.) received his Ph.D. in British and American literature, and rhetoric, from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He is a professor of English at Indiana University and is the editor of *Critical Essays on Céline* and the author of *Lady Chatterley's Lover: Loss and Hope*. He is an internationally published poet and artist: *By the Horses Before the Rains* (best chapbook from *Modern Poetry* in 1997), *Sylvia's Bells, Lost Heartlands Found* and *On Heartland Soils*. William is the founder of the first journal of studies on Sylvia Plath, 20th century American poet.

CHRISTINE SCHANES (B.A.) reports that in 1986, her children, Chrissy and Patrick, ages 8 and 6 at the time, founded Children Helping Poor and Homeless People. "Please visit our Web site at www.chphp.com for further information," she writes.

1970s

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ERNEST PAONE (M.A.) is retired after teaching for 20 years at Potter Junior High School in Fallbrook.

LT. COL. ALBERT SARNO (B.A., M.A. '71) is retired from the U.S. Air Force. He writes, "I am a 100 percent rated, combat-related, service-connected disabled veteran, having served with honor during the World War II, Korean and Vietnam eras. I am therefore trying hard to stay alive and continue to enjoy my family and grandchildren."

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DONALD RUSH (B.S.) and his wife, Janie Pontepino, live in San Diego. Their son, Matthew, is a freshman at St. Augustine High School, where he played linebacker for the football team, forward in basketball and earned a 4.0 grade-point average. "Just like his dad!" Donald writes.

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DAVID CROSS (J.D.) retired after 34 years as a prosecutor, the last 23 years as the district attorney of Trinity County, Calif. He now lives on Whidbey Island in the state of Washington and spends a lot of time aboard his sailboat, "Island Time".

ALAN RABINOWITZ (J.D.) retired in 2007 after 34 years as an attorney. His last positions were in Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security (2003-07), and as deputy chief counsel with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Department of Justice (1973-2003).

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THOMAS MILLER (B.A.) and his wife, Mary, live in Lodi, Calif. Their daughter, Meridith, graduated from USD in 2005 and is finishing law school at the University of San Francisco.

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SHARON (LOUGHLIN) BOLLINGER (B.A., M.A. '75) is a professor of history at El Paso Community College in Texas. She has revised and edited two volumes of *Mapping America: A Guide to Historical Geography*.

CHRISTOPHER REDO (B.A., MBA '78) was appointed the global head of development and alumni

2008
Alumni Honorees

Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award

Michael J. Maher '70 (B.A.)
Senior Vice President-Investments, Merrill Lynch

Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Award

Mary E. Caffery '80 (BSN)
Program Coordinator, UCSD Mother, Child and Adolescent HIV Program

Chet and Marguerite Pagni Family
Athletic Hall of Fame

Susie Erpelding '98 (B.A.), '00 (M.A.)
Academic All-American, Women's Basketball

Author E. Hughes
Career Achievement Award

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Liam E. McGee '76 (B.A.)
President, Global Consumer & Small Business Banking, Bank of America

SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
Lowell C. McAdam '83 (MBA)
President and CEO, Verizon Wireless
SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION SCIENCES
Rabbi Laurie E. Coskey '00 (Ed.D.)
Executive Director, Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice of San Diego County

SCHOOL OF LAW
The Honorable Thomas J. Whelan '61 (BBA), '65 (J.D.)
Judge, United States District Court

HAHN SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCE
Col. Mary T. Sarnecky '90 (D.N.Sc.)
Colonel, United States Army (Retired)



Congratulations are in order for this year's eight outstanding University of San Diego Alumni Honors recipients, whose accomplishments were celebrated on April 26, 2008. The honorees were recognized for their professional career achievement, contributions to humanitarian causes, extraordinary athletic success and exemplary service to USD. Please join the university community in making note of their extraordinary accomplishments.

affairs at Insead, ranked among the world's leading graduate business schools, with campuses in France, Singapore and Abu Dhabi. He relocated with his wife, Dawn, and sons, Liam and Aidan, to Fontainebleau, France.

[1975]
BARBARA (WASCAK) BURNAP (M.Ed.) has taught a medically fragile class of multiple-handicapped students in New York for the past seven years, which combines her interest of both medicine and teaching. In March 2007, Barbara and her husband, Art, became grandparents for the first time. Their granddaughter, Madeleine, lives with her parents in Chelmsford, Mass. Barbara still keeps in touch with two alumnae: Linda (Harbin) McMoran and Angela (Marese) Boyle. "I had the chance to see firsthand the changed but still beautiful USD campus in June 2002," she writes.

DAVID EDSON (J.D.) retired a few years ago as senior trial attorney for Chevron Corp. in San Francisco. He now lives in the Sonoma County wine country and travels frequently around the world.

[1976]
MARY GEORGOPULOS (B.A.) and her husband, Michael, have been married for 29 years. They have five children, ranging in age from 28 to 19. "After spending 18 years at home raising children, I worked as the business manager for nine years at the Alliance for Character in Education, a nonprofit corporation that oversees the operation of two single-sex schools in Chicago," she writes. She retired and enjoys being back in volunteer positions for Catholic causes. Mary visited USD and saw close friends, and attended the USD-Marist football game.

JOHN JAKUBCZYK (B.A.) and his wife, Petra, are raising 11 children: one has graduated from college, three more are in college, two are in high school, four are in grade school and one will start school in the fall. "Every day is exciting and a bit of an adventure," says John. He is the past president of Arizona Right to Life and is current president of Life Educational Corp., and helped to promote the film *Bella*. He also spoke on the subject of fatherhood at the Maryland Catholic Family Expo.

DAVID PIERCE (B.A.) is retiring from Cubic Defense Applications but


is a temporary employee for Cubic Applications Inc. He does Eucharistic ministry volunteer work at Sharp Memorial Hospital.

SUSAN (WONG) QUAN (M.Ed.) has taught for 37 years and plans to move to Carlsbad when she retires. "I have really enjoyed my 37 years of teaching in the El Centro Elementary School District," she writes. "Teaching 4- to 5-year-old kindergarten students has been very rewarding. I love teaching." When she retires, Susan plans to become more involved in the USD Alumni Association.

TERESA TICO (J.D.) is traveling to Antarctica and the South Pacific, producing films about the environment, coral reefs, melting ice shelves and rising sea levels. She handles complex environmental cases and was named a finalist for the Public Justice 2007 Trial Lawyer of the Year award for winning a large coral reef case. Her Web site is www.teresatico.com. Teresa also windsurfs and kite boards.

[1977]
GLEND A GERDE (B.A., M.A. '83) was named principal of Loma Portal Elementary in Point Loma. At the age of 53, Glenda is beginning pointe work in her ballet class. "Have you ever met a ballet dancer who needed a facelift?" she asks.

MAJOR KENNETH ZEBAL (B.S.) retired from the work force and moved to Tucson, Ariz. He will serve as a consultant to the space industry for the next few years.

[1978] 
TIMOTHY CROMWELL (BBA) has three very active boys who keep him busy in youth sports. He is the director of business development for R.D. Olson Construction in Irvine.

RICHARD DANIELSON (B.A.) is a microbiologist and vice president for Biovir Laboratories. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, and is a summer instructor at the university. Rick and his wife, Belinda, who attended USD from 1974 to 1976, were married at The Immaculata in 1980. They visited USD during their 25th wedding anniversary with their daughters: Christina, a student at the University of California, Davis, and Janette, 13. The Danielsons live in the San Francisco Bay Area.

AILEEN FOLEY (B.A.) is president of California Connections, a government and public affairs consulting firm in Sacramento. California Connections recently sponsored a trip by John Bruton, European Union ambassador to the United States and former prime minister of Ireland, to meet with California business leaders and members of the state Legislature.

DANIEL LEETCH (B.A.) was ordained to the permanent diaconate on Aug. 3, 2007, for the Diocese of Pueblo, Colo.

COL. ROY PEARSON (BBA, MBA '97) plans to retire in June 2008 with 32 years of service to the U.S. Marine Corps. He will begin flying as a captain on the B-767/757 for Delta Air Lines.

SUSAN WINTERS-BROWN (B.A., M.Ed. '79) returned to working directly with students as a resource specialist, providing reading intervention. Susan had served in administration for the last 10 years. She just moved into a house with a view of Sequoia National Park, and her son, Terran, is in the fifth grade.

[1979]
THOMAS MARTIN (B.A., J.D. '82) has gone from minimum billing requirements, dress codes and the attitudes of a large law firm world to opening his own practice in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. He is closer to home, can spend more time with his family, and loves his clients and his profession. "I have decided to meld my passion and my profession by focusing on representing motorcyclists in civil litigation and trials," Thomas writes. "I love running the show and having the ability to come to work in a T-shirt and shorts when I am not meeting with a client."

WARREN THEFELD (BBA) and his wife, Julieta, have been married for 20 years, and they have two sons: Marcus, 15, and Matt, 9. Marcus attends St. Augustine High School, and Matt attends Stella Maris Academy, both in the San Diego area.

ROBERT TRENTACOSTA (J.D.) became the criminal supervising judge at the courthouse in downtown San Diego in January 2008. He is also president-elect of the USD School of Law Alumni Board.

DEBORAH (LAWRENCE) TULLY (B.A., M.Ed. '80) is working on a doctoral degree in educational leadership at Washington State University. She is the director of evening teacher certification at Whitworth University in Spokane, Wash.

1980s

[1980]
XAVIER BAEZA (B.A., J.D. '84) has a law office in San Francisco and is opening a second office in San Jose. Xavier's area of practice is criminal defense.

ROBERT CAVALIER (B.A.) lived in Spain for six weeks before attending USD. "Once I saw a few Alcalá Park campus buildings in a brochure, applying for admission was preordained!" he says. "I am profoundly grateful to USD and regret being unable to visit the campus or volunteer."

MARY PAT (McCABE) SHEPPARD (B.A.) writes, "Life is good. I love my job teaching at a community college in the inner city." She has two children in college on the East Coast, one in high school and a second grader. "I hope to see some USD pals in Chicago. It's a great city!"

MARY (CLARKE) STEVENS (B.A.) is doing well in the Washington, D.C., area. Mary's oldest daughter, Sara, is a senior at Virginia Tech. "She was affected by the terrible tragedy at Tech last year," Mary writes. "She, as well as all of us, would like to thank the entire USD community for their many thoughts and prayers."

CARLA (BURGERMEISTER) SUTTON (B.A.) has been teaching special education in Battle Ground, Wash., for 23 years. Carla has been married to Wes Sutton, who also attended USD, for 30 years, and they have two grown children: Ryan and Carey.

[1981]
EDNA BENNETT (B.A.) was an administrative officer for Mesa Vista Hospital from 1964 to 1987. She took retirement in 1987 and then became a part-time salesperson until 1996. From 1990 to 1998, Edna traveled to western Canada, Alaska, England, France, Hungary, Slovakia, the Czech Republic, Austria, Belgium, Panama, Bolivia, Peru and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

CAROLYN (JACKSON) BOWEN (BBA) and her husband, Jerome, were married in 1986 and live in Riverside County, Calif. They have three children: Christyn, 20; Camille, 15; and Jerald, 13. Carolyn has worked in advertising sales and management for the past 20 years and now works for AT&T in Riverside.

