MORE ROOM
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Although the new housing construction on the east end of the USD campus might appear to be condominiums, sorry, but they are not for sale. Still, with views of Tococolte Canyon, Mission Bay and the Pacific Ocean, the housing might very well be mistaken for private residences.

They are, instead, new student housing units, and they represent the first on-campus student housing construction at USD in more than 20 years.

Named the Missions, after the Missions of California, the complex houses a dozen three-story cottage-type structures, features a central pedestrian mall with courtyards, and a self-contained student center offering a grille, laundry room, game room, student offices and conference rooms. The main room has a central fireplace.

With 38 single rooms and 109 double rooms, the project was coordinated by USD personnel, with Al Borese, Physical Plant's Project Manager, taking day-to-day management responsibility.

"It was quite a project," says Borese, a retired Air Force Colonel. He has been with USD for four years. "My job was to oversee the contracts we had with soil engineers, landscaping consultants, architects, civil engineers, interior decorators, telephone personnel, gas and electric workers, test labs, and carpet and drape businesses."

Together with Shannon Moore of the housing office, Tom Burke, Vice President of Student Affairs, Jack Boyce, Vice President for Financial Affairs, John Zeterberg, Physical Plant Director, and the rest of the physical plant team, Borese began the project on August 24, 1978, and finished exactly one year later—only one day before students began moving in for the fall semester.

The photo-finish was caused by 21 days of rain-delay, and by the time-consuming work needed to comply with fire regulations. Those regulations require that each floor have a one-hour "fire envelope," meaning that if a fire should consume one floor, then it would take one hour to spread to another floor.

But overall, says Borese, the $4 million project went smoothly. Except, perhaps, for the first day of grading in August, 1978. It was then that 4 rattlesnakes— a mother and her three babies— decided to inspect all of the commotion in their canyon home, and crawled to within feet of the unsuspecting construction workers.

Putting the project before their own personal safety, the workers dispatched with the snakes rapidly.

Meanwhile, as students experience the newness of the housing complex, first-year life goes on successfully. And the reaction of most students to the new units is summed up by junior Bridget Brennan, who has lived on campus for the past two years. "You still have to share a bathroom," she says, "but after running down the hall to take a shower during my freshman year, it's not that bad at all."
Pressure Cooker

If you took the time to count, cafeteria worker Guillermina Vallejo has probably served well over a million meals to thousands of USD resident students in her 23 years at the University. But, to hear it from Guillermina, it doesn’t sound like toil.

“I love working here,” she says, “because I love to cook and I love meeting young people. I’ve gotten to know a lot of them. Sometimes they come back and stop in and say hello. Some of them are married, and they bring their families. The young people I get to meet are what makes the job for me. I guess that’s why I have so many children of my own.”

Eleven children, to be exact. One of them, Raul, is a USD graduate. Guillermina came to San Diego and USD from Jalisco, Mexico, her birthplace. Together with her husband Jesus, who worked for USD’s Physical Plant, they lived on campus, in a small house near the boiler room. Jesus died in 1970, and Guillermina stayed in the house until three years ago. Today, she lives but a few blocks from campus.

Of course USD was much different 23 years ago. There were two colleges then - the College for Men and the College for Women. “It was much quieter then,” admits Guillermina. “But I liked working here. And I enjoyed cooking for all of the nuns.”

Hands down the cafeteria worker with the most seniority, Guillermina worked all three meals way back when, with not as much help as she has today.

Guillermina has witnessed many changes over the years at USD; like the school, she has simultaneously changed and remained somehow the same.

And if students – of days gone by and of 1979 – recall with fond memories the tireless efforts of Guillermina Vallejo, then the feeling is mutual.

“I’ve had a good time working here,” she says. “The University has been good to me.”

And with that, she is off to prepare another one of her many meals.

That is, if anybody’s really counting.

USD On Call

The Personnel Department is currently implementing a temporary clerical “On-Call” service. If you have relatives or friends who would be interested in clerical/secretarial positions, have them contact Pam Tenney, Personnel Department, DeSales Hall, Room 104, or call 293-4594.
Free Justice For All

by Dan Trigoboff

Close to ten thousand residents of the San Diego area have been able to save themselves costly legal fees while allowing University of San Diego law students to gain invaluable experience handling clients in and out of court, thanks to the University's community legal clinic.

Since 1970, the clinics have operated from 10 locations in the area, including various neighborhoods and local colleges. About 200 students participate in the program each year, interviewing close to 1,000 citizens seeking legal advice, and selecting about 200 as clients.

"Not all of the people who come to us need representation," says Professor Walter Heiser, who directs the clinic. "Some of them simply need advice. Then, there are cases we're really not equipped to handle, so we refer them elsewhere."

Heiser, who teaches legal practice and clinical courses at the USD School of Law, said that USD's program is one of the best in the state. "Most schools ship their clinical students out to firms or agencies," he notes. "They usually don't get the supervision under an attorney in private practice that they get from our program."

The school's program employs six attorneys on a full time basis, four more on a part time basis.

