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# AlcaláView

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

## Investment pays off for Ritenour

By Jacqueline Genovese

Even though Jean Ritenour had to pay to get her job at USD 14 years ago, she thinks it was probably the best investment she ever made.

"When we first arrived here in 1974, jobs were very hard to find," she explains. "So I went to a headhunter agency, and they helped me find a secretarial job in the Law School."

After two years in the Law School, the 1989 runner-up for the Employee of the Year Award transferred to the dean's office at the Hahn School of Nursing, where she worked for a year before returning to the Midwest.

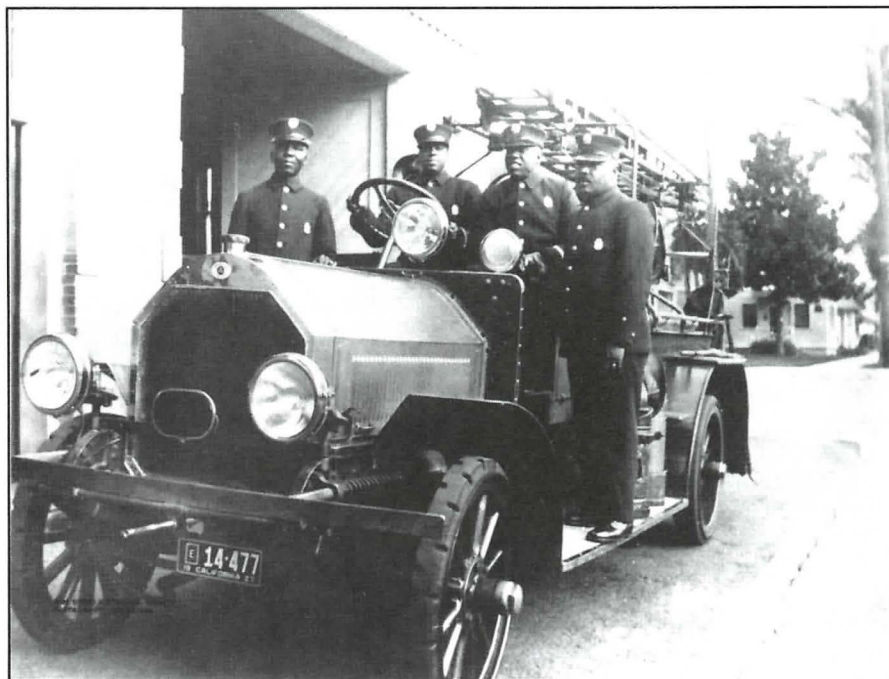
The Ritenours couldn't stay away from the San Diego sunshine for very long though, and the grandmother of two found herself back at Alcalá Park in 1978, this time in the Law School Career Planning and Placement office. "And I've been here ever since!" she says.

Ritenour provides administrative support to MaryAnn Salaber, director of law career planning and placement, maintains and updates job listings daily, and has extensive contact with the legal community here in San Diego.

"Jean's knowledge of the legal community and all its hidden agendas, the do's and don'ts of interviewing, and the should's and should not's of professional etiquette, is indispensable," says Salaber.

In her 12 years at Alcalá Park, Ritenour has worked for four different directors. "I always kid around and say

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"Strength of Spirit; The African-American Experience in San Diego, 1870-1913" photo exhibit will be on display until April 13 in Serra Hall, Founders Chapel and Camino Theater.

## Kudos and brickbats for Alcalá View

The *Alcalá View* drew mixed reviews from 30 employees who participated in last month's readership survey.

Employees were generally satisfied with the newsletter's present format, but called for changes including regular USD history articles, more employee features and departmental news, and more coverage of hot issues both on and off the campus.

Employee comments ran the gamut from "I think it's great," to "*Alcalá View* is too dull." Five employees expressed an interest in contributing to the *Alcalá View*, but two of those employees neglected to leave their

names. If that was you, please contact the Publications Office at ext. 4684!

You will see two additions to this month's issue — a USD history column and an "Around Alcalá Park" column, a column for sharing departmental news. These are just two of the changes we hope to implement during the rest of the year.

Below is a breakdown of the responses to the survey:

- 1. I am:
- Professional staff: 50%
- Administration: 43%
- Faculty: 3%

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# USD: The First 40 years

A large number of employees participating in last month's readership survey requested articles on USD's history. To address that interest, we will publish excerpts from *The First Forty Years: A History of the University of San Diego, the only definitive history of USD, written by Dr. Iris Engstrand, professor of history, and alumna Clare White '80. The book is currently available in USD's Bookstore.*

Ever wonder why USD is located on a hill in Linda Vista? Read on and learn why.

