Dear Santa...

Ever wonder what your coworkers wish for at Christmas? Here's a peek at a few wishes around campus:

Sr. Helen Lorch, Housing -- "A new gym for USD."

Josie Perez, General Services -- "To give my kids something."

Gary Dobson, Telecommunications -- "A new phone for everybody on campus."

Leo Brennen, General Services -- "A world free from drugs for the next generation."

Doug Burke, Telecommunications -- "A new pair of boots that won't squeak."

Dr. Pat Lowry, School of Education -- "A Macintosh Apple (computer) in the stocking of every School of Education faculty member."

Dora Camacho, General Services -- "Happiness and good health among myself and loved ones."

Cheance Adair, Mail Center -- "Somebody else for President." (Of the U.S.)

Michael O’Cull, Print Shop -- "More hair on my head, and in a different color."

Gus Barrndas and Socorro Ellis, General Services -- "To win the Lottery."

Skip Walsh, Housing -- "Peace on earth and good will toward men delivered by every person to every person they know personally."

Shelly Barnes, Print Shop -- "A good night’s rest."

Jimmy Contreras, General Services -- "A turkey."

Herb Whyte, Financial Aid -- "Four of Gary and Doug."

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An opportunity she couldn’t refuse

By Jacqueline Genovese

Some parents don’t have much in common with their teenagers. But that certainly can’t be said about Barbara Wegener. Wegener -- like her three children -- is a student.

Secretary for School of Education Dean Ed DeRoche and runner-up for this year’s Employee of the Year Award, Wegener has been pursuing a bachelor’s degree in history at USD for the past five years -- between working full-time and caring for a family.

This May, she’ll finally walk across the stage in Torero Stadium and receive her degree.

"I couldn’t work in this environment and not take advantage of the opportunity to pursue my education," she explains.

Although it hasn’t been easy juggling home and work responsibilities, Wegener has enjoyed her classroom pursuits. "All of my professors have been great and the stu-

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Dentists have accepted me without hesitation."

The New York native and her husband Ken uprooted from the East Coast in 1977 after they grew tired of the hectic city pace. "That was no way to raise a family," she recalls.

They packed up the kids and the station wagon and headed to Eureka, Calif. The following summer, the Wegeners vacationed in San Diego. It was love at first sight, so three years later they reloaded the wagon and headed down the coast to America's Finest City.

Wegener then decided to "do something for myself" and started working at a temporary agency. While clipping ads for the agency, she came across an ad for an executive secretary to the Provost at USD. "I thought, why not start out at the top?" she says laughing. One of the finalists, Mayola Acuna, General Services -- "Money."

Laura Churchill, Print Shop -- "Every year I ask for the same wish for Christmas -- that everyone could have their special wish."

Dr. Murney Gerlach, History Department/University Relations -- "A genie to help me type my memos, plan the perfect program, host all the trustees, answer questions of faculty and staff -- with no conflicts and only smiles."

Barbara Wegener borrows her life's philosophy -- "Don't worry, be happy" -- from singer Bobby McFerrin.

Wegener was not tapped for the job, but was recommended when Dean DeRoche needed a secretary.

Wegener's first day on the job was a little scary. "I started at USD on Halloween. When I got to the office no one was there. I waited and waited. Finally another secretary came in in an outrageous costume -- and I thought, 'Oh no, what have I gotten myself into?'"

Despite the spooky start, Wegener has worked for Dr. DeRoche for five years and "loves it. This isn't like a job. It's like an extended family. Everyone here is so approachable."

Away from USD, Wegener enjoys reading, quilting and counted cross-stitch. "I started a quilt for my daughter when she was one, and hopefully I'll finish it for her by the time she's twenty-one!"

Now that she's almost completed her degree work, Wegener will have more time to pursue her hobbies -- and maybe even finish that quilt.

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Kelly Morgan, General Services -- "To be paid on Fridays with a one hour lunch."

Jackie Weber, Catering -- "All I want for Christmas is for George Bush to stay healthy for four years."

Ariete Balelo, General Services -- "Peace and health to my family and to everyone."

Al Sutlick, Security -- "I'd like to have a new gas-powered Yamaha cart to replace my outdated electric cart. (I'm not asking for a tow truck, just the Yamaha cart outfitted with appropriate accessories.)"

Debbie Hoffman, General Services -- "To get rid of my uniform."

Maureen Rukstalis, Trust and Estates -- "An all-expense paid day at Nordstrom."

Manuel Vaz, General Services -- "Health, family and Jesus Christ in my life."

Thanks to everyone who participated. May all your Christmas wishes come true.
Christmas around campus

Catch the yuletide spirit and join your co-workers in celebrating "the reason for the season" at various upcoming events around campus.