NICHOLAS CROCE (BBA) and his wife, Laurie, have been married for 20 years and have five children, ages 7 to 19. Nicholas has owned his business, N.J. Croce Co. (www.njcroce.com), for 26 years. He designs and manufactures licensed toys and collectibles such as Peanuts, Elvis, The Simpsons, Futurama, Betty Boop and several others, which are shipped to markets around the world.

KIRK FISCHER (B.A., MBA '85) lives in Castle Rock, Colo., with his wife, Stephanie (Leshin) '82. Kirk works for Great West Healthcare. He and Stephanie have four children. Their oldest just graduated from college and their second oldest is at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.


VIRGINIA INFANTINO (B.A., MRE '85) retired as diocesan director for evangelization and catechetical ministry for the Diocese of San Diego. She has served the diocese since 1977 in various ministries.

STEVEN VASQUEZ (BBA) and his wife, Debbie, have been married for 23 years and they have four children, ages 22, 20, 18 and 14. "I really enjoyed coming back to USD last year for my 25th reunion celebration," he writes. "It was great to see old friends and classmates." Steven runs a financial services business and in his free time enjoys surfing with his son and competing in triathlons with one of his daughters.

[1982]
ANNE (KOLLAR) DENNIS (B.A.) completed a master's degree in psychology and 3,000 clinical hours for licensure as a marriage and family therapist. Anne has three children: Katie, 22; Stephen, 18; and Lauren, 15.

IVAN EVILSIZER (J.D.) has been practicing telecommunications law for 20 years, and he recently purchased a new home in the Helena Valley in Montana. His children are in college: Tyler at Carroll College in Helena, and Laura at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash. Recently,

he has enjoyed boating and fishing on the three lakes near Helena.

[1983] 
GEORGINE (ARON) BRAVE (J.D.) has a standing offer for her classmates: "If you visit our office, I will take you to lunch at Rainwater's." Georgine is with Brave, Weber & Mack in San Diego.

KAREN (MOORE) MORRIS (BBA) and her husband, Robert, have been married for 22 years and they have four daughters. Their oldest, Kate, is a student at USD. Karen is a direct-hire recruiter for Devon & Devon Career Professionals. "Recent graduates should look me up if they need help finding a job in Orange County," she says. "I've already placed several USD graduates."

TIMOTHY SCHULTZ (BBA) lives in Los Angeles, where he founded Southland Surgical Associates, a company specializing in the sales and marketing of lasers for the cosmetic surgery industry. He is married to Kaylene, and they have two children: Tyler, 15, and Tatum, 13.

DAVID STOKES (BBA, MBA '86) recently joined MySQL AB as a developer and lives in the Fort Worth, Texas, area. The company develops and supports database products.

CMDR. LYNNE SEIBEL WHITLOCK (BSN) earned a master's degree in public administration from Troy State University in 1994 and the CEO award at Sentara Obici Hospital in 2006. Lynne is director of medical oncology at Sentara Obici in Suffolk, Va. Her son is a mechanical engineer, and her daughter is a real estate agent.

[1984]
CATHY (LARSON) GERMANN (B.A.) is an area business manager for Par Pharmaceuticals, selling vitamins, minerals and skin care products. She and her husband, Mark, recently bought land in Oregon.

RICHARD MATHEWS (B.A.) retired from corporate training work and now teaches online full time for several colleges and universities. He is working on his third master's degree as a student of classical and ancient history.

VICTOR TORRES (B.A., J.D. '88) was appointed a member of the City

of San Diego's Commission on Gang Prevention and Intervention.

[1985]
EMILY SCHELL (B.A., Ed.D. '03) is the provost at Health Sciences High and Middle College, a new charter high school serving students throughout San Diego County. The school was created in partnership with a team of San Diego State University professors, Sharp Healthcare and San Diego Community Colleges.

CYNTHIA (BARTEL) VILLALOBOS (B.A.) lives in San Antonio, Texas, with her husband, Joe '83, a maxillofacial prosthodontist at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. Their son, Peter, was born in December 2006, joining four older sisters who are all homeschooled. Their oldest daughter, Nicole, is seriously considering applying to USD for the 2009-10 academic year.

[1986]
ELISE (MOE) GLASNER (B.A.) and her husband, Daniel, are the designers and owners of Franciscan Landscape in Sonoma, Calif. Elise and Dan design and install gardens, and they are winning awards for their work, including first place for large residential installation in 2006 for the California Landscape Contractors Association and first place for medium commercial installation in 2007. Their work has been featured in several local publications. Elise and Dan also make their own wine and have two children: Haley and Marina.

[1987]
GREGORY ARMSTRONG (B.A.) is national sales manager for Galderma Laboratories. He and his wife, Susan (Piasecki) '87, live in Southlake, Texas, where Sue is a school board trustee. They have two children: Sami, a freshman in high school, and Brooks, in the sixth grade.

AUDIE De CASTRO (BBA) is the sole shareholder of de Castro P.C., a San Diego law firm specializing in corporate and business law, securities and real estate. He is also involved in several business ventures. Audie and his wife, Thelma, have two sons.

DEBORAH (DAVIS) DOUGLAS (B.A.) and her husband, David, live in the Kingdom of Bahrain with their 6-year-old twin sons.

MARK FENICK (BBA) and his wife, Eileen D'Eon, live in Sammamish, Wash., with their three boys: Ethan, 6; Noah, 4; and Liam, 2. Mark is the international buyer for Costco Wholesale in Japan, Korea, Taiwan and the United Kingdom.

ROSEMARY GOODYEAR (Ed.D.) serves as chair of the International Nurse Practitioner/Advanced Practice Nurse Network of the International Council of Nurses in Geneva, Switzerland.

DONALD JAMES (BBA) lives in Lafayette, Calif., with his wife, Melinda Teutschel, daughters, Olivia and Lexi, and son, Leyton. Donald opened a business office for James Group International in Wellington, New Zealand, and is spending more time in his homeland. "I really miss San Diego, but have become acclimated to 4/3 wetsuits and the cold surf in Northern California," he writes.

MAUREEN (McDONALD) LEGG (B.A.) writes, "I'm a mom (aka taxi service), part-time marketing consultant and newly appointed service unit manager for Girl Scouts. I recently took our kids for a ride on the coaster at Belmont Park, which was my first date with my husband, Bill, 16 years ago!"

THOMAS MORTENSEN (BBA) and his wife, Michelle, have been married for 10 years and they have three children: Billy, 9; Abby, 8; and Maggie, 5. Thomas is a commercial loan officer for Santa Barbara Bank & Trust in Santa Barbara.

LYNETTE PATTON (Ed.D.) says that her educational leadership degree opened up new areas for her in health care and academia. Lynette and her husband, Jack, a family practice doctor, have been married for 47 years, and they have four married sons and three grandchildren. Lynette and Jack are active in Southeast Asian ministries and live in the Central Valley/Fresno area. They are co-owners and trustees of a family business, Patton Industries.


ANTHONY SMITH (Ed.D.) is the author of *The Taboos of Leadership: 10 Secrets No One Will Tell You About Leaders and What They Really Think*. Anthony is the co-founder and a managing director of the Leadership Research Institute and he has been a consultant for more than 20 years in the areas of organizational change,

executive development, and leadership training and design. His book's Web site can be found at www.taboosofleadership.com.

ANN STRUVEN-REHL (B.A.) and her husband, Alan, have been married since 1993 and have three children: Wyatt, 12; Garrett, 9; and Molly, 6. The family lives in Rancho San Diego. Ann has been teaching elementary school for the San Diego Unified School District since 1989.

CYNTHIA VOLPONE (B.A.) teaches the fourth grade gifted and talented program at Ocean Beach Elementary in San Diego, incorporating the core curriculum through both state standards and marine biology. Cynthia works closely with Seacamp San Diego to provide marine studies and underwater adventures during the school year.

SHANNON (MULLIGAN) YONTZ (B.A.) and her husband, Robert, celebrated their one-year anniversary on Dec. 30, 2007. Together, they run True North Fitness and Health in Ventura, Calif., and they have a daughter, Carley, 11. Shannon received the Top 3 Personal Trainer award for Ventura County in 2006 and 2007. Shannon and Robert also have a radio show: www.get-fit-radio.com.

[1988]  **ROBERT BERNSTEIN (J.D.)** joined old friends Steve Shewry and Michelle Van Dyke in 2005, practicing construction defect litigation in San Diego. At home, Robert and his wife, Robyn, are occupied with their children: Destinee, 13; Chance, 12; and Kaden, 3.

GERARD HUMMEL (BBA) and his wife, Lucia, were married on July 7, 2007, in Campinas, Brazil. They enjoyed their honeymoon in the sands of Muro Alto, just south of Recife, Brazil. Gerard is a revenue growth advocate for IBM in Atlanta.

MARY (KOENINGS) JENKINS (BSN) earned an MSN degree from Wayne State University in Detroit. Mary and her husband, John, have two grown children: Trevor, 27, and Eric, 24. Mary works for Toledo Children's Hospital in Toledo, Ohio.

DAVID LA PUMA (BBA) played in the 2007 World Series of Poker in Las Vegas, where he finished 1,600 out of 6,300 players.

ERIC NASLAND (B.A.) lost his mother, Sheila Kelly Nasland, to pancreatic cancer on May 20, 2007. His son, Jesse, is expected to graduate with honors from La Jolla High School in June 2008. His son, Jack, 2, enjoys attending Torero football games and plans to be a member of the 2027 graduating class. Eric was inducted into the 2006 USD Lacrosse Hall of Fame.

SUSAN (EDWARDS) WILLIAMS (BBA) and her husband, Delmar '94, have four children: Alyson, 8; Delmar Jr., 7; and twins Ben and Jack, 3. "I am a strong, healthy breast cancer survivor!" she writes.

[1989] **BRIAN ANDERSON (BBA)** is west region sales manager for Jostens. "I continue to stay in touch with Charlie Wickstrand, Richard Grossman, Tim Lecture and Lionel De Morst," he writes. Brian and his wife, Cathy (Ackerson) '90, live in Rohnert Park, Calif., with their two children: Julie, 11, and Jack, 7.

STEPHANIE (MORAND) DI IORIO (BBA) lives in Boston with her husband, Gerry. "I recently spent a week-end in Vegas with Kelley (Jewell) Bale, Katey (Potts) Flanagan, Anna Patzman, Cathy (Cogliandro) Alioto, Christy (Minton) Hall and Nancy (Near) Lawton, all of us celebrating a milestone birthday this year. Viva Las Vegas!" she writes.

VICTORIA MCFARLAND HILL (BBA, J.D. '92) and her husband, Chris, recently celebrated the fifth anniversary of their company, Rainmaker Staffing, as well as their 15th wedding anniversary and the third birthday for their daughter, Cassidy.