On his way west from St. Joseph, Missouri, in 1937, the Reverend Charles Francis Buddy, newly consecrated bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, stopped by the San Francisco College for Women to confer with Superior Vicar Mother Rosalie Hill about his dream for a Catholic college in his new diocese.

"Someday," he promised, "I will ask the Religious of the Sacred Heart to come to San Diego to help me with the work of education."

True to his word, on July 17, 1942, Bishop Buddy advised Mother Hill that the time seemed opportune. "Let me respectfully inquire," he wrote Mother Hill, "would you be interested in inaugurating a Catholic college for women in San Diego? You are my first choice and the first one to whom I confide this important work for the glory of God and the salvation of souls."

Mother Hill answered at once and expressed a keen interest in the project. An inspection of possible sights was delayed because of wartime conditions; the government had requisitioned nearly all available sites and tracts. But preparations were made in other directions. The vestments and sacred vessels for the chapel were obtained, and Mother Hill wrote: "We are buying books now, because so many other requisites for a college are hampered these days by war priorities, and books are always a first need for a college."

Locating an appropriate site for a seminary and campus that would include a college for men and a college for women was not an easy mat-



Bonnie "Jean" Ritenour

## Ritenour

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I've trained four placement directors since I've been here!" the Indiana native laughs. And according to

ter.....By late 1944, Mother Hill had inspected numerous parcels of land that Bishop Buddy had located. She appreciated the bishop's efforts, but as a woman of strong opinions, came to her own conclusions. In January, 1945, Mother Hill wrote to Rome concerning one such expeditionary trek:

"When we reached the place chosen, we left the automobiles and walked over the property. I did not like it at all. The 100 acres (were) undeveloped land and not in the best of part of the city. It took some courage to tell this to our most kind and generous friend, Bishop Buddy, but our Lord helped me to do so."

A solution, however, would soon be forthcoming. In August of this same year, Mother Hill wrote to the Religious of the Sacred Heart in San Francisco about a more encouraging encounter. Bishop Buddy had taken Mother

Salaber, that's no joke. "Jean will regularly host 'reunions' of past placement directors at her home," she says. "She has provided an opportunity for us to appreciate the history of our office and give direction for the future of our office."

But, continues Salaber, where Ritenour's love and caring shine through is with the students. "Jean is the gatekeeper to our office; she greets each student indiscriminately. A student's concern is her concern, whether it's gathering information on an employer or sewing on a button before a job interview. At best, Jean will have an answer to a dilemma. At worst, she will embrace the dilemma and know where to find an answer."

The students are the primary reason Ritenour has stayed in her job for more than a decade, and why she plans to stay until she retires. "The students give me energy," she explains. "They force me to keep an open mind and constantly see things in a different light. I know for a fact, if I worked anywhere else, I wouldn't have developed emotionally, spiritually and mentally the way I have here."

Judging from the philosophy that Ritenour strives to live by — "We should all love each other more, help each other more" — the law students who have walked through Jean's door have developed too.

Suzanne de Leon, vicariate treasurer, Mother Genevieve Clarke and herself in his automobile to Linda Vista where a "truly inspiring" piece of land all "within the city limits of San Diego" stretched before them. A magnificent ridge overlooking the entrance to Mission Valley had been selected. Covered with sage and chaparral, it offered a commanding view not only of San Diego Harbor and the historic buildings of Old Town, but of Presidio Hill, where Father Junipero Serra celebrated the first Mass in Upper California on July 16, 1769.

Mother Hill described the site: "It is called the Pueblo Lands... here in Linda Vista Heights, the bishop has purchased a long mountain ridge, the plateau of which is more than a hundred

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# Passages

## Deaths

Henry L. Bossart, father of **John Minan**, associate dean, Law School, in February.

**Dr. Elizabeth Henningar**, long-time professor, School of Business Administration, after a long illness, in February.

Viola Donnelly, mother of **Dr. John Donnelly**, professor of philosophy, in February.

## Births

A son, Nicholas Phillip, to **Lou Burnett**, professor of biology, and his wife, Karen, on Jan. 30. Little Nicholas weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20 inches tall.

A son, Darren Wheeler, to **Shelly Barnes**, graphic artist, Print Shop, and her husband, David, on Feb. 9. Baby



Darren weighed in at 6 lbs., 13 oz. and was 20 inches tall.