University Mass
December 8

Usher in the Christmas season with fellow faculty, staff, alumni and friends of USD at the University Mass. The Alumni Association’s highest award, the Bishop Buddy Award, will be presented. The festive spirit will continue after the liturgy at a champagne reception in Founders Hall. 7:30 p.m., Founders Chapel.

A Festival of Lessons and Carols
December 9 and 10

Even Scrooge couldn’t imagine a Christmas without music! Enjoy the sounds of the season when the USD community choir -- a group of students, faculty, staff and alumni -- presents a Festival of Lessons and Carols. The chorus will be conducted by Fr. Nick Reveles. Tickets: $7 general, $5 senior citizens, $3 employees and students, $2 children under 12. 8 p.m., Founders Chapel.

Holiday Clothing Drive
December 9 - 17

"When you saw me naked, you clothed me...what you do to the least of your brothers, that you do unto me."
Matthew 25:36-42

A campus-wide clothing drive will be sponsored by Alpha Kappa Si, a business fraternity. Donations will be distributed to the Neighborhood House, Bayside Settlement and the Association of Retarded Citizens. Look for boxes throughout campus.

Holiday Reception
December 13

President Author E. Hughes and his wife Marge invite all employees to a holiday celebration. Come share the spirit with co-workers while enjoying scrumptious food and entertainment. 2-5 p.m., University Center Grille. (See invitation for specifics.)

Christmas Gift Collection
Until December 16

Christmas morning. It is one of the happiest days in a child’s life. Or one of the saddest.

Help make Christmas a joyous occasion for San Diego’s disadvantaged children by participating in Campus Ministry’s Christmas Gift Collection. There is a tree in the University Center decorated with paper angels indicating the age and gender of a needy child. Take an angel from the tree, purchase a gift appropriate for the age and gender indicated, wrap the gift and place it under the tree.

Your gift could put the "merry" in a child’s Christmas.

Fox blames Vatican envy for silencing

Dominican priest Matthew Fox blames a Vatican envious of his popularity for the recent action by the Dominican Order — effective Dec. 15 — to silence him.

Fr. Fox, founder of the Oakland-based Institute in Culture and Creation Spirituality, made the observation at a press conference preceding a Nov. 15 campus lecture.

"I think we’re really dealing with the issue of the church of the Americas versus the European church," he said.

"The fact is that European Christianity is not at all well at this time in history. In most of the countries in Europe, less than 10 percent of the Catholics practice their faith, for example. Here in the Americas -- both North and South -- there is a great deal of life.”

Creation spirituality, he explained, is a mix of Christian mysticism, feminism and environmentalism. The movement also emphasizes the relationship of religion and science, seeks to add dynamism to worship and stresses the wisdom of native peoples.

"All of this takes place at our institute in Oakland," he said. "And frankly, I believe the Vatican is envious."

Fr. Fox, who has been under investigation by the Vatican for some four years, said church officials initially complained that he was a "fervent feminist" and now object to his calling God "mother."

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"I demonstrate in my works that all medieval mystics in Christianity call God mother. The Bible calls God mother, and Pope John Paul I calls God mother."

The silencing order is to last for a year. Fr. Fox said he plans to take six months off from his duties at the Oakland Institute, then "will wrestle with my conscience every day. Because I think the issues we're dealing with here are far too great to be covered up."

During his remarks at USD to a standing room only crowd of more than 400, Fr. Fox said that for the world to overcome myriad problems -- ranging from destruction of topsoil and rain forests to depletion of the Earth's ozone layer -- western civilization needs to get in better touch with nature and "mother earth" and look for the mysticism and awe present in the universe.

"The suffering of the rain forests today, the soil, the air, the species that are disappearing at unprecedented rates because of our anthropocentrism -- that is, our human-centered agendas: government, politics, education and religion -- these are the moral issues of our time."

The answer, he said, is for adults to open their hearts to the mystic self that dwells in every individual.

"Adults have to learn to play again, to rediscover the youthfulness of God. The child in an adult is the mystic within us, the divine child wanting to play in the universe. Worship should be an oasis where the child emerges from adults again."

Greater attention to mysticism and more respect for "Mother Earth" will improve the world, according to Fr. Matthew Fox.

Help for troubled parents

Parenting today is perhaps more difficult than it's ever been. Latch-key kids, working parents and broken homes all contribute to the dilemma of being a parent in the 80s.

Human Resources is forming a support group for working parents to deal with these and other issues. Human Resources' Calista Frank says the group will meet once a month during the lunch hour to share ideas, problems and solutions. Meetings may also include speakers on issues important to the group.

