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Nader, O’Connell clash over state insurance reforms

By Jacqueline Genovese

The sparring session over California’s automobile insurance initiatives promised to be controversial and lively.

And the crowd of more than 1,000 packed into USD’s Camino Theater was not disappointed when consumer activist Ralph Nader and the so-called father of no-fault insurance, Jeffrey O’Connell, traded verbal blows September 18 over the topic of insurance reform.

The debate—sponsored by USD’s Law School and the San Diego Law Review—was the first public forum in California to examine all five auto insurance initiatives that will appear on the November 8 ballot.

Nader championed the present tort liability system that compensates individuals for pain and suffering. "The tort system has generated majestic statements ... updating and strengthening the responsibility and accountability of the powerful over the weak—the corporation over the consumer and in general, the perpetrator over the victim," he asserted.

O’Connell, a University of Virginia law professor who has opposed Nader in the insurance arena for 25 years, claimed the tort system was "wildly unproductive," awarding money for something of non-monetary value—pain and suffering.

"Trying to qualify pain and suffering is a lot of work..."

Jeffrey O’Connell

Learning, traveling enrich Bruns’ life

Reading and learning excite Alice Bruns. "To know things is to enrich your life," says this year’s co-winner of the Employee of the Year Award.

Bruns brings this love of learning to her job as senior secretary for the Institute of Christian Ministries. "I enjoy preparing material for class because I learn so much by reading it," she explains.

The Wisconsin native also utilizes USD’s tuition remission and assistance policies in her quest for knowledge. She and her husband, George, have enjoyed classes ranging from "Shamanism" to "New Testament Era." "The University encourages us to take classes and I really appreciate that opportunity," she says.

Bruns works for "the three greatest people in the world," Fr. Ron Pachence, Sr. Irene Cullen, RSCJ and Dr. Helen deLaurentis. Her (Please see page 2)

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Ralph Nader

Dress up for Halloween shin-dig

The Bookstore’s Joanna Hickman has issued a ghostly challenge to the University community for this (Please see page 4)
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duties include maintenance of student records and files, handling registration for outside programs and maintaining a mailing list. "I am fortunate to work for people I love and respect and who love and respect me," she says warmly.

After eight years at USD--four in the Admissions Office and four in the Institute of Christian Ministries--the energetic Bruns will retire in December. When asked about retirement plans, she smiles broadly and answers "Travel!"

Already something of a world traveler, the grandmother of two includes Hong Kong, Ireland, Puerto Rico, Europe and Hawaii on her travel docket.

Her first excursion after December will be to Australia, New Zealand and "hopefully the South Sea Islands."

Closer to home, the advocate of learning will continue as an instructor in the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RICA) program at St. Therese's in Del Cerro. She also hopes to volunteer as a tutor in a literacy program, explaining, "I love reading so much, I don't understand how so many people can manage not knowing how to read."

Bruns describes winning the Employee of the Year Award as her most memorable experience at USD. "I was very surprised. It was a really nice feeling."

"Love your enemies. It makes them so damned mad."

P.D. East

Alice Bruns looks forward to life on the road during retirement.

Insurance Forum

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"Trying to quantify pain and suffering is a lot of work--why else would lawyers charge so much?" he queried. The answer to insurance reform, Nader declared, "lies in developing an economic system that is motivated to prevent injury and death and at the same time compensate people for their injuries."

O'Connell, on the other hand, claimed no-fault insurance was the first step in solving a complex insurance problem. "Take no-fault (Proposition 104) and run with it," he urged.

Panelist Harvey Levine, president-elect of the Trial Lawyers Association, supported Proposition 100. "It is not a trial lawyers' bill," he maintained, "but an initiative supported by consumer groups and insurance companies." He said Proposition 100 would:

1. Reduce rates by 20 percent for good drivers.
2. Prohibit fraud in the sale of Medicare ("medigap") insurance.
3. Force insurance companies to show accountability for rate increases.

Harvey Rosenfield, chair of the Voter Revolt to Cut Insurance Rates, told the audience, "The consumers have absolutely no representation in Sacramento." He wrote Proposition 103 and said it will:

1. Reduce everyone's rates by 20 percent.
2. Force companies to open their books to justify rate increases.
3. Eliminate barriers to competition in the insurance industry.

4. Require that the Insurance Commissioner be elected.

Allen Katz, the principal drafter of Proposition 104, said "104 is the only initiative that reduces cost by eliminating the waste, fraud and expense" of the tort system. He claimed 104 would:

1. Pay for medical expense and wage loss up to $30,000.
2. Pay victims within 30 days of the claim.
3. Allow victims to sue in tort for costs that exceed the allotted $30,000 by $10,000 or more.

Tom Skornia, founding president of the California Legal Reform Institute, spoke in favor of Proposition 106. He said it would be the first step in regulating the statutory monopoly lawyers enjoy in their profession.

