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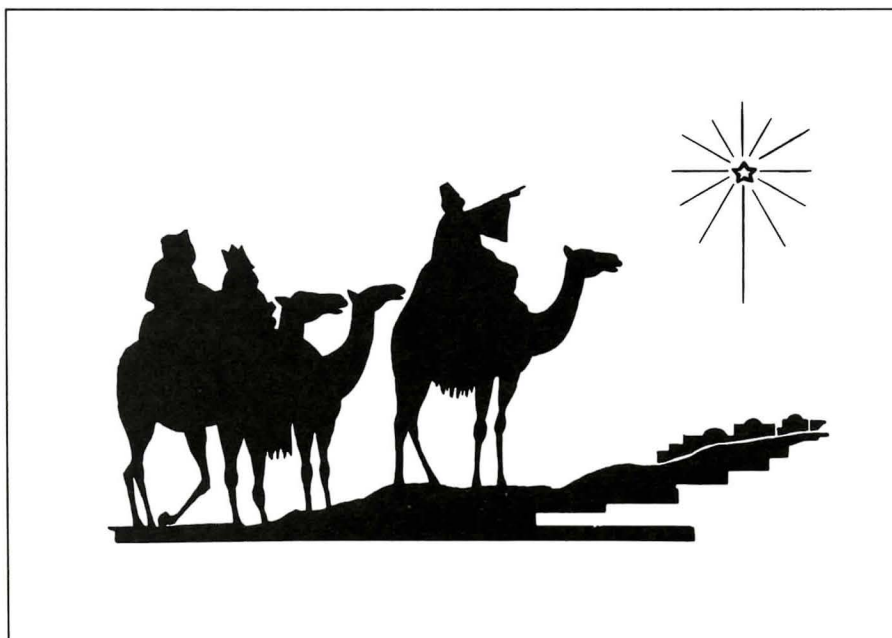
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# AlcaláView

## UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO



### Christmas wishes around campus

*If you had one gift to give at Christmas, what would it be, and who would you give it to? Can't decide? Well here's how some of your fellow employees answered that question.*

"A drug-free, educationally enriched environment for every young person. Just one person who really cares in each young person's life can make all the difference."

**Pat Lowry**, School of Education

"If I had something wonderful to give, I'd give it to my wife because she deserves that and much more."

**Dan Clark**, Dean's Office, College of Arts and Sciences

"If I had one gift to give at Christmas, it would be the gift of

"patience" for the musical alto section of a certain famous university choir."

**Mercedes Bennett**, Accounting

"If I had but one gift to give this Christmas, I would immediately plead "special circumstances" and ask for three:

- For a troubled co-worker, the Shalom, the inner peace that comes from the Christ of Christmas.
- For a family member, the miracle of sobriety.
- For the Padres, a signed contract from Mark Davis."

**Lois Scheer**, Law School Library

"The gift would be to myself, and what I would give myself is an unend-

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### Wiedower's courage an inspiration

*By Jacqueline Genovese*

The word remarkable doesn't instantly pop into mind when one meets **Mandy Wiedower**, circulation supervisor in Copley Library. Maybe the words "nice," "pleasant," "helpful." But not remarkable.

It isn't until one learns more about her life that words like "courageous," "remarkable," and "unbelievable" come to mind.

Diagnosed with diabetes at 11 years of age, the runner-up for the 1989 Employee of the Year Award has lost a kidney and an eye to the disease. She was on dialysis for over a year — "an awful process in which you are hooked up to a machine for two to three hours, three days a week, with the realization that without that machine, you wouldn't be alive" — until a kidney transplant — made possible by an organ donation from her sister — freed her from the machine.

The San Diego native says she is one of the lucky ones. "I was in treatment with an 80-year-old man who had been on dialysis for 30 years. 30 years! I don't know how he did it!" she says with amazement. Wiedower now counsels transplant patients on an ad hoc basis through the Bio-Medical Dialysis Community of San Diego.

Despite having been "on death's doorstep" more than once, the indomitable Wiedower believes that God has a plan for her. "Instead of getting down about all of this, I realize that

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## Wiedower

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God has a plan for me, just like he has a plan for everyone," she says quietly. "I do the best I can and leave the rest in God's hands."

Wiedower began her two decade tenure at the library in 1969, as a freshman work/study student. "I worked here as a student, and it was only natural for me to stay on after graduation," she explains. As circulation supervisor, Wiedower manages three staff assistants and 20 work/study students, coordinates all circulation procedures, supervises the maintenance of circulation records, and oversees the circulation desk.

But her favorite duties include creating intriguing book displays such as "Banned Books," "The Holocaust," "Women's Studies," "Ethics in America," and "Problems of the



Mandy Wiedower

Nuclear Age," and developing the children's library collection.

"I wish I had more time to devote to the children's library," she admits. "With the opening of the Child Development Center and the new early childhood education program, the library will need to expand."