One of the key employees of the program is Naida Christman, the clinic's office manager. Ms. Christman has been with the clinic since its inception, and was a faculty secretary for six years prior to the program. "It was some of the work we did ten years ago when I was working with the Student Bar Association's President, Michael Thorsnes (now a practicing attorney in San Diego), that helped get the legal clinics started. We had to convince the California Bar Association that law students should be allowed to intern the way medical students do."

Ms. Christman would have to be considered the staple of the clinic. In addition to administering the office, she often gives calls a preliminary screening before referring them to students for outside legal aid. She has also participated in the program in a student capacity, and often aids the students on procedural matters. This would, naturally, go well beyond the realm of the average legal secretary, but Ms. Christman has been a law student herself, as well as a licensed real estate agent. All of which gives her a working knowledge of personal and property rights.

About 70% of the cases handled are civil, the rest criminal, according to director Heiser. Civil cases usually concern landlord-tenant relations, consumer law, contracts and divorce. The service to the community is more pronounced here, since the clinic provides legal services free, where the clients might otherwise have to go without counsel.

In criminal cases, however, where the law provides that every defendant has a right to an attorney - whether or not he can afford one - problems arose a year ago that threatened the clinic's existence. The "Perez Case" raised the question of whether or not student representation violated a citizen's right to a qualified attorney. It was decided recently in favor of student representation.

Charles Lynch, a Professor of Law at USD, and one of the clinic's advisors, agreed with the decision. "Clients actually get both student representation as well as that of an attorney," he said. "All students discuss proceedings with the advisors, and the advisors often sit in on consultations, so attorney expertise is utilized. In addition, a law student tends to spend more time on a case than a practicing attorney would. It works out well for both the client and student."

Students involved in the clinic are unanimous in their enthusiasm for the program. Steven Rosenthal, a third-year student, said he has become more confident in his dealings with clients since working in the clinic, and he believes that the time he spends advising clients and researching cases is time better spent than if he were clerking for a law firm.

Take Me Out to the Ball Game

As the USD athletic program enters the West Coast Athletic Conference and NCAA Division I competition, the upcoming sports season promises to be an exciting one. Competing against our basketball team, coached by Jim Brovelli, will be the Universities of San Francisco, Portland, Santa Clara, Gonzaga, Seattle, Loyola/Marymount, Pepperdine and St. Mary's College.

Father Patrick Cahill, Athletic Director at USD, reminds faculty and staff that they are entitled to catch all of this action at a reduced rate - two season tickets for the price of one. That's right, $50 gives you two season tickets, located in a reserved section, to all USD home games. (Sorry, only one reduced rate package per person.) Eight conference games will be played at the Sports Arena; six non-conference games will be played at USD. And the package includes free parking at the Sports Arena.

Season tickets are also good for five preliminary games of our Women's Basketball Team, coached by Bonnie Bass Cathers. They will play these five games at 5 p.m. at the Sports Arena. Complete schedules are available by calling the Sports Center at Ext. 4272.
This past September, S.E.A. formed a committee to poll the staff on tuition remission. The committee members were Ann Bastis, Liz Casey, Richard Clifford, Helen Lopez, and Roxanne Sawyer. S.E.A. wishes to thank all of those members who responded to the survey. The following survey results are presented here for your information. Complete results may be obtained from your representative.

There was a total of 100 responses out of 273 employees polled as of September 14, 1979. This total represents 48% of the staff and 20% of Physical Plant.

1. Employees aware of the present tuition remission plan (3 units per semester for employee): Yes 93% No 4% No response 3%
2. Option #1 - Add 3 units to existing plan (for a total of 6 units) with 3 of the 6 units transferable to spouse/dependents: Yes 86% in favor of Option #1 as their first choice.
3. Option #2 - Ability to transfer existing 3 units to spouse/dependents: Yes 10% in favor of Option #2 as their first choice.
4. Employees currently using or have used tuition remission: Yes 25% No 69% No Response 6%
5. Spouse/dependent tuition remission potential: Yes 43% No 49% No Response 8%
6. Tuition remission as a job incentive: Yes 81% No 15% No Response 4%

Some of the main comments about tuition remission that were made by the respondents are as follows: a) encourage continued employment, b) make up for low salaries, c) further education/career, d) improve current benefits, and e) benefit USD by improved education/work of employees.

CAMPUS EVENTS
**“The Naive Eye Now,” an exhibit of contemporary folk paintings and sculptures, will open on November 13 with a reception from 7 to 9 p.m. in Founders Gallery. Refreshments will be served. The exhibit will be open from November 14 through December 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free.**

**Watergate investigative reporter Carl Bernstein, who opened the flood gates on the White House scandal while a reporter for the Washington Post, will speak on November 14, 8 p.m. in Camino Theater. Tickets for faculty and staff are $2.00.**

**Concerts in November:**
- Nov. 4, Orchestra Concert, 4 p.m., Camino Hall, free.
- Nov. 7, Joann Regenhardt, Mezzo-Soprano, French Parlor, 12:15, free.
- Nov. 14, Ayse Underhill, piano, French Parlor, 12:15, free.
- Nov. 18, The Beethoven Cycle, 4 p.m., Camino Theater, $1.50.
- Nov. 28, Opera Preview with USD Opera Workshop, French Parlor, 12:15, free.