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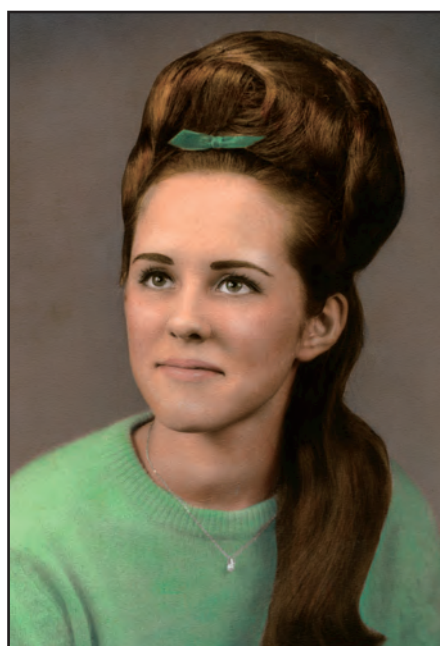
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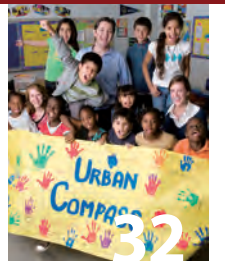
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## LIGHT MY FIRE

Don't ever doubt the transformative power of rock and roll



Around our house, it was show tunes mostly. On occasion, there'd be a wild foray into edgier genres epitomized by vocalists like Perry Como, Barbra Streisand or Dean Martin, but for the most part, when a record album was ceremoniously placed on the turntable, it was along the lines of *The Sound of Music* or *Man of La Mancha* or *Fiddler on the Roof*.

It wasn't until sixth grade that I figured out that this sort of music was Seriously Uncool. Why so late? Well, for a bookworm with no older siblings and parents who had an ironclad rule that the driver always chose the radio station, there just wasn't much opportunity for me to become aware of the audio revolution going on. (In fact, I was so out of touch, when a cool kid in the library got excited and started playing air guitar when he saw the book I was checking out — a science-fiction yarn by Robert Heinlein called *The Rolling Stones* — I had no idea what was happening. I may have thought he was having a seizure.)

But Christmas changed everything. Under the tree, I unwrapped my very own transistor radio. I do believe I shrieked with joy, uncaring that it only picked up AM stations. For the next 12 hours, that tinny black oblong box was glued to my ear. I heard George Harrison singing about "My Sweet Lord," the Jackson Five lamenting "Never Can Say Goodbye," Carlos Santana yearning for a "Black Magic Woman," Ike and Tina Turner's incendiary version of "Proud Mary" ... well, you get the idea.

It was a long way from the easy listening station, let me tell you.

Now, of course I didn't go straight from "If I Were a Rich Man" to "A Day in the Life." For example, the first album I bought with my own money was (shudder) *The Best of Bread*, and my first 45 was Don McLean's "American Pie" (which, truth be told, I still sort of love). But once I got a taste of real rock and roll, of the way the music could move you, I never looked back.

In the years since, I've seen hundreds of bands, collected thousands of songs, and sung along to the car radio more times than I can count, just about always with the windows rolled down and the volume turned up. I've had all sorts of soundtracks to my life, and the trigger to memory is, more often than not, hearing a certain song brings back key moments with razor-sharp clarity.

Eventually, I even found a way to make a living by combining my two very favorite things — music and writing — and wound up building a pretty enviable life that involved a modest bit of acclaim, copious amounts of free music, and a chance to meet, interview and write about bona fide rock stars.

One of the main things these larger-than-life icons had in common with one another was passion. Whatever their genre — rock, hip-hop, folk, blues, techno, metal, whatever — the most extraordinary rock stars were the ones who cared so much it was almost painful to hear them talk about their music. They infected me with the desire to care that much about my own work and fired me up to be the very best writer I could be.

To me, it's that sort of zeal that makes a person a rock star. Whether or not you ever take the stage, if you can inspire others with your enthusiasm, if you give it your all, whatever "it" is — congratulations, you are a rock star.

And this issue is packed with that exact sort of rock star. While none of them have sold out an arena (not yet, anyway), all of them are awesome enough to inspire a standing ovation.

Oh, and if you're like me, you'll enjoy the issue even better if you read it while accompanied by your favorite song. Can music save your mortal soul? Debatable. But if you ask me, it's simply not possible to be too old to rock and roll.

— Julene Snyder, Editor

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## Chill Inducing

I got goose bumps reading Julene Snyder's "London Calling" article in the most recent issue of *USD Magazine* (Fall 2008).

In 2005, I was one of a handful of students studying Plays in Production with professors David Hay and Cynthia Caywood. The article took me right back to that wonderful experience, where every day held a new fascination and the next lesson was just a tube ride away. The program did not have a community service aspect when I attended it; I am so glad that the students are getting to experience yet another facet of that wonderful city while serving as impressive ambassadors for



BARBARA FERGUSON

our school and our country.

I saw eight shows while I was in London; under Professor Hay's rating system I deemed most of them to be "very good," but I would categorize both my experience there and this article as "exceptional."

— Rhiannon (Annie) Toth '07

## Ambivalent Reaction

As someone who's been a part of the Jamaica program since the very beginning, I'm writing in reference to the story "Stir It Up" (Fall 2008). I feel conflicted about the way the selections from the students' essays portray the program and, even more so, all that



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we have been able to accomplish down there. There's sort of a "woe is me"/negative sense to the words.

In my opinion, Tim Mantoani's amazing photos tell a much better story than the essay excerpts. The photos portray the joy, the community, the love of life, the students' service; a message that's almost contradictory to the way that the essay excerpts portray the program. Even though it's crucial to highlight such issues and provide a voice for them, I still feel we should be positive about what we've done down there and present it in a

more optimistic light. After all, you can't help the world better itself (or Jamaica, for that matter) in just three weeks.

Still, it's awesome to see such a story in *USD Magazine*. Even though I'm feeling conflicted, I'm definitely appreciative of the press. There's no such thing as bad publicity, right?

— John C. Egan '08

## Lasting Influence

I want to second the sentiments of Paul Bain '01 regarding John Bowman in your latest issue ("Letters," Fall 2008). John was my English teacher at St. Augustine (Saints) in the mid-'60s — sophomore and senior years, I believe. There were two or three others who also inspired me at Saints, but Mr. Bowman was the one who influenced me to take English as my major at USD.

I graduated in '73 — the same night he got his master's, by the way — and along with my parents, he gave me a lifelong love of reading. I probably would have gone on to teaching if not lured to a job with the State of California in 1977. I may yet substitute teach if I can ever afford to retire.

One quirk I picked up from Mr. Bowman was the habit of always having a pen and notepad handy. He used to tell us to keep them by your bed in case you got a brilliant idea in the middle of the night. I haven't yet but still have the tools ready just in case. Oh, and John still comes to our class of 1966 Saints reunions and looks great.

Our eldest daughter, Meridith, fell in love with USD when I showed her around and she graduated with a pre-law major

in 2005. She just finished up at USF Law and we're waiting on her bar results.

—Tom Miller '73

## First Class Photos

I just wanted to let you know how beautiful the latest issue of *USD Magazine* is. The photograph that was captured in this issue for the international focus



JOANNA COLE

is second to none. I particularly appreciated seeing Joanna Cole's simply gorgeous photo from her adventure in Liberia ("Change the World, Transform Yourself"). The brief write up regarding her time with Mercy Ships was also compelling. Again, nice job! You should feel very proud.

— Coreen Petti,  
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[multiplicity]

## FACES IN THE MIRROR

USD initiates campaign focused on inclusion and diversity

by Nathan Dinsdale

A woman born in Pakistan and raised in England breaks from traditional gender role expectations to become a microbiologist and university administrator. A man from inner-city Cleveland rises above presumed racial limitations to educate others about cultural identity. A woman finds the strength to embrace her sexual orientation while working through law school to help fight injustice.

The plot lines seem tailor-made for cinematic drama. And, in a way,

they are. The personal stories shared by Assistant Dean Neena Din, Professor Carlton Floyd and law student Jesse Zaylia are among the first in a series of video interviews intended to spark discussion about promoting and improving diversity at USD.

These vignettes are just one facet of a widespread effort being spearheaded by "On Our Campus@USD" (OOC), a task force created after the President's Advisory Board on Inclusion and Diversity (PABID) was formed in 2007.

The video campaign is modeled after the *Not In Our Town* documentary series created by the grassroots organization The Working Group, which aimed to initiate dialogue and implement strategies for dealing with bigotry and intolerance. In early December, *Not In Our Town* screened on campus.

According to John Adkins, head of public services at the Pardee Legal Research Center and PABID member, the event marked the start of a mobiliza-

tion effort that will lead into the official launch of the OOC campaign in February.

"This is probably the most important thing I've ever done on this campus," Adkins says. "It isn't about paying lip service to diversity; it's about taking real action to change the campus culture."

Those efforts include the video vignettes and an online newsletter as well as a series of workshops, group exercises and events centered around diversity on campus.

"We have to begin the conversation on this campus, and the truth is it hasn't really happened yet," says Alberto Pulido, PABID co-chair and director of the Ethnic Studies Program. "It's not rocket science; it's simply a matter of having frank and open discussions within the community."

Pulido says the first step is having the resolve to openly confront issues of inequality that exist at USD. PABID was formed, in part, as a response to increasing concerns over intolerance on campus. But it was a student demonstration (dubbed "Wake Up!") that became the impetus for PABID taking immediate action.

"The work of the students was very important in calling attention to these issues," Pulido says. "Through their remarks and recommendations, they gave us something to really sink our teeth into."

### CHANGING THE CAMPUS

culture is the goal of PABID co-chairs Steve Pultz and Alberto Pulido, as well as community members like John Adkins (as shown left to right).

The effort was propelled even further when USD President Mary E. Lyons delivered a convocation to open the 2008-09 school year that called for "more congruity between what we say and what we do" regarding inequities that exist on campus.

"If we are honest, we must admit some imperfection," Lyons said. "If we are committed to the mission and values that we proclaim as a university, then we also must be honest about our resolve to live these on our campus more perfectly."

Members of PABID are currently working on a multi-year strategic plan — covering everything from curriculum and hiring practices to the recruitment and retention of students, faculty and staff — that will be presented to Lyons this spring. In the meantime, the conversation, and the process, has just begun.

"The whole thing is about having a critical mass of people on campus devoted to this issue," Adkins says. "It's not going to happen like a bolt of lightning. Change is slow and incremental and it isn't easy, but I think this is a big first step."

[transformative]



## NEVER SAY NEVER ENVISIONING A JUST SOCIETY

*Sister Maria Pascuzzi digs the Bible — literally. She spent a year in Jerusalem, as a part of her studies at the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, where she learned from some of Israel's best archaeologists, traveling to famed biblical sites such as the Sea of Galilee, Masada and Samaria to study and examine artifacts. The only woman in her class, Pascuzzi — a Roman Catholic nun and the new director of the Center for Catholic Thought and Culture — is a pioneer and fierce advocate of social justice and equality.*

“ON WOMEN IN A MAN'S WORLD It really wasn't until about the year 1960 that people who were not priests actually were able to study theology and religious studies. The study of theology in scripture was the elite reserve of men who were studying to be priests. Rome was one of the slowest places to integrate women into the programs; school there was set up for priests.

ON CHANGING THE CHURCH Socially and culturally, there are still problems in terms of the role of women in ordained ministry. In some countries, like the U.S., people think it's a no-brainer that women should be ordained to the priesthood, but in certain other countries around the world where women are still in more restricted positions, it's not a big conversation starter.

ON JESUS AND JUSTICE By encouraging people to read the text more critically, you challenge them to understand that this is not about plastic, blonde Jesus, that this is about a man who lived in a culture with injustices and that he sought to do something about those injustices. This was a man who had a vision for a just society, which was truly an alternative to the dominant secular society. And he wanted those who followed him to be committed to that justice. You can't really be Catholic by just going to church on Sunday. We have an obligation to actively pursue justice, as Jesus did.

ON INSTILLING CATHOLIC VALUES The influence that is brought to bear on students that makes them choose different ways of living is not the work of one teacher or one department; it's the whole atmosphere of the University of San Diego. We are a school in the top 10 percent of schools whose students perform service, either in the university or off in [other] programs. It's the ethos that's created at the university by faculty, staff and students, by everybody who works here and believes that one person who's educated and has a good grounding in justice can make a difference in the world. It's the whole mission of the university: to go out and transform the world, to make it a better place.”

[AS TOLD TO STEFANIE WRAY]



[activist]

# BECOMING THE SOLUTION

The IPJ's Dustin Sharp is invested in shining a bright light on human rights

by Dirk Sutro

Wall Street came calling after Dustin Sharp earned his law degree from Harvard in 2002. When you're \$90,000 in debt for your education, an astronomical entry-level salary is tempting. But Sharp had already worked in Washington, D.C. and Paris for a financial firm the year before, and he knew what that paycheck would truly cost.

While living the "luxe" life was "a lovely experience," it simply wasn't his style. The bicycle he now rides to work rests against one wall of his small office at USD's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice; he joined the institute last September. Sharp wears a white shirt, comfortable chinos and black oxfords.

"I looked around and thought about who I wanted to look like in 20 or 30 years," he says. The result of that reflection was to turn his back on what some would perceive as the good life.

So, instead of building a career around conspicuous consumption — during those Wall Street days, he enjoyed upscale restaurants, four-star hotels and fine wine — Sharp decided to use his law degree to stand up for victims of atrocities in regions around the world.

On the way to USD, he gained firsthand knowledge of international crimes and injustices: with the Peace Corps from 1996 to 1998, as a U.S. State Department official from 2003 to 2005, and as



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an investigator with Human Rights Watch from 2006 to 2008.

As one of dozens of State Department attorneys pushing for rigorous respect for the United States' international legal obligations, Sharp was frustrated when these obligations were at times ignored by others within the administration. While he and his peers advocated for policy consistent with international

human rights law, the Bush administration used "tricks of language and sleights of hand" to follow its own course. "They didn't fool anyone, most of all us," Sharp says. "It was a difficult time to be there."

When he began working for Human Rights Watch in early 2006, Sharp left the formal government life and plunged straight into the bloody heart of violence.

Investigating massacres, rapes, kidnappings, torture and other horrors, Sharp often placed himself at great personal risk.

Conducting interviews with victims in modest hotel rooms, he worked below the radar of government, military and local insurgents, and used these interviews to write reports about violence involving hundreds or thousands of citizens in places like Guinea

and Côte d'Ivoire. His reports recommended how such abuses can be prevented through government reform, vigilance and prosecution of perpetrators.

In 2007 in Guinea, government forces brutalized peaceful demonstrators, who were raped, assaulted, and murdered under the watch of President Lansana Conté's corrupt administration. Meanwhile, presidential cronies accused of crimes such as embezzling from the Central Bank were released from prison.

Sharp's 64-page report for Human Rights Watch detailed many abuses and recommended remedies. In 2007 the government created a new, independent panel to investigate these crimes and prosecute those responsible. The report also called on the United Nations for assistance, and the U.N. took preliminary steps to enforce human rights in Guinea.

In his new post at USD, he'll remain active in human rights, but with less travel to work in dangerous locales. Sharp says his position allows him to split his time between teaching human rights to graduate students and developing and managing social justice programs in West Africa.

"The tricky thing in international relations is that jobs are few and far between on the West Coast," Sharp says. "I was lucky to land at USD. I grew up in Colorado and Utah and have never lived in California. I've always been a big outdoors person, and I spend every weekend in back country areas like Mount Laguna on my mountain bike. I also hope to take up a water sport — probably sea kayaking."

Once he gets out past the breakers, say exploring the caves near La Jolla Cove on a sunny, summer day, Sharp can drift in serene waters, for a brief time far removed from the turbulent regions where he'll continue to push for peace and justice. ☎

[underground]

# SECRET GARDENS

Student artists get together to collaborate, critique and showcase one another's work

by Stefanie Wray

A healthy dose of rebellion has blossomed among student artists on campus in the past few years. Three distinct groups epitomize this artistic mini-movement, encompassing various genres, defying labels and encouraging the development of questioning minds.

Emerging from the underbelly of Camino Hall, an undergraduate group calling themselves The Basement Society is showcasing original paintings, photography and sculptures, often without professorial oversight. Their work is strongly affected by social injustices, tending to employ a heavy dose of irony in wry pieces such as a Louis Vuitton purse on a pedestal in front of Aromas. A recent meeting with controversial Tijuana artist Marcos "Erre" Ramirez —well known for his trenchant observations of border culture — provided some provocative influence on their artistic points of view.

The Basement Society strives to "open doors for students, challenge their views and motivate [one another]." Group founder and visual arts major Tatiana Ortiz-Rubio '09 explains their *raison d'être*: "The continual showing of our work is not only essential for our artistic education, but also for the education of the community."

Back above ground, Students For Free Culture are challenging the university to hold itself to the highest standards of integrity. Members strive to educate students, faculty and administration with collaborative shows that incorporate visual arts, live and recorded music, creative writing and film. In addition to a passion



AMANDA THOMAS AND KYLE WITHYCOMBE

for promoting recycling and opposing censorship, the group is dedicated to overturning what it considers unjust intellectual property laws. USD's chapter of this national organization was founded two years ago by senior Sam Woolley: "What free culture is about is art being free and open to everyone, as opposed to being commodified. Art for art's sake."

The undergraduates who make up the Writers' Club are devoted to collaboration; they rely upon their peers' critiques and guidance to strengthen their skills and grow in their craft. Though the university offers the prestigious Cropper Creative Writing Series with guest lectures and workshops, the informal, all-inclusive environment of the

Writers' Club fills a niche by inspiring and encouraging students' creative expression through poetry, short stories, novels, flash fiction, diary entries and other free-flowing literary ventures.

"As a freshman I was totally bewildered," recalls junior Joseph Carothers. "I felt like there was nothing here for people who just enjoy writing. When looking for art, I had to go down to a secret door under the castle. That's one of the reasons I wanted to get the Writers' Club going."

As clubs like these emerge from the underground, there's a growing awareness among students that they are surrounded by an outpouring of artistic talent, and are part of a culture devoted to the joys of creating collaborative artwork. ☎



[ multitasker ]

# QUIET ON THE SET!

Camera operator turned media services manager has seen it all

by Trisha J. Ratledge

When Ed Ybarra hits the road, he's almost always packing a back-stage pass. Over the years, he's high-fived former President George H.W. Bush at a business conference, spent time in prison with Larry King and shot the breeze with O.J. Simpson at the Super Bowl.

As a freelance camera operator for more than two decades, his work has taken him around the world and behind the scenes at memorable events ranging from talk shows to commercial productions to game shows. His prison stint with King, for example, was just long enough to record an interview with Leslie Van Houten, a member of the notorious Charles Manson family.

