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USD inks pacts with schools

USD recently signed agreements with two local elementary schools to provide volunteer student and faculty support to the schools.

Kit Carson Elementary School and Holy Family Catholic School, both in the university's Linda Vista neighborhood, will be able to draw upon the experience and expertise of USD students, faculty and administrators under terms of the agreements.

At the same time, those from the university community will be exposed to the riches of the multicultural environment of Linda Vista, according to Dr. William Pickett, USD vice president for university relations.

The agreement with Kit Carson, part of the school district's Partnerships in Education program, marks the first time the San Diego School District has entered into an agreement with a San Diego university.

"The chance for Kit Carson students, and their parents, to work with the people of USD and visit the USD campus, will make college a reality to them, expand their horizons," says Jeanne Jehl, school district coordinator of the Partnerships program.

School beautification, field trips, parents' programs, student internships and consulting children with special educational needs are among the types of activities that can occur under the Partnerships pact, according to Jehl.

The steel is rising quickly on the new University Center under construction east of DeSales Hall. The building is scheduled for completion by September 1986.
A total of 241 USD employees contributed $24,890.93 to the United Way/CHAD fund-raising campaign conducted on campus last month. Donations may be made through the end of December.

Contributions will be distributed to 82 local agencies which provide health and human care services.

"I want to thank all employees who contributed to this important campaign," said Sara Finn, director of public relations and campus chair of this year’s United Way/CHAD drive.

Grand prize winner in the drawing held for all contributors was Marty Stapleford, Alumni Relations Office secretary. She won a 19-inch color television.

Other prize winners were Mary Giblin, graduate recruiter, Graduate Admissions Office—a night for two at Mission Bay Hilton; Libby Stroube, director of development, School of Law—$15 of lunches at faculty dining room; and Sr. Virginia McMonagle, director of constituent relations—dinner for two at the French Gourmet Restaurant.

Sera Schmitt, assistant director of public relations, coordinated the campus-wide drive.

Center rising quickly

The 89 million University Center under construction is rising rapidly east of DeSales Hall.

Despite unusually wet November weather, construction is on schedule, according to John Zeterberg, director of physical plant. The center is slated for completion by September 1986.

Construction crews currently are backfilling soil around the building's foundation, Zeterberg says. Once backfilling is completed, a permanent paved lot will be constructed just west of the center. The lot should be completed by the start of spring semester.

The perimeter road around the center is now open, which should ease the tight parking situation somewhat. There are about 40 parallel parking spaces located along the road.

Senior guide available

Human Resources recently received a reference booklet filled with information helpful to senior citizens who want to lead independent lives.

Among the topics covered are Medicare and Medicare supplemental insurance, hospices, multipurpose service organizations, financial aid for in-home care, and sources of low-cost meals.

The information would be helpful to anyone seeking alternatives to nursing homes for older relatives. It also contains useful information for those planning to retire in the near future.

The booklet, entitled "A Guide to Seniors," is available for employees' use in the Human Resources Office, DeSales 100.

Gold at Price Club

The Price Club is now offering a Gold Star Membership entitling members to buy at wholesale prices rather than the current arrangement of 5 percent over wholesale.

The fee is $25 per year for the primary card and an additional $10 per year for a spouse's card. Current group members can convert to the new Gold Star membership.

Contact any Price Club to make changes.

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Concern about the safety of new automatic office equipment is an issue receiving increased scrutiny at colleges and universities across the country.

Safety regulations for computers and word processors have been adopted at many institutions, and others are in the process of doing so.

Although there is no conclusive proof that video display terminals are harmful to the user’s health, concerns have arisen nationally regarding:

- the fear that radiation may contribute to birth defects or cataracts.
- the lack of employee participation in the selection of equipment and the design of offices.
- the inadequate level of training for workers who will use the computers.

The Women’s Occupational Health Resource Center at Columbia University has developed a safety and health checklist for those who use computer equipment. That list is summarized below.

**Video Display Terminals**

- Is the keyboard detachable?
- Is the screen adjustable to individual users’ needs?
- Can brightness and contrast be adjusted?
- Are the desk, VDT stand and printer stand adjustable?
- Is the screen coated with an anti-glare coating or is there a special non-glare screen that can be attached?
- Is the chair adjustable?
- Are users periodically checked for eye problems?

**Printers and Typewriters**

- Are acoustical covers available to reduce noise?
- Can keyboards be adjusted to meet individual needs?
- Is the printer adequately equipped to meet individual needs?
- Are fans and adequate ventilation available to reduce heat generated by the machines?
- Are printers and typewriters mounted on stands to reduce vibration?