MONICA (FOLTZ) PARSONS (BBA, MBA '03) is a project manager for Solar Turbines I.T. Development. She has been with Solar for 18 years. Monica and her husband, Jack, are the proud parents of Devon, 9, and Savannah, 6. Monica enjoys traveling with her family and participating in sports activities with her kids.

DEANNA SCHULTZ-HOWELL (B.A.) and her husband, Tim, welcomed their fourth child, Erica Catherine, in April 2007. Erica joins two big sisters and a big brother. Deanna hopes to return to elementary teaching in the next few years.

AURORA (RODRIGUEZ) SERVIN (BBA) and her husband, Arturo, have been happily married for 15 years. They have three boys, ages 13, 12 and 4, who keep them busy. Aurora has worked for General Atomics in La Jolla for 10 years, where she is manager of government accounting.

ANNA PATZMAN UMSTADTER (B.A.) and her husband, Karl, were married on a bluff at Cabrillo National Monument on Sept. 15, 2007. "We honeymooned in Italy for two weeks, and it was fabulous!" she says. Karl is a physicist working in fusion research at the University of California, San Diego. Anna has been selling residential real estate in San Diego for five years.

1990s

[1990] **RICHARD DORN (B.A.)** and his wife, Erika, welcomed a son, George, in 2007. George joins older brother, Henry, 5, and sister, Mary, 2. Rich is an officer with Wells Fargo Financial and the family lives in Edina, Minn.

SUZANNE (JUSKO) PURNELL (M.Ed.) has four boys, ages 15, 13, 10 and 8, and has been working as a middle school counselor for 12 years.

MELL UNDERWOOD (B.A.) and his wife, Susan, welcomed their third child, Matthew Daniel, on April 9, 2007. Matthew joins sister Brooke, 5, and brother Cameron, 3. The family lives in Scottsdale, Ariz. "Hello to all!" Mell writes.

[1991] **MARC DUGGAN (BBA)** published an anthology of his poems at www.poetryforyou.com. Several poems, including *Carpe Diem*, were written as a student at USD while waiting for classes outside of Olin Hall.

SAMANTHA (GARTON) GALE (BBA) lives in Vail, Colo., with her husband, Michael, and her two daughters: Brennecke and Mackenzie. She works in real estate development, is the president of the Parent Teacher Organization for her daughters' school, and hopes to meet up with alumni at a homecoming soon!

JOHN OHANIAN (B.Acc.) was named CEO of 2-1-1 San Diego in September 2007. The free phone service connects residents with health,

community and disaster resources and services. John's previous positions included vice president of finance, operations and planned giving for the Alzheimer's Association and systems consultant and associate director for the San Diego Jewish Community Foundation. John and his wife, Andrea, also recently celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. They have two children: Samantha, 12, and Micah, 9.

JENNIFER (WHELAN) WALKER (J.D.) and her husband, Jim, live in Newport Beach, Calif., with their two daughters: Amanda, 9, and Allison, 6. Jennifer is a corporate counselor for Olympic Wire and Equipment Co., also in Newport Beach.

[1992] **STEVEN BAUM (B.A.)** and his wife, Susana (Navarro) '92, welcomed a daughter, Abigail, on July 23, 2007. Steven is a principal in the San Marcos Unified School District in San Diego County.

JENNIFER CARTER (B.A., M.Ed. '97) teaches a preschool Special Day Class in La Mesa, Calif. Recreationally, she plays soccer and trains for running events. "I'm meeting up with Kristin (Ingrao) Rude, Maria Galvin, Cara (Downs) Betts and Mary Ann Myers at the races, for lunches, spa days and 'Grapple' tastings!" (A Grapple is an apple injected with grape juice.)

MARNI (VIGIL) HAYMAN (B.A.) is a certified specialist in planned giving and was reaccredited as a certified fundraising executive. She is the associate director of planned giving for the Girl Scouts of San Diego-Imperial Council. Marni, her husband, William, and two young daughters live in Chula Vista.

ANTHONY NEILLY (B.A.) lived in Taiwan for 11 years, where he worked as an English teacher and owned a gelato shop, bar and language school.

JENNIFER (ROE) SPENGLER (B.A.) and her husband, Michael, have two daughters, Mila and Kyra, and own Studio M/Michael Spengler Photography, a portrait photography studio. "Michael is successfully following his bliss, and I enjoy handling the studio's marketing and public relations duties when not hanging with my girls, volunteering at their school or running," says Jennifer. See their work online at www.studiomlajolla.com.

[horses, of course]

COMPETITION IS HER MIDDLE NAME

When it comes to equines, Tara Ardalan is a galloping success

by Ryan T. Blystone

The lock rattles against the door. Baloubet, waiting for his daily workout, continually pokes his head out of the hay-filled stall and pushes the lock. The six-year-old gelding is as relentless as a toddler looking for parental attention. Nearby, a woman tries to ignore the clanging, but it's no use. She bends her left arm toward the horse and is rewarded with a playful lick of her hand.

"He wants to be a part of this," Tara Ardalan says with a laugh. Her wide smile shows how glad she is to be an equestrian who works at her parents' Caspian Stables in Valley Center. "I was born with it. I'm a second-generation horseperson. The day I was brought home from the hospital my dad probably put me on a horse."

Ardalan '02 trains and sells horses and relishes the daily task of caring for 35 horses of all sizes, colors and attitudes. "The hardest part is falling in love with a horse and having to sell it. I don't mind waking up early in the morning. I don't mind picking up a pitchfork and mucking a stall. None of the labor, none of the work that goes into it, is hard for me. I enjoy doing it."

Her parents, Arsia and Dee, have been powerful role models. Her father, who's still a competitive show jumper at age 55, molded his daughter's passion for horses. "Because I've grown up in this business, I really respect the rider who is also a great horseman. I don't know if there's anyone I have greater

respect for in this business than my dad, because he's an exceptional horseman."

Dee is Tara's driving force outside the business. "My mom taught me patience and grace and is incredibly supportive. She made sure I got a proper education. I think it's very easy to grow up in the horse world and never venture out of it."

The daughter of Iranian parents, Tara had her first pony at age 3. "Topol — which is Farsi for 'chubby' — was a chestnut with white paint. He was a good pony. I had him two years before we sold him."

She graduated from ribbons to gold medals, earning seven aboard her all-time favorite, the late Witch Broome Wizard. "The only one I never sold. I had him for more than half my life. At his age, (12) when others thought his show jumping career was finished, they were wrong. He was just getting started."

When she was 16, that horse helped Ardalan become the youngest female to win individual gold at the 1992 North American Young Riders' Championship. She subsequently won individual and team gold in 1993. "He was the horse I traveled all over the world with and took to the (2000) Olympic Trials," Ardalan says. "He's really the horse that taught me how to be competitive and become a winner."

Perhaps Ardalan's greatest achievement occurred at the 1998 Asian Games. Her dual citizenship status enabled her to be the first female to represent Iran in the show jumping event.

TIM MANTOANI




"It opened opportunities for other girls who wanted to ride. I'm very proud of that."

Despite her international résumé, there's something missing: "Since I was in kindergarten I've wanted to go to the Olympics."

She was the Iranian runner-up at the trials in Sweden, but did not qualify. She ended up riding her favorite horse when Raylyn, her main horse, was injured shortly before being shipped overseas. "I took Witch Broome Wizard, who was 21. He should have been well into retirement,

but still loved what he was doing."

Ardalan, 31, hasn't bid for the Olympics since 2000, citing sponsorship difficulty and the need to have just the right horse. Currently riding Flying Lady, a 9-year-old mare, and training other prospects, Ardalan wants to go to London in 2012, but it's clear that if it doesn't happen, she'll be fine.

"I get here in the morning, pull the horses out, groom, ride and give them a bath. I ride all day. I'm extremely fortunate that my passion in life is what I do for a living." 

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EDWARD BECK (B.A.) and his wife, Amanda, welcomed a son, Lucas Spencer, on Feb. 8, 2007. Lucas joins sister Madeline, 9, and brother David, 6. The family lives in West Virginia.

CHRISTINE (THOMPSON) BLAKE (B.A.) published her first novel, *Woman Redeemed*, a book about Mary Magdalene. Her Web site is www.womanredeemednovel.com.

DEBORAH VIDOSIC BRESKO (B.A.) reports that in the last 10 years, she resigned from the U.S. Navy as a lieutenant commander, earned a teaching credential at San Diego State University, taught in Monterey and Escondido, got married in Founders Chapel at USD, had two boys: Daniel and Matthew, and moved to the Midwest. “Now it’s bon-fires and soccer practice,” she says, “and I couldn’t be happier.”

HEATHER (SCHROEDER) COOK (B.A.) and her husband, Rory, celebrated the birth of their third child, Scarlett Kate, who joins brother Riley, 6, and sister Emma, 4. Heather spends her time between motherhood and part-time work as an optometric physician in a large ophthalmology group in Portland, Ore., with her husband.

CHONA (TAYCO) FOUCH (B.A.) and her husband, Michael, welcomed a second son, Lucas Godfrey, on Feb. 11, 2007. Chona is taking a break from broadcast news to raise Lucas and his brother, Samuel, 3. Michael is a director for NBC News. The family lives in Chula Vista.

MATTHEW HORECZKO (B.A.) and his wife, Deborah, have two daughters: Grace, 4, and Clara, 2. “I’m still practicing law in Long Beach and loving time with all three of my girls,” Matthew says.

JENN MESSINA (B.A.) and her husband, Josh Deitch, celebrated the arrival of their second child, Jensen Thomas, in August 2006. “His 5-year-old sister, Jordan, was delighted,” Jenn writes. They still live in Mill Valley, Calif., own a wellness center called Café of Life, and remodel and build homes as a hobby.

CHRISTINA (STANLEY) NEUMEYER (B.A., M.A. ’95) has been working with children and families for many years and recently

opened an office to begin private practice as a licensed marriage and family therapist. She is a breastfeed-ing educator, a 4-H youth group leader and teaches religious education at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Carlsbad. Christina practices daily meditation and occasionally sneaks off to yoga, when her two young sons and husband permit.

AMY JO (MATTHEWS) TALARICO (B.A.) and her husband, Ross, recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Elsa. Amy is now back at work as a litigation attorney for Morgan Lewis in San Francisco.

SUSAN TORREY (BBA) has her own communications consulting business. She and her husband, Ted Theocheung, welcomed their second son, Dylan Michael, on Nov. 14, 2005. He joins big brother, Aiden. Susan trained for the Nike marathon in San Francisco.

CAROLINE WALTHER-MEADE (B.A.) was named a partner in the Global Project Finance Group at Milbank, Tweed, Hadley & McCloy in New York. Caroline is a member of the firm’s Latin America Practice Group and has extensive experience in cross-border financing and international project financing and development. Caroline is fluent in Spanish and Portuguese and spent a year and a half at Milbank based in São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

JENNIFER (GARDNER) WIEDEL (B.A., M.Ed. ’95) and her husband, Courtney, moved to the South Island of New Zealand in November 2007, where they plan to fulfill their dream of opening a bed and breakfast. They’d love to have many USD visitors!