The bulk of Ybarra's freelance camera work has centered on live sporting events. He covered basketball and football for many years — including four Super Bowls and the World Basketball Championships in Paris — and the Padres for 22 seasons to date. The schedule can be intense; he's covered up to 140 games in a baseball season. On the road, he would sometimes lose his bearings, particularly during basketball playoffs.

"We would get up in the dark, catch a plane, do a game at night, go to bed, get up the next morning and catch another flight," he says. "After three or four cities, we would look at each other and say, 'Do we know what city we are in? Has anyone seen daylight?'" That was both

fun and one of the reasons it was time to get off the road."

Now in charge of the circulation desk in USD's Instructional Media Services department, Ybarra, who's been with the university for eight years, oversees the inventory of classroom media equipment, troubleshoots problems in the classroom and helps with video production of USD events.

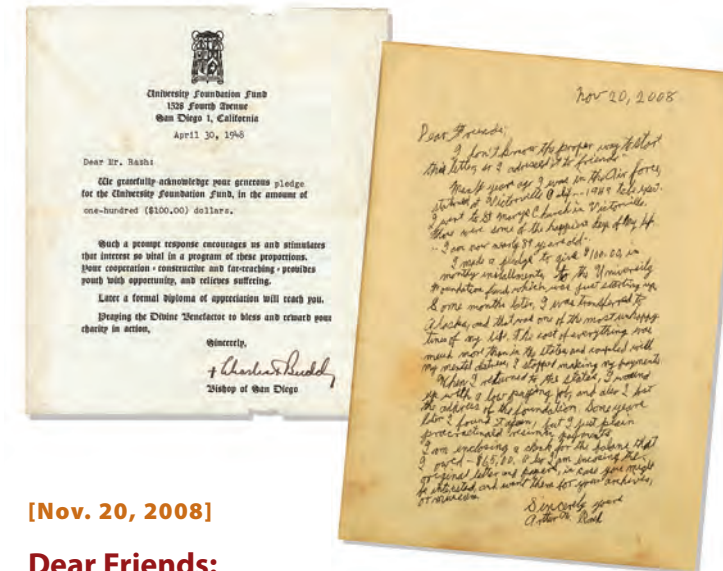
He still freelances after hours, and in fact, has begun directing live broadcasts of local sporting events and has written nine feature-length scripts that he's shopping around. But his main priority is supplying the media equipment USD professors need to help deliver their lectures. He knows the students benefit and hopes that one day his own

Getting all-access passes was just part of a day's work for Ed Ybarra during his years as a freelance camera operator. Now in charge of USD's Instructional Media Services department, Ybarra (left) still finds time to direct off-campus live broadcasts and shop around scripts.

daughter, Jillian, might benefit too. "We take great pride in making sure the equipment works. I take that seriously because that's how I want my department to work when my daughter gets here, should she get here. I don't want her education to be lost for a day," Ybarra says. "I don't want any student's education to be lost for a day." 📺



TIM MANTONI



[Nov. 20, 2008]

Dear Friends:

I don't know the proper way to start this letter, so I addressed it to "friends." Many years ago, I was in the Air Force, stationed at Victorville, Calif. — 1949, to be exact. I went to St. Mary's Church in Victorville. Those were some of the happiest days of my life. I am now nearly 89 years old.

I made a pledge to give \$100 in monthly installments to the University Foundation Fund, which was just starting up. Some months later, I was transferred to Alaska, and that was one of the most unhappy times of my life. The cost of everything was much more than in the States, and coupled with my mental distress, I stopped making my payments.

When I returned to the States. I wound up with a low paying job, and also I lost the address of the foundation. Some years later I found it again, but I just plain procrastinated resuming payments.

I am enclosing a check for the balance that I owed of \$65. Also, I am enclosing the original letter and papers, in case you might be interested and want them for your archives or museum.

Sincerely yours,  
Arthur W. Rash

[etc.]

This year marks not just the 60th anniversary of USD, but the 50th anniversary of The Immaculata, which was consecrated by Bishop Charles Francis Buddy in May of 1959. Originally designed to serve as the main chapel of USD and the Immaculate Heart Seminary, today it is a separate parish encompassing Alcalá Park and the surrounding community. A variety of activities are planned to commemorate this milestone. For details, go to [www.theimmaculata.org](http://www.theimmaculata.org).

Helping others was a big part of Danny Burkett's life. While at USD, the 2006 graduate helped establish the Bleed Purple Foundation to help college students with cancer and served as co-chair of Philanthropy Week, an annual event put on by the Greek community to raise money for charity. In memory of Burkett — who died soon after graduation in a tragic boating accident — the Daniel L. Burkett III Memorial Scholarship was established to perpetuate Danny's memory and legacy. This fall, the inaugural Danny Burkett Memorial Golf Tournament attracted more than 70 participants who raised more than \$7,000 to benefit what will become an annual, perpetual scholarship. To learn more, go to [www.sandiego.edu/giving](http://www.sandiego.edu/giving).

Alumni Honors Recipients for 2009 will be recognized for their notable achievements. L. Douglas Robert '74 ('94 M.A.) has been chosen to receive the Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill Award. Sandy M. Cassell Farrell '61 will be awarded the Bishop Charles Francis Buddy Award. The Chet and Marguerite Pagni Hall of Fame Award goes to Zuzana Lesenarova '00. Author E. Hughes

Career Achievement Honorees are as follows: Richard M. Bartell '75 (J.D.) for the School of Law, Denise M. Boren '01 (Ph.D.) from the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, John M. Cappetta '83 from the School of Business Administration, Judy Ann Nassali Kamanyi '03 (M.A.) from the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies, Leona Makokis '00 (Ed.D.) and Patricia Makosis '00 (Ed.D.) from the School of Leadership and Education Sciences, and Heather Raffo '98 (MFA) from the College of Arts and Sciences.

USD's Honor Roll of Donors is exclusively online this year, as part of the university's "be blue, go green" efforts. The university depends on gifts from alumni, parents, friends, faculty, staff, businesses and foundations to ensure the highest levels of academic success for our students and graduates. To view the online publication, go to [www.sandiego.edu/honorroll](http://www.sandiego.edu/honorroll).

The Inamori Foundation announced the 24th annual Kyoto Prizes in November. The 2008 lifetime achievement awards were given to the honorees for making "dramatic progress in areas promising long-term benefits to humanity." The laureate in advanced technology is computer scientist Richard Manning Karp; molecular biologist Anthony James Pawson received the basic sciences laureate; arts and philosophy laureate Charles Margrave Taylor has developed a "social philosophy to promote the co-existence of diverse cultures." The laureates will convene in San Diego from March 18-20, 2009 to participate in North America's eighth annual Kyoto Laureate Symposium, which will included lectures by each of the honorees; Taylor will speak at USD on March 20. For more information, go to [www.kyotoprize.org](http://www.kyotoprize.org).



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## BELLES OF THE BALL

USD women's basketball looks to return to the Big Dance

by Nathan Dinsdale

A look of uncertainty creeps over University of San Francisco forward Nnenna Okereke's face as she crouches into position for the opening tip-off. The source of her apprehension could be pre-game nerves. But it's probably Amber Sprague.

Okereke is ostensibly about to contest USD's senior All-WCC center for the game's opening jump ball. But as the 5-foot-10 Okereke stares warily over — or, rather, up — at the 6-foot-5 Sprague, futility is etched in her “here-goes-nothing” expression.

A whistle blows and the ball is sent aloft. Sprague wins the tip easily. Seconds later, she receives a bounce-pass from USD forward Kiva Herman, spins and deftly hits a bank shot while being mauled by a helpless defender. “Let’s go!” Sprague shouts, exhorting her teammates with fists clenched.

This is USD's first conference game of the season, but — judging by Sprague's fiery display and the raucous cheer it elicits from the USD bench — it could just as well be the NCAA Tournament. That's because the Toreros want nothing more than another waltz at the “Big Dance.”

“In the off-season we really made that our focus,” Sprague says. “We’ve been trying to up our level of play so that we can not only get back to the tournament but get there and win.”

Last season, USD shocked Gonzaga in the WCC Tournament

final to earn its first trip to the NCAA Tournament in eight years (the team finished 19-13 after being dropped in the first round by the University of California, Berkeley). Four starters return this year, but it's the one that got away — graduated All-WCC point guard Amanda Rego — that caused some early growing pains. Big wins (San Diego State, Seton Hall) were offset by tough losses (Cal Poly, UC Irvine) before the team won the Maggie Dixon Surf 'N Slam Classic to build momentum going into WCC play.

“At the beginning of the season we were still trying to find our way,” Sprague says. “But now that we’re getting into conference, I think we’re playing great basketball.”

That effort has been spurred in part by the quick ascension of Rego's replacement, freshman point guard Dominique Conners. Where the unflappable Rego worked to steadily manage a game, Conners' tendency is to escalate the pace. Against San Francisco, the freshman spark plug skidded across the floor, dove into the scorer's table and jumped over the press row in pursuit of loose balls when she wasn't slicing and dicing her way to 18 points.

“Dominique has had to grow up pretty fast as a freshman, and I think she's really done a great job,” Herman says.

While Conners provides ample electricity, seniors Sprague and Herman give USD opponents a potent double dose of thunder

and lightning. Sprague is on track to become USD's all-time leading scorer, and Herman has developed into a versatile star that provides a potent inside/outside counterpunch to Sprague's dominance around the basket. While Herman humbly insists she still has a lot to learn, USD head coach Cindy Fisher says both Herman and Sprague are garnering attention from WNBA scouts. For their part, both stars insist that the team's supporting cast

— including Conners, freshman Morgan Woodrow, senior Kaila Mangrum, and sophomores Emily Hatch and Sam Child — are the real key to success.

“Everybody on this team is valuable,” Sprague says. “We need everyone to get where we want to be.”

Four years ago, USD finished a mediocre 9-21 in Fisher's first season at the helm. The coach credits the resurgence to chemistry, dedication and above all else, discipline.

“Discipline in the classroom, dis-

cipline in their lives and discipline on the court,” Fisher says. “These girls know what it takes to win and they know they can't take a day off if they're going to be successful.”

The team hasn't had many off-days this season (at press time, their overall record stood at 12-6) but the Toreros won't be satisfied until they return to the NCAA Tournament in March.

“We know what it takes to get there,” Herman says. “We have to work even harder to do it again.”



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## STANDING STRONG

Injury won't deter Johnson from his goals on and off the court

by Ryan T. Blystone

Brandon Johnson was simply doing what's expected of a leader on a basketball court. He leaped in the air to tip away a lobbed pass, exhibiting his usual quickness and athleticism.

Although he still lunged for the loose ball, Johnson felt a sensation “like someone kicked me.” The USD point guard tried to get up, but just as quickly fell to the court. He tried once more, but fell again. “I knew it was bad.”

In an instant, what was supposed to be his senior season was over. His teammates grew silent as they watched him roll on the floor in agony just before halftime during the December game against San Diego State. He'd ruptured an Achilles' tendon in his left heel.

Now, the 2008 West Coast Conference Tournament MVP will be out of commission while undergoing what's certain to be a long rehabilitation.

Johnson has appeared in 105 of 106 possible USD games, leading last year's team to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. The injury is a heartbreaker, but Johnson is facing this new reality with maturity.

“It's my first major injury, my first surgery,” he says, referring to a medical procedure he underwent two days after that sickening on-court moment. “I don't want anyone to pity me, there's plenty of other people going through a tougher time than I am. I'm trying to keep it positive. I have faith in God. I don't want a pity party.”

The injury has impacted the 22-year-old's plans, both on- and off-court. Johnson was to complete a sociology degree in May, but if

he's granted an NCAA medical redshirt year, he'll play as a fifth-year senior next season and will take courses for a business minor.

For now, he plans to spend more quality time with his 20-month-old son, Brandon Ryan Johnson, who lives in Houston with the toddler's mother, Brittany Harrison, a junior at Texas Southern University. School and basketball commitments have limited him to only a few extended visits. “It's been really hard thinking about him being back at home. I'm only able to see him twice a year, but when I do go home, he still calls me ‘Daddy.’”

Johnson says basketball has helped him bond with his child, especially last year when USD

played nationally televised games. “When I make a shot, I touch my shoulder. It's to make sure he knows it's for him,” he says, glancing at the letters “BJ” and numbers “05-1-07” tattooed on his right shoulder. “I dedicate everything I do to him.”

If there is a bright side to the injury, it's that it refocuses Johnson's attention on his education, helping him to realize anew that even when his ball-playing days are over, his degree from USD will always be there.

“Everyone's proud back home that I'm going to graduate. They look at me as a role model,” he says. “It's been a long road, but for my son, I want him to know it's a big accomplishment, too.”





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## THREE'S COMPANY

Tough economy translates to business opportunity

by Ryan T. Blystone

Despite the uncertain financial climate, Edward Aloe, Mark Mozilo and Pat Wakeman are moving full speed ahead. Armed with knowledge, experience and a knack for being ahead of the curve, the trio of 1986 USD alumni have pooled their talents to form California Capital Real Estate Advisors (CALCAP), which has two main components: private lending and real estate investing.

"The business we're in is very cyclical. It seems every eight to 10 years, there are major swings in our marketplace, but nothing like we're seeing today," says Aloe. "This is not a normal cycle, it's a crisis. But we think that with our direction and what we're doing, we're in a very good spot."

What makes CALCAP different? "We're in the market, we're looking to buy and we're writing offers," says Wakeman, who owns San Diego-based Landmark Realty Group. "I'd say 95 percent of property owners are on the sidelines right now."

While Wakeman and another USD grad, Sam Thomas '06, search for potential acquisitions, Aloe and Mozilo are launching a private lending business from their Pasadena-based office. "There's a huge void in regular single-family lending and the ability for good borrowers to get loans," Aloe says. "We're rolling out a private money lending company that's basically going to be a no-income, verified asset-type loan for



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good, credit-worthy borrowers."

Their business plan is still in its infancy, but as they developed it, they made sure to do their homework. Among those they spoke to was Mark Riedy, executive director of USD's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.

"USD has a great business reputation and a really good network of people who are doing great

stuff," Wakeman says. "When Ed and I were forming CALCAP, we took Mark to lunch, sat down with him and talked. We shared our idea with him and he gave us some suggestions."

The three continue to utilize their USD connection for ways to enhance their business. In early December, Aloe, Wakeman and Mozilo attended the Burnham-

From left to right, 1986 graduates Ed Aloe, Pat Wakeman and Mark Mozilo have combined their expertise. Find further details about their company at [www.calcapadvisors.com](http://www.calcapadvisors.com).

Moores Center's Residential Real Estate Conference.

Working together suits these alumni quite well. Wakeman and Aloe were college roommates, fraternity brothers and have been longtime business partners. "Ed and I started forming limited liability companies and limited partnerships 10 or 12 years ago," Wakeman says.

Mozilo, the son of former Countrywide CEO Angelo Mozilo, grew up in the mortgage business. "I learned it from the ground up, working every summer and every winter break. I understood it and that gave me a head start on a lot of people." He's invested in deals done by Aloe and Wakeman and, along with Aloe, worked at IndyMac Bank. Aloe left IndyMac before the FDIC took it over in July 2008, looking to shift back to his true calling. "I always knew my second career would be my own real estate investment company. It was always in the back of my mind."

Aloe credits a summer internship he found on a 3x5 card in Serra Hall his junior year for his initial break. He worked at a small real estate investment firm that bought apartment buildings. "I look back on it as a great learning curve," Aloe says. "When I graduated, it became my full-time job. When my other friends were stressing and trying to get hired, I already had a job."

Mozilo worked at Countrywide after graduation, but started a small mortgage company before spending more than a decade at IndyMac. Now, CALCAP fulfills the group's determination to succeed. "If you look at our model, it's perfect for what's going on with the industry," Mozilo says. "We're 90 percent ahead of everyone else on the other side of the business."

Most important, though, is being a dependable business in a time of uncertainty. "We have a ton of integrity, we're all very honest," Aloe says. "We're going to be smart, do our homework and make good deals. Any investor who invests with us can come see what we're doing and look at our books. We're totally comfortable with that because we're going to be investors in our own deals along with any of our partners. We're putting our money at risk and that's an important piece of what we're all about."

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## BACK IN THE FOLD

Chicago alumni gather for a good cause

by Ryan T. Blystone

For most of his post-college life, Bob O'Connell's relationship with USD has been a fond, but distant, memory. "When I was in school, there were 1,500 students. I was on the crew team, in student government, campus ministry and was a resident adviser," O'Connell '82 says. "But when I moved away, I didn't really have much contact — except for my USD rowing buddies."

One of six family members to attend the university, the 48-year-old O'Connell leads a vibrant life in Chicago with wife Darci. Though an entrepreneurial passion for art and other business ventures keeps him busy, last March, the men's basketball team's NCAA Tournament appearance brought USD back to the forefront of his mind when he attended a Chicago-based alumni TV viewing party for the USD-Connecticut game.

Chicago alumni president Maureen Partynski '82 was happy to reconnect with O'Connell at the event, as they were among the same circle of friends at USD. The interaction with his alma mater was so much fun that

O'Connell wanted to host his own alumni event. A charity art auction at his art gallery, The Architrave, took place in October. Nearly 60 people, including 40 alumni, attended and bid on artwork donated by local artists.

"He came up with the event and it was wonderful," Partynski says. It was such a hit that O'Connell's gallery is booked again for an alumni event on Oct. 29, 2009.

Auction proceeds went to USD's Kyle O'Connell Memorial Scholarship, which made the night resonate on a deeply personal level. Kyle — Bob's nephew and the son of Michael '87 and Julie '88 (Belfiore) O'Connell — passed away at age 9 from brain cancer. After that tragic loss, a scholarship was established in his name; it goes to a graduate student or undergraduate junior or senior studying in a healing arts discipline.

"It's just part of giving back," O'Connell says. "I not only went to school at USD, but this is a legacy scholarship. I feel good contributing money in hopes of coming up with a cure for cancer."



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## GIFTS AT WORK

The USD Alumni Association has set a \$1 million goal for its scholarship endowments by 2012 to support current USD students with financial need. The endowments recently surpassed \$380,000, with a significant portion raised through the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. "I appreciate the generosity of alumni who contributed to the scholarship," says Bess Culp, current USD sophomore and scholarship recipient. More than 90 percent of the endowment is made up of annual alumni gifts ranging from \$50 to \$250. "The Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund is a program that all USD alumni can take pride in," says Mark Hoekstra '86. "When alumni tell me their \$50 won't make a difference at USD, I point them to our scholarship fund. Collectively, thousands of individual \$50 gifts will enable us to reach our \$1 million goal." Go to [www.sandiego.edu/giving](http://www.sandiego.edu/giving) or call (619) 260-4724.