**Computer Systems**

- Were workers included in discussions concerning purchase of the system?
- Are there adequate numbers of work stations?
- Was training adequate?
- Are customer representatives from the computer company available?
- Is the memory adequate for the worker’s needs?

- Is the program well-designed?

More information is available from the Women’s Occupational Health Resource Center at Columbia University, 600 West 168th Street, New York, New York 10032.

**New staff, promotions**

Welcome to the following new staff employees:

- **Joseph Batok**, clerical assistant, Registrar’s Office;
- **Eva Castillo**, secretary, Law School;
- **John Frazer**, media technician, Media Center;
- **Kenneth Friedrich**, custodian, Physical Plant;
- **Roberta Murphy**, secretary, Law School.

Congratulations to **Martha Pehl**, who recently was promoted from secretary I, Management Services to secretary II, Management Services/Development.

**Get in shape at Sports Center**

There is a place on campus where employees can enjoy full use of a gymnasium, swimming pool, weight room, dance room and tennis courts absolutely free.

This place is the **University Sports Center**, located at the far east end of campus.

"Basically, employees and their families have the benefit of using all Sports Center facilities when they aren’t reserved for intercollegiate athletics or summer camps," says **Fr. Patrick Cahill**, USD athletic director who runs the center.

In addition, employees are charged no admission to attend USD home intercollegiate athletic events. Employees are also invited to play intramurals. According to Fr. Cahill, last year’s intramural basketball entrants included Physical Plant, Coaching Staff, Admissions Office, and the School of Business Administration. Other intramural sports are volleyball, softball and floor hockey. Schedules can be obtained in the Sports Center office.

The Sports Center’s school year hours are 10 a.m.–10 p.m. Mon.–Th., 10 a.m.–7 p.m. Fridays and 10 a.m.–6 p.m. on weekends. Hours are similar in summer, but may vary to meet summer camp schedules.
Safety

Stored water can be precious

By Bill Munz

During the September Mexico earthquakes you may have seen a picture in the paper of people obtaining water from a broken water main beneath a cracked street. Such a source of water could be contaminated, and contain typhoid fever, dysentery and infectious hepatitis germs. These are diseases often associated with unsafe water.

In times of serious emergency, the normal water supply to your home may be cut off, or so polluted it is undrinkable. In fact, a supply of stored water could be your most precious survival item.

A minimum of two quarts per day is required for each family member. If there are family pets, include sufficient water for them. You should have a two-week reserve supply of water. With careful use, this would be sufficient for drinking, food preparation and brushing teeth.

To keep drinking water safe from contamination, it should be stored in carefully cleaned, noncorrosive, tightly covered containers. Use gallon containers, preferably made of heavy opaque plastic with screw-on caps. Empty household bleach bottles are good if clearly labeled. Plastic milk bottles are another alternative.

Bottles must be sterilized prior to their use for water storage. First wash bottles with soapy water, then rinse thoroughly. Run about three quarts of tap water into one of the containers, then add one-quarter cup of bleach to the water. (Do not use granular forms of household bleach, they are poisonous.) Remember, this is still the sterilization process, not the water fit for drinking. Next, shake well, turning upside down a time or two so that the stopper will be sterilized too. Let stand for two–three minutes, then pour the bleach water into the next container and repeat the process. You can use the same chlorinated water for several containers. Now fill bottles with purified water and tightly close with cap or stopper. Attach a label noting preparation date and mark “Drinking Water–Purified.”

Some stored water may develop a disagreeable appearance, taste or odor, but these properties are not harmful. Inspect your water supply every six months to see whether the containers have leaked or other undesirable conditions have developed. Replace the water if any conditions appear objectionable.

How To Purify Water

If water is polluted, strain water through paper towels, paper coffee filters or several layers of clean cloth into a container to remove any sediment or floating matter.

Water that is boiled vigorously for five minutes will usually be safe from harmful bacterial contamination. Add one additional minute for each 1,000 feet of altitude. Boiling longer is safer, if you have the heat to spare. If boiling is not possible, strain the water as above and treat by adding ordinary liquid chlorine household bleach or tincture of iodine. Purchase an eye dropper to add bleach or iodine.

How To Purify Water For Drinking

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Mix thoroughly by stirring or shaking water in container. Let stand for 30 minutes. A slight chlorine odor should be detectable in the water. If not, repeat the dosage and let stand for an additional 15 minutes before using. Liquid chlorine bleach loses strength over time, so rotate bleach to keep fresh. If bleach is a year old, the amount used should be doubled. Bleach that is two years old should not be used. Purify only enough water at a time to last a maximum of 48 hours. This will minimize chances of recontamination.