A daughter, Michelle Lynn, to **John Sutherland**, director of publications, and his wife, Mary, on Feb. 18. Little Michelle weighed in at 7 lbs., 10 oz. and was 20 inches tall.

A son, Bennett Jay, to **Eddie Taylor**, director of American Humanics Program, and his wife, Sue, on Feb. 12. Baby Bennett weighed in at 8 lbs., 4 oz. and was 21 inches tall.

A son, Richard William, to **Judy Cushing**, senior computer operator, Data Processing, and her husband, Richard, on Jan. 15. Little Richard weighed in at 8 lbs., 13 1/2 oz. and was 20 inches tall.

A son, Ryan Christopher, to **Susan Jarrold**, supervisor, Accounting, and her husband, Walter, on Feb. 19. Baby Ryan weighed in at 7 lbs. and was 19 3/4 inches tall.

## Winner

**Andy Basque**, resident director, Alcalá Vista Apartments, won the Women's Collegiate B-division race at the Feb. 11-12 Grand Prix Intercollegiate bicycle race at USD.

# Meeting rooms to meet your needs

Need a meeting room but just don't have the space in your department? Have an important presentation to make in the Hahn University Center but can't get your hands on audio visual equipment?

Then **Greg Zackowski** is your man. Acting director of special events and operations in the Ernest and Jean Hahn University Center, the energetic Zackowski wants all campus employees to take advantage of the ample meeting rooms and special events planning services available through his office.

"I want the campus to be aware of the accessibility and availability of our services," he explains. "While we are processing more than 1,000 reservations per month, we still feel that many departments aren't aware of our services."

Employees can call in a reservation at ext. 4592, and they will be told what rooms are available for their meeting date and time. Facilities available for scheduling include:

- Ernest and Jean Hahn University Center  
500 seat forum  
20 meeting rooms for 16-240 people

- Camino Theater
- Guadalupe Conference Room
- Serra Hall Conference Room
- DeSales Dining Room
- Classrooms in Camino, DeSales, Founders and Serra Hall

There is no facility fee charged for events sponsored by officially recognized on-campus groups, organizations and departments when the attendees are

members of the university community. Facilities are occasionally rented to off-campus groups when space permits.

So if you're in the market for a meeting room, let the Special Events team put its expertise to use and help you out! For more information call **Betty Chapman**, special events assistant, or **Sally Oppy**, graduate assistant, at ext. 4592.



*Professor James Rocha's paintings depicting the horror of war are on display in Founder's Gallery until March 27.*

# Health Interest Survey

Are you interested in learning more about AIDS, disaster preparedness or environmental hazards? These are just a few of the health issues the Philip Y. Hahn School of Nursing hopes to provide information on during a series of seminars to be held in the fall. But first your input is needed.

Please check the most appropriate response to the following questions. Drop off the completed questionnaire no later than March 30 in the box labeled "Health Topics" at the Information Desk at the Hahn University Center.

Age:  
 16-21 \_\_\_\_\_  
 22-29 \_\_\_\_\_  
 30-40 \_\_\_\_\_  
 41-50 \_\_\_\_\_  
 51-60 \_\_\_\_\_  
 60+ \_\_\_\_\_

University Status:  
 Faculty \_\_\_\_\_  
 Staff \_\_\_\_\_  
 Admin. \_\_\_\_\_

What is the most convenient time for you to attend sessions?

Lunchtime \_\_\_\_\_  
 Late afternoon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Early evening \_\_\_\_\_  
 Saturday \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

Where is the most convenient place for you to attend a session?

University Center \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other \_\_\_\_\_

What teaching format do you enjoy most?

Lecture \_\_\_\_\_  
 Discussion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Film and Discussion \_\_\_\_\_

Circle the topics you would be interested in attending a session on:

AIDS  
 Breast/Testicular Self Examination  
 Date Rape  
 Diet and Nutrition  
 Disaster Preparedness  
 Domestic Violence — spouse abuse, child abuse  
 Drugs and Alcohol  
 Environmental Health Hazards  
 Parenting Issues  
 Exercise  
 First Aid  
 Health Hazard Appraisal  
 Human Sexuality  
 Infectious Diseases — Measles, Hepatitis  
 Prevention of Sports Related Injuries  
 Sexually Transmitted Diseases -- Chlamydia, Herpes etc.  
 Skin Care and Dermatological Problems  
 Stress Management

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
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If you have questions about the survey call Mary Jo Clark, ext. 4574.



Mother Catherine Parks and Mother Mariella Bremner took photographs of the site of the present tennis courts on Easter 1952.