The School of Business Administration was awarded a \$100,000 grant from the Foundation for Enterprise Development, according to an announcement that was made in late November. The money will be used over a 17-month period to study private, employee-owned firms. The La Jolla-based Foundation for Enterprise Development is a private foundation that seeks to promote entrepreneurial scientific and technology enterprises by funding research, education and policy development projects.

Alumni and friends are invited to attend the first annual USD Wine Classic on July 26 to raise money and awareness of the Alumni Endowed Scholarship Fund. Enjoy a wonderful afternoon of wines, food and music featuring USD family wineries. For more information, call (619) 260-4819.





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# RUNNING WILD

**When she got her law degree, Joyce Tischler knew exactly what she loved, she just didn't expect to make a living doing it**

It was just another Thursday afternoon in my dreary life.

My day job was with a firm that specialized in real estate, and I hated getting up in the morning. There wasn't anything in particular wrong with the work, but the thought of spending the next 30 years in a job I cared so little about filled me with dread. When the phone rang in my law office, I had no idea that I was about to have a conversation that would change my life.

It was Larry Kessenick. Two years earlier, in 1979, we'd started a group for lawyers and law students interested in animal rights. Each month we'd meet in the cramped, flea-infested office of the Fund for Animals in San Francisco to teach ourselves about legal issues related to animals. I cared deeply about their suffering: the 200 million hunted every year for sport, the billions raised and killed for food, the 20 million used in research and testing, the eight million killed by the fur industry, the five million dogs and cats who died in shelters and pounds each year. I wished I could spend all of my time handling lawsuits that would afford them greater protections. In fact, while a law student at USD, I had written a law review article in which I argued that animals should be granted legal rights.

But when I graduated from USD in 1977, there was no such thing as "animal law," and certainly no paying jobs.

The call from Larry was about to change all of that. He had just received a plea for help from the Animal Protection Institute, who'd fielded an anonymous call that the U.S. Navy had shot and killed over 600 feral burros at their Naval

Weapons Testing Center in China Lake, Calif., and they were planning to shoot another 500 starting on Saturday morning. They would keep shooting on weekends, until they killed 5,000 burros.

I was incensed; we couldn't allow this slaughter to continue. But it meant that I had to file a lawsuit in federal court by Friday, the next day, and convince a judge to issue a temporary restraining order. It was 1981; there was no Internet and no online legal research. "State of the art" was a typewriter with a bit of memory. I went home to my cozy little apartment in San Francisco, fed my dog and two cats, and set up my old manual typewriter, the one I had used in college and law school. All night long, I drank coffee and tried to keep my mind clear as I typed the pleadings that we would need to halt the shootings.

Early on Friday morning, I rushed to the office and cornered the firm's most experienced litigator. I was a "baby lawyer" who'd been practicing for only three years, and I needed advice: Where should I file the case and what sort of notice did I have to give the Navy? Within hours, I was on a plane to Fresno, then in front of a federal court judge pleading my case, praying he would understand the importance of not shooting these defenseless animals. The Navy's attorneys made their argument. Then, as if in a dream, I heard the judge issue a temporary restraining order telling the Navy to "call off the guns" until there could be a hearing to review whether the Navy's plan violated federal environmental law.

I had no idea that such orders are rarely granted. It wasn't until

years later that I realized that — in my single-minded quest to save those burros — I'd never even considered the possibility that I could fail. Two other attorneys joined me in litigating, negotiating and ultimately settling that lawsuit eight months later. Not one more burro was shot.

In truth, when I saved those animals, I saved myself. It didn't take long for me and my employers to realize that my heart wasn't in real estate. I needed to leave the safety of the law firm and take the risk of doing animal protection legal work full-time, even though I had no idea how to make a living doing it. Yes, it was painful and scary, but it was also necessary if I was to become the lawyer and the person I was meant to be.

It's been 27 years since the phone call that changed my life. In that time, my group, the Animal Legal Defense Fund, has saved the lives of all sorts of animals including dogs, mountain lions, bears, cats, and, of course, burros. While we're not always successful, we are always seeking to provide animals with greater protections. Now, more attorneys are specializing in the field of animal law, and over 100 law schools offer animal law classes, including USD.


Over the years, I've learned many lessons, but the most important one was to listen closely to that inner voice. Oh, and should that phone call come for you, drop everything and answer: It just might be your authentic life on the other end of the line. 📞

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# So you want to be a **r**ock 'n' **R**oll star

## Our backstage tour of the lives of a dozen bona fide luminaries

*Peter Gabriel is shorter than you'd think. Queen Latifah has a great laugh. Jewel is the kind of pretty that ties your tongue in knots. Elvis Costello has a very British sense of decorum. Tracy Chapman is so shy that making direct eye contact with her seems cruel. Alanis Morissette has incredibly tiny hands. When Sinead O'Connor skips, she looks about 9 years old. Ice-T does not take pointed criticism gracefully. Billy Corgan doesn't seem to like people very much.*

*Back when I wrote about music for a living, I got to sit down and talk with a lot of rock stars. It turns out that off-stage, they're just like the rest of us. (That is, if the rest of us had an entourage, leather pants, a list of preferred green room snacks and rolled out of bed around dusk.) And in truth, much to my endless chagrin, I didn't need to worry about making friends with the rock stars; they already had more friends than they knew what to do with.*

*As much as I loved it — even still I sometimes dream of those all-access backstage passes, which tended to make me feel as though I was the one in the spotlight — the rock stars I come across these days are equally, if not more, impressive. We've got quite an array of luminaries around these parts, from globe-hopping consultants to newbie NFL quarterbacks to championship marathon swimmers. It turns out that the University of San Diego is a launchpad for rock star caliber success.*

*While the mind-blowing accomplishments of all of those we've featured in this issue are self-evident, what's even more startling is that the profiles that follow are really just a miniscule sampling of USD superstars. So duck behind the curtain and take your own backstage tour. You're sure to enjoy the trip. — **Julene Snyder***

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**W**hen the call came that President Gerald Ford had canceled plans to speak at USD's School of Law 1976 commencement, then-Dean Don Wechstein didn't fret. He just called on Hugh Friedman, president of the San Diego County Bar Association.

"He had promised [them] a president," Friedman recalls. And since it was an election year, he didn't let Ford off easy: "I am especially humble to be here in his place, particularly since there are so many men in the land today who are *really* trying to take the president's place."

Friedman's been associated with the law school since he started teaching night classes in 1958. He still teaches and writes corporate, business planning and securities law. "I never set out to be a law teacher," says Friedman, who was honored by USD in October to mark his fiftieth year as an educator. "I wanted to be a lawyer. I felt law was society's best way of resolving conflicts and controversies of humankind in a bloodless way."

— **Ryan T. Blystone**



**W**aiting doesn't come easy for someone accustomed to making split-second decisions in the face of unrelenting pressure. But this wasn't a pack of bloodthirsty defenders bearing down on Josh Johnson '08. It was the future. And, for once, it was out of his control. So the most prolific quarterback in USD football history waited, as name after name was announced on a stage 3,000 miles away at Radio City Music Hall in New York City.

Then the phone rang. Tampa Bay Buccaneers head coach Jon Gruden was on the line. A few minutes later, Johnson was officially an NFL quarterback. "I didn't really have any expectations," Johnson says. "I just figured I'd play four years of college football and then move on to something else."

On April 27, Johnson was selected in the fifth round of the 2008 NFL Draft, a path paved by four phenomenal years at San Diego. Johnson led the Toreros to three league titles and a 31-4 record in three years as a starter — throwing a staggering 43 touchdown passes (with only one interception)

his senior season — while racking up numerous awards along with virtually every major USD passing record. "Where we came from as freshmen to where we ended up as seniors is something I'm very proud of," Johnson says.

The transition from USD to the NFL has been fairly smooth, thanks in part to the guidance offered by his cousin, Buffalo Bills running back Marshawn Lynch. "He gave me an idea of what the workload would be like and what sort of distractions could come up and what to avoid," Johnson says. "You don't really have a lot of time to focus on anything other than football. In some ways, it's just like any other 8-to-5 job."

On the other hand, it's not exactly *Office Space*. Johnson has spent his rookie season as a backup to established veterans Jeff Garcia and Brian Griese. And while it's been a challenge going from superstar to understudy, he's confident that all his preparation and hard work will pay off when opportunity knocks.

"In this league you see guys come and go so quickly," Johnson says. "You have to prepare and play every day like it's going to be *the* day. When my opportunity comes, I'll be ready." — **Nathan Dinsdale**

**L**ongtime USD faculty member Denise Dimon wears many different hats, in many different countries. As a professor of economics, director of MBA programs, and a founding member of the School of Business Administration's Ahlers Center for International Business, Dimon teaches and conducts research on international business and cross-cultural affairs. But those are just her day jobs. When she's not on USD business, Dimon co-edits the *Latin American Business Review*, serves as the president of the Business Association of Latin American Studies and works as a consultant to companies in need of cross-cultural management advice.

It's a dizzying résumé, but Dimon says she's simply pursuing a long-time passion. "I love exploring the role that business can play in developing wealth and creating opportunities that alleviate poverty."

Dimon's oft-stamped passport reflects her global pursuits. In just the past 12 months, the 54-year-old grandmother has traveled to Israel, India, China, South Korea, Morocco, Spain, Mexico and Colombia. Over the course of her career, she's worked, lectured or taught in more than 35 countries on five different continents. Dimon's recent jaunts to India and China were in preparation for an emerging-markets consulting

project for MBA candidates, so USD's current crop of MBA students could have similar trajectories.

Like many frequent fliers, she has a traveling ritual that's air-tight. She does rigorous Internet research on her destination in advance, packs light, sticks to carry-on luggage, brings an extra bag for souvenirs and carts along a pair of running shoes for an early-morning jog or stroll.

Her peripatetic nature helps Dimon stay on top of all of her responsibilities. Long flights give the busy professor extended periods of time to focus on work. Her trusty BlackBerry — and the ubiquity of wireless — allows her to stay connected.

Although Dimon has rarely made a trip she didn't like, she nonetheless tries to limit travel to once a month in order to spend time with her family — road warriors in their own right. But with a celebrated career that's lasted more than 25 years and has included a Fulbright and such awards as being named Woman of the Year by the Women in International Trade organization, Dimon has no plans to slow down, even if it has gotten harder to shake off jet lag in recent years.

"I've had the great opportunity to travel and meet different people," Dimon says. "Seeing the world through the eyes of others can't help but to expand our own worldview." — **Kemba Dunham**





# INTO THE SWIM

by Nathan Dinsdale

**R**endy Lynn Opdycke '06 eyed the dark blue water of Lake Washington first with curiosity, then determination. From the banks of Mercer Island she could easily see the mainland neighborhood of Newport Shores across the lake. The crossing was a few hundred meters. A half-mile, tops.

"I can swim that," Opdycke told her mother. The precocious 8-year-old was informed that she'd be grounded if she did. Opdycke was on restriction by the end of the day.

That was 1992. Sixteen years later, she stepped out of the Pacific Ocean and into history after swimming 21 miles across the Catalina Channel, officially shattering the record for completing the "Triple Crown" of marathon swimming. Only one other person — Opdycke's coach Alan Voisard—has ever successfully swam the Manhattan Island Marathon, the English Channel and the Catalina Channel all in less than a year. It took Voisard three months. Opdycke did it in 34 days.

Her run at the Triple Crown started in Manhattan on July 5, continued in England on July 27 and culminated with the Catalina swim on Aug. 9. She swam the cumulative 70.5 miles in 26 hours and 50 minutes (another record) while becoming the first person to ever complete "The Quad," having also conquered the Santa Barbara Channel in 2007.

"After Catalina, I was so out of it I didn't know who I was at that point," Opdycke laughs. "It didn't really hit me until about a month later that I actually did this."

Then again, she has made a lifelong habit out of shrugging off obstacles, be it swimming through a school of jellyfish or earning a master's degree despite physical and learning impairments.

"I'm dyslexic, I'm hard of hearing and I don't have great vision but I'm not going to be ashamed of it," Opdycke says. "I have a great mom who has always helped me with everything. She's always been my biggest champion."

Opdycke calls her mother, Rendy Collobert, "my rock" and her sister Shawna "my cheerleader." Both are the core of a support team that has helped Opdycke succeed both in and out of the water. It was Shawna who cheered Opdycke on as she battled nausea, frigid temperatures and daunting swells in the English Channel and it was Collobert who read Shakespeare to her daughter when Opdycke struggled to decipher the words herself.

It's only fitting that Opdycke's favorite Shakespearean character is Puck, the mischievous woodland jester from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, considering she has an exceedingly dry wit for someone who spends so much time soaking wet.

"Come on, I swim open-water marathons," Opdycke quips. "You have to have an absurd sense of humor to do something like this."

What fools these mortals be, indeed. But the underwater dangers — sharks, whales, jellyfish, manatees etc. — Opdycke has encountered don't give her pause as much as the above-water challenges, like the menacing storm (complete with towering 15-foot swells) that cut a relay swim across the Santa Barbara Channel short.

"You don't mess with Mother Nature," Opdycke says. "I challenge her but I also know when to say when."

But that doesn't happen often. Opdycke is the first woman to swim the Santa Barbara Channel and — in addition to being the record-holder — is one of only about 25 swimmers to have completed the Triple Crown. And while she excelled in long-distance events for the USD swim team, her true love is in open water.

"Just chasing the black line at the bottom of the pool can get a little old after about, oh, 22 years," Opdycke laughs. "Open water swimming is different because there are so many outside variables but I think that's probably why I like it."

In addition to encounters with wildlife, tumultuous environmental conditions and the complex logistics involved in marathon swimming, Opdycke completed her record-breaking Catalina swim nearly two years to the day that her father, an engineer, died while working on a job site.

Refurbishing the Corvette she inherited from him is just one of the ways Opdycke occupies her time away from the water. She's also an amateur photographer and artist, listens to electronic music (Daft Punk in particular) before swims and is a fervent supporter of the San Diego Chargers. And if swimming marathons weren't ambitious enough, Opdycke ran the Los Angeles Marathon earlier this year.

Her prowess in the water has also allowed her opportunities to engage her other passions, like ogling Monet's "Water Lilies" at the Museum of Modern Art in Manhattan, visiting Shakespeare's birthplace in England and strolling through the Louvre in Paris. ("It was like doing another marathon," Opdycke jokes.) She reads inspirational books (including biographies of Albert Einstein and Lance Armstrong) and watches inspirational movies (*Remember The Titans* and *Miracle* are two favorites) but acknowledges that she avoids watching films like, say, *Open Water* or *Jaws*.

After graduating from USD with a communications degree, she recently finished her master's degree from the University of Southern California with an eye on working in athletic administration. In the meantime, there are always other records to break.

"Records are meant to be broken," Opdycke says. "If somebody breaks my record, I'll be happy for them. I'm going to shake their hand and say, 'Congratulations, you're crazier than I am.'" 🏊





**j**im Bolender knows chemistry. He has two degrees, has taught at USD since 1996 and, for the last eight years, has applied all that specialized knowledge in research projects from Baja California to Jamaica and beyond in collaboration with several USD colleagues.

“I’ve been places I never dreamed of” he says. “I’ve seen liberal arts at its fullest and how science fits into the picture.” His own love of science tends to be infectious; many of his students make the decision to delve deeper.

“I’ve had four research students go on to get Ph.D.s or they’re in the process of getting one, which tells me I’m doing the right things in terms of mentoring them. And, through joint projects with [associate professor] Michel Boudrias and the environmental work we do, several more students have gone on to graduate school. These projects are helping them choose their direction.”

Bolender, the 2007 winner of the prestigious Lowell Davies Award, is now directing several more of USD’s top students as director of the Honors Program.

“He’s going to do a phenomenal job developing the undergraduate research aspect of the program. He has a lot of experience with research as a chemist and he’s committed to expanding and enhancing it,” says Noelle Norton, department chair for political science and Bolender’s predecessor as director.

“I think this is the best place for me to be because I love interacting with students and I take pride in what they do,” he says. “The honors program puts in place a structure where these excellent students can excel and really step outside of the box, see cross-disciplines and be challenged.” — **Ryan T. Blystone**



**b**ack in the 1990s, the phrase “What Would Jesus Do?” became a popular personal motto in the United States, a reminder that Jesus was a kind of moral superhero, able to make the leap from temptation to salvation in a single bound. But was Jesus a superhero? Did his humanity differ from that of our own?

In a recently published paper titled “Arius, Superman and the Tertium Quid: When Popular Culture Meets Christology,” USD theology professor Susie Paulik Babka contrasts the life of Jesus with that of Superman, the Marvel Comic Books hero. Babka says she is fascinated by the parallels that pop up between the son of God and the cape-wearing son of Jor-El from the planet Krypton.

“Many Christians see Jesus as a kind of ‘superhero’ who ‘comes down’ to earth to save us,” Babka says. “What concerns me as a theologian, however, is what happens to Jesus when Jesus is understood as a superhero, someone with ‘magical powers’ who does things it seems no other human being can do. I argue in the paper that Jesus is not Superman, that Jesus’ humanity is no different from our humanity. I argue that Jesus is the meeting point between what is fully divine and what is authentically human,” she explains. “Jesus is God who has ‘emptied himself’ in order to experience human life, suffering and death, and to bring humanity fully into the divine life.

“This means that, as authentically human, Jesus cannot be capable of anything we are not capable of. If he is not God, or not fully God, then God is no nearer to us than before the incarnation. If he is not authentically human, then it is not humanity that is brought into union with God, but ‘superhero-ness.’”

As for Superman, Babka argues that even though he’s faster than a speeding bullet, “since he’s not human, he can never be what we are.” — **Tiffany Fox**



**D**epression in expectant and new mothers carries a stigma all its own. At a time when most women are overjoyed, some struggle with feelings of melancholy. Left untreated, maternal depression can affect more than a mother’s health; it can put a child’s development and well-being at risk.

Cynthia Connelly, director of nursing research at USD’s Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, is leading a \$3.1 million, five-year study to identify and treat maternal depression. Funded by the National Institutes of Health, her Perinatal Mental Health Project is the recipient of the largest single grant in the university’s history.

Estimates of maternal depression in new mothers range from 10 to 42 percent, with most of these women undiagnosed and untreated. Through an innovative collaboration, the project will screen up to 5,000 women at routine prenatal visits in community clinics throughout San Diego. Several hundred will likely be identified for follow-up, some with a mental health adviser who will link them to treatment.

“The various academies — the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Nursing, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists — all support using screening as a part of the practice,”

says Connelly. “But there are terrible cost constraints and time constraints that undermine the best intentions.”