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BRIAN BALISTRERI (B.A.) and his wife, Michelle, live in the San Francisco Bay Area with their two daughters: Alexis Rose, 7, and Annika Rae, 4. Brian has been with Cisco for eight years and Michelle is a third-grade teacher in a local school district. Brian and Michelle celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in 2007.

ROBERT BARDIN (B.A.) and his wife, Joanne Pasternack-Bardin, are thrilled to announce the timely arrival of their daughter, Kira Rose, who was born on Sept. 23, 2007 — her due date — in Mountain View, Calif. Robert is a corporate sales man-

ager for Printroom.com, overseeing sports-related accounts.

SHERRI BLISS (B.A., MPH ’04) joined Helio, a start-up mobile virtual network operator, in Los Angeles in February 2007. Sherri and her husband, Christopher Huie, are still fixing up the 1920s Spanish-style house they bought in 2003.

NATHAN CARR (B.A.) earned his teaching certificate from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, and then went to Japan to teach English. On Dec. 21, 1998, Nathan was hit by a car in Kawasaki, Japan. He suffered a severe brain injury and was in a coma for eight months in hospitals in Tokyo and Boston. After more than seven years of recovery, Nathan now volunteers as a teacher’s helper in a local special needs elementary school. “He has full long-term memory of his college days and wants to teach again. His dream is still alive!” reports his mom, Vicki Carr. “Nathan has some short-term memory loss and is in a wheelchair, but his will to live a full, productive life again is very strong!”

LAURENCE KALDOR (M.A.) made his debut as a director with the independent film, *Redirecting Eddie*, which also marks the production debut of his Kaliber Films label. The film, about a novice director who must overcome numerous hurdles to finish his project, participated in the 2007 American Film Market in Santa Monica. Ironically, as a director, Kaldor had to overcome hurdles of his own as production on his New York-themed film was thrust into a six-year hiatus by the World Trade Center attacks.

MARIA (RAMOS) LaBELLE (B.A.) lives in Hermosa Beach, Calif., with her husband, Robert, and their two children: daughter, Luna, 12, and son, Zidane, 9. “I am a full-time mommy, but still manage to work a few jobs a year as a wardrobe stylist,” Maria says. This year, she and her son will both receive their black belts in Tae Kwon Do.

AMY MEAD (B.A.) teaches sixth grade at Villa Academy in Seattle, where she lives with her 4-year-old daughter, Sophia.

JASON ORLANDO (B.A.) lives in Costa Rica with his wife, Amy (Powell) ’94, and their 3-year-old daughter, Sophie. Jason works for the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Their first

overseas assignment was in the former Soviet Republic of Georgia from 2004 to 2006. “Although we miss our friends and family in the U.S.A., living abroad has been a wonderfully enlightening experience,” Jason says. See story on page 46.

DEB PRESSON (B.A.) married Brad Howard on July 21, 2007, in Manhattan Beach, Calif. Two alumni were in the wedding party: Rob McGarry and Eileen (Peaper) Krock. Other alumni guests included Mark Daquipa, Chris Stafford, Tanya (Lugliani) Stewart and Chad Stewart. Deb and Brad had an adventurous honeymoon in Alaska. Brad is an accountant, and Deb teaches Spanish at Peninsula High School in Palos Verdes, Calif.

LT. CMDR. KEVIN SCHULTZ (B.A.) graduated from the submarine command course and the command leadership school in December 2006, then flew to England to meet his boat two months into a six-month deployment, in which they visited Plymouth, England; Rota, Spain; and Lisbon, Portugal. Kevin is the executive officer of the USS Minneapolis Saint Paul. After the deployment, the ship changed ports from Norfolk, Va., to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and along the way had a port of call in San Diego. “My wife, Amy, and our two boys — Brian, 6, and Greg, 3 — just moved to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, and we’re getting used to the aloha-style of life,” he writes.

CYRIL VIDERGAR (B.A., J.D. ’03) and his wife, Stephanie Beckord ’95, have a daughter, Amelia, 2. Stephanie’s web design and graphics design firm is in its fourth year and has national clients such as L.A.’s Moondance Film Festival and organic online retailer Vitamin Cottage. Cyril is with a new law firm, White, Bean & Ankele, which concentrates on special district and land use law.

MATT “FUZZY” ZELLER (B.A.) has been in private family practice in Laguna Niguel/Mission Viejo, Calif., for about four years. He and his wife, Diane, welcomed their first child, Elizabeth, in August 2007.

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NAOMI HAZELTON-GIAMBRONE (B.A.) writes, “I’m so happy to have a view of the ocean every day!” After graduation, Naomi traveled from Africa to Europe and

moved back to the islands to pursue a master’s degree in corporate communications from Hawaii Pacific University. She and her husband, Jamie, were married on Sept. 23, 2006, on the island of Kauai. “We had an unforgettable and truly amazing honeymoon in beautiful Thailand,” she says. Naomi and Jamie live on Oahu and are co-owners and publishers of three magazines: *Pacific Edge Magazine*, *Ko Olina Life & Style*, and *Hawaii Home and Garden*. They also own Element Media HI, a cutting-edge media design firm.

LISA HOEHLE (MBA) and Brian Martin proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Kayleigh Aerin, on Nov. 30, 2007. Kayleigh weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 20 inches long. She joins older brother, Johnathan, 3. The family lives in Mount Pleasant, S.C.

KRYSLYNN (BRUMBAUGH) LAW (B.A.) and her husband, Matt, welcomed a son, Kai Matthew, on May 29, 2006. Kai joins big sister Maya Vianne. The family lives in Carlsbad.

TINA-MARIE (MASSIMINI) LESKO (B.A.) and her husband, Christopher, have been happily married for three years, and they live in Tustin, Calif.

AMY (PYLE) LITTLE (B.A.) expects to complete her emergency medicine residency at Albany Medical Center in June 2008. She and her husband, Bill, are looking forward to moving back to the West Coast.

MARK MAYNARD (B.A.) received a master’s degree in creative writing (fiction) from Antioch University in Los Angeles in December 2007. Mark lives in Reno, Nev., with his wife and two sons.

GEORGE MONTOYA (B.A., M.A. ’97) is program coordinator for children’s outpatient psychiatry at Children’s Hospital in San Diego.

THERESA PETERSEN-BOZHOR (B.A.) writes, “I’ve been married to the love of my life, Vadim, since 1998. We have two boys: Dimitrius and Dominic. I am aspiring to make tutoring available to all students at all schools via Momentum Tutoring. My goal is raising people to their potential, just as USD raised me to mine.”

MARY LOU STERR (M.Ed.) has been working for the Internal Revenue

Service for more than five years and is currently in the collections department.

TINA (CROWLE) TEDESCO (B.A.) was promoted to executive producer of all media for News10 in Sacramento to after a successful year of executive producing the inaugural program Sacramento and Company. Tina and her husband, Chris, welcomed a second son in June 2007, Dominick Christopher. “There were some scary moments, but he’s a blessing,” writes Tina. “He was born via emergency C-section. Our son, Michael Henry, is very proud of his little brother. I’d love to reconnect with old friends from USD!”

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TERENCE BANICH (B.A.) was elected to the partnership at Jenner & Block, a Chicago law firm, in January 2007. He has practiced at the firm since 1999.

SHANNON BILBRAY (B.A.) and her husband, Danny Axelrod, welcomed their first child, Molly Ann, on Valentine’s Day in 2007. The family lives in Las Vegas.

ELAINE (MILLIGAN) BLANKENSHIP (B.A., M.A. ’02) and her husband, Todd, announce the birth of twins, Kaelyn Cierra and Trey Thomas, on Aug. 5, 2007. Kaelyn and Trey join older sister, Emily, 3.

DANIELLE FERRARA (B.A.) is an investigator for the San Diego County District Attorney’s Office. “My job is exciting, fulfilling and extremely rewarding,” she writes. In her spare time, Danielle enjoys baking, going to the shooting range, spending time with friends and watching HGTV. She plans to continue her education in the law enforcement field and in the meantime will attend Peace Officer Standards and Training certification classes.

SEAN FLANNERY (BBA) and his wife, Jodie (Dawson) ’96, welcomed their first baby, Jack Quinlin, on May 20, 2007. The family lives in the Dallas area, where Sean works for Texas Instruments and Jodie works for the Cooper Clinic.

ALICIA KEMMITT (B.A.) and her partner, Esteban del Rio ’95, both defended their doctoral dissertations in communications at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, in the fall of

2005. They welcomed a daughter, Lucia, in December 2005. Esteban teaches communication studies at USD, and Alicia teaches communications at the University of California, San Diego.

CHRISTOPHER MOORE (B.A.) and his wife, Julie, are busy raising two sons: Hayden, 1, and Bruce, 4. Chris expanded his production company, Blue Cactus Pictures, to Salt Lake City. USD alumnus Mike Greiner joined the company as executive vice president and runs the Salt Lake City office.

MATTHEW RUDAR (BBA) is owner and operator of two businesses, a screenmobile franchise, which he has run for 10 years in South Orange County, Calif., and Perfect Patios, a patio cover design and construction business using Alumawood.

KRISTEN (DeFAZIO) SCHMIDT (B.A.) is in her 11th year of teaching. She changed districts last year and changed levels this year to middle school for the first time. Kristen’s husband, Jason, received his bachelor’s degree in December 2006 and his sommelier diploma in May 2007. They have a 2-year-old son; the family lives in Aurora, Colo.

DIANNE (RICHARDSON) SERIVA (B.Acc.) founded Beau Coup Cupcakes with another stay-at-home mom in November 2005. They provide cupcakes and pull-away cakes for special occasions such as birthday parties, baby showers, weddings and more. The company’s Web site is www.beaucoupcupcakes.com. Dianne and her husband, Edward, celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary in February 2007, and they have two children, ages 8 and 5. “Life is good!” Dianne writes.

ANNE (HARBISON) WEBBER (B.A.) and her husband, Jason, welcomed a son, Matthew Richard, on April 5, 2006. Matthew joins Elise, 4, who loves her new role as big sister. Anne is a consultant to the Huntington Beach City School District in California, providing inclusion support to teachers and students. Jason is busy running his third-generation family business.

KATHERINE (STEWART) WILLIAMS (B.A.) and her husband, Dennis, were married in August 2002. They have two children: a daughter born in 2004 and a son born in 2007. The family lives in New Jersey.

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JENNIFER (RAGAZZO) AHLUWALIA (B.A.) and her husband, Hardeep, were married on March 31, 2007, in Newport Beach, Calif. Jennifer and Hardeep met while Jennifer was in medical school at Creighton University. USD alumni in the wedding party included Jennifer Major, Mary Ann Olson-Russello, Ciara Murphy Byars, Roxana Nunez Story and Michael Story. Jennifer and Hardeep live in Durham, N.C., where she is an OB-GYN at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and Hardeep has a vascular surgery fellowship at Duke.