## History

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acres. Here the bishop plans to erect his diocesan seminary ... (and) to build a college and a school for boys.

".....Now standing on those heights he said to me: 'Reverend Mother, if you will build here a college and an academy for girls, I will give you 15 acres of land, on any portion of the hill you may desire. The first choice is yours. Will you accept the 15 acres?' Before answering, for a moment I prayed. Then beneath the blue heavens I said: "I will accept in the name of the society.'"

*Next month ..... Realizing a dream.*

## Kudos

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2. How much of each issue do you generally read?

All 53% Most of it 33% Specific articles 7% Don't read 7%

3. Are 10 issues:

About right 87% Not enough 13%

4. *Alcalá View* helps keep employees informed about what is happening at USD:

Yes 67% Could do better 17%  
No 16%

5. *Alcalá View* helps to unite USD employees and make them feel like part of a large family or community.

Yes 44% Could do better/don't know 23% No 33%

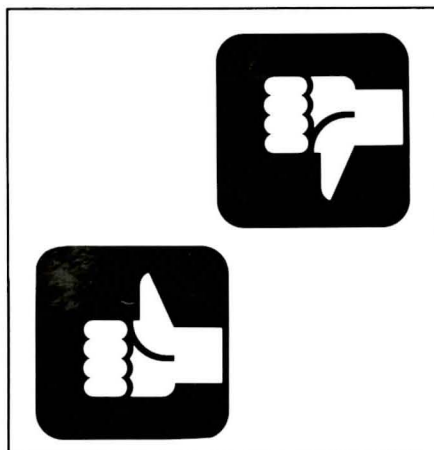
6. Types of articles that interest you:

### General Campus news:

High interest: 67% Moderate interest 17% Fair interest 13% Little or no interest 3%

### Employee Features

High interest: 57% Moderate interest 23% Fair interest 10% Little or no interest 10%



### Employee Benefits

High interest: 37% Moderate interest 27% Fair interest 20% No interest 16%

### Campus Events

High interest 43% Moderate interest 27% Fair interest 13% Little interest 7% No interest 10%

### Guest Speakers

High interest 33% Moderate interest 23% Fair interest 23% Little interest 7% No interest 14%

### New Employee Listing

High interest 20% Moderate interest 20% Fair interest 30% Little interest 17% No interest 13%

### Passages

High interest 20% Moderate interest 23% Fair interest 37% Little interest 7% No interest 13%

7. Rate *Alcalá View* in each of the following areas:

**Writing:** Excellent 37% Good 40% Fair 20% Poor 3%

**Photography:** Excellent 30% Good 50% Fair 17% Poor 3%

**Design:** Excellent 17% Good 57% Fair 17% Poor 9%

**Artwork:** Excellent 13% Good 43% Fair 27% Poor 17%

**Printing:** Excellent 40% Good 43% Fair 10% Poor 7%

Thanks to all employees who participated in the survey.

## Classifieds

How would you like to sharpen your speaking skills and have fun too? Join Toastmasters! Call **Rick Seaman** at ext. 4268 for more information.

For Sale. "Taste of the Town" Discount Book. Costs only \$28 and offers \$6000 in savings at restaurants and leisure-time attractions. Discounts valid through Dec. 31, 1990. Proceeds benefit Executive Women International. Call **Barbara Walsh** at ext. 4490.

**Harmonica John's** "Music to Go" compact disc jockey show. All styles of music for any occasion. Ask for your USD employee discount. 263-6826.



## Around the park

In response to employee feedback from the *Alcalá View* readership survey, we are inaugurating a new department news section: "Around the Park." The success of this column will depend on you! If you are interested in representing your division or department and submitting monthly updates or current news, please call **Jackie** at ext. 4684, or send a note to the Publications Office, DeSales 274.

**Rick Seaman** from Data Processing reports that Computer Operations Manager **Gary Hanson** successfully underwent back surgery to correct two herniated disks on Feb. 13. He is doing well and is expected back April 16. Micro-computer specialist **Dorothy Thomas** has been teaching classes in Aldus PageMaker two nights a week at the San Elijo campus

of Mira Costa College in Cardiff. **Rami Diaz-Cooper**, former DP assistant, is working as an administrative assistant in the Columbia University Student Health Center. She is enjoying New York and says "Hi!" to all her USD friends.

Efforts are now under way to convert more than 500 programs and 80 files from our 10-year-old DEC System 10 computer to our new VAX 6330. The conversion is expected to be completed by mid-summer.