Connelly assembled a multidisciplinary research team to develop a solution. Early work in the project will lead to a bilingual computerized screening program that expectant mothers complete in the waiting room, so that depression care can be incorporated into the visit, if indicated. A key component to this approach is follow-up by a mental health adviser, who will contact at-risk mothers to offer support, advice and referral services.

Connelly and her colleagues will also interview mothers by phone and make in-home visits to gauge changes in depression over time, assess mother/child interactions and check on baby milestone outcomes.

“Women are supposed to be happy when they’re pregnant, but sometimes we forget that it’s too much,” she says. “Some mothers didn’t want a baby at this time, or maybe their husband is out of work. It’s important [for them] to be able to get this support — just to be able to acknowledge that they don’t feel great, that it’s OK to feel sad. Our focus now is on improving access to mental health services for underserved families, but ultimately I hope that we get better access for all people.” — **Trisha J. Ratledge**





# FAMILY AFFAIR

by Tiffany Fox

For some people, success is marked by a clear pinnacle, a point on the mountaintop where they can stop pushing the rock uphill and consider the mission accomplished.

Then there are those like Michael Bajo. Even after achieving success as a professional baseball player, a naval officer and a beloved physician, he set his focus on the towering peaks in the distance, always striving to clear the next summit. It's a legacy he left to his 15 children, six of whom call USD their alma mater. Of those six, four followed in his footsteps and went on to pursue medicine.

The son of Slovak immigrants who came to the United States in 1912, Bajo was born in East Chicago, Indiana in 1919, and graduated with honors from St. Precopius University (now Benedictine University). A lifelong sportsman, Bajo starred in basketball and baseball while at St. Precopius, and was later drafted and signed as a left-handed pitcher by the Chicago White Sox in 1941. Once he decided his true calling was medicine, he attended Loyola Medical School in Chicago, graduating with an M.D. in 1944 at the height of World War II. Bajo became a medical officer for the destroyer USS Dobbins and cared for wounded soldiers in the Pacific theater. Following the war, Bajo was stationed in San Diego and pursued further medical training at Mercy Hospital.

While a resident, he took notice of Sarah, who worked as a nurse in the surgical ward. It wasn't long before he asked her to go on a "grunion run," something she thought was just a silly line to get her to go out with him. But soon enough, the two were married. In 1948, the couple relocated to San Ysidro to start a medical practice in that underserved community.

This move established Bajo as one of the most beloved physicians in the South Bay, caring for patients on both sides of the border, sometimes accepting payment in the form of chickens or produce. A specialist in obstetrics, he delivered more than 11,000 babies. When infants were abandoned by their mothers, he was known to call his wife and announce he was bringing home a bundle of joy. (Altogether, the Bajos adopted four of the children he delivered).

"At the time they moved to San Ysidro, I don't think there were any other doctors down there," recalls son Michael Jr. "My dad's home phone was listed in the phone book, and he used to do a lot of house calls, especially at night. Sometimes, he'd take us kids on house calls, and he was always talking about his work. He'd come home from some surgery or a tough delivery and during dinner — we had this huge blackboard behind the kitchen table — he'd draw diagrams up on the blackboard. One thing that I was always really impressed with was his work ethic. I never once heard him complain about work. He just loved what he did."

"A deeply spiritual Catholic," according to USD professor emerita Sister Pat Shaffer, Bajo sent his children to Catholic grammar schools and Marian High School (now Mater Dei High). When it came time for them to head off to college, he encouraged them to attend USD.

Because his own father never had the chance to pursue higher education, Bajo always stressed the importance of earning a college degree to his children.

"He used to say his best investment was his kids," Michael Jr. says. "He never pressured us to attend USD specifically, but he had attended a Catholic university, so it was a tradition kind of thing. But USD wasn't cheap, even back then. Putting that many kids through college was an amazing feat."

At one point during the 1970s, four Bajo children were matriculating at USD: Stephen Bajo '72 (now a physician in internal medicine), Michael Bajo Jr. '73 (now owner of Bajo Construction), Philip Bajo '74 (now a cardiologist) and Mary (Bajo) Reardon '75 (now an OB/GYN). Their father purchased a home near USD for all the children to live in; Michael Jr. considers those years to be an especially memorable time in his life.

"Some of us had classes together once in a while, which was kind of fun and made things easier," he muses. "It was someone to study with. Back then everybody knew us in the department, but we were individuals. We had a lot of similar characteristics, but I think we also had a lot of diversity within our family."

Retired chemistry professor Jack Opdycke recalls having both Michael Jr. and Philip in his class. "The thing I can say unequivocally about the two of them is that they're such quality people," he says. "And that's the essence of what I heard about the rest of the family. They had quite a reputation at USD."

Several of the Bajo kids were known for their abilities in sports: Michael Jr. played basketball, Stephen played basketball and baseball, Philip played baseball and their sister, Ruth '89 (M.Ed. '91) was on the volleyball team.

Sister Shaffer, who taught five members of the Bajo clan in her biochemistry class, remembers seeing the family patriarch at various USD sporting events throughout the years, most recently at the West Coast Conference basketball tournament at the Jenny Craig Pavilion in March 2008, when the Toreros beat Gonzaga to earn an NCAA Tournament berth.

"Even when he was pretty elderly, he was still coming to tournaments," Shaffer recalls of the doctor, who passed away in September 2008. "Although he was a doctor who started out as a sportsman, he remained devoted to USD as well."

Adds Michael Jr., "Of all the things he was — a dad, a husband, an athlete — the main thing was, he was a doctor. That's his legacy."



It's a simple memento. A rip-cord grip (the kind used to release a reserve parachute) affixed to a block of wood. But the keepsake on USD associate professor George Reed's office wall is much more than that. It symbolizes the night that Reed — then a U.S. Army paratrooper performing a behind-enemy-lines training exercise — managed to walk away from a catastrophic parachute failure that should have killed him.

"I like to say that I haven't had a bad day since," Reed chuckles. "I keep that up there as a reminder to myself that life is good, and it's short, so we have to make the most of it."

Reed spent 27 years as an Army officer — including six as an instructor at the prestigious U.S. Army War College — before bringing his expertise to USD's School of Leadership and Education Sciences in 2007.

"The transition has actually been pretty easy," Reed says. "Context matters when you're talking about leadership, but the process of leadership extends across many different job sectors and endeavors. It's not strictly science. It's an art and a science."

Not that there aren't some welcome differences in the military and civilian approaches to higher education.

"In the Army, we worked with an insane work ethic," Reed says.

"There were many competing demands on your time and a lot of that time was not your own. So to come into a field where discretionary time is part of the culture, I really relish that opportunity to pursue my own academic interests and research."

In addition to teaching leadership and organizational theory, Reed has used his scholarly freedom to focus particular attention on negative management styles. "I'm definitely interested in the dark side of leadership," Reed says. "Truth is, we can learn just as much from bad examples as we can from the good ones."

Reed was drawn to USD for its reputation as a groundbreaking academic leader in leadership studies; he says the research conducted by SOLES faculty translates to military officers and corporate professionals as well as it does to school principals and leadership consultants. Still, he relishes the challenge of adapting leadership principles across a variety of disciplines.

"One particular leadership style isn't going to be effective across all people and situations," Reed says. "You can take one leadership approach if you have time to make a decision and the impacts are long-term. But if you're in a position where the building's on fire, you're going to need a different approach." — **Nathan Dinsdale**



Online gathering spots like RateMyProfessors.com have some nasty things to say about many a pedantic science professor, but Mitch Malachowski's profile shines squeaky clean. He's head over heels for organic chemistry — and all of his students feel the love.

"I teach my students that I will do whatever I can to help them be successful," he muses. "I think they're surprised sometimes to hear that, but I tell them I make a commitment to them every day when I show up. I work really hard for them and I ask them to make the same commitment to themselves. I think [students] tend to identify with people who genuinely want them to be successful." Malachowski wants everyone in his classes to "become more than someone who's reading a chemistry book." With his guidance, "They think like chemists. They personalize their education." And they go on to shape and mold, create and cure. "They become chemists." — **Stefanie Wray**



Joan Kroc had a vision for the institute that bears her name at USD: that it be a place that not only talked about peace, but made peace. The creation of the internship program in 2002 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice was a firm first step. The program has flourished ever since, attracting those students — both locally and internationally — who have a keen interest in becoming peacemakers.

"The internship program is [former IPJ Director] Joyce Neu's brainchild. She loves nurturing the next generation of leaders," says IPJ Internship Director Elena McCollim.

The Fall 2008 class consisted of senior Elisabetta Colabianchi, Chris Groth '06 (M.A.), senior Ali Wolters and UC San Diego senior Carolyn Smith. Their duties included working with the Women PeaceMakers participants, supporting IPJ events and writing weekly reports on current events in two countries.

Wolters, a political science major, focused on Peru and Uganda. She's studied and worked in both Uganda and Rwanda; her passion stems from seeing the documentary film *Invisible Children*. "There was a guy sitting next to me from Uganda, his eyes welling

up with tears. I became aware of a war I had no clue about, that had gone on longer than I'd been alive."

Colabianchi, majoring in Spanish and biology, speaks four languages and has studied in Italy, Argentina and Mexico. She tracked Guatemala and South Africa. "I love being in other countries, seeing new cultures and learning from them. Studying abroad gives you a better perspective. There are so many things that need to change, and this makes you want to help make that change."

Groth will finish a yearlong stint as the IPJ's inaugural graduate intern this spring. He's tracking the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Nepal.

"When I was doing my master's, I followed what the IPJ did in Nepal. It's exciting to be a part of it now, even if I'm contributing a small piece. The country is really transitioning, with elections and democracy at work."

Smith covered Columbia and Bangladesh. She says the IPJ internship whets her appetite for more.

"There's so much information out there on world affairs at our fingertips that it's hard to sit back and watch what's going on without trying to do something to get involved." — **Ryan T. Blystone**



# LAW AND ORDER

by Nathan Dinsdale

Srebrenica was one of the first. It was also one of the hardest. For days, Kirsten Bowman '96 pored over videotape evidence chronicling the July 1995 assault on the city — and the subsequent mass murder of some 8,000 people — during the Bosnian War.

At the time, she was a law clerk working with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. Away from work, she was reading *The Key to my Neighbor's House*, which included eyewitness accounts of the Srebrenica Massacre. It wasn't long before the horrors described in the book came to life in graphic detail on the video screen.

"It was very unpleasant," Bowman says. "That was a hard week for me. I had become all-consumed by it and I wasn't sure if I could do this kind of work anymore."

That was 2004. Nearly five years later, Bowman is still helping bring individuals responsible for some of the world's most egregious crimes against humanity to justice as a lawyer for the International Criminal Court.

"It's easy to get caught up in the emotional evidence of these horrible things that have happened," Bowman says. "You want somebody to be held accountable. But our job is to adjudicate fair trials in a court of law, so you have to remove yourself from the emotional side in order to do your job effectively."

After graduating from USD with a major in sociology and a minor in gender studies, Bowman became a social worker in San Diego, then completed a Coro Fellowship in Public Policy in Los Angeles. She subsequently worked as a lobbyist for international women's health rights in Washington, D.C., before earning a law degree from Santa Clara University. After clerking for the Yugoslavia tribunal, Bowman worked for the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, before landing her current post as a legal officer at the ICC.

"I knew when I went to USD I wanted to do public work but I don't know that I imagined this," Bowman says. "I pictured myself working on treaties or conventions to stop Darfur from happening — rather than prosecuting people that had already committed atrocities in Darfur. I still struggle with that. But there's something very tangible about international criminal law."

Tangible though it may be, Bowman has learned that many of the cases she has worked on at the ICC fall in a nebulous gray area where the concepts of right and wrong are anything but black and white.

"I'm not sure there are always good guys and bad guys," Bowman says. "Sometimes it's just conflict between people, but there are rules of war, and you have to uphold those rules regardless of what side you're on."

Bowman recently assisted in a case against Thomas Lubanga Dyilo,

a militia leader accused of perpetuating human rights violations, including the murder of United Nations peacekeepers in the Democratic Republic of Congo. When it became apparent that Dyilo could not receive a fair trial based on the prosecution's handling of evidence, Bowman helped push for a "stay" in the proceedings.

"To get to that decision was very difficult, but it was probably the proudest moment of my career, even if a lot of people were critical of it," she says. "I felt like it was really important to distinguish the ICC as a criminal court, not a political court, and if we moved forward with an unfair proceeding we would be doing a major disservice to international criminal law."

While currently based in The Hague, Netherlands (home of the ICC), Bowman frequently spends weeks and months at a time collecting evidence and interviewing witnesses in the field. Aside from those often gut-wrenching investigations, one of her biggest challenges is piecing together universal laws that work for the entire global community.


"Back home, the statutes have already been interpreted and there's not much to do but look at past case studies and do it again," she says. "It's fascinating and challenging trying to figure out how we can take pieces out of all these major systems of law and place them in this new system that works for everybody."

Bowman credits the year she spent studying abroad in Japan as a USD student for sparking her physical and cultural wanderlust, though she does lament that there's little use for her Japanese fluency in the wilds of Africa. "I can get by quite easily in Kiswahili, but French is the bane of my existence," she sighs. "French drives me crazy, and it's the language that I probably need to use the most."

Aside from relying on the support of friends and family, Bowman has learned to cope with the emotional rigors of her job by brushing up on her *Français*, exercising, taking cooking classes and beautifying her home.

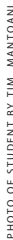
"My boyfriend thinks that it's odd that I put so much effort into making my house look so nice," she says with a chuckle. "But sometimes I need something that's frivolous and pretty in my life. It's important to take care of yourself because you won't be helpful to people if you're burned out and unhappy."

Despite the often mentally and emotionally taxing nature of her work, Bowman — who anticipates eventually returning to the United States — still relishes the challenges her job presents.

"It can be very exhausting. There are times when I just want to go home and be a corporate lawyer or a public defender and have a nice little life. But every day I'm fascinated and stimulated by what I'm doing, and I know I may never have this kind of opportunity again." 







# BREAKING THE CYCLE

*by Nathan Dinsdale*

"It's just a totally different reality here," Morgan says. "Some of these kids sleep on the floor because bullets go through the window. They've all seen dead bodies and other things that most of us can't even imagine. They talk about it very casually

Morgan has fostered partnerships with 112th Street Elementary, St. Michael's Middle School, Verbum Dei (the Jesuit-run home base of Urban Compass), local nonprofits and private sector donors to ensure that path doesn't have cracks. Morgan — who works for a Pasadena firm

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## 1960s


**[ 1960 ]**  
**SISTER LINDA HAYWARD (B.A., M.A. ’68)** recently participated in a retreat in Israel that was centered on remembering the women in the Bible. On the trip, 34 lay and religious women from across the United States reflected and prayed at many historical sites and renowned locales, including Mount Tabor, Caesarea Philippi, the River Jordan, the Dead Sea, the Golan Heights, Be’er Sheba, Jerusalem and Bethlehem.

**[ 1962 ]**  
**PEGGY (D’AGOSTINO) THOMPSON (B.A.)** and her husband, Don, are adult acolytes and Eucharistic ministers at St. Joseph Husband of Mary Catholic Church in Las Vegas. Peggy is also president of the Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary for the second year, and she is the wedding coordinator for her parish. As a consultant for the Clark County School District, Peggy mentors the district’s new music teachers in their first year and she holds networking dinners and workshops throughout the year. Peggy and Don have five grandchildren, love to travel, and look forward to celebrating their 46th wedding anniversary.

**[ 1963 ]**  
**CLEMENT O’NEILL (J.D.)** retired in November 1995.


**ELOISA (SANCHEZ) THOMPSON (B.A.)** and her husband, Robert, have retired to Baja California. They enjoy walking to the beach a block away. Eloisa was a medical technician at UCSD Medical Center and Robert was a professor at Southwestern College in Chula Vista. Two of their children were married recently and Eloisa’s mother passed away on Jan. 25, 2008.

**CHARLIE WICAL (BBA)** retired in Oregon. “Although I don’t know how one can retire on over 12 acres of mostly forested land,” he writes, “having a lot of the proper tools and machinery helps.” Charlie reports spending much of his time kayaking and rafting on local lakes and white-water, as well as bicycling throughout the area and hosting family in the McKenzie River Recreation Area. “We are blessed. We’ll always have San Diego County and USD in our hearts.”

**[ 1964 ]**   
**DELLE WILLETT STATTIN (B.A.)** is the director of marketing at the San Diego Natural History Museum. She recently helped her husband build an experimental airplane, a Lancair Legacy, which they fly every weekend and have also used to take several cross-country trips.

**[ 1967 ]**  
**LEW WALTON (J.D.)** practices federal and state tax law and tax litigation with Buchalter Nemer in Los Angeles. His son, Richard, an attorney and a certified public accountant, also practices with the firm. Richard teaches at the University of Southern California Law School and at the University of California, Los Angeles, and Lew teaches for him occasionally when needed. “We’re busy, and having more fun than humans have a right to,” Lew writes.

**[ 1968 ]**  
**ANTHONY GHIRONI (B.A.)** has taught at Francis Parker Middle School for 40 years. He has two daughters and three grandchildren. “I enjoy teaching and plan to continue doing it for a few years more,” he says. “Thanks to USD, I have had a wonderful career in education. Go ‘Big Blue’ and God bless.”

**[ 1969 ]**   
**JACKSON MUECKE (B.A.)** received a 25-year award at Merrill Lynch. His son, Josh, is a top left-handed pitcher for the Triple-A Round Rock Express baseball team, an affiliate of the Houston Astros. With their fourth child, Lauren, in college, Jackson and his wife, Chris ’78, are finally empty nesters.

## 1970s

**[ 1970 ]**  
**DAVID AGOSTO (B.A.)** retired after working for more than 30 years in community colleges and opened The Fish Basket Restaurant in San Diego.

**NAN (BAUM) BULISH (B.A.)** earned her Ph.D. in leadership studies at Gonzaga University in 2006. She is a professor at Spokane Community College and gives leadership training presentations for businesses and corporations. Nan also serves the homeless on Monday nights with dinner, conversation and singing. The out-

reach organization she works with produced a CD called *The Voiceless Among Us* in which all the lyrics were written and performed by those who are or have been homeless. “However, my proudest achievement is being ‘Nana’ to five beautiful grandchildren who light up my life in a deep and meaningful way,” Nan says.

**LT. CMDR. JERRY SOCHOWSKI (B.A.)** is with Eagle Systems Inc. in Maryland.


**[ 1972 ]**  
**DONALD NUNN (J.D.)** constructed his own professional office building in Poway, where he has practiced law for the last 25 years. The building opened in July 2007.

**GEORGE URDZIK (M.Ed.)** retired from the Kendall Jackson Wine Estates. Previously, he had spent more than 35 years in the financial aid profession – including financial aid director at USD from 1970 to 1973 – and is a lifetime member of the California Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. He writes a column on wine for the CASFAA newsletter. George reports that running has been part of his routine for more than 35 years.