Wiedower attributes her dedication to USD to the fact that she feels "loved and needed here. I don't think I could have made it through all these medical problems without my friends and family. And the USD community is like a family to me."

The Fletcher Hills resident says if working at Alcalá Park is one half of her life, music is the other half. She has been a member of the USD Community Choir for the past three years, and she and her sister co-direct the parish choir at St. Didacus. "I love music," she says with a grin.

Mandy Wiedower, it's clear, treasures life.

## Wishes

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ing belief that I am doing the best I can with what resources I have available to me. I would like to have the undying faith I place in everyone around me in myself. It would be from this faith that I would know that giving the gift of love, peace, patience, etc., to myself, I will in turn give it back to the world that I am part of."

**Kathi Goldman**, Residential Conference Office

"My mother is seriously hearing-impaired. I would give her the gift of hearing."

**Cynthia Caywood**, English

"If I had it to give, I would give everyone the gift of a "second chance" — the opportunity to relive the day they really blew it and set things right. But come to think of it, that's really what the person we honor on December 25 did for us in His own way. So I guess all I'd offer people is His piece of "good news."

**Fr. Ron Pachence**, Practical Theology

"This year I am giving my children a trip to their grandparents' home in

Ohio for Christmas. If I could do it, I'd give everyone who is far away from their family the same gift!"

**Debbie Gough**, Provost's Office

"Having just seen the Russian play "Brothers and Sisters," I would give the gift of freedom to the Russian people."

**Sr. Betsy Walsh**, English

"My gift is brain food for everyone on earth. Brain food consists of nutrition sufficient to develop and sustain healthy minds and of literacy to add understanding and enrichment to life."

**Nancy Carol Carter**, Law Library

"To all my colleagues at USD: an across-the-board six-unit reduction in the teaching load. This will not redeem the world, but it may make a small slice of it more bearable."

**Joseph Columbo**, Religious Studies

"I would like to see one huge housing complex built containing all required facilities, to house all of the downtown homeless people, especially families with children. There would be specific guidelines, procedures and rules, and everyone must be willing and able to work."

**Mildred Brown**, Admissions

"Considering the gains peace has made around the world in 1989, I'd like to give the world the Pentagon's secret plans for beating swords into plowshares."

**Skip Walsh**, Residence Life

"The gift of healing for my children so that they feel loved."

**Dorothy Thomas**, Data Processing

"I would give a well-paying job in the field of education to every person in the military-industrial complex. So that when war is obsolete, they'll have something worthwhile to do."

**Sandra Robertson**, Foreign Languages

"I would give everyone the chance to look in a magic mirror and see the true beautiful person they are meant to be."

**Sr. Carlotta DiLorenzo**, Campus Ministry

"A gift of caring and love for the children of the world who are in pain, whether from neglect, poverty or illness. I'd of course want to provide some concrete resources to begin to attack the complex problems they face, but the caring and hope remain central."

**June Lowenberg**, School of Nursing



## New hires, promotions

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

**Dennis Alan Bates**, data processor, Development; **Carolyn Bernette Bell**, media assistant, Media Center; **Cecilia Marie Cheatom**, secretary, Graduate Programs; **Denise Catherine Dalbey**, secretary, Deli; **Christine P. Day**, technical assistant, Law School Library; **Vincent John Fernando**, clerical assistant, Financial Aid; **Margaret Angela Galleher**, gardener, Grounds and Maintenance; **Oscar M. Gonzalez**, gardener, Grounds and Maintenance; **Antonie Victor Hernandez**, bindery technician, Printing and Duplicating; **Fernando Sanchez Hernandez**, painter, Building Maintenance; **Raylene Michele Lucio**, clerical assistant, Controller; **Robert Thomeas Molay**, fleet mechanic, Transportation; **Jerry David Monroe**, technical assistant, Law School Library; **Maria Gema Perry**, custodian, University Center; **Joscha A.L. Pirtle**, cook, Main Dining Room; **Joanne Patricia Sakalukus**, clerk, Controller; **Deborah Dee Santos**, baker, Main Dining Room; **Jan Margaret Tuomainen**, clerk, Controller.

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

**Christopher R. Hernandez**, from painter I to painter II, Building Maintenance; **Danny Marines**, from clerk to clerical assistant, Mail Center.



*The San Diego Soviet Arts festival came to USD Nov. 7, when members of the Soviet Georgian Children's Dance Company performed for some 600 USD community members and local school children.*

## Survey reveals employee satisfaction with annual picnic

By Dr. Judith Munoz

USD staff employees recently were asked to participate in a survey evaluating the annual Staff Employee Recognition Picnic. The employees who responded had generally favorable comments about the picnic, but voiced concern over the food, activities and location.

The majority of respondents requested hot dogs and hamburgers to replace the Mexican fare of the past several years, and activities such as volleyball, relay races and "silly picnic games," to promote employee interaction.