**Barbara Snyder** from Physical Plant reports that the following employees will be celebrating birthdays in March:

**Manuel Vaz, Robert Molay, Manuel Rivera, Jean Delguidice, Fidel Lopez, Darvio Olivera, Richard Boynton, Chuck Smith and Ted Geddes. HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**



# Coming Up

March 1990

Through March 27

**Art exhibit.** "Apparitions." James Rocha, USD painting instructor. Week-days noon-5 p.m., Founders Gallery. Free. 260-4600, ext. 4486.

## 13 Tuesday

**Lecture.** "Nursing in the '90s: Issues and Opportunities." Dr. Margaret McClure, executive director of nursing, New York University Medical Center. 4 p.m., Manchester Executive Conference Center. Reception follows. Free. 260-4550.

**Women's tennis** vs. Texas A&M. 1:30 p.m., west courts. Free. 260-8893.

**Men's baseball** vs. Wayne State University. Noon, Cunningham Stadium. Free. 260-4601.

## 14 Wednesday

**Women's tennis** vs. Trinity University. 2 p.m., west courts. Free. 260-8893.

**Women's softball** vs. U.S. Coast Guard Academy. 4 p.m., softball field. Free. 260-4601.

## 15 Thursday

**Earth Day.** "Oil Spill Prevention and Response." 7-9 p.m., Hahn University Center, Forum A. Free. 260-4600, ext. 2675.

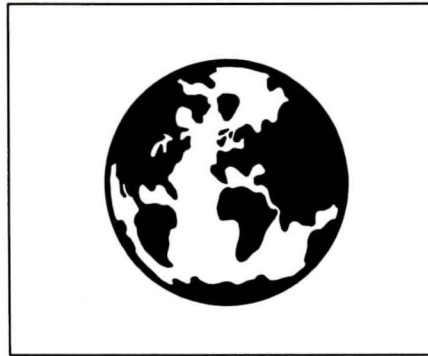
## 16 Friday

**Women's tennis** vs. U.C. Berkeley. 1:30 p.m., west courts. Free. 260-4601.

**Women's softball** vs. St. Mary's College. 4 p.m., softball field. Free. 260-4601.

## 20 Tuesday

**Women's tennis** vs. University of Iowa. 2 p.m., west courts. Free. 260-4601.



## 21 Wednesday

**SEA meeting.** 2 p.m., room varies. Call ext. 4623 for further details.

**Men's baseball** vs. Metropolitan State. 2:30 p.m., Cunningham Stadium. Free. 260-4601.

## 22 Thursday

**Conference.** "New Melting Pot." Presented by USD Social Issues Committee. 7 p.m., Hahn University Center, Forum A. Free. 260-4798.

**Earth Day.** "Past, Present and Future of San Diego Bay." Jay Powell, environmental health coalition, Clean Bay Campaign. 7-8 p.m., Hahn University Center, Forum B. Free. 260-4600, ext. 2675.

## 23 Friday

**Lecture.** "Reproductive Technology, Gender Relation, and the Future of the Family." Rosemarie Tong, Thatcher Professor, medical humanities and philosophy, Davidson College. 7:30 p.m., Camino Theater. Free. 260-4644.

**Women's tennis** vs. University of Southern Carolina. 1:30 p.m., west courts. Free. 260-4601.

## 24 Saturday

**Women's tennis** vs. University of Minnesota. 10:30 a.m., west courts. Free. 260-4601.

## 26 Monday

**Men's baseball** vs. U.C. Santa Barbara. 2 p.m., Cunningham Stadium. Free. 260-4601.

**Women's softball** vs. Augsburg College. 4 p.m., softball field. Free. 260-4601.

## 27 Tuesday

**Women's tennis** vs. Pepperdine University. 1:30 p.m., west courts. Free. 260-4601.

## 28 Wednesday

**Men's baseball** vs. Point Loma College. 3 p.m., Cunningham Stadium. Free. 260-4601.

## 29 Thursday

**Lecture.** "Galisteo Spring" and other poems. Dr. Lee Gerlach, professor of English. 4-6 p.m., Manchester Executive Conference Center. Reception follows. \$5 general, students free. 260-4585.

**Conference.** "Homelessness-The Silent Megatrend." Sponsored by USD Social Issues Committee. 7 p.m., Hahn University Center, Forum A. Free. 260-4798.

**Earth Day.** "Preservation of Natural Resources." David Brower, director, Earth Island Institute. 7-8:30 p.m., Camino Theater. Free. 260-4600, ext. 2675.

**Women's tennis** vs. Stanford University. 1:30 p.m., west courts. Free. 260-4601.

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