The Dec. 2 deadline to express interest has been extended to Dec. 16. If you are interested or know someone who might be, call Frank or Dawn Quisenberry at ext. 4594.

Employees smokeless but stressed

The Mercy Hospital survey of USD employees bears good and bad news for the University community says Calista Frank, assistant director of human resources.

First the good news. The number of smokers at USD is way below average and more than 68 percent of USD employees have normal blood pressure.

Now the bad news. According to the survey, USD employees are stressed out and don't exercise enough.

In an effort to increase employees exercise level and decrease their stress level, Human Resources is sponsoring a Workspace Exercise seminar at 3 p.m. on Jan. 18.

Deedi Barker, a registered nurse and exercise physiologist, will teach participants relaxation and stress reduction exercises that can be done at work.

A number of employees also indicated an interest in a personal health appraisal. This involves a fee, so Human Resources will take a poll to determine how many employees would be willing to pay up to $50 to bring the program to campus.

For the location of the seminar and more information call Frank at ext. 4594.

God gave us two ears but only one mouth. Some people say that's because he wanted us to spend twice as much time listening as talking. Others claim it's because he knew listening was twice as hard as talking.
New staff, promotions

Welcome to the following employees who recently joined the USD community:
- Gail Clements, technical assistant, Law Library;
- Modena Conrad, library assistant, Law Library;
- Furman Lee, communications technician, Telecommunications;
- Moira Martin, secretary, Registrar;
- Ronald Morgan, clerical assistant, Registrar/Recorder;
- Charles Mosier, patrol officer, Security and Safety;
- Ann Neis, clerical assistant, Registrar/Recorder;
- Julie Pinney, technical assistant, Law Library;
- Jose Tavares, custodian, Deli;
- Terri Thompson, clerical assistant, Controller;
- Norma Wanat, clerk, Bookstore.

Congratulations to the following staff employees who recently received a promotion or reclassification:
- Judy Cushing, from computer operator to lead computer operator, Administrative Data Processing;
- Juan Flores, from casual worker, General Services, to custodian I, Custodial Services.

Campus landscape changing again

New quarters now are under construction for the administrative and architectural offices of the Physical Plant Department.

The new building, located behind Casa Maria, will contain a work room, storage room, conference room and reception area in addition to the administrative offices.

Roger Manion, director of physical plant, says construction should be completed by Jan. 31.

At the same time, Casa Maria is being renovated to house the Public Safety Department. The department will move in by the end of January.

Meanwhile, on the east side of campus near Cunningham Stadium, the foundation has been poured for the Child Development Center, scheduled for completion in April, 1989.

Classifieds

Sofa. 8' yellow velour, good condition. $50. Call Edith Wolcott, ext. 4486.

Reliable car. '84 Olds Cutlass. Full power, a/c. Good condition. $3,975. Call Charles Reilly, ext. 4681.


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

Passages

Death

Don J. Krouse, father of Fr. Dennis Krouse, associate professor of theological and religious studies, in late October.

Lucky winner

Peggy Agerton, executive assistant to Sr. Sally Furay, provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Agerton not only won second prize in USD's Halloween Costume Contest, in November she won a bay cruise and two nights at the Hilton Square Hotel in San Francisco. The trip was given away at the Benefits Fair by the Linda Vista branch of Bank of America.

It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself.

Ralph Waldo Emerson
Coming Up

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7 Wednesday
Film. "The Workplace Hustle." This film shows how sex role stereotyping and traditional patterns of communication affect a woman's success in the workplace. Discussion follows. Sponsored by the Women’s Program. 5:30-6:30 p.m., DeSales 107. Free. 260-4590.

8 Thursday
Alumni mass. Alumni, friends invited. 7:30 p.m., Founders Chapel. Presentation of Bishop Buddy Award. Champagne reception follows. 260-4819.

Men's basketball vs. Cal State Fullerton. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

9 Friday

4 Wednesday

5 Thursday
Distinguished Speakers Series. "Doing Business in Mexico." Rodolfo Fernandez. Sponsored by Continuing Education. 7:30 a.m. continental breakfast, 8-9 a.m. lecture. Manchester Conference Center. Fee. 260-4644.

7 Saturday
Men's basketball vs. Seattle Pacific University. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

20 Tuesday
Women's basketball vs. U.C. Irvine. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

28 Wednesday
Men's basketball vs. North Texas State University. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

29 Thursday
Women's basketball vs. Holy Cross. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

30 Friday
Men's basketball vs. Marist College. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

31 Saturday
Women's basketball vs. Murray State. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4803.

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12 Thursday

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

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