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## Former College for Women President Dies

nne Farraher Davis, president of the San Diego College for Women from 1963 to 1966, passed away in January in Tucson, Ariz., after a battle with leukemia. She was 80.

Davis was a teacher and administrator at Convents of the Sacred Heart in her native San Francisco and Menlo Park, Calif., before coming to San Diego in 1963 to preside over the women's college — the precursor to USD — as it moved to incorporate changes dictated by

Vatican Council II.

"Anne was a woman
of great serenity," says
Maureen (Pecht) King
'64, who was a student
body president during
Davis' tenure. "She had such
a patient way about her that she
had a very calming effect on those
around her."

Davis ran the college during a period when members of the society who founded the university, the Religious of the Sacred Heart, made sure their young female charges met nightly curfews and dealt with the rapidly changing 1960s. Davis' former students recall her as a trusting and gentle soul.

"One night I got back to campus an hour and a half after curfew," recalls Pamela (Moore) Snyder '67. "After she was assured I was all right, Mother Farraher told me that she was worried and prayed for me, because she did not believe I would purposely break a rule. This was so like Anne, to have no raised voice, no anger."

Davis left the college and the Society of the Sacred Heart in 1966, becoming a counselor at Foothills Community College in Northern California. She married Herbert Davis, a teacher and counselor at San Francisco City College, and the couple retired in 1990 to Tucson. Snyder was in contact

with Davis shortly before her

death in response to questions the former administrator had about the Jenny Craig Pavilion. "She was interested in the welfare of this school until the end," Snyder says.

A memorial service was held in Founders Chapel on Feb. 22. In lieu of flowers, the family asks donations be made to the Arizona Cancer Center, P.O. Box 245013, Tucson, AZ, 85724.



**Tuition** at the College for Men was hiked from \$15 per unit to a flat rate of \$300 per semester. Despite the increase, the dean of admissions, Irving Parker, said the college remained one of the less expensive private schools in the nation.

A staging of "The Betrayal" by the Alcalá Masquers was casting 100 students for the elaborate Passion Play production. Students were still needed "for the Jewish crowd and the Roman soldiers."

**Volleyball** was introduced to the campus for the first time. "Unshod and wearing bermuda shorts, boy students blended perfectly with the mosaic lines of the university's architecture."

— From *The Pioneer*, USD's monthly student newspaper

USD's archive department is seeking copies of the first two years of the student newspaper — 1963 to 1964 and 1964 to 1965. If you have a copy, please contact Diane Maher, (619) 260-4721.

## Homecoming 2001

## New Events Added to Celebration

few new twists have been added to this year's Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 12-14, including a gathering of past members of the Student Alumni Association and tailgate parties geared to each reunion year.

The annual event kicks off Oct. 12 with a Friday night reunion of former members of the student alumni organization, which bridges the gap between current students and graduates. The group helps staff Homecoming, organizes the annual senior banquet and serves on the alumni association board.

Reunion classes ('61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96) will have their own areas at the popular all-alumni tailgate party, slated for 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 13, before the Homecoming football game pitting the Toreros against Fairfield. The day closes with an all-alumni dance and cocktail party.

The weekend wraps up Sunday with the Alumni Mass in Founders Chapel, which includes presentation of the Mother Rosalie



The popular all-alumni tailgate party undergoes changes this year.

Hill Award, given annually to a graduate with a commitment of service to USD.

For more information on Homecoming activities, call the Office of Alumni Relations at (619) 260-4819.