ARA ANOSHIRAVANI (B.Acc.) and her husband, Shahram Sohrab, have two children, ages 1 and 3. The family lives in Newport Coast, Calif.

COLLEEN (CRAWFORD) BOEHM (BBA) and her husband, Michael, celebrated the birth of their first child, Elizabeth Grace, in August 2005. In June 2006, Colleen joined The Pampered Chef and in July 2007, she was promoted to director. “I love being at home with our daughter while still contributing to our family’s finances,” Colleen says.

GARY DeBORA (B.A.) and his wife, LeAnne, welcomed a son, Jeffrey, into the world on Jan. 10, 2006. He joins older brother Jason “Jake,” who is 3. Gary is the assistant principal at San Elijo Middle School.

ASHLEY (ADOLPH) FARRELL (BBA) and her husband, Travis ’98, have two sons, ages 2 and 5 months. Ashley is on the USD Alumni Board and volunteers with the San Diego Junior League.

PATRICK FERGUSON (J.D.) writes, “Last year, I ran for Clark County district attorney (Las Vegas), but lost in the general election, having been outspent more than 20-fold by the incumbent, who won re-election. It was gratifying nonetheless to have received more than a quarter of a million votes, representing over 45 percent of the ballots cast, despite my financial disadvantage.” Patrick was promoted to senior deputy attorney general of the insurance fraud unit. Patrick and his wife, Jeannie Hug, have two children: Spencer, 4, and Sydney, almost 2.

ROBYN (KENYON) KAMMERER (B.A.) and her husband, Mark, wel-

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comed Benjamin Graham O'Neill on June 2, 2007. Ben weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces, and was 19 inches long. The family lives in Rowayton, Conn. Robyn is the director of communications for Halstead Property, a residential real estate firm.

SELINA (VALDIVIA) KNUDSON (B.Acc.) and her husband, Jeff '97, moved to Columbus, Ohio, in November 2006 for a job opportunity with Limited Brands for Jeff. The couple has two daughters — Madelynn, 6, and Alise, 4 — and Selina is a stay-at-home mom.

JAMES MALONEY (B.A., IMBA '00) and his wife, Brigid, celebrated the birth of McKenna on Jan. 22, 2007. The family lives in Tucson, Ariz.

DEBORAH MASTER (B.A.) married Edwin Medrano on Sept. 9, 2007. They live in Las Vegas, where Deborah is a veterinarian. She graduated from the College of Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University, Pullman, in 2001. Deborah also served in the Peace Corps in Ecuador.

AILEEN (YEREVANIAN) MCKEEVER (BBA) and her husband, James, are proud to announce the birth of their first baby, Vincent, on June 3, 2007. "Right now, I am loving being a stay-at-home mom," says Aileen.

KATHRYN (ROWE) SADA (BBA) and her husband, Jacob, welcomed a son, Andrew, on Jan. 26, 2007. "I'm working part time and enjoying raising our son," says Kathryn.

JUSTINE WASSERMAN (B.A.) married Liz Grady in September 2007 in Santa Fe, N.M. About a dozen USD alumni attended. Justine and Liz moved to Stamford, Conn., where Justin is a partner with Robert H. Schaffer & Associates, a management consulting firm, and Liz just began her career as a clinical social worker. They plan to move to Denver in 2008.

KRISTINA (ZELLER) YANOVER (B.Acc.) and her husband, Scott, welcomed a daughter, Taylor Grace, on June 21, 2007. The family lives in Murrieta, Calif.

[1998] **MATTHEW CARMAZZI (BBA)** opened his own real estate company, Carmazzi Real Estate, in Sacramento in March of 2006. Carmazzi Real

Estate provides sales, property management and mortgage services.

LARA (MONTROSS) DREILING (B.A.) and her husband, Jeremy, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Jacob Jay, on April 11, 2007. The family lives in Centennial, Colo.

CARLA EDWARDS (M.A.) became a grandmother with the birth of Thomas Alexander Edwards on Sept. 10, 2007. Carla is an adjunct counselor with Cuyamaca College and Southwestern College in the San Diego area.

JEFFREY HAUG (BBA) is a business banking officer for Anchor Bank in St. Paul, Minn. In 2006, he completed his MBA at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. His wife, Deana (Fahy) '98, earned a master's degree in education and is a second-grade teacher. Deana and Jeffrey have two sons, Ethan and Andrew.

CAMERON HOOVER (B.Acc.) and his wife, Jennifer, celebrated the birth of their first child, Caiden Jonathan. The family lives in Irvine.

KAREY (WEBBER) JACQUES (B.A.), welcomed another son, Augustus, on April 25, 2007. Big brother Drake is 3. "I truly enjoy being a mom," Karey says. "We feel so blessed!"

DARCY (FARRELL) LEWIS (B.A.), her husband, Jon, and their daughter, Claire, welcomed a son and brother, J.T., in June 2007. Darcy teaches part time in Huntington Beach, Calif., where the family lives.

LINDSAY McAULIFFE-HUNDLEY (B.A.) and her husband, Jason, were married on July 17, 2005. They welcomed a daughter, Mallory, on Jan. 20, 2007. Lindsay has been teaching second grade in San Diego for five years.

CARRIE (SCHWARTZEL) O'DEA (BBA) and her husband, Chris, were married on July 16, 2005, and they live in San Francisco.

AMY (WILLMON) REPETTI (B.A.) and her husband, Dominic '00, welcomed their second child, Luca Dominic, on Feb. 1, 2007. Their daughter, Gianna Bella, is 3. Dominic is a financial consultant for A.G. Edwards in San Diego and Amy is an independent consultant for Cabi clothing. The family lives in Carlsbad.

JULIE SHEPHERD (B.A.) is a Fulbright Exchange Teacher in London for the 2007-08 school year.

TODD VANDERVORT (B.Acc.) sold his CPA business and returned to Zimmer Corp. in Carlsbad as a manager of financial planning and analysis. Todd and his wife welcomed a second daughter, Amber Brooke, on Aug. 21, 2007. Amber joins older sister Hannah, 4.

TRICIA (SPARKS) WALSH (BBA, M.Ed. '01) and her husband, Dean, live happily in Newport Beach, Calif. Tricia teaches fourth grade and is the district science coordinator. She was named Teacher of the Year and is working on her administrative credential.

LAURA (SIDES) WOMBOLT (B.A.) and her husband, Brady, have two children: Elizabeth and Alexander. "Love to travel and visit all my friends from USD!" Laura says.

[1999] **ANTHONY BANNISTER (BBA)** teaches U.S. history at Whitney High School in Rocklin, Calif. Anthony and his wife, Amanda, were married in the summer of 2006 in Carmel, Calif. Amanda is a language arts teacher at Whitney High.

GIBSEY (PENCE) BECKETT (B.A.) and her husband, Joshua, are pleased to announce the arrival of their second daughter, Ava Elizabeth, on Aug. 13, 2007. The family lives in Morro Bay, Calif.

KELLY (DAVIS) BROWN (BBA, M.A. '04) and her husband, Travis, were married in Maui on June 22, 2007. Kelly teaches seventh- and eighth-grade GATE language arts, drama and yoga classes to students at Rio Seco Junior High. Kelly recently finished her fifth original folk album, *Tribute*. Kelly and Travis are very proud of their beautiful home and they hope to fill it up with children and the spirit of the Lord.

DAVID DUNLOP (B.A.) married Meghan O'Shaughnessy on June 27, 2004, and their first child, Andrew David, was born on Dec. 12, 2006. David is the accounting manager for eEye Digital Security in Aliso Viejo, Calif.

JOHNNY GRECO (BBA) has a full-time job playing rock 'n' roll piano at

the Big Bang in Tempe, Ariz. He reports that he works only three hours a day, entertains 400 people a night, is the center of attention and has the best job in the world.

ERIN (BUCHANAN) GUNTHER (B.A.) and her husband, Scott, welcomed their second baby boy, Matthew, on March 20, 2007. The family lives in Irvine, Calif.

DEBORAH HUTCHINSON (B.A.) had a first-authored paper published as a cover story in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Deborah is a postdoctoral research associate in the biological sciences department at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va.

MATTHEW KNOTT (B.A.) and his wife, Jamie, have been married for a year, and they live in San Diego. Matthew and Jamie welcomed a son, Evan Matthew, on Jan. 3, 2008. "When he was born, he came out kicking and screaming, ready to take on the world," Matthew says. "My wife and I are loving every minute of being parents." Matthew is finishing a dual master's and credentialing program to teach kindergarten through grade six. He also is a night bartender downtown at the House of Blues. "I expect our son is going to be bombarded with information, having two teachers as parents," Matthew adds.

MATT MASLOWSKI (B.A.) and his wife, Natalyne, were married on April 21, 2007, in Kona, Hawaii. He is a regional sales manager for Mangia, an Italian food manufacturer and importer. Naty is a paralegal for Sessions & Kimball, an employee rights firm. "We are loving married life and looking forward to kids!" Matt says.

MICHELLE (DYE) MATTHIAS (B.A.) and her husband, Robert, welcomed Alanna Rian on June 9, 2007. Alanna joins siblings Arland, 4, and Adreanne, 2. Michelle is an at-home mom in San Diego, and Robert is a lieutenant commander on the USS Boxer.

CHRISTINA (GRAVES) REMICK (B.A.) and her husband, Ryan, recently moved to Rancho Bernardo. They welcomed a son, Peyton, in March, who joins older sister, Isabel, 3. Christina is a teacher in Mira Mesa.

SARA STRAUHAL (B.A.) completed a master's degree in community social

psychology and continues to work in higher education as assistant director for student and staff development.

ALISON (BALES) TAYLOR (B.A.) and her husband, Derek, live in Rolling Hills Estates, Calif., with their four boys and their newest addition. The family welcomed a daughter and sister, McKenna Grace, on Sept. 11, 2007. She weighed 8 pounds, 6 ounces, and was 19-1/2 inches long. "After having four boys in the family, there was pure joy and excitement felt by all when the first girl was born!" Ali says. "She is very loved and especially protected by all her older brothers!"

KRISTINA (ROJO) TIMMONS (B.A.) and her husband, Ché, were married on Nov. 28, 2006. Together, they have three children: Sachi, 12; Aaron, 7; and Keir, born on March 24, 2007. "We are enjoying our kids and each other," Kristina says.

JENNIFER TYSOR (B.A.) married Todd McIntosh on Nov. 10, 2007, and they honeymooned in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. Jennifer is a first-grade teacher, and Todd is a high school teacher.

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SCOTT BERGEN (B.A.) and his wife, Nicole (Angle) '02, celebrated their second wedding anniversary and recently went on a road trip to the Grand Canyon, Bryce and Zion national parks as well as five other parks in the Southwest. "Nicole even camped outside at the Grand Canyon!" Scott says. Nicole and Scott live in North Hollywood, where Nicole is the director of research for KCBS/KCAL TV, and Scott has retired from teaching to pursue a career in sports writing and broadcasting at CBS and Vootage.com.