Most employees said they enjoyed having the picnic in the afternoon and during the week, but asked that another location be considered. Human Re-

sources is scouting new locations, but the need for electricity and catering specifications limit the possibilities on campus.

Nearly 90 percent of those responding thought the university was meeting the stated goals of the picnic: to recognize staff employee's contributions to USD, to provide an arena for the presentation of service awards, and to have fun. Respondents indicated that they enjoyed having a chance to meet their colleagues and enjoy the outdoors during the picnic.

It is hard to please everybody, but Human Resources will work with the Staff Employees Association to create a picnic that is meaningful and fun for all staff employees.

Thanks to all who took the time to respond to the survey.

## Christmas Round-up

Catch the Christmas spirit and join your fellow workers at the various holiday happenings around campus!

### University Mass December 7

You are invited to bring a gift for a needy child to this yuletide mass. The Bishop Buddy Award will be presented to an outstanding alumnus or alumna. 7:30 p.m., Founders Chapel.

### A Festival of Lessons and Carols December 8 and 9

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. 8 p.m., Founders Chapel.

### Holiday Reception December 12

President **Author E. Hughes** and his wife, Marge, invite all employees to a holiday celebration. 2-5 p.m., Hahn University Center Forum.

### Christmas Gift Collection Until December 25

Help make Christmas a joyous occasion for San Diego's disadvantaged children by participating in Campus Ministry's Christmas gift collection. Please label the gift, including what the gift is and the appropriate age and gender of the child, and place it under the Christmas tree in the Hahn University Center.

### Holiday Clothing Drive Until December 17

A campus-wide clothing drive is being sponsored by Alpha Kappa Si, a business fraternity. Donations will be distributed to several area agencies.

# Coming Up

## December 1989

### Through January 31

**Art exhibit.** "Drooji," a 150-foot mural depicting the Soviet Union, painted by the third grade students of Berry Elementary School in Imperial Beach. Exhibited in conjunction with the San Diego Arts Festival: "Treasures of the Soviet Union." Weekdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Founders Gallery. Free. 260-4600, ext. 4261.

### 4 Monday

**Master of Fine Arts drama production.** Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Directed by Dr. David Hay. 8 p.m., Sacred Heart Hall. Performance repeated 8 p.m., Dec. 5, 6. \$6 general, \$3 students. 260-4901.

### 5 Tuesday

**Women's workshop.** "Ethical Dilemmas for Today's Woman." 5:30-6:30 p.m., Hahn University Center 104, AB. Free. 260-4590.

### 6 Wednesday

**Women's basketball** vs. San Diego State University. 5:30 p.m., Sports Arena. Fee. 260-4601.

**Men's basketball** vs. San Diego State University. 7:30 p.m., Sports Arena. Fee. 260-4601.

### 8 Friday

**Business Update Breakfast Seminar.** "Cost Containment Strategies in Health Care Benefits: A Double-Edged Sword?" Dr. Miriam Rothman, associate professor of management. Continental breakfast 7:30 a.m., seminar 8 a.m., Manchester Conference Center. \$15. 260-4644.

**Choir concert.** USD Community Choir. "A Festival of Lessons and



Carols for Christmas." Fr. Nicolas Reveles, conductor. 8 p.m., Founders Chapel. Fee. Program repeated 8 p.m., Dec. 9. 260-4600, ext. 4486.

**Women's basketball** vs. University of Arizona. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4601.

### 15 Friday

**Business Update Breakfast Seminar.** "Legal Issues in the Work Place." Craig Barkacs, instructor of business and corporate law. Continental breakfast 7:30 a.m., seminar 8 a.m., Manchester Conference Center. \$15. 260-4644.

### 16 Saturday

**Men's basketball** vs. Stephen Austin State. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Fee. 260-4601.

### 18 Monday

**Women's basketball** vs. Cal State Fullerton. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4601.

### 19 Tuesday

**GMAT test preparation course.** 40-hour course for Jan. 27, 1990 GMAT. 6:30-10 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, through Jan. 25, 1990. \$495. 260-4579.

**Men's basketball** vs. Eastern Washington University. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Fee. 260-4601.

### 21 Thursday

**Men's basketball** vs. University of Nevada-Reno. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Fee. 260-4601.

### 27 Wednesday

**Women's basketball** vs. Oregon State University. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Free. 260-4601.

### 28 Thursday

**Men's basketball** vs. Western Kentucky University. 7:30 p.m., Sports Center. Fee. 260-4601.

*Send calendar items to Judy Barnes, Publications, DeSales 274.*

## Passages

### Beginnings

**Sheryl Lorey-McAtee**, secretary, Graduate Admissions, and her husband, Tracy, are proud to welcome Andrew Donald McAtee into their family. Little Donald weighed in at 7 lbs., 4 oz. and is 20 inches tall.

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