**TERRY WHITFIELD (B.A.)** retired in June 2005, having completed 32 years as a junior high educator/counselor. Her interests now include weekly golf, daily runs with her Dobermans, organic gardening, team bowling and being outdoors with family.

**[ 1973 ]**  
**LARRY BOUCHE (B.A.)** is sales director for SmartDrive Systems in San Diego. SmartDrive is a road safety tool for professional drivers that captures video to analyze driver events and to identify and change unsafe driver behavior. Larry and his wife, Susie, have two daughters, Geena and Aubree.

**RUSSELL MAZZOLA (J.D.)** practices with Mazzola Law Offices in Yakima, Wash.

**[ 1974 ]**   
**CRAIG WALKER (J.D.)** is the litigation tracking specialist and privacy officer for the Arizona Department of Economic Security. His wife, Nora, is communications director for a community association. Craig and Nora have two grandchildren.

**[ 1975 ]**  
**ROBERT BARRY (J.D.)** just completed his 31st year practicing law at Loeb & Loeb in Los Angeles.

**JOANNE CULLEY (M.Ed.)** and her husband, Laron, continue to travel. They joined friends from New Zealand on a trip to Alaska for two weeks and they still vacation in Cabo San Lucas in Baja California once a year.

**ROBERT LAMONT (B.A., M.Ed. ’80)** retired from the California education system in June 2006 after 20 years. He moved to his farm on the big island of Hawaii to raise goats, but after just three weeks of retirement, he went back to work as a special education teacher at Waiakea Intermediate School in Hilo. Instead of raising goats, Bob is now raising sheep.

**[ 1976 ]**  
**CONGRESSWOMAN SHELLEY BERKLEY (J.D.)** and her former husband, Fred, met at student orientation in August 1974. They have two sons: Max, 25, a law student, and Sam, 22, an undergraduate. Shelley remarried in 1999 to Larry Lehrner, a nephrologist practicing in Las Vegas. Shelley has served in the Nevada State Assembly, as a member of the University and Community College System of Nevada Board of Regents, and ran for a sixth term in the U.S. House of Representatives in Nov. 2008.

**CHARLENE KANE (M.Ed.)** retired from the San Diego Unified School District.

**DAVID MOUSSETTE (B.A., J.D. ’81)** is a special assistant U.S. attorney in the U.S. Air Force, practicing primarily in the areas of criminal prosecution and disability and V.A. law. His 20 years in the service have included assignments in England, Italy and Iceland. David’s wife, Linda, is retired from civil service and enjoys gardening and volunteering.

**[ 1977 ]**  
**JOSEPH GHOUGASSIAN (M.A., ’80 J.D.)** is the chief of party for Alternative Development Program, a project funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development, whose mission is to reduce the cultivation of poppies (opium) in the province of Farah, Afghanistan, by offering an alternative agricultural livelihood. Joseph’s fourth book, *The Knight and*

*the Falcon: The Coming of Christianity in Qatar, a Muslim Nation* chronicles his efforts to influence the government of Qatar to lift a centuries-long prohibition of the practice of Christianity. Pope John Paul II knighted Joseph for his work in religious freedom and for his success in Qatar.

**[ 1978 ]**  
**DENNIS BAUER (J.D.)** is a senior deputy district attorney for Orange County, Calif. He has been with the Orange County District Attorney’s Office since 1985 and was with the Los Angeles District Attorney’s Office for six years prior to that.

**KEN ZUETEL (J.D.)** is a managing partner of Zuetel & Torigian in Pasadena, Calif., specializing in the arbitration of professional liability cases. He spends much of his time forming insurance companies for physicians and attorneys, and is chief executive officer of Attorneys Indemnity Insurance Co. Ken reports that one of his greatest achievements took place on May 7, 2008, when he presented his son, Bryan, with a J.D. diploma from USD’s School of Law.

**[ 1979 ]**   
**CAROLYN (JONES) NUNES (M.Ed.)** was named senior director of special education in 2006 for the San Diego County Office of Education. Previously, she had spent 27 years with the San Diego Unified School District. Her husband, Garry, is retired and busy remodeling their home in Lakeside. Their children are both at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Danielle, 21, is a linguistics major with a speech and hearing minor, and Scott, 19, is majoring in chemical engineering.

## 1980s

**[ 1980 ]**  
**GUSTAVO BLANKENBURG (MBA)** reports that his latest business venture is importing and marketing original art from Latin American artists. His Web site is [www.artenaive.e crater.com](http://www.artenaive.e crater.com).

**DIANE (BARRY) BRANKS (B.A.)** is a vascular podiatrist at Kaiser Permanente. She also is president of the Southern California HMO Podiatric Medical Society and was nominated to the board of the

California Podiatric Medical Society. A lecture she presented to the Third Annual National General Surgery Symposium in Napa, Calif., was published through the California Medical Association Audio Digest. Diane is married, has three teenagers, and she raises orchids and koi in her spare time.

**CLIFFORD LEVY (J.D.)** remains in touch with fellow 1980 law graduates Jeff Scott, Steve Scherb, Hernan Cetina and others who practice in San Diego. “Please stop by the Workers’ Compensation Appeals Board and say hello,” Cliff says.

**CYNTHIA MARQUEZ (B.A.)** reports that she is doing well in Palm Springs. Her daughter Alexis graduated from Barnard College in 2005 and plans to attend law school in 2009. Her daughter Schuyler is a student at Mount Holyoke College in Massachusetts. Schuyler is also a cellist with the Mount Holyoke Symphony.

**MARTY MATES (BBA)** was named the electric power industry account manager for the western United States with responsibility for all products within the Baldor Dodge Reliance organization. Marty and his wife and two children live in Salt Lake City.

**MARGARET MCMURRAY (J.D.)** and her partner, Denise Matyka, adopted a baby girl from Russia in 2003. Their daughter is a happy, healthy 5-year-old, says Margaret, who is a consultant to public charter schools with the Wisconsin state education department. “It is a fascinating opportunity to see what motivates children to learn who have had little success in traditional school models,” Margaret says.

**JOSEPH ROGERS (B.S.)** is enjoying retirement and putting the finishing touches on a novel, *Running on Empty*, a story of life in the 1970s and the last days of the Vietnam War. Joe is also replacing the engine in his sailboat. “People ask me, ‘What do you need an engine on a sailboat for?’” Joe says. “Ever try to get one out of a slip that’s downwind?” He has also been serving as commodore of the Long Beach Singles Yacht Club for more than a year.

**CATHERINE (HOPKINS) SCHAFER (BSN)** has 19 great-grandchildren whom she is trying to help educate. “It also gives me nice

places to visit around the United States!” Catherine says.

**DANNIE TOBIAS (BBA)** operates a successful valuation, financial analysis and tax practice specializing in electric, gas and water utilities worldwide.

**COLETTE YORK (BSN, MSN ’82, D.N.Sc. ’94)** is an associate professor in the MSN program at Mount St. Mary’s College. She also designed and implemented the nursing program at Concordia University, Irvine and acted as interim director. Colette is an accreditation site visitor for the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and she is a nursing education consultant for West Coast University.

**[ 1981 ]**  
**KAREN (DAVIDSON) BARNETT (B.A.)** and her husband, Jerold, celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with a two-week family vacation in St. Maarten in the Caribbean.

**CLAIRE (CARPENTER) BENTON (B.A.)** is the program coordinator at St. Andrew’s by-the-Sea Episcopal Church. She plans events and teaches Sunday school to children ages 3 to 8. Over the summer, they had a storytelling vacation Bible school in the evenings. Claire also belongs to the National Episcopal Association of Christian Education Directors. “Christian education is my destiny,” she says.

**PATRICIA HUNTER (BSN)** is the owner of Government Relations Group, in which she and her business partner provide consulting, advocacy and association management. She is the executive director of the American Nurses Association/CA and Hearing Healthcare Providers/CA. Patricia is president of the Rotary Club of Mission Bay and the nursing equipment coordinator for surgical mission trips to Tecate, Costa Rica and (in the future) Haiti.

**[ 1982 ]**  
**DANIEL FINSTER (BBA)** was promoted in January 2008 to regional vice president in charge of Union Bank’s San Diego middle market banking group.


**[ 1983 ]**  
**SUSAN ETEZADI (J.D.)** is a California Superior Court judge in San Mateo County. After graduating from USD, Susan worked in the Sacramento County District

Attorney’s Office for a year and then spent 22 years in the San Mateo County District Attorney’s Office prosecuting general felony, sexual assault and homicide cases. On the Superior Court bench since September 2006, she is currently assigned to the family law division. “I love being a judge and am grateful for the opportunity to serve my community in this capacity,” Susan says.

**GAYLIA (WADE) HANSON (BSN)** is a nurse in the cardiovascular lab at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich., and has rotated through the staff/charge preceptor role for 23 years. “Time flies as I have been an R.N. for 30 years!” she says. She and her husband, David, live with their children, Chelsey and Alex, on Gull Lake in Richland, where they enjoy tubing, boating and fishing. Chelsey is interested in studying nursing at Kalamazoo Valley College.

**CHRISTINE MUGRIDGE (B.A.)** is the host of *Rome to Home*, a weekly live radio report from Rome, Italy. She is also co-author of a book, *John Paul II: Development of a Theology of Communication*.

**ROD PACHECO (J.D.)** was senior deputy district attorney in Riverside County from 1984 to 1996. From 1996 to 2002, he served as a California state assemblyman for the 64th District, representing western Riverside County. Rod returned to the Riverside County District Attorney’s Office in 2002, and he was elected district attorney for Riverside County in 2006, with service beginning on Jan. 1, 2008.

**[ 1984 ]**   
**SALLY BENNETT-SCHMIDT (M.Ed., Ed.D. ’97)** joined the San Diego County Office of Education in April 2007 as an assessment coordinator. She works with districts throughout the county in formative and summative assessment and data analysis. She is also a lecturer at USD and teaches Measurement and Evaluation in Educational Settings in the master’s program in learning and teaching.

**STEVE GAUVIN (BBA)** and his wife, Shirley, have been married for 14 years and they have three daughters, ages 12, 11 and 7. The family lives in Coronado. Steve is a field sales representative for Arrow Electronics and has been encouraging his fellow Sigma Pi brothers to





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# CHIC DREAMS

Looking for style, ease, affordability?  
Just ask the Hostess with the Mostess

by Tiffany Fox

Back in Jennifer Sbranti's college days, "party planning" meant little more than deciding between cans or bottles or figuring out how to get a borrowed foosball table through the back door.

But now the USD alumna — who graduated in 1999 — spends most waking hours poring over recipes for "signature cocktails," deliberating contrasting color schemes and trolling the Web for the latest trends in stylish entertaining. Sbranti's Web site, "Hostess with the Mostess" — which she runs with her husband, fellow USD graduate Sonny Sbranti — has carved a niche for itself in the world of event planning, with nearly 175,000 unique users and a blog that draws nearly 5,000 readers per day. *Good Morning America* invited Sbranti to appear in a segment about summer parties, and her site has been featured in publications such as *InStyle Weddings*, *Real Simple* and *The Nest*.

In addition to developing and maintaining the site, the San Diego-based couple runs Sbranti Design, advises celebrity clients such as *The Bachelor's* Trista Sutter and *The Biggest Loser's* Alison Sweeney on party planning, and hosts workshops on entertaining for corporate sponsor Chambord Liqueur, the most recent being a "Modern Parisian Soirée" in New York City for more than 200 guests. Sbranti said the idea for her business came about after graduation, when her friends started getting married and having children.

"I started hosting bridal and baby showers for them, but I

wasn't finding a lot of great entertaining ideas online," she recalls. "What I thought was missing was content that catered toward a younger crowd, things that were stylish and super easy to do. I didn't have the time or budget for 'expert' ideas that were difficult or expensive, but I didn't want to just pick something up at Party City either. I got kind of frustrated by the experience and started coming up with my own themes and decorating tricks."

HWTM is all about using inexpensive, widely available materials to turn tradition on its head. For a dazzling winter display, Sbranti used peacock feathers and a corresponding color scheme, and created a mommy-centric "Baby Bling" theme for a baby shower that featured rhinestone-bedecked pacifiers.

In the future, the Sbrantis hope to transform their site into a one-stop party planning tool, where users will be able to design personalized invitations, download a budget calculator and search other users' party pics.

One would think that with their busy schedules, the last thing the Sbrantis would want to do in their down time is plan a party of their own. But the couple said they still get together every year with members of their graduating class. The decor and hors d'oeuvres might be a little more chic, but the friendships haven't changed much, says Sbranti, "even if everyone does go home a little earlier." 🍷

To learn more about Jennifer Sbranti's projects, go to [www.hostesswiththemostess.com](http://www.hostesswiththemostess.com).

return to USD to celebrate their 25th anniversary at homecoming.

**RANDOLPH HOUTS (J.D.)** is the author of *Pratt's State by State Debt Collections*, published by Sheshunoff Information Services in May 2008. The book is a survey of the debt collection and fair collection practice laws in all 50 states, along with important questions for creditors contemplating legal action on a debt in an unfamiliar state. Randolph also conducts national online seminars on collection, bankruptcy and foreclosure. Since 1994, he has practiced creditor and bankruptcy law through Houts and Associates in El Cajon.

**STEVEN JANOWICZ (B.A.)** founded Elwood Sports Management in Michigan, a firm solely representing professional hockey players in Europe and North America.

**DONALD JONES (J.D.)** is vice president of business development for health and life sciences at Qualcomm, responsible for fostering the company's wireless technologies in the health and life sciences markets. Prior to joining Qualcomm, Donald spent 22 years developing healthcare enterprises, including serving as chief operating officer for the world's largest medical services provider, and participating in more than 130 acquisitions. He is also the founder of the Wireless Life Sciences Alliance, an organization that works with the wireless and life sciences industries to create new business models.

**TATIANA (JIMENEZ) MONTGOMERY (B.A.)** is working for a nutritional company from home, happy to be her own boss and set her own hours. "Loving life!" she says. "Stay well, happy and healthy!"

**[1985] CRAIG HAMILTON (BBA)** is with Heritage Paper Co. in Sonoma, Calif. He reports that he is busy with soccer, surfing, family, abalone diving and work.

**JEFFREY LEE (M.Ed.)** lives in Gilbert, Ariz., where he is helping a pastor friend establish a new church: Genesis Christian Church. "Please stop by for some cold bottled water if you are ever near Phoenix," he says.

**IOKAPETA (TAUOILHILI) RITCHEY (BSN)** is a part-time stu-

dent at California State University, Dominguez Hills, working toward a master's degree with an emphasis on nursing education. She is also president of the San Diego chapter of the American Association of Operating Room Nurses.

**MICHAEL SCHNEIDER (B.A.)** celebrated his 19th year of working for Costco Wholesale in City of Industry. He lives with his partner of over 10 years in Montclair.

**DONALD STUKES (BBA)** and his wife, Lyda, live in Orange County, Calif., with their daughter, Chelsea, who just started high school. Chelsea plans to attend the University of California at Irvine and major in software engineering. After 20 years in corporate management positions, Donald started his own business and technology consulting firm in July 2001. Lyda is a staff member of the California State University system. Recent travels included trips to Vancouver, Canada, and Yosemite, Calif.

**ANTHONY TODORA (BBA)** and his wife, Lety, welcomed their second child, Nicholas, on Aug. 23, 2007. Nicholas joins older sister, Christina, 4. Anthony sells commercial and residential properties in Palos Verdes, Calif., and surrounding areas. "I would love to hear from other alumni in the area," he writes.

**[1986] MIKE HAMILTON (B.A.)** and his wife, Shannon, have been married for 19 years and they have three daughters: Layne, 15; Halle, 13; and Molly, 11. They have lived in Pleasanton, Calif., for 12 years. Mike is a global account manager for an air freight company.

**JULIE BARRETT O'BRIEN (B.A.)** and her husband, David, live in Concord, Mass., with their two sons, Sam, 13, and Carter, 4. "My husband is a political activist and a super delegate, which keeps our life buzzing with political energy!" she says. Julie's work as a vice president for Management Sciences for Health, an international development organization, has taken her to countries such as Afghanistan, Haiti, South Africa and Nicaragua. "I am completely inspired by the strength of the women and their communities who are trying to overcome severe poverty, disease and conflict," Julie says.



**STEVEN PERBIX (J.D.)** opened a solo practice in Decatur, Ill., in May 2008 after more than 16 years in the partnership of Shay & Perbix.

**THOMAS VENTIMIGLIA (BBA)** has been a professor of counseling at Palomar College in San Marcos for 18 years, providing academic, career and personal counseling. He self-published a book, *Quest for the Empowered Self*, and had an award-winning educational television show by the same name. Thomas also was the co-host of a television program called *Tapping Into Wellness: Energy Medicine for the 21st Century*. His Web sites are: www.tappingintowellness.com and www.quest-fortheempoweredself.com. "I miss USD," he says.

**[1987]**  
**TOMASZ BYSIEK (B.A.)** and his wife, Natasha Storm, welcomed a daughter, Ava Storm, on April 3, 2008. Natasha joins older brothers, Thomas Storm, born on March 7, 2002, and Robert Storm, born on May 22, 2005.

**LORRIE CORETTE CAMPBELL (M.A.)** recently celebrated 10 years in a private counseling practice in Butte, Mont.

**LAUREL (SELMO) EMSLEY (J.D.)** and her husband, Robert, have been married for seven years and they enjoy living in Carmel, Calif. Laurel's children are grown, so she has free time to pursue her love of dogs, horses and endurance riding. She has changed careers and now is a group therapist on the psychiatric unit of a community hospital. "My years in law school were fun for me and I loved being with all you smart, witty people," she writes. "I send you all my best and wish you well."


**THERESE GIBBS (J.D.)** has been working with Worden Williams for 20 years handling environmental, land use and local government law. She also practiced for two years in Colorado.

**[1988]**  
**JACQUELINE (MYRICK) MEJIA (B.A.)** was named the Orange Grove teacher of the year for 2007-08. She is a middle school teacher at Orange Grove Middle School in Hacienda Heights, Calif.

**JOSEPH MURASKO (J.D.)** recently returned to Jupiter, Fla., from an

eight-month sabbatical to Spain. Joseph reports that he served as an apprentice matador in Spain and is now "off of crutches and undergoing physical therapy."

**ROBERT N. REINCKE (MBA)** recently completed his second book, *Falling Off the Catwalk*, which recounts his experience in Europe in the mid-1990s as an international fashion model. Robert co-founded an independent publishing company, Spunky Books, which published his first novel, *Death of a Past Life*. Additionally, he has been working as a successful business writer to immigration attorneys on behalf of investor immigrants for the past seven years. He currently lives in Los Angeles.

