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Interview with Dr. O’Neil
by Sr. Dale Brown

Q. What effect do you think Reagan’s proposed tax cuts will have on individuals?
A. Of course, it is becoming more and more difficult to forecast anything. The proposed tax cuts are supposed to increase incentive. Almost every economist believes that there isn’t a successful economic system in the world that isn’t characterized by rich incentives. Theoretically, any proposed tax cut will increase incentive, increase output, increase people’s willingness to work; and if people are working more and producers are producing more, then tax revenues will actually increase. So we lower tax rates and increase tax revenues. With reference to budget cuts, I think there is a broad consensus that perhaps the number one cause of our current economic problem, inflation, is sizable federal deficits, and sizable federal deficits compel the federal reserve to create new money in order to pay for government programs. In effect, we have more and more money chasing fewer and fewer goods. So the first objective then is to determine how we can cut back on federal deficits; how we can balance the budget. This essentially is what the Reagan administration is going to be doing.

Q. If the proposed tax cuts go through, how would individuals be affected?
A. It’s hard to talk about an average tax rate. Higher income people pay higher tax rates. Lower income people pay lower effective tax rates.

Q. And the tax cut that he is proposing is based on that progressive tax rate?
A. In a sense it is. If we took 2 classes of people and called one rich and the other poor and we said we want to balance the budget, what we’d like to do is reduce federal expenditures and increase tax revenues. So from a political point of view what has to be done to increase tax revenues is to lower tax rates for the rich which will increase revenues and increase taxes for the poor which will also increase tax revenues. Even though that might be economically and theoretically sound, is it politically feasible to say that we are going to lower taxes for the rich and increase taxes for the poor? I don’t think people would stand for it.

Q. Of the proposed budget cuts do you see any of those affecting the University more than any others? Are there some particular ones that you feel will have an impact on USD?
A. The very obvious one is the student loan program. The proposal is not the elimination of the student loan program but to make it available only to those that can demonstrate need. It seems to me if we look at our student body we have a lot of middle and upper-class students and its’ very likely that they won’t be able to obtain student loans in the next academic year. And if that’s true, then their options are going to be reduced and they may find that they have no alternative but to go to a state school.

Q. Do you see any other areas where the cuts might affect the University?
A. Well, it seems to me about two years ago that we had the whole place repainted by CETA employees, so that won’t be available. Actually we saved money. I recall a conversation with Dr. Hughes where he said that the estimates as to what this would cost to repaint all of our buildings were fairly high and when we ended up doing it with CETA employees we cut the bill just about in half, which means that the tax payers picked up the bill.

Q. Are there any other areas?
A. The Medicaid Program is going to get it, along with other programs, and from what I read, a lot of the cuts are going to go through. I think that there is no question in many peoples’ minds that there is lax administration of many of these programs. There is a lot of waste and every economist hates waste. If the economy is improved and inflation goes down, then everyone is going to benefit. Both the University and individuals will benefit from it.
DUSTY DRAPER — A USD Institution

by Sandra Edelman

Marvin David Draper has been better known all his life by the nickname his father gave him back on the family dairy farm in Utah. “The only way I know for sure you’re working,” Mr. Draper would say, “is when I see all that dust you kick up in the fields.” And so the young boy on the John Deere tractor came to be called Dusty—a name he carried far away from the fields, cattle, and mountains of Utah into virtually every corner of the Pacific. At 16, Dusty enlisted in the Navy, entering from San Diego, and for the next 23 years was to spend most of his life plying the seas on aircraft carriers.

Assignments took him from the South Pole to Japan, where he met and married his wife early in his military career.

Two mementoes of those days he still carries and always will: the regulation Navy tattoo, one on his left arm (a rose he proudly proclaims is Irish, after his heritage), and one on his right which reflects 1952 service on the USS Korea. “Now,” he insists, “the only time I want to see a ship is from the Coronado Bridge.”

Throughout most of his hitches, Dusty was a troubleshooter for catapult mechanisms on aircraft carriers. When he first enlisted, however, he was a cook, and that became the skill he relied on to earn a livelihood when he first retired from the Navy in 1969. He worked as head chef at J.W. Robinson’s for several years, eventually moved to Convair, and after the wide-scale layoffs in 1974 came to USD, where he has been lead man for Physical Plant in charge of DeSales Hall.

The lack of leadership which caused Dusty to leave a Navy which had become, in his view, demoralized and undisciplined, he contrasts with the way USD is run. “I want to say this has been an enjoyable six years. The faculty and staff of this University are outstanding, from the president on down. People here know what they are doing, and your superiors really listen to you when you have a problem.” Perhaps it is this enthusiasm for USD that brought two of Dusty’s four sons—Jess and Mark—to the Physical Plant staff.