Swim into great shape

Looking for a fun, wet way to get in shape? The Sports Center is offering an early morning swim conditioning program for USD faculty, staff, students and alumni.

Individual workouts and stroke instruction are provided by an experienced coach. Skill levels range from novice to competitive masters, and workouts are informal and fun-oriented.

Cost is $20 per month per person. Individuals can join at any time and attend as many workouts as desired. The program runs from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and 7-9 a.m. on Saturdays. For more information call the Sports Center at ext. 4803.
Don’t forget BenUflex workshops, enrollment

Don’t forget about the series of workshops being conducted this month to introduce employees to the University’s new flex benefits plan, called BenUflex.

Employees should attend one of the sessions listed below.

Enrollment in BenUflex begins Wednesday, November 2, and continues through Tuesday, November 22. Employees should come to the DeSales Dining Room between 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. during those dates to self-enroll using computer terminals. BenUflex Helper, a computer program, will assist employees in making BenUflex decisions.

All employees eligible for benefits--faculty, staff, and administrators--must enroll for their 1989 benefits. If you have any questions, call Human Resources at ext. 4594.

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SEA back; ready for action

The Staff Employees Association (SEA) is alive and well at USD, according to Edith Wolcott, acting president. After a brief lapse, the association is back on its feet and anxious to begin the year.

The SEA proposes to do the following:

* Consider and make recommendations on matters relating to the staff, in accordance with the policy generation procedures of the University.

* Propose budget recommendations and priorities to the University Budget Committee.

* Conduct recreational and social activities for staff members and their families.

* Keep the lines of communication open among staff and between staff and administration.

* Consider and make policy recommendations in matters relating to the staff, in accordance with the policy generation procedures of the University.

Spruce up your wardrobe

Suffering from the dress-for-work blues? Faced every morning with the distressing question "What am I going to wear?" If you are fed up with your wardrobe, Human Resources has a seminar for you.

Yolanda Kusumoto of Nordstrom’s Personal Touch will be at USD from noon to 1 p.m. on October 20 to present a seminar on wardrobe enhancement. "She’ll show you how to add a few basic things to your wardrobe to make a lot of different outfits," says Human Resources’ Calista Frank.

The seminar is a brown-bagger and seats are limited, so call Human Resources at ext. 4594 for registration and location information.

A fair to benefit employees

Human Resources will sponsor its annual Benefits Fair for all employees from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. November 1 in Forum A of the University Center.

Representatives from the University’s insurance carriers -- Greater San Diego, Kaiser, Safeguard and Northwestern National -- will be available to answer questions about their medical and dental plans.

Representatives from TIAA-CREF, Seudder, Mission Federal and California Casualty also will be available.

With enrollment in USD’s new BenUflex program beginning November 2, the fair is a good opportunity to find out more about various benefit programs.

Classifieds

For sale

Ladies golf clubs, starter set. Bag cart included. $50. Call Barbara Walsh, ext. 4490.

Reliable car, '84 Olds Cutlass. Full power, a/c. Good condition. $4500. Call Charles Reilly, ext. 4681.

Porsche wheels (steel), hub caps. Set of four. $50. Call Judy Barnes, ext. 4684.

If you would like to publish a free classified ad (maximum of 50 words), type the ad and send it to Publications Office, DeSales 274.
Around Alcala Park

Literacy center opens
The first San Diego area adult learning center for literacy opened September 20 at the Carson School in Linda Vista. The center—a cooperative effort by USD, San Diego Unified School District, Carson School, San Diego Public Library and San Diego Community Colleges—holds adult literacy classes from 6-9 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. For more information, or to volunteer as a tutor, call Judy Rauner, director of volunteer services, at ext. 4798.

Taste of New Zealand
County supervisor Brian Bilbray was the featured speaker at a September 8 campus reception honoring New Zealand General Council Kate Lackey. The reception reflected the University’s commitment to internationalizing the curriculum.

Siegan publishes book
Law professor Bernard Siegan and 15 of his students authored Bibliography of Original Meaning of the U.S. Constitution. The book was published this summer and can be ordered from the Government Printing Office.

Exercise with aerobics
Do you feel the need to tighten your transversus abdominis or firm your gluteus maximus? You have the opportunity to shape up your body—from your deltoids to your Achilles tendons—every day of the week by signing up for the low impact aerobic classes being held at the Sports Center.

If you prefer working out to eating lunch, consider the 12:10-12:40 p.m. class on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Cardiovascular and muscle toning exercises are taught by Lorene Weaver, who received her fitness leadership certificate in Alberta, Canada.

Dawn Ringhand returns to instruct aerobic and floor exercises from 5:15-6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

She holds fitness certificates from UCSD.
Cost for each session is $30. Classes run through mid-December and individuals can join at any time. For more information contact Barbara Walsh at ext. 4490.

