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Accreditation Team Cites New USD: A Report From 2001

by Sandra Edelman

The University of San Diego, it was learned recently through a presidential spokeswoman, has been awarded accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Recovered Winegrowers (WASCDMTVSRW). "This was a shoo-in from the start," the spokeswoman, who preferred to remain anonymous, declared from the hood of her Citroen-Masarati. "With our growth record and fantastic PR, there was never any doubt about it."

The accreditation process followed a University-wide self study which began in 1998, the year when data processing was fully implemented on campus. Keen-eyed Alfalfa View reporters, ever on the qui vive for an exclusive, spotted a copy of the official accreditation report lying among the novena candles in Founders Chapel. We are pleased to present the following excerpts from that report.

The Campus. The New University of San Diego, considered the garden spot of Southern California, occupies a campus overlooking the Pacific Ocean and reaching from Author Who's? Parkway to just north of the Tijuana city limits. A jetport (formerly Lindbergh Field) at its westerly tip serves students, administrators, and four law professors, who commute from Washington where they also serve on the faculty of the USD's White House School of Law. USD's 32 buildings, housing 32 professional schools, dwarf the once-dominant blue dome of the Cathedral. (Ed.-Since this report was issued, Lorraine Watson has had the dome painted puce green with tiny pink seraphim.)

The Students. The institution currently enroll approximately 22,000 students. (No one seems to have an exact count.) Four won the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1981 for their groundbreaking study of the effects of hydrodynamics (also known as the "Firehose Effort") on the blood pressures of authority figures over the age of 40. One has registered his car with the Security Service and keeps it parked in the resident student parking lot. The accreditation team was unable to substantiate the rumor hinting at the existence of a secret student movement which seeks to establish an autonomous banana republic on campus.

The Administration. The institutional leadership is comprised of the president, 94 vice presidents, 172 unit directors, Dusty Draper, and a computer, referred to with alternate affection and terror as "Doc DEC," formerly computer with the Dominican Republic. All of these officials, with the exception of Doc DEC, are housed in temporary offices in Oaxaca. This system, although unusual, seems to be functioning smoothly for the University.

The Faculty. Seven hundred and ten faculty members hold 1,326 doctorate degrees, 961 traffic citations, and 4 coupons good for free meals at Lorna's-Carl Jr.'s Midnight Snack and Penthouse Lounge. Most live on campus, since, as a faculty spokesman explained, "there is no reason to go anywhere else. In fact, there isn't anywhere else." The accreditation team, in the course of the onsite study, confirmed the truth of this observation and plans to move into Mission Housing effective September 1.

The Employees. USD employees are housed in an all-glass palacio overlooking Rattlesnake Canyon. (Ed.-The name has since been changed to Paradise Pits.) Each is required to work a maximum of four hours a day. During their break periods, they may swim in the SEA pool, play tennis, golf or pitch-penny in the lovely casino lounge designed by Mario Pei. An in-house library affords browsing, both high and low. Drinks (soft between 8:30 and 5, unpredictable thereafter) are served every hour on the hour by a staff of service employees known as Mirko's Smirkos. Turnover has been reduced to ground zero, according to Lorraine Watson, the result of a program she personally forced upon the administration in 1992 and referred to as the "Lunatic Fringe Benefit Plan."

The Alfalfa View. Members of the accreditation team found this to be the most miserable, disreputable, and bizarre rag ever seen on any campus....

(Ed.-We regret to report that the balance of the text is missing.)
BERT SNOID: Typical NUSD employee of 2001... (Beware of evolution)

Life At U.S.D.

"I don't care how crowded the classroom schedule is, we refuse to hold Photography 160 in the men's room."

"Ok, this is the plan: when the students revolt the faculty will reconnoiter at Casa De Alcala."

"No, no, no - UCSD is that way!"
Meet the Editorial Board...

or should it be “Bored”?*

For nine months out of each year the staff of Alcalá View dedicates it’s time and effort to issuing a quality employee newsletter. So this month we take great pleasure in presenting to you the members of the Alcalá View Editorial Board. 

SANDRA EDELMAN “I owe it all to the Alcalá View- fame, fortune and writers cramp” Sandy Edelman, recently appointed Publications & Information Officer for the Public Relations Department of the University was reported to say, “My career really began when I landed the job on the editorial board of the Alcalá View...Executive Assistant at the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, Public Relations Director at the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival, Senior Editor, Sunstone Press...pah! I didn’t know what journalism was until the Alcalá View. Offers are pouring in from as far away as El Cajon. Its really quite flattering.” Sandy’s is just one of many success stories on the prestigious Staff of the nation’s number one employees’ newsletter.

JAN CHLARSON (aka Charlson, Charson, Charson but NEVER “Plain old” Jan) is one of the newer members of our elite corpse of Editors. Our titular head, Lorraine Watson, felt Jan would represent the “upgrading” needed and, as Lorraine strongly believes in democratic rule, Lorraine won! Jan arrived with the exact expertise needed for the assignment - She was alive and breathing!! She also had several other qualifications - she knewed her grammar: she spelt purfectli; and she know how to use com mas(). Unfortunately, she also knew how to hide. But, we found her anyway - all we had to do was follow her desk leg to her body leg. When Jan willingly volunteered for the Board (it was much easier than looking for another job) she was rewarded by being allowed OUT of her office for a 2.167-minute break....a totally unheard of event in her area.