SARAH (FURAR) BURNS (B.A.) and her husband, Greg, welcomed their second child, Leah Marley Gray, on Sept. 28, 2007. The family lives on the island of Maui.

NANIQUE (JIMENEZ) CASTRO (BBA) and her husband, Robert, were blessed with their first child, Nathan Robert, on Sept. 13, 2006. "He is our everything," Nanique says. Nanique is a business analyst with American Funds in Brea, Calif.

HEATHER CHAIX (B.A.) works for R.E. Chaix Associates Insurance Brokers in Irvine.

KELLY YI-YI CHANG (J.D.) married Scott Rickert in Las Vegas on Sept. 8, 2007. They live in Los Angeles.

KRISTI DESUACIDO (B.A.) is a science and math teacher at Ho'ala School in Wahiawa, Hawaii, and was awarded a grant from the Toyota International Teacher's Program in Costa Rica. One of 36 teachers selected nationally, Kristi will observe classes, interact with Costa Rican students and educators, and explore environmental projects. Kristi has been active in the Kaiaka Bay Watershed Project.

TONY GLENN (BBA) and Sarah (Cook) '00 celebrated their five-year anniversary, and they have two daughters: Sydney, 2, and Ruby, 3 months. Tony is a firefighter/paramedic for Sacramento Metro Fire, and Sarah is lucky to stay home with their daughters.

RUDY GUEVARRA (B.A.) earned a Ph.D. in history from the University of California, Santa Barbara, in June 2007. He is a Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow in the Ethnic Studies Department at the University of California, Berkeley.

SHANE HELMICH (B.A.) was named Teacher of the Year for his district in 2007. He is a seventh- and eighth-grade mathematics teacher at Olive Peirce Middle School in the Ramona School District.

CHRISTINA HOLMES (MBA) and her husband, Adam '01, have two children: Caroline, 5, and Hansel, 2. Adam, a lieutenant colonel, completed his command tour of VMGRT-253 in September 2006 and is deployed to Iraq, while the family is stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point in North Carolina. Chris volunteers as a Blue and Gold Officer for the Naval Academy and serves other local philanthropic organizations in Havelock, N.C.

JENNY NIELSEN (B.A.) is pursuing a Ph.D., specializing in nuclear nonproliferation policy, at the University of Southampton in the United Kingdom.

KARI PARKER (M.A.) and her husband, Jim, celebrated their 10-year anniversary. They have two children: Logan, 5, and Emma, 3. Kari is a counselor at San Diego Mesa College, and

Jim runs their business, It's a Grind, a coffeehouse in Little Italy.

JENNIFER REMENSPERGER (B.A.) is a small-animal veterinarian and joined Woodland Veterinary Hospital in June 2007, treating dogs and cats.

SHELLEY ROWE-KRUSIC (B.A.) graduated from the California Western School of Law in August 2007.

ANNE (SIMAS) SHAW (B.A.) is a speech therapist at an elementary school in central California. She and her husband, Steven, have a 1-year-old son, Brett Joseph.

KJELLAUG STROOMER (B.A.) and Kevin Rowe '02 were married on Aug. 11, 2007, and they live in Seattle. Kevin is a project engineer for the Rafn Company and Kjell teaches high school English.

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CHRIS BOURNE (B.Acc.) married Christina Freeman at Auberge Du Soleil in Napa, Calif., in May 2007. Alumni groomsmen included Jim Foley, Brendan Horgan, Mark Brady and Kris Kalmbach. Chris and Christina live in San Francisco but plan to move to Sydney, Australia, where Chris will continue working at Ernst & Young.

RYAN BUMGARNER (B.A.) is president of Shoreline Real Estate in Altadena, Calif.

VICTORIA BURNS (B.A.) teaches seventh-grade math in Atherton, Calif., and she loves every minute of it. She recently bought a house in Fremont, Calif., where she lives with her boyfriend and their three cats.

ANDREA LAIRD COLEMAN (BBA) and her husband, Jamey, were married on Aug. 4, 2007, in Coronado. They honeymooned in Jamaica and live in San Diego. Many USD friends attended the wedding, including Stephanie Young, who was a bridesmaid.

ALISON COX (B.A.) recently launched Ali Cox & Co., a marketing and events company in New York. Previously, Ali had successful stints as an Olympic rower and a fashion executive at IMG.

CYNTHIA (WESTIN) CRIST (BSN, MSN '02) is a nurse practitioner for an oncology private practice,

IMA Management in San Diego. She also teaches in the nursing department at Grossmont College, is on the speakers bureau for Genentech, and is an advanced practice nurse at Scripps Mercy Hospital. Cindy and her husband, Parker, have two children: Connor, 4, and Jackson, 3.

KATHRYN FELICE (J.D.) accepted the position of counsel at ABC Inc., a subsidiary of The Walt Disney Co.

ADALID GARCIA (B.A.) married Carolina Vargas '02. They welcomed a son, Aidan, on Aug. 30, 2007.

ANNA (GROBE) HJORTH (B.A.) completed her master's degree in public health from the University of Southern California in May 2007. Anna and her husband welcomed a son, Noah Gerald, on Dec. 8, 2007. Noah weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce, and was 21 inches long.

ROBYN HODGES-RITTER (B.A.) and her husband, Dan '00, were married on June 16, 2007, in Kansas City, Kan. USD alumni in the wedding party included Lucas Smart, Deanna Walcott, D.J. Walcott, Katie McCandless, Bess (Hodges) Inzeo, Sean McCarney, Matt Hawkins and Xavier Barnett. Robyn completed a doctorate in psychology at Forest Institute and is a clinical psychologist for the Kansas Department of Corrections. Dan earned a master's degree in education from Avila College and is a high school business teacher and football coach for the Blue Valley School District in Overland Park, Kan.

SISTER SHARON MCGUIRE (Ph.D.) and fellow alumna Kate Martin had an article, *Fractured Migrant Families: Paradoxes of Hope and Devastation*, published in the July-September issue of *Family and Community Health*.

RORY OLSEN (B.A.) relocated to the Los Angeles area after spending three years living and working in remote Aboriginal communities in Australia.

MONICA ORTIZ (B.A.) works at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. Previously, she worked on the 2004 presidential election.

KIPLEY PERELES (BBA) is a product manager for Nicholas-Applegate Capital Management and plans to

pursue an MBA soon. She hopes to attend graduate school at USD, as it is her first love. In her free time, Kipley enjoys running, going to the beach and traveling to the Bahamas, where her family has a home-away-from-home. Kipley's fiancé, Richard Molina, started a wireless-sensing technology business, Senseless.

VERONICA SAYDAK (B.A.) is the head of the English department at a private school in Solana Beach. She continues to travel and recently returned from an adventure through Colombia.

LINDSAY SHALLER (B.A.) married William Hayden on March 10, 2007, in Pasadena, and they honeymooned in the Caribbean. Lindsay is a real estate agent at Sotheby's International Realty in Pasadena. William is regional director of development/leasing at Majestic Realty Co. in the City of Industry.

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TARA ARDALAN (B.A.) works on her parents' horse ranch, Caspian Stables, in Valley Center, Calif. Tara rides, competes and trains horses for show jumping, and imports and sells horses from Europe. "My job allows me to travel all over the world," she says. "I'm very lucky that my job is my passion. I still keep in touch with my USD friends and attended Harry Moore and Pilar Mendoza's wedding this year!" (See story on page 39.)

MELISSA (KALLAS) BARANIC (B.A.) and her husband, Patrick, were married in May 2005 and they live in San Pedro, Calif. Melissa has been teaching in Inglewood, Calif., for five years.

LARA BOLLINGER (B.A.) is a naval officer, commissioned in 2002 at USD's NROTC unit. She is a public affairs officer in the Navy Chief of Information Office at the Pentagon. She spent five years stationed on ships out of Norfolk, Va., and Yokosuka, Japan. "Now I am having the time of my life, applying what I studied in college in the realm of military public affairs," she says. Lara works with national journalists and reporters daily, providing information on Navy stories via print, Internet and television media.

YVETTE CANABA (B.A.) is in the School of Podiatric Medicine at Temple University in Philadelphia.

SARA CHIOCCA (B.A.) graduated from Arcadia University in Glenside, Pa., with a doctor of physical therapy degree in February 2008, and then moved to Nashville to work. She also spent two weeks doing pro bono physical therapy at a clinic in Zacapa, Guatemala.

SIMONA CONSTANTINESCU (B.A.) has been a staff attorney for the San Diego County Superior Court since May 2006. "It's wonderful!" she says.

MATTHEW DIGESTI (BBA) graduated from law school in 2005 and recently opened a law firm, Heintz, Robyn & Digesti, in San Diego. The firm handles civil litigation, business law, and sports and entertainment representation. The firm's Web site is www.hrdlaw.com.

REBECCA (MILLEA) FABOZZI (B.A.) and her husband, Jacob, were married on July 23, 2005, at Founders Chapel. They moved to Riverside County, Calif., where they both teach at the middle school level.

BRITA HULST (B.A.) served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Burkina Faso, West Africa. In June 2007, she received her master's degree in school psychology at the University of Washington. Brita lives in Seattle and works in a nearby school district.

BARBARA (CORCEGA) ILIZALITURRI (B.A.) is a professional translator and interpreter, working part time for the San Diego Unified School District. She also works as an interpreter for companies and prepares written translations for clients on special projects, including the film *Ocean Oasis*, the museum exhibit *Return to the Sea of Cortez*, and the books *Air Quality in the Mexico Megacity*, *Where the Earth Breathes* and *Giants are Born*, and *Oasis of Stone*.

PRENTICE LECLAIR (B.A.) has been living for the past four years in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where he started a small business development group for Argentine clients and European clients working in Argentina. He recently returned to San Diego to pursue his dream of teaching at the university level and is looking for grad schools.

KAY (OLSON) NORTON (B.A.) retired from USD's registrar's office in April 2005. She has traveled to Italy, Greece, the Netherlands, France, Bel-

gium, Luxembourg and Germany. Kay goes to Minnesota once a year, and she volunteers at Mission Trails Regional Park once a week.

ROGER PEREZ (B.A.) and Deirdre Crampton were married in San Diego on Aug. 25, 2007. The couple spent their honeymoon in Koh Samui, Thailand. Roger is completing his doctorate in clinical psychology from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Deirdre is a portfolio analyst for a global real estate investment firm. They live in San Clemente, Calif.

BRETT PETERSON (M.A.) was named principal of High Tech High in San Diego. He also earned a second master's degree.

KRISTIN (NOCITA) ROBLEE (BBA) and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first baby, Dane Edward, on May 29, 2007. Dane weighed 10 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 21 inches long. The family lives in Monrovia, Calif.

CONOR SAMMARTIN (B.A.) was promoted to director of athlete marketing for Priority Sports & Entertainment in Chicago.