**[1989]**   
**MARIE (GIBLIN) ANDERSON (B.A.)** and her husband, Robert, are both in pharmaceutical sales. They just celebrated the second birthday of their son, Joseph. In February 2008, Marie underwent a two-level back fusion surgery and then physical therapy.

**DEAN COFFIN (BBA)** is a field adviser and examiner for the state of Maine. "I enjoyed my days in San Diego," Dean says.

**STEVEN GLYNN (BBA)** earned an MBA from Pepperdine University in December 2007. He is a senior vice president for FX Sales & Technology, and he has a vineyard in Calaveras County. Steven says he welcomes information from other alumni who own vineyards. "My children, Liam and Amanda, and my wife, Susan, continue to be the best part of my day, every day!" he says.

**STUART GRAUER (Ed.D.)** was awarded Peacemaker of the Year in 2008 by the Encinitas Rotary International, and *San Diego Magazine* named him one of the 50 People to Watch in 2008. He is in the final phase of developing The Grauer School, a college preparatory school for grades six through 12 in Encinitas. Stuart is creating a trip to Jerusalem to engage San Diego students in forums with youths from six schools in Jerusalem.

**JOHN HOFFMAN (B.A.)** is the owner/founder of Arizona Radiology, specializing in medical imaging clinics throughout Phoenix. He is happily

married with three sons: J.P., 8; Tommy, 5; and Mark, 3.

**JAMES KELLY (Ed.D.)** serves on several boards, including the Boys and Girls Foundation, Lions Club of San Diego and the San Diego Council, Navy League of the United States. James is also a member of the Sacred Heart Church choir in Coronado and the Implementation Review Committee of the City of San Diego Past Grand Jurors. He is a part-time instructor of naval seamanship and shiphandling and author of a weekly column on current events and military affairs.

**AMY (PERKINS) MELDEN (B.A.)** is married to her college sweetheart, who is now a psychiatrist. "He keeps me sane while I juggle my two boys, ages 5 and 8, and a career as a corporate real estate lawyer," she says. They live in Coronado, "aka paradise."

**MICHELLE QUINN (BBA)** recently won a precedent-setting case before the New York Court of Appeals, the highest court in the state.

**MARY JANE (HALL) WILLIS (B.A.)** earned a Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of Colorado in 1995 and an M.D. in 1999. She had a residency in pediatrics from 1999 to 2002 at the University of California, San Diego, and a fellowship in clinical genetics at UCSD from 2004 to 2007. Mary Jane is a doctor of clinical genetics at the Navy Medical Center, San Diego. She and her husband, Michael, have two daughters: Emma, 11, and Isabel, 5.

## 1990s

**[1990]**  
**CARLOS BOSDET (BBA)** is continuing the family business of interior design in Tijuana, handling residential, commercial and hospitality projects throughout Mexico. He stays busy raising three daughters with his wife, Gabina, in Chula Vista.

**CHRISTOPHER BUTLER (B.A.)** celebrated 16 years of marriage in September 2008 with his wife, Kristen. They are enjoying watching their two daughters, Katelyn, 4, and Kylie, 5, grow and develop. "Good thoughts and wishes to all," he says.

**NAVY CMDR. REUBEN FLOYD (BBA)** was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal while serving as squadron executive officer and E-6b/C-130 platform coordinator with the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division in Patuxent River, Md. Reuben led 390 active duty, civil service and contractor personnel in developmental ground and flight testing of 24 Naval aircraft valued at more than \$1.7 billion.

**CATHY (PERKINS) MORRIS (B.A.)** welcomed a son, Michael, in August 2007. Michael joins big sister, Kate, 4. Cathy joined Countrywide Insurance Services as vice president of district sales in April 2008.

**SUEDINE (BOHN) NAKANO (B.A.)** is a program coordinator for international students at the University of California, Irvine. Since graduating from USD, she has worked at the British Council and as a cultural affairs assistant at the U.S. Consulate in Sao Paolo, Brazil. She has been married for nine years and has a daughter in grade school.

**CYNTHIA (KOVOL) NICHOLSON (BBA)** and her husband, Jed '97, announce the birth of their daughter, Kate Jane, on July 11, 2008. She was born at Twin Cities Community Hospital in Templeton, Calif., and joins older siblings Karen Jane, 8, and John Frederick, 4. Jed is a partner at Adamski Moroski Madden and Green in Paso Robles, Calif., and Cynthia is a property manager. She enjoys volunteering at school and spending time with her family and friends.

**[1991]**  
**CHRISTIN MOREY (MSN)** is a family nurse practitioner at a Minute Clinic in Minneapolis.

**MIGUEL VAZQUEZ (B.A.)** is director of college placement at the Charter High School for Architecture & Design in Philadelphia.

**LISA (CHEUNG) WANG (B.Acc.)** left Deloitte Tax in January 2008 and joined Nara Bank in Los Angeles as first vice president and tax manager. She and her husband, David, are busy at home with their three sons: Jaxon, 6; Jacob, 4; and Jared, 1.

**[1992]**  
**CHRISTOPHER DANIEL (B.A.)** and his wife, Michelle, welcomed

their second daughter, Kaitlin Louise, to the family in November 2007. "Life in Rhode Island is treating the family well," Christopher says.

**SCOTT DININ (MBA)** is president of Dinin Partners, an advisory firm that has provided solutions for organizations in the United States, China, Mexico and Canada. In its eighth year of business, the firm is now providing outsourcing through general counsel and chief financial officer services for several companies.

**DAVID HIRSCH (J.D.)** spent five years as a deputy public defender and was recently named a Superior Court commissioner to the Ventura County Superior Court. David and his wife, Jacquey, and their daughter, Rachel, 14, live in Ventura.

**CHRISTINE (MORVILLO) LUSK (B.A.)** is a project manager for inVentiv Clinical in The Woodlands, Texas. She and her husband, Tom, celebrated their 10-year wedding anniversary in Maine and Canada. They have two children: Marit, 7, and Granger, 4.

**CHRISTOPHER THOMAS (B.A.)** earned his MBA in 2001 and he is the owner of CRT Insurance and Financial Services. Christopher is a member of the Temecula Sheriff's Mounted Posse. He and his wife, Tracy, have four children.

**[1993]**  
**MARY BACHKO (MSN)** completed a certification course as a certified nurse-midwife in 1999 and has delivered more than 800 babies. She and her husband, Larry, relocated to Spokane, Wash., for the country lifestyle and no traffic. Mary was promoted to captain in the U.S. Navy and she works as a family nurse practitioner, providing full-scope family care.

**MONICA (ROSE) BRUNNER (B.A.)** and her husband, Tim, own Axis Design Group Architecture and Planning in Portland, Ore. In April 2008, Monica and Tim took their two daughters, Cézanne, 10, and Carly, 5, to South Korea to bring home the newest member of their family: Caleb Su-min Ronald, a boy they adopted through Holt International. "We have been truly blessed by this addition to our family," Monica says. "I am enjoying my new role as a mother of three."

**GRETCHEN WIDA CORBELL (J.D.)** works part time as an attorney under the general counsel at a money management firm. Her daughter, Brigitte, 7, and son, Kristof, 5, keep her busy and they spend as much time as they can on the beach. Gretchen and her husband, Peter, celebrated their 12th wedding anniversary in August.

**TERENCE FOX (B.A.)** and Michele (O'Donnell) Fox '93 welcomed their third son, Brady O'Brien, on May 1, 2008. Brady joins Ryan, 8 and Connor, 5. Terence is President of M.E. Fox & Co and Michele is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in San Jose, Calif.

**JENNIFER GIAMBELLUCA (B.A.)** recently built and moved into a new lake house in upstate New York. She is working toward a master's degree in public policy and social welfare administration at The Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, State University of New York at Albany. Jennifer is a single mom. Through a national nonprofit organization, she works with autistic and developmentally disabled children and adults to navigate the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disability and the Office of Mental Health.

**KEVIN HERDE (BBA)** and his wife, Freya, welcomed their second child, Alexa Lauren, in August 2008. Alexa joins Garret Trey, 2. Kevin is the corporate controller for Gen-Probe Inc. and Freya is a senior tax manager for Deloitte. The family lives in San Diego's Kensington neighborhood.

**BRENT HODGES (B.Acc.)** is principal of Rancho Solano Private Schools in Scottsdale, Ariz. Brent lives in Phoenix with his son, T.J., who is in the seventh grade.


**CATHERINE DUFORT KUIPER (B.A., M.Ed. '94)** teaches at Julian High School and she recently completed her fourth trip to Costa Rica with her high schoolers. She and her husband, Jason, have two children: Tierra, 5, and Christian, 2. Jason is assistant director at Camp Cedar Glen and volunteers for the local fire department.

**HAYES MAURO (B.A.)** finished his Ph.D. in art history in 2007. He plans to publish his dissertation, *Made in*

*the U.S.A.: Americanizing Aesthetics at Carlisle*, as a full-length book.

**GINA (HAMILTON) MEYER (B.A.)** and her husband, Neal '94, live in Manhattan Beach, Calif. Gina is a fitness instructor at Spectrum Athletic Clubs, and Neal is an assistant coach with the Los Angeles Clippers. They have two daughters: McKenzie and Madeline.

**ANTONIO SAGUIBO (J.D.)** was promoted to vice president of account management and sales for Hawaii's largest health plan, which serves nearly 700,000 residents. He also serves on the board of directors for the National Labor Office. Tony and his wife, Cindi, have two daughters, ages 13 and 5, who are busy with after-school activities such as orchestra, swimming and karate.

**[1994]**   
**GARETT CHURCHILL (B.A.)** owns Elite Neon Co., specializing in cold cathode lighting and neon signs. He and his wife, Holly, have three children, ages 1, 4 and 6.

**AMY DEWINTER (B.A.)** and her husband, Tom Zajkowski, moved to Raleigh, N.C., in 2005, shortly after their wedding in Hawaii. They welcomed their first child, Noah David Zajkowski, on May 17, 2008. Amy left the corporate world in October 2007 to be a stay-at-home mom. In her free time, she is a marketing consultant for the medical device community in Research Triangle Park.

**MICHAEL FREEHILL (B.A.)** is in the fourth year of his orthopaedic surgery residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He hopes to also do two fellowships: one in sports medicine and one focusing on the shoulder and elbow. Michael and his wife, Karein, live in the suburbs of Baltimore with their two children: Lizzie, 3, and Jack, 6 months.

**EVE FROMBERG-EDELSTEIN (B.A.)** is executive director and chief executive officer of The Smile Factory for the Children of the Desert in Palm Springs, Calif. The Smile Factory is a nonprofit organization that provides free dental screening, education and treatment to low-income children in the Coachella Valley.

**BETSY KUMMER (B.A.)** lives in Swaziland, where she works for a

nonprofit organization dedicated to addressing the HIV/AIDS and reproductive health issues of Swazi youth. Her work focuses primarily on management training and mobilizing financial resources for health programs. Betsy lives in the capital city, Mbabane with her husband and daughter, Molly, 2.

**JONAH WEINBERG (B.A.)** and his partner recently moved to Ohio, where he is the director of communications and marketing for the Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland.

**MATTHEW ZELLER (B.A.)** joined a new family practice in Mission Viejo, Calif. He and his wife, Diane, are enjoying their first child, Elizabeth, who is 9 months old.

**[1995]**  
**JEFFREY P. CHAMBERLAIN (B.A.)** has joined the energy management firm Equity Thru Energy as director of sales.

**DEBI HUYSSOON (B.A.)** and her husband, Scott Grant, have been married for six years and they have a son, Braydon, 2. Debi has been very busy with a dental practice in Sherwood, Ore., that she purchased recently. She also works two days a week in another dental office as an associate. "Things are hectic, but I'm having fun," she says.

**JARRETT KOTROZO (BBA)** recently completed his doctorate in business administration at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, N.Y., and has returned to California as an assistant professor of management at California State University, Stanislaus.

**KAREN (FORTUNE) LILLEY (B.A.)** has lived in Denver since 2000 and she works for The Food Guy Catering Co. in Lakewood, Colo. Karen and her husband, Mark, were married in 2001 and they have a son, Weston, 4.

**TIMOTHY MATHY (B.A.)** and his wife Jennifer welcomed their third child, Sarah Josephine, on July 29, 2008. Everyone is healthy and doing well.

**CHRISTOPHER PARTA (B.A.)** graduated from Clark Law School in December 2007 and passed the Oregon Bar Exam. Christopher and his wife, Tiffany, have a son, Liam, 4, who enjoys preschool, trains and baseball.



**GINA SURGEON (BBA)** was promoted to senior auditor and controller manager with the County of San Diego. She has been an active volunteer with the Urban League of San Diego County and is on the board of directors at her church, St. Stephen's Cathedral, Church of God in Christ.

**INGE (WRIGHT) TAYLOR (BSN)** is a certified nurse and midwife for Chula Vista OB/GYN and also a clinical instructor for National University and for Grossmont College.

**[ 1996 ]**  
**NICOLE (MESSINEO) ANTHONY (B.A.)**, her husband, Sean, and their son, Jack, 3, welcomed Sophia Bella on May 7, 2007. The family lives in Laguna Niguel, Calif. Nicole is in her seventh year of practice with the Law Offices of Tobin Lucks in Irvine.

**DAWN BIRDSALL-HUGHES (B.A.)** is an importer of security devices and she plays semiprofessional soccer in Colorado. Her husband, Todd, is in nursing school.

**MARK BOSSE (B.A.)** and his wife, Michelle (Trechter) '97, live in Mexico City with their sons, Jacob, 3, and Luke, 1. Mark is a diplomat with the U.S. State Department. Prior to their tour in Mexico, they lived in Melbourne, Australia, for four years. In Oct. 2009, they plan to return to Washington, D.C., before Mark takes up his new post as political officer at the U.S. Embassy in Vienna, Austria.

**LT. CMDR. JOAQUIN CORREIA (B.A.)** moved to Sicily, Italy, as the executive officer of the communications station for the U.S. Navy.

**KRYSTEN (ANDEL) NEWBURY (B.A.)** graduated from the sheriff's academy in December 2007 and seeks a career in law enforcement.

**JEWEL (RICARDO) PIERCE (B.Acc.)** and her husband, Robert, welcomed their first child, Kaila Grace, on May 19, 2008. "We are all doing well," Jewel says. The other big change in their lives is that Jewel traded teaching to become a small business owner.

**RYAN PIETRANTON (BBA, MBA '98)** married Anne Bowron in July 2008. Ryan and Anne honeymooned in Ireland and live in Las Vegas.

**SUZANNE TIBOR (B.A.)** and her husband, Edwin Medina, welcomed second child Matthias James on June 26, 2008. "Four-year-old Lily loves being a big sister." Suzanne is still a freelance editor and photo researcher for educational children's books. The family lives in Whittier, Calif.

**KIRSTI (SERAFINE) YOUNG (B.A.)** moved to Auckland, New Zealand in 2005 and married husband Ryan, "a Kiwi," in 2006. Kirsti is an investment banker at Ernst & Young, and the couple welcomed baby Innora Joy on Aug. 26.

**[ 1997 ]**  
**EDWARD L. ABEYTA (M.S.)** is registrar and director of academic services at UC San Diego Extension. He was recently selected as the staff advisor-designate to the Regents for 2008-09 by the University of California Office of the President.

**JENNIFER (TOWNS) ANDRACA (BBA)** and her husband, Chris, were married on Nov. 10, 2007. They live in San Francisco, where Jennifer has worked at Charles Schwab for 10 years and Chris works at Leo Burnett/ARC.

**COLLEEN (CRAWFORD) BOEHM (BBA)** and husband Mike welcomed their son, Nicholas Michael, on Sept. 22, 2008. He was over 9 pounds and 21 inches long. He joins big sister, Ellie, 3. Colleen is an at-home mom who is rarely at home; she owns her own event planning company, Event Artistry, LLC, and primarily plans weddings and other social events. She is taking a short break from planning events while her kids are small and, in the meantime, has become a consultant for the Pampered Chef. Colleen and her family live in Sussex, Wis.

**LT. CMDR. DAN COBIAN (B.A.)** has completed two years on the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations and is now starting his Federal Executive Fellowship at RAND Corporation in Washington D.C. He lives in Northern Virginia with his wife, Lilian (Mamou) '97 and their 3-year old daughter Danica.

**RUSS LEMELIN (J.D., MBA)** was named CFO to TravelMuse, Inc. Russ is formerly the CFO and interim CEO for SideStep.

**YVONNE MOULTRIE (B.A.)** earned a master's degree in education from San Diego State University in May 2007. She was named the 2007 Teacher of the Year at King/Chavez Arts Academy in San Diego.

**RICH PAPAPIETRO (BBA)** and his wife, Fran, welcomed a daughter, Gabriella Francesca, on May 1, 2008. Gabriella joins older brother, Richard, 3. Rich owns De Anza Tile Co. in Palo Alto, Calif., specializing in commercial tile and stonework. Fran has been a Realtor with Coldwell Banker in Los Altos since 2001.

**KATE (ZAIA) SINCLAIR (B.A.)** and her husband, Peter, welcomed their first child, Mary, in November.

**CASEY (WALTON) WHALEN (B.A.)** and Eric Whalen were married in 2006 in Carmel, Calif. USD alumni in the wedding were Colleen Coffey and Jennifer Towns. Casey has been teaching Advanced Placement U.S. Government for seven years; six of which were at El Camino High School in Oceanside, Calif. (home of USD athletic star Gyno Pomare). She and her husband now live in Sacramento, Calif. and Casey teaches in Elk Grove, Calif.

**GREG YOUNG (LL.M.)** has attended public and private international law studies programs at The Hague Academy of International Law. He also has been a visiting research fellow in international law at The University of Cambridge, received a Fulbright Award for international law teaching in Baku, Azerbaijan, and has lectured and conducted study abroad programs in Vietnam, China and London. In October 2007, he gave the keynote lecture on comparative financial regulation at the Shanghai International Financial Conference. Years ago, Greg was an attorney specializing in Securities Exchange Commission enforcement and corporate reorganization as well as a bankruptcy trustee.

**[ 1998 ]**  
**ALISHA (RELIHAN) FAHRENDORF (B.A.)** and her husband, Chris, proudly announce the birth of John Patrick on Jan. 6, 2008. Patrick joins siblings Christopher, 9; Andrew, 6; and Isabella, 4. John was named after Alisha's father, who passed away unexpectedly last summer. The family lives in Phoenix, where Alisha is an

at-home mom and Chris is a real estate attorney.

**MATTHEW GESKE (B.Acc.)** is controller for Rexnord Industries in Milwaukee. He and his wife, Jerri, have three children, ages 5, 3, and 7 months.