Halloween shin-dig
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year’s upcoming Best Halloween Costume Contest: "Just try to knock us out of first place!"

Hickman and her spooky co-workers have won the group category two Hallo- weens in a row. They’re looking for some bewitching competition at this year’s contest, set for 4-5 p.m. October 31 in the University Center’s Forum A. Human Resources’ Calista Frank encourages employees to give the Bookstore bats something to howl about this year.

Preceding the frightfully fun costume contest, employees and students can apply their ghoulish imaginations to pumpkin decorating at a contest that runs from noon to 3 p.m. in the Bookstore lobby.

A $50 Bookstore gift certificate is up for grabs for the best decorated pumpkin. Students, faculty, staff and administrators may compete individually or in groups. The Bookstore will provide marking pens and pumpkins, and contestants can bring props. To prevent any Halloween gore, the contest is limited to decorating, not carving, the pumpkins.

Prizes ranging from $25 cash to a USD sweatshirt will be awarded to individuals and groups with the spookiest costumes. Masked judges—University Center Director of Operations Dave Navarro, School of Education Dean Ed DeRoche and Human Resources Director Judith Munoz—will award all prizes at the party.

Eerie employees who plan to enter the costume contest in either the individual or group category need to register by October 27 with Human Resources at ext. 4594.
Passages

Named

University Relations Vice President John McNamara, to Lead Class of 1988-89. LEAD (Leadership Education Awareness Development) is a community leadership development program.

Appointed

Dr. James Moriarty, professor of history, to Lieutenant Colonel in the California State Military Reserve by Governor George Deukmejian. Dr. Moriarty also was accepted at the Staff and General Command College of the U.S. Army in Ft. Leavenworth, Kan.

Death

Kevin Matthew Brown, son of Kelley and Dr. Jacqueline Brown, assistant professor of marketing, in early September.

New staff, promotions

Welcome to the following employees who recently joined the USD community:

Jose Balelo, custodian II/GS, Deli; Wendy Barlow, laboratory assistant, Biology; Maria Barna, library assistant, Copley Library; Priscilla Caron, clerk, Financial Aid; Natalie Conner, senior secretary, Financial Aid; Jan Deutz, secretary I, Undergraduate Admissions; Teresa Duhon, secretary II, Provost; Derek Farmer, media technician, Media Center; John Frazer, media technician, Media Center; Manuel Garces, custodian II/GS, Main Dining Room; Sixto Gomez, gardener I, Grounds & Maintenance; Dorothy Greenhaw, clerical assistant, Registrar; Karen Kearns, secretary II, Residence Life; Angeline Labrucherie, library assistant, Copley Library; Julie Mascari, secretary II, Lawers Assistant Program; Josefina Monroy, custodian I/GS, Law School; Adela Montejano, clerk, Mail Center; Virginia Philpot, secretary II, Law School Admissions; Elizabeth Rumery, library assistant, Copley Library; Natalie Sarle, library assistant, Copley Library; Kerri Stonecipher, sacristan, Campus Ministry; Roxane Swartz, clerical assistant, Controller; Penny Taylor, secretary II, MFA-Dramatic Arts; Brenda Kritser; administrative/executive assistant, Development; Arlene Saunders, secretary II, Volunteer Resources/American Humanities.

Congratulations to the following staff employees who recently received a promotion or transfer:

Leo Baker, from media technician II, Media Center, to data processing technician, Academic Computing; Julieta Pastor, from technical assistant I, Copley Library, to technical assistant II, Copley Library; Dawn Quisenberry, from secretary II, Human Resources, to clerical assistant II, Human Resources; Thich Tran, from custodian II, Dining Services-Grille, to Cook, Dining Services-Grille; Barbara Walsh, from executive secretary, Financial Affairs, to administrative/executive assistant II, Financial Affairs; Edward Zimmerman, from clerical assistant II, Bookstore, to administrative/executive assistant I, Bookstore.

Due to a reorganization in the Security Department, the following employees have received new titles:

Gordon Boe, from patrol officer II, to patrol supervisor; Roman Keating, from patrol officer II to investigation/operations manager; Marvin Martz, from patrol officer II to patrol supervisor; Jimmie Mathie, from shift supervisor to patrol supervisor; S.E. Trebes, from division supervisor to investigation/operations manager.