RICHARD WILLIAMSON (B.A.) and Tiffany (Ardell) '03 celebrated the birth of their son, John Derby, on Sept. 9, 2007.

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BRIAN BURNS (B.A.) is in his third year at Thomas Jefferson School of Law and is interning in the San Diego public defender's office.

KRISTIN (EDELHAUSER) CRESSMAN (B.A.) married her husband, Ryan, on Aug. 25, 2007, in Dana Point. Alumni in attendance included Marissa Burnett, Erin Gabriel, Jenn (Torio) Marquis, Dom Marquis, Erika (Sharp) Powers and Ben Powers. Kristin is a staff writer for Entrepreneur.com, and the couple lives in Irvine.

AMIE (GARCIA) CORT (BBA) and her husband, Ryan, were married on Aug. 4, 2007, in the San Francisco Bay Area. They honeymooned in Fiji and live in Dublin, Calif., with their two dogs, Bella and Bloo.

TIFFANY ROBERTS FISHER (B.A.) is a full-time animal care specialist at SeaWorld.

ANDREW GANSE (B.A.) was a student-teacher in Poway in the fall of 2003 and worked as a junior high language arts teacher at St. Rita's Catholic School in 2004. From 2005 to 2007, he was the seventh-grade homeroom teacher and eighth-grade algebra I teacher at St. Didacus Parish School in Normal Heights. While at St. Didacus, Andrew earned his master's degree in education at Point Loma Nazarene University. He writes, "On Aug. 25, 2007, I got married to the most beautiful woman in the world and precious gift from God, Christine Corrigan, at St. Francis of Assisi church in Manhattan, N.Y. We are happily married and now live in Bangor, Maine."

TYLER JOHNSON (B.A.) graduated from dental school at Loma Linda University and is a first-year resident in anesthesia at Loma Linda University Medical Center.

CHERYL KURTZ (M.S.) has been working at the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center in San Diego for 10 years. Her biggest projects have been sinking retired ships as artificial reefs, writing environmental compliance documents and assessing the eco-risk of abandoned equipment. Cheryl spends her free time raising money for breast cancer research in memory of her mother, Geraldine Kurtz, who died in April 2006.

MOLLY GARAHAN (B.A.) is studying school counseling and living in San Francisco.

JENNY MEYER (B.A.) graduated with a pharmacology degree from the University of Colorado and is an executive pharmacist with Target. Jenny lives in Denver.

BLAIR FISHER MULVIHILL (B.A.) and Travis Bode were married on Sept. 29, 2007, at the Cathedral of the Annunciation in Stockton, Calif. The newlyweds honeymooned on Hayman Island and in Sydney, Australia. Blair is an account manager for Kineticom Inc., and Travis is stationed in Washington, D.C., finishing his master's degree in international affairs. Blair and Travis live in Alexandria, Va.

KALEIGH ROBINSON (B.A.) was in northeastern Brazil on a summer fellowship and is now working toward a Ph.D. in international development at Tulane University in New Orleans.



COURTESY OF JASON ORLANDO

[sweet spot]

BUDGETS WITHOUT BORDERS

Spanning the globe, crunching numbers

by Trisha J. Ratledge

Jason Orlando '94 was always drawn to an international career, but he figured overseas positions were limited to spies, CIA wonks and military folks. There didn't appear to be a place for "budget nerds" like him.

But while working as deputy director of budget formulation for the District of Columbia, Jason discovered a niche: The U.S. Treasury has a division made for those who travel all over the world to crunch numbers and dispense bottom-line advice to foreign governments that want help in improving their financial systems.

Jason was delighted to have finally found a way to work overseas using his background and skills in budgeting and public finance. In 2004, he scored an interview and within a month, he was on a plane to Tbilisi, Georgia, the former Soviet republic south

of Russia, for a preliminary candidate mission to see if he could establish a good working rapport with the budget officers in the Georgia Ministry of Finance.

"Before you go as an adviser, they send you in to see if you're the right fit," Jason says. "There has to be good chemistry."

That candidate mission was a success, and in November 2004 he returned with his wife, Amy (Powell) '94, for a two-year assignment to assist the government of Georgia as a U.S. Treasury resident adviser specializing in budget policy and management.

Moving from a Western culture to the former Eastern Bloc was disorienting at first — from learning the customs and language to navigating daily life in a country with a rocky infrastructure and spotty power and heat.

In the midst of these changes,

Jason and Amy were preparing for another new chapter; daughter Sophie was born just as they were getting settled.

The Georgia assignment was followed by the family's current two-year assignment in Costa Rica, where Jason's minor in Spanish has come in handy. In both overseas assignments, Jason says he hit a political sweet spot in which the governments had just changed power and the offices he worked in were ripe for change. Even so, in order to help his counterparts strengthen their budget policies and procedures, he has to first earn their confidence.

"We probably spend a third of our time as teachers, a third of our time as advisers and a third of our time actually doing the work," he explains. "You have to have a connection. It's hard to be effective if people don't like you." 🇬🇪

KATIE (LEBENS) SAGRERO (B.A.) and her husband, Miguel '00, welcomed their second child, Magdalena Michelle, on May 20, 2007. The Sagreros live in Los Angeles, where Katie is a doctor and Miguel is a therapist.

MEAGAN (TINKER) SANTOS (B.A.) and her husband, Ricardo, welcomed a son, Nathan Grey, on Oct. 21, 2006. The family lives in Redondo Beach, Calif.

LINDSEY SMITH (B.Acc.) is part of the senior housing services group at CB Richard Ellis, focusing on investment sales of senior housing facilities and portfolios. She also has her own business, marketing boutique wines. Lindsey writes, "I live in downtown San Diego and love it! Great place to live, work and play." In the past year, Lindsey has visited eight countries. She also enjoys scrapbooking, knitting, cooking, practicing Bikram yoga and playing on a social dodge ball team. Lindsey is the co-chair for the American Cancer Society's Downtown San Diego Relay for Life and raised more than \$12,000 at last year's event.

ERIN (BETTINGEN) SORENSON (B.A.) and her husband, Eric '01, were married in May 2007 and honeymooned in Belize. They live in Ladera Ranch, Calif., with their dog, Cosmo. Erin earned a second degree in interior design and owns a successful design and event business. Erin and Eric planned to celebrate their first anniversary with a trip to Europe.

RYAN STACK (B.A., J.D. '06) and Heather (Barnes) '04 moved to Park City, Utah, in May 2006. Ryan passed the Utah state bar exam in October 2006 and is an associate city prosecutor for Salt Lake City. Heather is in the second year of a two-year program to become a certified sign language interpreter.

[2004] **SHAHAB ARIANNEJAD (B.A.)** completed a master's degree in biomedical sciences at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla., in 2006. He is working toward a doctor of dental medicine degree at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

KATIUSCIA IACOBELLI (B.A.) has been selling real estate since graduation and traveling whenever she has a spare moment. "I recently moved

back from living in beautiful Italy for a year — my fabulous home country!"

CLAIRE (SCHIELD) LAWYER (B.A.) and her husband, Adam, welcomed a son on May 5, 2006. Claire is working toward a master's degree in secondary education and a single-subject teaching credential in history. The family lives in Pasadena.

NICOLE MONDELLO (B.A., MAT '06) became the first civilian female instructor to teach a community college level course — world civilizations — aboard a deployed Coast Guard cutter (USCGS Munro) in September 2006. She left on a second trip in December 2006 on USCGC Morgenthau and returned in February 2007. Nicole still teaches for Vincennes University as an adjunct history professor and works at Coast Guard Station San Diego as well as North Island Naval Base.

ARNULFO MORGÁ (MBA) was promoted to vice president and manager of the North Park financial center for Washington Mutual. He and his wife, Georgina, welcomed a daughter, Carissa, on Dec. 7, 2007. Carissa weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 18 inches long.

JERI RICHARDSON (BBA) is a real estate agent in the San Francisco Bay Area. In March 2007, she underwent brain surgery at Stanford Hospital and is nearing the completion of her recovery. She recently started back to work.

MONICA SANTANA (B.A.) is an algebra teacher in San Bernardino, Calif.

JOSEPH SEPULVEDA (MSSC) received his ASQ certifications as a certified quality engineer and certified manager of quality for organizational excellence. Joseph works for Raytheon in Dallas.

RYAN SWARTZ (BBA) graduated cum laude from Whittier Law School in July 2007 and is preparing to take the California and Arizona bar exams. Ryan lives in Scottsdale, Ariz.

MATTHEW VAN HOUTEN (B.A.) is working toward an MBA in entrepreneurship and real estate at Baruch College in New York City. Matthew is an event planner with MTV Networks, where he has worked since he graduated from USD. (See story on page 33.)

TREVOR WARE (BBA) is an account executive with Accredited Home Lenders in San Diego. In his free time, he enjoys traveling, skimboarding, golfing and playing tennis.

[2005] **JENNIFER (HYDE) ATKINS (B.A.)** and her husband, Nicholas, were married on Dec. 30, 2007. Nicholas is with the U.S. Army Special Forces, and the couple is stationed in Stuttgart, Germany.

SCOTT BURCAR (BBA) and Melody Morsaint '04 were married on April 14, 2007, at The Immaculata. Family, friends and Scott's USD soccer teammates were present. A reception was also held in Scott's hometown of Graham, Wash., in July 2007. Scott is a mortgage loan officer for Union Fidelity Mortgage in La Jolla. Melody is a certified public accountant for Deloitte and Touche. Scott continues to kick the soccer ball around a bit.

LINDSAY GERBER (B.A.) is a founder and the chief executive officer of Temple Treasures Designer Staging, an interior design/home staging company in San Francisco. "I am enjoying the experience of having my own business and all of the opportunities this has given me," Lindsay says. After graduation, Lindsay traveled to Africa, where she climbed Mount Kilimanjaro, and journeyed throughout Europe.

HEATHER HILL (B.A.) earned a master's degree in mass communication and media studies from San Diego State University in May 2007. While at SDSU, Heather was a reporter for *Full Focus* on KPBS. Heather is now back at USD teaching public speaking for the Communication Studies Department.

STEPHANIE HOWE (B.A.) completed her Teach for America commitment and her master's degree in June 2007. She moved back to California and is teaching at a small charter school and applying for English Ph.D. programs.

PATRICIA LAVOIRE (M.Ed.) continued her education in early childhood special education and now works in the field in El Cajon. "I enjoy spending time with my husband, my children and three new grandchildren, attending Padres games and working on home projects," Patricia says.

DANIELLE MACERANKA (B.A.) is an event coordinator at Il Fornaio on Coronado Island.

THOMAS MANTIONE (B.Acc.) studied abroad in the USD Guadalajara summer program in 2005 and joined Ernst and Young in the fall of 2005. He became a certified public accountant in 2007 and also trained as a liturgical minister at Good Shepherd Parish in San Diego. Thomas recently took an 18-day trip through Scotland and England, and is a Chargers season ticket holder.

MARIA MASALUNGA (B.A.) is the broadcast producer at the Nerland Agency, an advertising and public relations agency in Anchorage, Alaska.