**CHRISTINA HALL (B.A.)** married Jon Bailleul on Dec. 15, 2006, and they welcomed a daughter, Reagan Mary Lani, on May 19, 2008. Christina has been an English teacher for nine years and currently teaches at Cathedral Catholic High School in San Diego.

**ANNE (KIESELBACH) HEDEKIN (M.A.)** and her husband have two daughters. Anne is a counselor and teacher at San Diego Mesa College.

**PRESTON PANZA (BBA)** and his wife, Pamela, announce the birth of a baby boy, Brandon Scot, on May 7, 2008, in Littleton, Colo. He weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces.

**JOSEPH PATRICO (J.D.)** is a certified specialist in workers' compensation law. In 2008, he was named chief financial officer and managing shareholder of Heggeness, Sweet, Simington & Patrico, which defends employers and insurance companies throughout Southern California. Joe and his wife, Lisa, have four children.

**ZACHARY PELCHAT (J.D.)** is a civil rights attorney in the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education. He has developed a specialty in Title IX athletics enforcement and other issues of gender equity. Zachary and his wife, Christina, recently celebrated their five-year anniversary.

**ANNETTE REITER (M.A.)** is the founder and vice president of Transitions and You, a seminar, workshop and training company. She was invited to present her research on Generation Y at the national conference of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. Last year, she published her first book, *Blast Off: Preparing for College and Beyond*. She also can be seen on her YouTube channel, Parent911.

**RAE RICHARD (MSN)** passed the acute care nurse practitioner board in 2000. In 2008, she was the first



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nurse practitioner to complete the Surgeon’s Evaluation and Self-Assessment Program through the American College of Surgeons. She also serves as a precept for USD students interested in a career as a nurse or nurse practitioner in an acute care setting. Rae continues to work with a surgeon who specializes in trauma, general, laparoscopic and vascular surgery.

**DEBORAH ROMERO (MSN)** is a U.S. Navy officer reservist and was selected to serve on the USN Mercy for a humanitarian mission to Singapore and Australia during the summer of 2008. She was recalled to serve on active duty from 2005 to 2007 in support of Iraqi Enduring Freedom.

**JANINE LE FEUVRE STASSEN (B.A., M.A. ’05)** and her husband, John, welcomed a daughter, Madeleine Marie, on Jan. 27, 2008. Madeleine joins older brother, Christopher. The family moved back to San Diego from Albuquerque in the summer of 2008.

**LISA STEPHENS (MSN)** retired from the Navy Nurse Corps in 2005 and now works part time as a family nurse practitioner. She lives in Stafford, Va., with her daughter, Hannah, 12, “a spirited, lovely young lady,” says Lisa. They hope to return to Washington state when the housing market improves. Lisa and her husband, Doug ’97, were divorced in April 2008.

**PAUL TONTZ (B.A.)** earned a Ph.D. in higher education administration from the University of Denver in August 2008. His dissertation study was on gay male Division I athletes.

**[1999]** 🏠 **MEGAN (BRENNAN) BALDWIN (BBA)** and her husband, Andrew, were married in July 2008 at the El Cortez in San Diego. Included in the wedding party were USD alumni Jill Petersen, Joy Limanon, Stephanie (Miller) Bryson and Lyra Ericson. Andrew is a sales executive at Mitchell International and Megan is an analyst for Barney and Barney, an insurance brokerage firm. Megan and Andrew live in Kensington with their new puppy, Grady.

**TIFFANY BARZAL (B.A.)** graduated from Harvard Law School in 2002.

She wed David Ayres on Feb. 2, 2008 in Founders Chapel; the couple was married by Father Ron Pachence. She is the in-house council for a firm in Del Mar, Calif. Tiffany and her husband currently reside in Costa Mesa, Calif. David is attending graduate school at UCLA; the couple plans to return to the San Diego area after his graduation.

**TONY BERTOCCHINI (BBA)** and Allie (Lunden) ’00 welcomed their second child, Thomas Joseph, on March 5, 2008. The family lives in Orange County, Calif.

**PATRICK GILL (B.A.)** and his wife Rebecca moved to Seattle in June 2008. The couple is proud to announce Rebecca’s graduation from UC Irvine’s School of Medicine; she is now a resident physician at the University of Washington. Patrick is an associate broker with Coldwell Banker Bain in Mercer Island, Wash., specializing in the listing and selling of residential real estate in the Greater Seattle Region.

**COURTNEY HERNANDEZ (B.A.)** is enjoying her first year at home as a full-time mom after having taught third grade for seven years. She and her husband, James, welcomed their third son, Micah, on Feb. 20, 2008.

**JULIETTE (LEWIS) MCDONOUGH (B.A.)** and her husband, Jim, welcomed a son, Ryan Michael, on Nov. 19, 2007. “Older brother, Brady, 2, is happy to have a little brother to play ball with,” Juliette says. Juliette and Jim moved to Phoenix from Boston in 2006. Jim is a field sales engineer for Linear Technology Corp. and Juliette is an at-home mom and still runs marathons.

**RYAN MEYERS (B.A.)** and his wife, Sierra, welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Ella Rose, on Feb. 26, 2008. Ryan earned a doctor of physical therapy degree from the University of Saint Augustine and plans to open a private outpatient orthopedic physical therapy practice.

**SONIA BELL MORRISROE (BBA)** and her husband, Joshua ’99, celebrated the arrival of Dylan on March 19, 2008. They live in Redondo Beach, Calif., where Josh is an editor and director in the entertainment industry and Sonia is a first-grade teacher.

**TODD PHILLIPS (B.A.)** earned an MBA from Pepperdine University in 2007.

**KATE (KUTCHINS) PRUEHER (BBA)** is the customer service director for designer Catherine Malandrino. She and her husband, Josh, were married recently and they live in New York City. Josh is an investment banker.

**JACQUELINE (FOSTER) ROWE (BBA)** and her husband, Christopher ’99, were married at Founders Chapel on April 28, 2007. Jacqueline is an apparel associate product technician at Charlotte Russe Corporate.

**JENNIFER DAVIDSON SHAW (B.A.)** and her husband, Demetrious, were married on July 26, 1999. They welcomed a son, D.J., on May 17, 2000, and twin daughters, Jillian and Jayde, on September 5, 2002.

## 2000s

**[2000]** **TODD ATKINS (J.D.)** continues to work with fellow USD Law School graduate Clark Davidson, providing general civil litigation and business transaction services. Todd also obtained a California real estate broker’s license and represents buyers and sellers of property.

**DAWN (BAKER) BURTON (B.A.)** and her husband, Dustin, were married in March 2006. Dawn earned a master’s degree in Pacific international affairs from the University of California, San Diego, in June 2006. Dawn and Dustin live in Naples, Italy, where she is the business manager for Navy Region Europe.

**CHRIS COOK (MBA)** and Kristina (Wagner) Cook were married on Sept. 6, 2008 in Tucson, Ariz. Chris and Kristina met at USD while Chris was teaching as an adjunct professor and Kristina was working in the Ahlers Center for International Business. The wedding was attended by multiple USD MBA alumnae from the classes of 1999 and 2000, including Erich and Suzanne (Phillips) Von Thaden, Andy and Daniele (Dilling) Pollin, Mark and Emilie (Johnson) Hersh, Shauna Pribyl, Andreas Roell, Sonny Chisolm, and Bob and Nancy

Carretta, along with USD professors Linda and Craig Barkacs. Chris’s parents were also in attendance: Curtis Cook, former dean of the School of Business, and Ruth Cook, former USD education professor. Kristina is now the MBA program manager at the University of Arizona and Chris is a director at Pricewaterhouse Coopers in their merger and acquisition group. Chris and Kristina currently live in Tucson, Ariz.

**ANNELISE (WEISS) DAVIS (B.A.),** her husband, Dan, and their daughter, Ainsley Elizabeth, live in Seattle, where Annelise works part time from home. “My work allows me to be at home with Ainsley, but to keep my brain working at the same time,” she says. “I love being a mom!”

**DAVID DENES (B.A.)** is the program director for 104.3 MY FM radio in Los Angeles.

**RANEE (RHODES) FISHER (BBA)** and her husband, Paul ’01, welcomed a baby girl, Madison Ryan, on June 18, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces, and was 20 inches long. “All three of us are doing great!” says Ranees.

**PETER GARUCCIO (J.D., M.A. ’01)** and his wife, Christy, welcomed their first child, Peter John “Jack,” on April 26, 2007. Christy works for a health care consulting company and Peter has been director of public relations for the American Bankers Association in Washington, D.C., for two years. Prior to that, he was counsel for a state government affairs firm in Alexandria, Va.

**ROSEMARY (LUELLEN) GEELAN (B.Acc.)** joined Pricewaterhouse Coopers when she graduated from USD. She earned her CPA license and transferred to Denver in December 2003. Rosemary went on an international secondment to Brisbane, Australia, and from there traveled to eight countries and every major Australian city. She returned to work in Denver in April 2008.

**STEPHANIE (BOOS) HOYLE (B.A.)** and her husband Jamie were married in Coeur d’Alene, Idaho on July 26, 2008 at the Coeur d’Alene Resort and Golf Course, overlooking the floating green. Fellow Toreros Jennifer Boos ’05 and Ashley Jones ’05 were part of the wedding party. After a four day wedding “weekend,”

the couple was happy to get away and honeymoon at Likuliku Lagoon Resort in Fiji. Stephanie is marketing manager for a biotech company and has started her own event planning business; Jamie is a mortgage broker in Rancho Santa Fe. The couple lives in downtown San Diego.

**AMY (CHAFFIN) HSIUNG (B.A.)** and her husband, Michael, were married on Feb. 23, 2008. They met while living in New York City and have moved to Phoenix, where Amy is pursuing a doctoral degree in clinical psychology.

**VALERIE (VILLI) KENNEDY (B.A., M.A. ’07)** got married at Founders Chapel in April 2008. Husband Brian Kennedy is a current USD law student; Valerie works as a senior assistant director in Undergraduate Admissions. The wedding party included many USD alums, including bridesmaids Jodi (Burgess) Kraft ’99, Stephanie (Guild) Schwarz ’99, Alison Heilman ’03 and Emily (Stevenson) Zierolf ’03; ushers Jim Bonner ’03, Steve Jones ’02 (M.A.); and reader Jordan Freitas ’06.

**JOSE MERCADO (B.A.)** is a staff sergeant in the Air Force serving as a para-rescuer. He has had several tours overseas.

**MIKE MILLIGAN (B.A.)** became a principal at Barney & Barney in San Diego, the second youngest in the 100-year history of the company. “Greatly enjoyed watching USD defeat UConn in Waikiki, Hawaii, surrounded by UConn alumni,” he says.

**DARCY RAMEKER (BBA, M.A. ’03)** is the associate director of student activities at Penn State University. She guides the students in service-learning, leadership, student organizations, the campus programming board and the Center for Arts & Crafts.

**JEFFREY RAMOS (B.A.)** graduated from the Medical College of Virginia in 2004 and completed one year of psychiatry training at the University of California, San Diego, before changing specialties to internal medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency at Scripps Mercy Hospital in June 2008 and joined Scripps La Jolla in July as a hospitalist. Jeffrey and his wife, Samantha, were married in October 2006 and they honeymooned in Spain.

**HOLLEE (CHAPMAN) SAVILLE (B.A.)** and husband Jonathan celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in June and welcomed second son Preston on Aug. 15. The family lives in St. Michael, Minn., and is completed by big brother Jaxen (2). Jonathan is a conductor for BNSF Railroad and Hollee runs an in-home preschool, Happee Hollee’s Childcare.

**SISTER COLETTE SMITH (M.A.)** has lived in New Hampshire, Florida and, currently, Idaho. She says the purpose of each of these moves was to assist the impoverished. In Idaho, Sister Colette assists local immigrant workers through the local church.

**LISA-KAY STONE (BBA, M.Ed. ’06)** and Dr. Christopher Pierotti were married on June 7, 2008, at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Dallas, Texas.

**[2001]** **LAUREN (ORECHWA) ARZU (B.A.)** and her husband, Oscar ’02, were married at Founders Chapel in October 2004. USD alumni in the wedding party included Michelle (Bipat) Behrooznia, Rasheed Behrooznia and Chris Smith. Lauren and Oscar have lived in Woodland Hills, Calif., since 2005. They welcomed their daughter, Nyla, on March 14, 2008, and enjoy every moment with her.

**CHRISTA (LEWIS) BACKBERG (B.A.)** and her husband, Ben, welcomed their first baby girl on June 9, 2008.

**DEVON BOZLINSKI (B.A.)** has worked at SAIC for more than five years as a dolphin trainer for the U.S. Navy Marine Mammal Program. She and Dylan Gaudet ’00 bought a house in La Mesa in September 2007 and they enjoy life with their two dogs and working on the house.

**CHRISTINE BROWN (MFA)** has been working in professional theater in New York and across the country, including roles at the Old Globe in San Diego in 2002 and 2006 and the role of Gwendolen in *The Importance of Being Earnest* at the South Coast Rep in Orange County in 2008. She also was featured in an article on the MFA program in the Spring 2007 issue of *USD Magazine*.

**CHRISTOPHER CAPISTRAN (B.A.)** is a certified personal trainer

specializing in holistic fitness training. He also volunteers with SGI.org, a Buddhist network that promotes peace, culture and education.

**SCOTT FELBER (B.A.)** has been teaching and coaching football at his alma mater, Orestimba High School, in Newnan, Calif., since graduating from USD. Scott and his wife, Anabella, have a son, Drew, 2. The family welcomed a daughter, Liv Isabella, on Sept. 23, 2008. She weighed 9 pounds.

**FELIPE GUTIERREZ (BSN, MSN ’03)** recently published an article in Critical Care Nursing Quarterly, “Deducing Falls in a Definitive Observation Unit: An Evidence-Based Practice Institute Consortium Project.”

**JUSTIN JELINEK (BBA)** is the wine director at the PlumpJack Café, a restaurant in Squaw Valley. He was married on March 22, 2008, and the couple celebrated a second wedding in August in Argentina, his wife’s native country.

**MELISSA (WILLARD) MANN (B.A.)** and her husband, Chris, were married in September 2007 at the Mandalay Bay in Las Vegas. They live in Fresno, Calif., where Melissa is a store manager for Bebe and Chris is a project manager for Gottschalks. Melissa is also working toward a master’s degree in marriage and family counseling.

**SHARON MCGUIRE (Ph.D.)** recently published an article in *Advances in Nursing Science* with co-author J. Boyle. titled, “The elephant in the room: Critical reflections on militarism, war and their health contingencies.” She and Dr. Sue Idczak secured their first nursing scholarship grant from the Clive Foundation for Registered Nurses in long term care to complete their BSN in the Siena Heights new nursing programs.

**KRISTEN (KREUZER) NIELSEN (B.A.)** and husband Jeppe Nielsen (’99, MBA ’01) welcomed identical twin boys on Aug. 14, 2008. Fredrik and Thomas join older sisters Hanne (born Dec. 4, 2003) and Julie (born Sept. 4, 2006). “We are proud parents to four beautiful children, and our family is now complete!” The family lives in Oslo, Norway where Kristen works as a Montessori teacher and

Jeppe works as a sales representative in the family business.

**GINA (SAFRO) RESCH (BBA)** and her husband live in the Lake Country area of Milwaukee. They have been married for two years and both teach middle school in the area. Gina is also the varsity girls’ tennis coach for her alma mater, Arrowhead High School, and a tennis pro at the local athletic and tennis club.

**ERIC STRONGIN (J.D.)** was recruited by Sedgwick, Detert, Moran and Arnold’s insurance coverage and bad faith litigation department. He was recruited for his experience handling large disputes, international law background and fluency in Spanish in order to handle a multimillion-dollar coverage arbitration in Spain.

**ELIZABETH (WEST) WEATHERUP (BBA)** and her husband, Bryan ’99, have lived in Texas, Florida, Japan and, currently, Germany. They have two children: Evelyn, 4, and Carter, 1. Elizabeth is a stay-at-home mom but looks forward to returning to work when her children are in school.

**[2002]** **MEGAN BOYSEN (B.A.)** graduated from the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine in June 2007 and she is currently in an emergency medicine residency at UCI Medical Center.

**PAIGE (HENRY) DAVIS (B.A.)** and her husband, Trey, were married on Dec. 31, 2007, in Columbia, Mo. Paige is an interior designer.

**ROBERT DOHERTY (B.A.)** and his wife, Melissa, welcomed a son, Robert Finnegan, on Nov. 29, 2007.

**REBECCA (MILLEA) FABOZZI (B.A.)** and her husband, Jake ’02, celebrated the arrival of their son, Lawrence, on April 19, 2008. He weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20-1/2 inches long. “He is a beautiful and healthy baby boy, and we are enjoying every minute of being new parents,” Rebecca says.

**ROBYN FORTNEY (B.A.)** changed jobs and is now in sales with Great American Opportunities.

**ANTHONY GENARO (BBA)** and his wife, Kortney, just purchased a





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[on the grid]

# THE GLAMOUR OF IT ALL

From politics to pop culture, supervising producer for Larry King strives to keep the news fresh on a daily basis

by Julene Snyder

Imagine, just for a moment, a world without cell phones, without computers, without cable TV, without instantaneous media overload. It's quiet without the omnipresent background hum, isn't it?

There's no going off the grid, at least not in this office, where nine flat-screen monitors flicker from dusk to dawn, where the phone never stops ringing, new e-mail keeps piling up and decisions

clamor to be made without hesitation. But it's just another day at the office for Allison Marsh. Here, every moment is about moving forward; that's the only way to keep from falling behind.

"I watch the news all day every day," says Marsh, supervising producer for CNN's Larry King Live. Just now, four of the nine muted monitors facing her desk feature talking heads, one is advertising a heartburn medication, one is pro-

viding live courtroom footage, two are teasing upcoming shows and one is deciding participants for the "Showcase Showdown."

"The news changes all day, every day. Basically, there are 500 channels and they are all our competitors," Marsh explains. "I follow them all day just to see what the lead story is."

For the last six years, the 1998 USD graduate has been privy to the inner workings of CNN's

longest running interview program, and judging by the dozens of photos of herself with luminaries ranging from Presidents Clinton and Bush to George Clooney to Paul McCartney to Paris Hilton to Brad Pitt, the star power is a given. "What I love about my job is that it never gets old," says Marsh. While the presidential campaign dominated much of 2008, before that, the focus was crime stories like Natalie Holloway and the Peterson trial. "Oh, and before that, it was pop culture for a while. Lindsay Lohan, Britney Spears, Paris Hilton. We were almost an Access Hollywood type show. Now, of course, it's politics."

The self-possessed Marsh clearly doesn't let the intensity of klieg lights, ticking clocks and non-

stop interruptions distract her from the task at hand. "It's all about what Larry King can do. That's what makes us different than any other show."