As far as we know, Dusty hasn’t been on a John Deere tractor in years. But judging from his industry as USD lead man, he is still earning the nickname his father gave him back on the farm.

Q. How fast do you think Congress is going to act on these proposals?
A. There is the so-called 90-day, or perhaps, six month honeymoon period where everyone loves the new President and they are anxious and willing to do his bidding. I’m sure the President is sensitive to this issue—he will probably move rapidly. Most of the budget cuts will be approved by Congress and hence we can move on to the tax cut by the middle of the year. Congress is getting a very strong reaction from a host of people, and this was anticipated. Everyone has their special projects. Everyone wants budget cuts someplace else. Everybody approves the concept. Everybody want to get to heaven but nobody wants to die to get there.

Dr. Bob O’Neil is Associate Dean of the School of Business Administration.
FOR ADULTS ONLY: Continuing Education

By Jan Chlarson

Q. What do Mal Rafferty, Marlene Brasefield, Anita Welker and Penny Navarro all have in common?
A. They all work for USD. They all work in the department of Continuing Education. And they all enjoy their work very much.

As Director of Continuing Education, Mal Rafferty looks back on the development of the department. In 1975-76 the department organized only 25 Continuing Education programs. In 1980 in excess of 100 programs were offered.

The emphasis in Continuing Education has been on the professional community. Programs are offered which allow professionals to update their knowledge and skills, and to fill recertification requirements applicable to their particular field. These programs include the Update series for business, an antitrust seminar for the legal profession and several programs for registered nurses. Non degree courses designed for the military and religious programs are other areas of emphasis. USD is well known for its religious seminars.

Marlene Brasefield, the Assistant Director of Continuing Education, is excited due to the number of positive responses she receives regarding the programs offered. Responses have been received from all fifty states and from several foreign countries.

The success of the department is the result of a team effort. Although Mal and Marlene are responsible for creating new programs, Penny and Anita do their share of the tremendous amount of organization involved in getting a new program off the ground. The department is assisted by two Work Study students, Jennifer Behnke and Bill Farr, who have been with Continuing Education for two years.

In the future, Mal would like to provide programs designed for USD employees. Suggestions for such programs are appreciated.

Programs offered through Continuing Education must be self-supporting. Every participant in the program regardless of his status, must pay the course fees. Therefore, employee tuition benefits do not apply.

A R O U N D C A M P U S . . .

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE BUDGET CUTS PROPOSED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN?

By Joan Murry
Photos by Sandra Edelman

Carolyn Brennan, Special Events Secretary
"I don't like them. It seems his priorities are inappropriate—to put military spending ahead of social services is inhuman."

Dennis Briscoe, Ass't. Professor, School of Business
"I think the public has spoken—that there is a need for less federal government. That may be the only way to reduce inflation and improve the economy, but I wouldn't make the cuts in the same places as the President is."

Don Johnson, Chief of Safety and Security
"If it ends up helping the economy, I'm all for it. Something has to be done—if I knew the answer I'd probably be a millionaire."

Lourdes Tilles, Senior, Business Administration
"The short term results will adversely affect lots of people, especially students, but the long term effects will benefit society as a whole, and will benefit students in regard to career goals and employment opportunities."

Marlene, Mal, Penny and Anita caught while discussing a new Continuing Education program.
HEALTH AWARENESS DAY, APRIL 23
Evaluate your physical fitness!
by Joan Murry

USD students, staff, and faculty are invited to participate in “Health Awareness Day” at the Philip Y. Hahn School of Nursing on Thursday, April 23rd, from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. “Health Awareness Day” is being organized to provide health and fitness information to the general public as well as to the USD community.

According to Carol Houggard, one of the four students in nursing who are organizing the project, the main objective is to promote “a high level of wellness as a lifestyle.” General health education material will be available for persons of all ages—from students to senior citizens.

Set up throughout the nursing school building will be equipment for a wide variety of health screenings, including screenings to evaluate blood pressure, vision, and general physical fitness; information booths will provide instructions on self breast examination, self defense for women, and nutritional needs.

“People can do a lot toward taking care of themselves... feeling good should be a community concern” are the beliefs of the senior students who planned Health Awareness Day. They hope this program will stimulate interest in improving physical and mental health. For particular questions, contact Roberta Callahan, Jo Ann Hugill, Carol Houggard, or Karen MacFarlane on “Health Awareness Day.”

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