LORRAINE WATSON is the “e-steamed” editor of the Alcalá View and is a “woman of great knowledge, skill and compassion” (it’s o.k. Lorraine said we could quote her). Fascinating articles and issues such as this take endless hours of contemplation by Lorraine, proven by the many empty glasses of “medicine” she takes. Lorraine is so supportive of her Editorial Board she only comes around once a month bellowing, “WHERE IS IT??” (if your initials are L.W., DO NOT read beyond this point): HELP! I’m being held prisoner on the Editorial Board. If you are willing to assist in my rescue, please meet me outside Personnel on my 2.167-minute break. Bring chain cutters! - Jan Chlarson

FRAN SWANK, editor of the puzzle and Trading Post features, is the pseudonym of Francesca Swankius, internationally renowned for her work in higher accounting. In some circles, her name is instantly linked with the Van Zant Method, popularly known as “Barefoot Accounting” for its reliance on the use of toes as well as fingers in arriving at fund balances. Asked how she feels about her association with the Alcalá View, Swankius asserted that, on the whole, she’d rather be in Philadelphia.

SUSIE HOWELL is our “mission impossible” member. She travels on a thoroughly different time zone - when we are ready to meet - we can never find Sue. When she DOES appear, her input is truly hilarious, but we find it totally unprintable. But Sue really tries - she tries hiding from us, she tries to say she can’t write, she tries to tell us she’s busier than the rest of us and she tries to plead slight insanity (the latter is the only one with which we are inclined to agree). Without Sue we would be a totally active board, so you can see how important she is to us - she’s our token “I-can’t-do-it” person.

JOAN MURRY is another of our members whose hobbies include skiing down the stairwell to our meetings, swimming through the rhetoric and hooking rugs -alone - in a dark room (the latter taken up after attending three board meetings). Joan is also a real estate agent who came to the Board via blackmail - we caught her trying to sell the Immaculata! Joan’s input involves giving us the wrong picture titles, profreading and catchin our errors and wearing her slacks backwards to liven up our meetings.

SR. DALE BROWN, Sr. Dale Brownbag, Student Employment Coordinator, Financial Aid Assistant, and prior fundchaser extraordinaire, has, since the severe cutbacks in student aid funds, been dubbed “the crying nun”.

In these difficult economic times, Sr. Brownbag’s dearth of education and experience uniquely qualify her for this high level financial post. After graduating summa cum laude from SMU (Silas Marner U) with a degree in religious economics, Brownbag joined the investment firm of Duewey, Cheatum and Howe as CPO (Chief Ponzie Operator) and Bailbondsman.

Uniformed sources reported that in her off hours, Sr. Brownbag has been seen pursuing her hobby in oceanography in an effort to locate sunken treasure with her newly invented “computasea”. If successful, she plans to donate her finds to the needy students of USD.

* Although you have been putting on a pretty good act we know that you are really interested in knowing more about the talented people behind the scenes.
ATTENTION SPECIAL NOTICE
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Our FIRST ANNUAL APATHY ASSEMBLAGE may be held sometime in August (if anyone cares enough to get around to organizing it.) Location will probably be someplace on campus - then again, maybe not! Location size will be in direct proportion to the number of people interested in attending - thereby ruling out almost everywhere but Personnel's 4X5 file room, WITH the files still there.

In All Seriousness....
STAFF EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION
ELECTION RESULTS:

President: Maureen Herrill
Vice President: Dave Navarro

Representatives (Newly Elected - Full Roster will appear the September Issue.):

School of Business: Margaret Peters
De Sales, Lower Level: Dorothy Thomas
Founders Hall: Peg Conard
Law Library: Cheryl Congelton
Law School: Katie Albright
Physical Plant: Jim Carter
Custodial: Dave Fuhrer
Maintenance: Bill Munz
Security: Frank Clance

The Board would like to express its thanks to all those staff members who agreed to place their names in nomination....this automatically makes you a winner with us!

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THE QUICK GOBBLE
Good news for lunchers on limited time from USD - fast service. Take I-66 East to I-75 into Michigan; turn left in Lansing at the University.

SPUDS & GRUBS
On the cliff at Black's Beach. Definitely a restaurant with a view.

Fun Things To Do On Your Lunch Hour
Park in Foxy John's lot at Linda Vista and Napa - Watch them tear the building down.
Visit the second floor of De Sales at year's end and watch the students flood the floor.
Next day go to the first floor of De Sales and watch the ceilings fall in.

For Sale One "slightly wet ceiling; one soggy rug. Contact Mary in Payroll, De Sales, First Floor.

LORI STOUT, Alumni Department, is the winner of our Trading Post contest. Lori and her guest will be given two passes to the Mann Theaters as well as a cash gift of $25 for dinner for two. Congratulations, Lori!

FOR SALE 30-gal. aquarium with all equip. & wood stand. $25.00 Call Debbie, X4553.

FOR SALE 10-K T-Shirts (green) $8.00 - contact Karen Reed, Student Affairs.

BOOK SALE
The School of Education is having a book sale in September. The purpose of the sale is to obtain money for the purchase of a minicomputer for use by our graduate students. We need your help. We need your books! Please help us by donating hardcover and paperback books for this sale. Just bring your books to the School of Education Office, DeSales 281.

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