An exhibit of Pandau needlework will remain on display in Founders Gallery through October 19.
'88 - '89 holidays

The University's holiday schedule for 1988-1989 includes 10 holidays and two "floating" holidays. The schedule:

LABOR DAY
Monday, September 5, 1988

THANKSGIVING
Thursday, November 24, 1988
Friday, November 25, 1988

CHRISTMAS
Friday, December 23, 1988
Monday, December 26, 1988

NEW YEAR'S
Friday, December 30, 1988
Monday, January 2, 1989

GOOD FRIDAY
Friday, March 24, 1989

MEMORIAL DAY
Monday, May 29, 1989

INDEPENDENCE DAY
Tuesday, July 4, 1989

If a department does not use its floating holidays to close on the mid-semester holidays for students (October 21 and March 10), then employees may schedule—with their supervisor's approval—the use of floating holidays between September 1, 1988 and August 31, 1989.

For more information about the holiday schedule, contact the Human Resources Office at ext. 4594.
A youngster eagerly awaits a balloon during last year's fair.

You're invited to ...

Relax at fall retreat
Campus Ministry invites staff, faculty and administrators to a retreat on "Spiritual Enrichment" Saturday, October 29.

According to Sr. Carlotta DiLorenzo of Campus Ministry, the retreat will give participants an opportunity for personal reflection and a chance to renew God's presence in their lives.

The retreat is scheduled from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Francis Seminary on campus. It is free and includes a complimentary lunch.

For more information contact Sr. DiLorenzo at ext. 4485.

Start day with lift
Staff, faculty and administrators are invited to a "Mini-Lift" breakfast from 7:30-8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, October 18.

Learn to work with irksome people
Do you dread going to work every morning? Do you work with someone who presses your "hot" button every time he or she speaks? If you have trouble with a difficult supervisor, co-worker or employee, there may be some relief around the corner.

Human Resources will sponsor a seminar titled "Dealing with Difficult People in the Workplace" from 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 3.

The five-part seminar will give you tools to better understand and deal with difficult people. Alicia Turner, who last year presented a series of career planning workshops at USD, will lead the discussion.

Seats are limited, so those planning to attend should register with Human Resources at ext. 4594.

"The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world."

William Ross Wallace

Dance at L.V. Fair

President Author E. Hughes will be honored Saturday, October 15 at the fifth annual Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair, an all-day event reflecting residents' pride in their community.

The president and five others will be honored for their contributions to the Linda Vista community.

The fair begins at 11 a.m. with a parade on Linda Vista Road. Food, craft and information booths displaying the cultural diversity of the Linda Vista community will line both sides of the road. Bands representing countries ranging from Brazil to Ireland will provide entertainment.

The fair will end at sundown with a first-ever fireworks display.

Maria Martinez-Cosio, assistant director of public relations, encourages all members of the USD community to put on their dancing shoes and meet the Linda Vista neighbors! For more information call ext. 4589.

Lunch for moms-to-be
Campus Ministry will sponsor a luncheon and prayer service for all mothers-to-be at USD from noon to 1 p.m. October 25 in room 107 of the University Center.

Sr. DiLorenzo of Campus Ministry will address the spiritual aspects of pregnancy and motherhood, and Human Resources' Calista Frank will share her thoughts on being a mother. To register for the luncheon, call Campus Ministry at ext. 4485.

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William Ross Wallace
Coming Up
October 1988


9 Sunday
Soccer vs. U.C. San Diego. 1 p.m., soccer field. Free. 260-4803.

11 Tuesday

12 Wednesday
Women's Program Workshop. "Women in the Church: A look at the Roles of Women in Churches in the United States." Women church leaders to speak. 5:30-6:30 p.m., University Center 104 AB. Free. 260-4590.

13 Thursday

14 Friday
Soccer vs. St. Mary's College. 3:30 p.m., soccer field. Free. 260-4803.

Women's volleyball vs. Pepperdine University. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

15 Saturday

Cross country vs. U.C. San Diego. 9 a.m., UCSD. Free. 260-4803.

Women's volleyball vs. Loyola Marymount University. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

17 Monday
Women's volleyball vs. University of Pennsylvania. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

18 Tuesday
Soccer vs. Azusa Pacific College. 3 p.m., soccer field. Free. 260-4803.

20 Thursday

22 Saturday
Football vs. Occidental College. 7:30 p.m., Torero Stadium. Fee. 260-4803.

25 Tuesday

Informal discussion. "Has Feminism Become a Dirty Word?" Women's Program Lunch Bunch, Noon, University Center 104 AB. Free. 260-4590.

26 Wednesday

27 Thursday

28 Friday
Soccer vs. Santa Clara University. 3:30 p.m., soccer field. Free. 260-4803.

29 Saturday

Women's volleyball vs. Hofstra University. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Fee. 260-4803.

November

1 Tuesday

3 Thursday
Women's volleyball vs. Gonzaga University. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

4 Friday

Institute for Christian Ministries lecture series. "Ethical Issues and Care for the Dying." Fr. Richard Gula, Sr. Peggy McDonald. 6:30-9:30 p.m. Friday, 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Fee. 260-4784.

Send Calendar items to Judy Barnes, Publications Office, DeSales 274.