Originally from Portland, Oregon, Marsh fell in love with the University of San Diego the moment she saw the campus. "I had an amazing college experience," she gushes. In fact, for her recent 10-year reunion, she got together with a group of college friends and rented a house on the beach. "We pretended like we were back in college again. We walked around campus and were amazed at how much has been done. We didn't think it could get better, but it really has."

After graduation, Marsh moved to San Francisco. "It was right

when the dot-com craziness had started; me and half the USD class moved there because it was so easy to get a job." It was great — for a while. Then the crash came.

"I remember sitting there one day in a building we'd bought in downtown San Francisco, and I was the only one left on the whole floor. It was just silent, empty cubicles." When an old friend, Wendy Walker, called and asked if she'd be interested in coming back to San Diego, Marsh initially hesitated. "She's the executive producer for Larry," says Marsh. "And she was looking for someone to basically help her with the show, an assistant position. I remember thinking, 'No, I'm a manager,' but she said, 'Just come down and see what you think.'"

It turned out to be a great fit. "I got to listen to every conversation she had, every single conference call [Walker] was on. She's known as one of the most powerful women in media; she came on board at CNN at the very beginning. Being around her 15 hours a day helped me learn quickly."

These days, Marsh splits her time between offices in San Diego and Los Angeles. While the breakneck pace seems exhausting, there are plenty of perks. Such as the time she got to see Paul McCartney play a private party for a few hundred guests, and was subsequently invited to fly on a private plane with other Larry King staffers to Liverpool for a personal tour of his childhood home. "It was amazing," she says with a broad smile. "It was crazy, insane, like nothing I'd ever experienced."

But just now, the phone is, as usual, ringing off the hook. Time to get back to work, because the organized chaos that is live television waits for no one. 📺

new house. Anthony is celebrating the sixth year in business with his company, Unrest Music Group. One of his clients, Aaron Watson, recently debuted his new release in the Top 30 of the Billboard country music charts. Anthony is developing business plans for a real estate investment firm and also a restaurant.

**TIFFANY GRIDLEY (BBA, B.A.)** and Joshua Traver were married in July 2008 at Founders Chapel, with a reception at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. They honeymooned in Costa Rica.

**NICHOLAS HELLBUSCH (BBA)** earned an MBA from California State University, Long Beach, and he has been a database coordinator and business analyst with All Nippon Airways for three years. He recently spent two weeks in Thailand with fellow alumni Dave Landers and Levi Considine.

**BRITTA (OELS) HERSHMAN (B.A.)** teaches both Italian and German at Pikes Peak Community College in Colorado Springs, Colo. "Loving it!" she writes.

**SHANNON HONORE (B.A.)** graduated from the University of Arizona with a nursing degree in 2005 and she works in the emergency department of Tucson Heart Hospital. Shannon has three children: Maliyah, 7, Leilana, 5, and Bryce, born in January 2008.

**LISA (CHAPPARONE) HUGHES (B.Acc.)** and her husband, Mike, have been married for three years and they have a son, Tyler, born on June 30, 2007, and a daughter, Delaney, born on July 7, 2008. Delaney weighed 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and was over 19 inches long. "She and her brother are 12 months and seven days apart!" Lisa notes. A stay-at-home mom, Lisa started an event planning business called 1st Choice Occasions. Her husband owns Network Titan, a computer consulting business. "I am so thankful for what life has offered me and look forward to seeing what the future holds," she says.

**CHRISTOPHER MANK (B.A.)** graduated from the USD School of Law with a J.D. degree in May 2008.

**GEORGE SALTER (J.D.)** and Nicole Davidson '02 welcomed their first child, Heathcliff Caspian, on April

8, 2008. George is a financial adviser at Smith Barney and Nicole is a solo practitioner in the field of trusts and estates. The family lives in Alamo, Calif.

**ANNE SKIDMORE (B.A.)** has been part of the campus ministry at California State University, San Marcos, through the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. In the summer of 2008, she visited Mexico City on a Global Urban Trek to live with and learn from non-government organizations offering community development and relief work among the urban slums.

**JUSTIN SMITH (B.A.)** and Amanda Phelps Weems '03 were married on Dec. 4, 2004, and they welcomed a beautiful daughter, Savannah Grace, into their family on Aug. 28, 2006. Both Amanda and Justin are in education. They lived outside of Philadelphia for four years and now live in The Woodlands, Texas. "We love our life together," Justin says.

**JAMES WAREHAM (B.A.)** is studying for a master's degree in counseling psychology at National University and he works in residential care and as a behavioral coach with severely emotionally disturbed children. James lives with his girlfriend, Kayte, in Ocean Beach.

**KELLY (EWERTZ) WEINSTEIN (B.A.)** and her husband, Myles '04, were married on April 12, 2008, in Santa Monica. They enjoyed a honeymoon in South Africa and Mozambique and returned to live in Santa Monica. Kelly is a marketing manager and Myles is working toward an MBA at Pepperdine University.

**ROBERT WHITEMORE (B.A.)** married Kristin Faulstich '03 at The Immaculata on March 10, 2007. Their ceremony was officiated by Monsignor Daniel Dillabough, who taught Kristin about Christian marriage while she was a student at USD.

**LARRY WILLIAMS (B.A.)** and his wife, Tamara, have four children: La Toya, 15, one of California's top high school track athletes; Laury, 2; and twins Kaitlyn and Tiffany, 6 months. Larry founded the Williams Talent Agency, which he notes is the largest African-American-owned talent agency in the world.



**[2003]**  
**MELISSA BLAZEK (B.A.)** is a Spanish teacher at Paloma Valley High School in Menifee, Calif. She also coaches the girls' volleyball team.

**BASIL CONSIDINE (B.A.)** is a Ph.D. student in musicology and theory/composition at Boston University. His opera, *The Frat Party*, had its world premiere in May 2008 and he traveled to Italy during the summer of 2008 to study choral conducting.

**ANNA GABRIELE (B.A.)** is a law student at USD, and she expects to graduate in May 2009.


**SARAH (HEDGES) GOEDHART (BBA)** and her husband, Brent, were married on June 24, 2006. They live on a vineyard in Eastern Washington with their son, born on Feb. 19, 2008. Sarah and Brent started the Goedhart Family Winery in 2006, with the first vintage released in April 2008. Sarah is also the assistant winemaker for Hedges Family Estate Winery.

**HILARY LAW (B.A.)** was an emergency medical technician for an ambulance company and is now pursuing a master's degree in nursing at the University of Washington.

**NICOLE SAUNDERS (B.A.)** moved to Northern California, where she is pursuing a master's degree in business. She lives in Santa Clara and also works part time as a marketing intern.

**JENNIFER (COOK) WOOLLEY (B.A.)** teaches seventh-grade math and science at Riverside Preparatory School in Oro Grande, Calif. She and her husband, Daniel, have been married for four years and they have a 2-year-old son.

**KERRY (SJOSTEDT) ZAVAGLIA (B.A.)** married John Zavaglia '02 on April 22, 2008. Kerry is a registered nurse; she works at Seattle Children's Hospital. John, a CPA and CFA charterholder, is currently working as a regulatory and capital markets consulting manager for Deloitte & Touche.

**[2004]**   
**JON EPES (B.Acc.)** is a senior associate, audit, at McGladrey & Pullen in San Diego.

**LAUREN (SAPP) HALL (B.A.)** and Andrew Hall '04 were married in Founders Chapel on Sept. 6, 2008. Andrew received his J.D. from Thomas Jefferson School of Law. The couple lives in Del Mar, Calif.

**SHANNA (GELDERN) JOHNSON (MBA)** spent two years as a materials project manager with Nokia, which gave her the opportunity to travel the world. "After my son was born, I changed gears and joined our family business, Sweetfields Inc.," she writes. "That granted me the flexibility in my schedule to stay home with my son as well as the opportunity to become part owner and chief executive officer."

**ADRIENNE MELANSON (B.A.)** is a project control analyst with Defense and Maritime Solutions BU in San Diego.

**MICHAEL REED (LL.M.)** completed his MBA and runs his own firm, Reed and Associates, which is active in both California and Colorado. He also has been accepted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Michael and his wife, Kristina, have a son, Parker, born on Jan. 5, 2006, and a daughter, Taylor, born on Sept. 15, 2004.

**[2005]**  
**IRVIN CARLIN (BBA)** is a search marketing manager for Covario Inc. in San Diego. In this position, Irvin promotes Web sites by increasing their visibility in search engine results. He manages the paid placement and inclusion of Intel's Web site worldwide.

**MERRILL N. DIBBLE (IMBA)** accepted a promotion as director of operations for AgroReservas, Mexico in Aug. 2007. He and his family live in Los Mochis, Mexico where Merrill directs a large commercial farm. He and his wife, Kellie, have two children (Blake, 5, and Daniela, 2). They are preparing to welcome child number three in Jan. 2009. "We love living in Mexico and the dual degree really prepared me to do business here. The seafood is great and the people are wonderful!"

**JENNIFER HOLM (BBA)** completed her MBA degree from the University of Minnesota and is an investment banking associate at Credit Suisse in New York City.

**ASHLEY JACOBS (B.A.)** married Daniel Liparini on May 4, 2008, in La Jolla. USD Latin professor John Fendrick officiated at the ceremony and fellow alumna Sara Hill was a bridesmaid. Ashley and Daniel live in a row home in Federal Hill, Baltimore, Md.

**LAUREN (BONIN) JOHNSON (B.A.)** and her husband, Nels, were married on Dec. 29, 2007. They plan to relocate from San Diego to Oregon because Nels was accepted into law school in Oregon.

**NICHOLAS MARINKOVICH (B.A.)** has been working at Takeda San Diego Pharmaceuticals for three years and is looking forward to attending Creighton University School of Medicine.

**MILES ROMNEY (MAFM)** teaches financial and managerial accounting courses in the accounting department at USD's School of Business Administration. He also owns PACT Financial Inc., an accounting and financial practice. "My wife, Amy '03, works harder than I do by staying home to watch our two young children: Ava, 3, and Dylan, 2," he says. "We are so glad to remain an active part of the USD community."

**ELENA WIDMAN (B.A.)** has been in the field of social work since graduating from USD. She is currently working toward a master's degree in social work at San Diego State University and expects to complete the program in 2010.

**[2006]**  
**WARREN RUIS (BBA)** is a strategic sourcing adviser in supply management with San Diego Gas & Electric. He joined SDG&E as an associate contracting agent in 2006. Warren also is working toward a master's degree in finance at Pepperdine University.

**MATT SKARZYNSKI (B.A.)** received a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship to teach English in a Malaysian secondary school or university. He plans to work under the grant in Malaysia for the 2009 school year.

## In Memoriam

**JAMES CARGILL '67 (B.A., M.A. '75)** passed away on May 18, 2008. A retired educator and faculty leader,

Jim loved his family, teaching, music, bicycling, hiking and the outdoors.

**DIANE (TWOMEY) CASEY '82 (B.A.)** passed away on June 24, 2008. A Woodland Hills, Calif., resident, Diane courageously battled breast cancer for 2 ½ years. She earned a bachelor's degree in history and, a year later, completed USD's paralegal program.

**ALLEN G. MINKER '73 (J.D.)** passed away in Sept. 2008. He was a judge, writer, world traveler and philosopher.

**JOHN O'TOOLE '86 (BBA)** passed away in Aug. 2008. He graduated from USD in 1986. He was a loving husband of 14 years to his wife, Nancy, and devoted father to sons, Daniel (12) and Kevin (7).

**MYRNA STOFLET '62 (B.A.)** died on July 11, 2008. She was a science and math teacher in the San Francisco Unified School District and founder of its Luisa and Harold Stoflet Scholarship for minority women students in science.

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# 60 2009 CALENDAR of EVENTS YEARS

From special faculty lectures and alumni social events to Alumni Honors and the Student Life Pavilion dedication ceremony, the University of San Diego will be hosting myriad campus celebrations throughout the 60th Anniversary year. The year-long celebration will feature the black-tie Founders Gala in November that will honor the university's six decades of unparalleled success in the advancement of education, intellectual development and community stewardship.



## January

- January 5** USD Historical Display opens Copley Library
- January 29** All-Faith Service 12:15 p.m., The Immaculata

## February

- February 7** 60 Years of Torero Tradition Men's basketball, Toreros vs. University of San Francisco 6 p.m., Jenny Craig Pavilion
- February 11** Los Angeles Alumni Chapter Event
- February 20 - 21** Grandparents Weekend
- February 27** Special Anniversary Faculty Lecture and Reception 2:30 p.m., Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

## March

- March 6 - 9** Las Vegas Alumni Chapter Event WCC Basketball Championship Tournament
- March 20** Kyoto Prize Symposium Arts and Philosophy recipient, Charles Taylor, Ph.D. 3:30 p.m., Shiley Theatre

## April

- April 24** 60th Anniversary Symphony Concert 8 p.m., Shiley Theatre
- April 24** International Student Organization Expo and Fashion Show 7 p.m., Hahn University Center, Forum A/B
- April 25** 24th Annual Linda Vista Multicultural Fair 10 a.m., Parade and Festival, Linda Vista Community

Events and information are updated frequently. Visit [www.sandiego.edu/sixty](http://www.sandiego.edu/sixty).





## May

- May 2** **Alumni Honors**  
5:30 p.m., Jenny Craig Pavilion
- May 9** **San Francisco Alumni Chapter Event**  
Wine Tasting Reception  
3 p.m., St. Supery Winery, Napa Valley
- May 14** **31st Annual Sports Banquet**  
5:30 p.m., Jenny Craig Pavilion
- May 16** **School of Law Commencement**  
Jenny Craig Pavilion
- May 23 - 24** **Commencement Weekend**  
Jenny Craig Pavilion

## June

- June 5** **60th Anniversary Employee Picnic**  
Noon, Plaza de San Diego

## July

- July 26** **USD Wine Classic Fundraiser**  
Wine Tasting with USD Family Wineries  
2 p.m., Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice

## September

- September 10** **Mass of the Holy Spirit**  
12:15 p.m., The Immaculata
- September 16** **San Diego Magazine's Women Who Move the City**  
6 p.m., Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice
- September 23** **Washington, D.C., Alumni Chapter Event**
- September 24** **Student Life Pavilion Dedication Ceremony**  
Noon - 2 p.m., Student Life Pavilion
- September 24** **New York Alumni Chapter Event**

## October

- October 8** **The 20th Annual Social Issues Conference Keynote and Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Distinguished Lecture Series**  
Featuring medical anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer
- October 16 - 18** **Homecoming Weekend**
- October 23 - 25** **Family Weekend**
- October 28** **International Alumni Reunion in Mexico City, Mexico**
- October 29** **Chicago Alumni Chapter Event**

## November

- November 5 - 6** **International Alumni Reunion in Kyoto, Japan**
- November 11** **Phoenix Alumni Chapter Event**
- November 12** **Founders Day Celebration**
- November 14** **60th Anniversary Founders Gala**



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BISHOP CHARLES FRANCIS BUDDY

### History Comes Alive

*This year marks the 60th anniversary of the San Diego College for Women, now the University of San Diego. The school was envisioned by Bishop Charles Francis Buddy, the first bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, and Reverend Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill of the Society of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Their dream was to bring higher education with a Catholic perspective to San Diego.*

*To capture a more intimate portrait of these two founding members and the beginnings of the university, we glimpse history through oral interviews. The following stories were collected from individuals who were present during the founding of the University 60 years ago.*

### An Endearing Bishop

Bishop Buddy started the groundwork on creating a college shortly after arriving in San Diego in February of 1937. It was to be the type of institution described and promoted by Pope Pius XI: a school of liberal arts with Catholic theology and philosophy as its foundation. The Bishop's grace and gentle demeanor seems to have assisted him in his success; praise for Bishop Buddy abounds. A reporter for the *San Diego Union* once wrote, "The

gift of oratory, the ready wit and perpetual smile of Bishop Buddy endears him to all."

Mother Agnes Murphy, RSCJ, who worked for the school from its inception until her retirement in 1977, recognized and noted the generosity and humbleness of the Bishop, "Bishop Buddy was a great friend to us all. (He) was an outstanding man, a man of God, a man of terrific compassion for the poor. I was dealing with a young woman who was very, very poor. Suddenly, I found out he was giving her \$20 a month, which back then wasn't a small sum, just to take care of herself and her kids — she was divorced."

### One Great Man

Irving Parker, who came to the College for Men in the early 1950s to work as secretary and administrator for the newly approved G.I. Bill program, acknowledged the Bishop's eminence when he said, "I have known three great men in my lifetime ... Bishop Buddy is certainly one of those three. And he may, in many ways, be the greatest of the three ... His foresight and drive, his personality, he was indeed in the fullest sense of the word a founding bishop ... I suppose his personality is marked by



IRVING PARKER

one of his famous phrases that he reiterated so often: there are two words this diocese doesn't know: can't and won't."

### A Warm, Genial Person

Sister Margaret Guest, noting what she believed were his modest and unassuming traits, said "Oh he was a nice man. (He was) very fatherly, very warm, friendly, tremendously interested in everything. Everyone



SISTER MARGARET GUEST

would think the Bishop was the one who lays down the law; which of course was never true, ever. He never interfered with anything except as he could assist. But he was a very, very warm genial person. We used to have him over for formals, semi-demi-quasi affairs at Christmas time. In the very beginning we had the students pay their respects to the Bishop on certain occasions. We'd have him stay in the theater or one of the large rooms and have the students greet him and address best wishes for peace on his day."

### Energy and Drive

In Burt J. Boudoin's *Fortress on the Hill*, the author notes that "(Bishop) Buddy manifested a deep respect toward nuns and a natural ease in his dealing with women in general."

In his wisdom, Bishop Buddy sought out Reverend Mother Hill of the Society of the Sacred Heart of

Jesus to assist him carry his vision of a school to fruition. In her Order, education represented the primary apostolate of the society. In Mother Hill, the Bishop found an agent with energy, drive and fortitude; yet with a gentle demeanor that matched his own. "This was a dream, this university," recalled Guest. "[Mother Hill] was a very sweet gentle person with a hand of fire. Her determination always came through but with her sweet manner. She commanded people very well, but not with any ulterior design, except she got a great deal through her sweet manner. So she thought of this place for a long time and Bishop Buddy came and asked her if she could spare some nuns to open a college in his diocese ... He was up visiting in San Francisco, she was up on the mountain at the college there, at the San Francisco College for Women ... So it was a number of years before they found this (Linda Vista property). And Bishop Buddy bought the



REVEREND MOTHER ROSALIE CLIFTON HILL

whole thing, the whole mesa here and asked Mother Hill to select what she wanted."

— *Commentary and oral history research by Matthew Nye. Special thanks to USD archivist Diane Maher.*

### Tell us your story ...

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