TARA O'LEARY (B.A.) lives in Napa Valley and works as a chemist at ETS Laboratories, a wine analysis lab.

JON SAMPSON (MFA) and Jennifer Stewart '04 were married in La Jolla on Dec. 18, 2005, and then moved to New York City. Jen taught theater courses for various programs and colleges, and Jon signed with an agency and landed two commercials, played Curly in *Of Mice and Men* at the Repertory Theatre of St. Louis, and played two scenes opposite Kate Winslet in *Revolutionary Road*, a film scheduled to open in December 2008. "We missed the West Coast, however, and I decided to pursue my true passion of information technology," Jon says. Jon and Jen have settled in Bakersfield, Calif., where Jon is manager of information technology for Klassen Corp., and Jen is a professor of theater for Bakersfield College.

KATHLEEN SULLIVAN (B.A.) joined the Jesuit Volunteer Corps after graduation and worked for Center City Churches, a nonprofit organization in Hartford, Conn. She then joined the JVC Magis program with Loyola University in Chicago. Kathleen is working toward a master's degree in pastoral studies and works for the Ignation Spirituality Project, a small nonprofit that runs retreats for homeless men and women in recovery.

SONYA WILSON (BBA) is president of the San Diego alumni chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, a national business honor society. The chapter has launched www.bgssandiego.org, a resource for BGS members in San Diego.

[2006] **TOMMY FEITER (J.D.)** is in his second year as assistant state attorney in Orlando, Fla., and is a member of the Florida State Bar. He has first-chaired more than 30 jury trials to verdict.

[2007] **CHRIS BERG (B.Acc.)** won the 18-24 age group at the Nautica Malibu Triathlon, held on Sept. 16, 2007, at Zuma Beach in Malibu. In May 2007, Chris finished fourth in the San Diego International Triathlon. Chris is a tax associate at CBIZ Accounting Tax and Advisory of San Diego. Chris and his dad, Tony, participated in the Nautica Malibu Triathlon together and raised a combined \$8,000 for Children's Hospital of Los Angeles.

In Memoriam

LT. CHRISTIAN J. HESCOCK (B.A. '02) was killed in the line of duty on Sept. 24, 2007.

NED WILLIAMSON (MBA '97) passed away on July 13, 2006. He is dearly missed.

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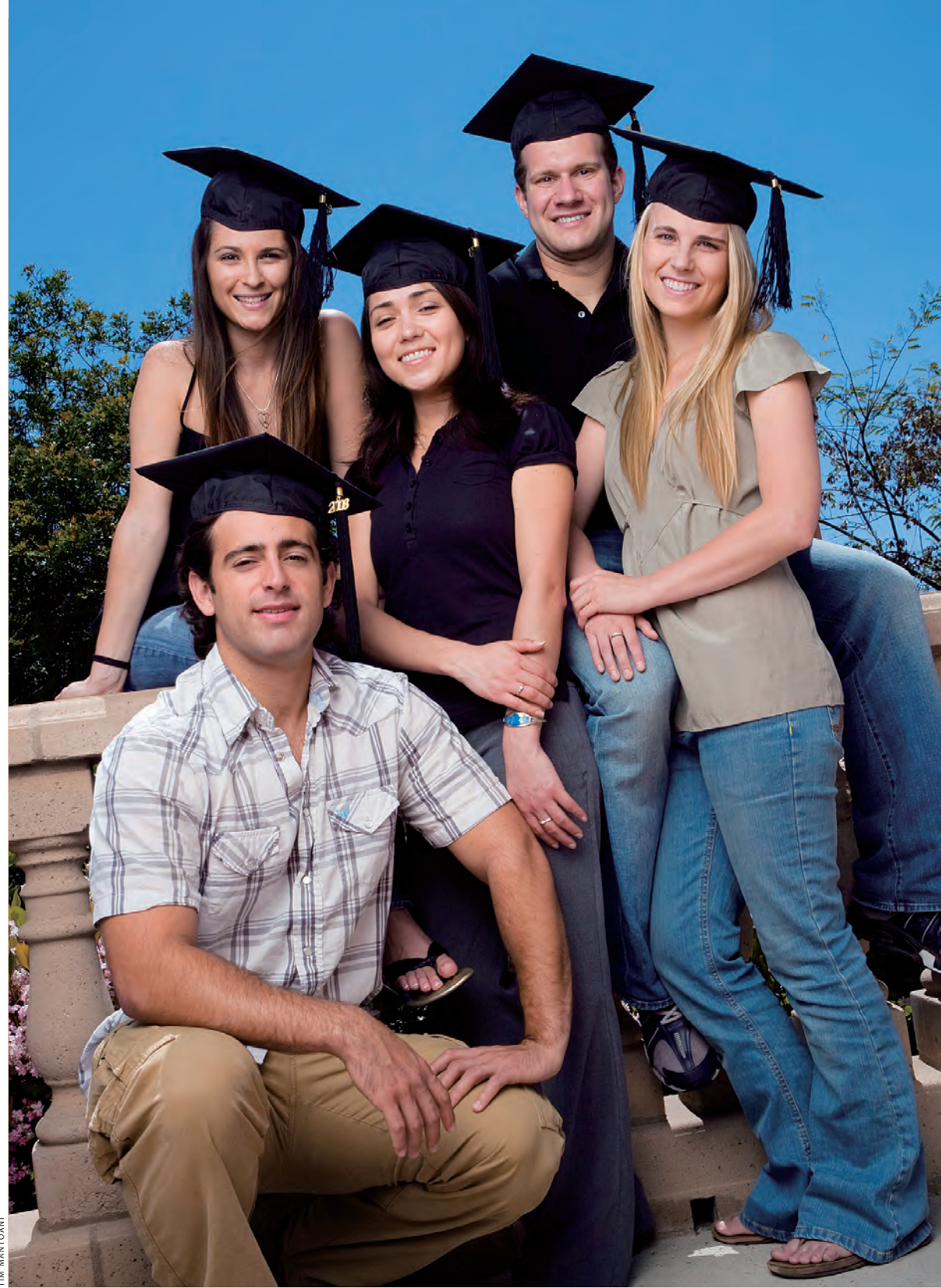
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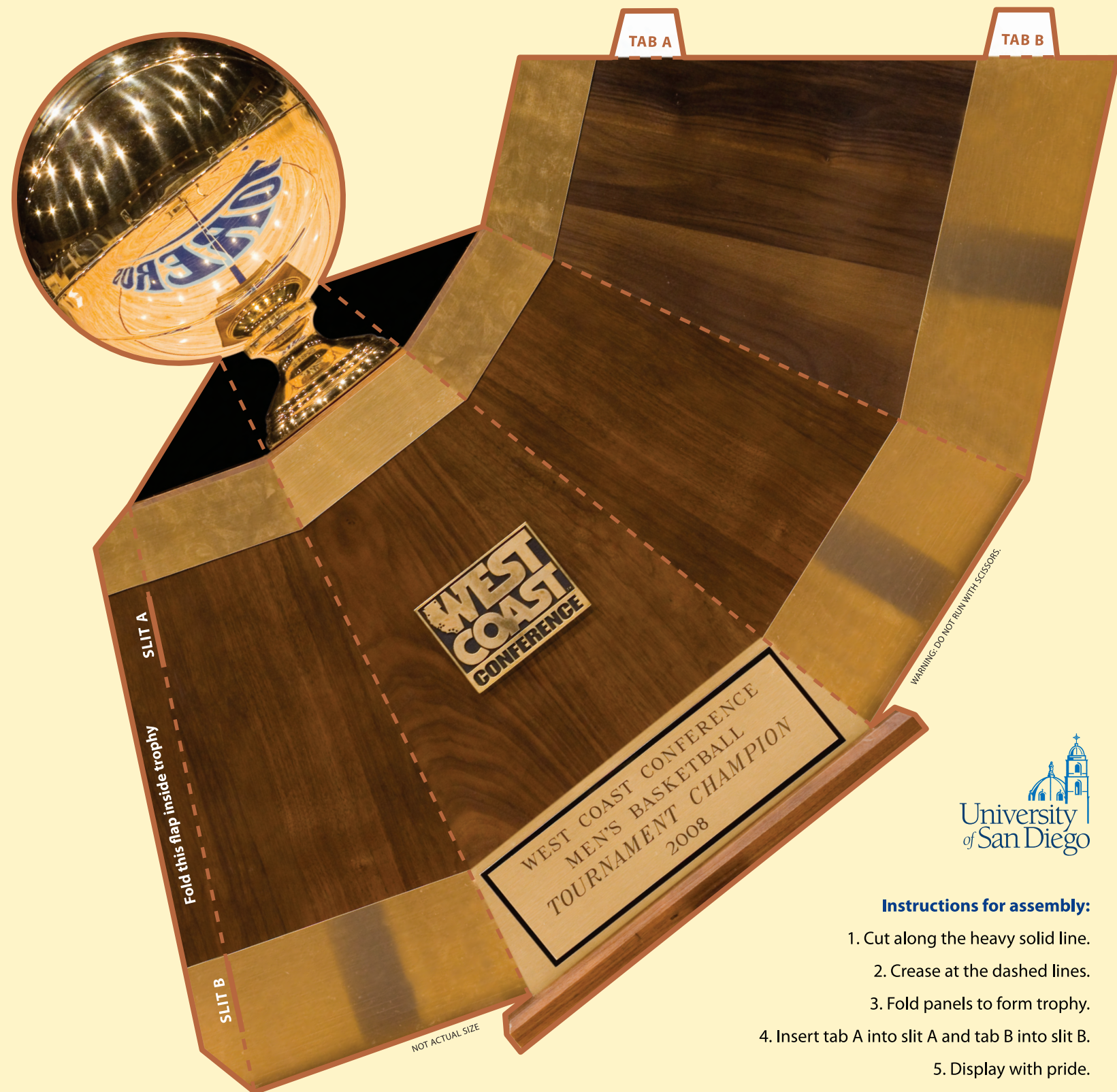
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FIVE DEGREES OF GRADUATION It's been four years since we met our Fab Five, and now the quintet is graduating. Clockwise from front: Marco Martinez plans to launch his own business; Kendra Hofmann-Curry will be working on her masters in education; Carmen Gonzalez hopes to begin teaching at the high school level this fall; Matt Rutz is on track to attend medical school; and as she planned from day one, Brianne Butler is off to dental school. We'll keep you posted as to where they wind up next.

Share the Glory!

Congratulations to the USD Men's Basketball team, winner of the 2008 West Coast Conference Tournament and participant in the 2008 NCAA Tournament. Cut out and assemble this keepsake stand-alone trophy from this championship season. How will you display yours? Send a photo of yourself with the trophy to letters@sandiego.edu. We may feature it online or in a future issue of *USD Magazine*.



Instructions for assembly:

1. Cut along the heavy solid line.
2. Crease at the dashed lines.
3. Fold panels to form trophy.
4. Insert tab A into slit A and tab B into slit B.
5. Display with pride.



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