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David Brower, the nation's foremost environmentalist, spoke at USD on March 27. Brower, the first executive director of the Sierra Club, was one of numerous speakers who came to campus as part of USD's Earth Day 1990 involvement.

USD history: Realizing a dream

In response to readers' requests for articles on USD's history, *Alcalá View* is publishing 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.

After obtaining a site for their university, Mother Hill and her colleagues went about the business of naming and building a college.

The name Alcalá Park, honoring San Diego de Alcalá, was suggested by Mother Olga Rossi for the entire site,

and San Diego University (later changed to the University of San Diego) was chosen as the title for the College for Men and School of Law. Bishop Buddy and Mother Hill were committed to separate educational facilities for women and men but were happy to plan the two colleges in close proximity for social interaction.

In June 1946, Mother Hill, with six members of her society, took up residence at St. Madeleine Sophie's Convent in Old Town to plan for the new college. She decided that the design should be an adaptation of Spanish Renaissance architecture, a rich Plateresque that allowed for freedom

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Wolcott will miss learning, friends

By Jacqueline Genovese

When College of Arts and Sciences faculty secretary **Edith Wolcott** says USD is like a family to her, she's not exaggerating.

Wolcott's daughter, Jeanne Hefron, not only earned her bachelor and master's degrees in history at USD, she also worked for a year in the history department.

"It was great having Jeanne here on campus," Wolcott says. "She helped me out a lot with xeroxing and things, and she helped me get to know the professors."

And getting to know the professors, says Wolcott — who retired April 6 after 10 years at Alcalá Park — has been the highlight of her USD career.

"I worked at Solar Turbines for 17 years," the grandmother of three explains. "And it was such a wonderful change to go from industry to an academic environment. To be able to talk to professors about anything — psychology, political science, history, religion — has really broadened my mind and given me quite an education. An education I would not have received if I had stayed in industry."

Wolcott chuckles at the memory of her induction into the academic world as a secretary for School of Nursing acting Dean Phoebe Lee. "I didn't know the first thing about a university! I not only had to learn who everybody was, I had to learn how a university works!"

It didn't take long for the Del Mar resident to learn the ropes, and she has

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been an integral part of the Alcalá Park scene ever since. "I met a lot of people through my years of involvement with the SEA (Staff Employees Association) and the Safety Committee," Wolcott explains. And that legion of USD acquaintances is what Wolcott says she will miss the most when she leaves. "I will definitely come back and visit, and have lunch! I'll miss everybody here."

Wolcott's retirement plans also include volunteering at Children's Hospital, traveling with her husband, and "spending more time with my children and grandchildren."

Looking back at her career, the avid golfer says her proudest moment at USD was when her daughter Jeanne received the Most Outstanding History Student Award at May 1988 commencement ceremonies. "I was so proud of Jeanne. Here she was a single mom of two, going to school after all these years, and she won that award. I had tears in my eyes when they called her name."



Edith Wolcott

Passages

Honored

Dr. Mitch Malachowski, assistant dean, Arts and Sciences, will receive the Alumni Achievement Award from his alma mater, Rhode Island College, on May 10.

Retired

Betty Jungman, faculty secretary in the School of Law, retired in January 1990 after 18 years at Alcalá Park. Congratulations and good luck to Betty during her retirement!

Birth

A daughter, Kimberley Bertell, to **Gretchen Veihl**, assistant director of Graduate Career Programs, and her husband, Richard, on Feb. 21. Baby Gretchen weighed 8 lbs., 1 oz. and was 20 inches tall.

Mark your calendars

Don't miss the following campus events:

IRA advice

The month of April may bring spring showers, but this year it also will bring some financial advisers to campus for USD employees participating in the TIAA/CREF retirement program.

During March 1990, CREF made two new investment account options available through its retirement program: the CREF Bond Market and the Social Choice account. Also, all CREF account options now offer cashability and transferability options. "We have made arrangements for Steve Pence from TIAA/CREF to conduct two sessions to explain these developments," explains **Charles Moeller**, assistant director of human resources. Pence will be on campus at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. April 19 in Salomon Lecture Hall, located in DeSales Hall.

An individual counselor from TIAA/CREF will be on campus April 23 and 24 to conduct individual investment counseling sessions for

employees. The Human Resources staff is encouraging employees who are close to retirement to take advantage of this service.

"We hope that employees will be able to better coordinate their TIAA/CREF benefits with their total retirement plan," Moeller says.

For more information, call Moeller at ext. 8764.

Health fair

Cholesterol, body fat and glucose testing are just a few of the free services that will be available April 20 at the School of Nursing's second annual Health Fair.

Follow-up and discussion of test results and health questionnaires will be available. Participants will be eligible for free prizes donated by local merchants. The fair will run from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the University Center. For more information, call ext. 4548.

Creative Kids

Are your kids bored during the summer because there's "nothing to do?"

Haven't found a good day-care alternative for the year-round school schedule?

Then Beth Psomas, USD's Creative Kids program director, may have an answer for you. "Creative Kids is a summer camp for children entering the second through seventh grades," Psomas explains. "The program includes two two-week sessions, from July 9-20 and July 23 to August 3."

Classes are held from 9-11:45 a.m. and this year include geography, arts and crafts, drawing, African safari, saving our environment, computers, literature, theater production and TV journalism.

The afternoon enrichment program, which runs from 11:45 a.m. - 5 p.m. and consists of field games, junior olympics day, pool activities, field trips, magic shows and story-telling, also is available.

Each Creative Kids class costs \$70. The afternoon enrichment program costs \$170. USD employees receive a 10 percent discount for each program.

For more information and brochures, call Psomas at ext. 4585.

New hires, promotions

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

Sabas Ballesteros, communications technician, Telecommunications; **William Carcido Camero**, cook, Main Dining Room; **Yolanda Castro**, secretary, Provost; **Lynda L. Cote**, Administrative/Executive Assistant, Lawyers Assistant Program; **Kathleen A. Clow**, principal cook, Banquets/Catering; **Mary Colleen Costlow**, secretary, Alumni Relations; **Kathleen Ann Curtis**, clerical assistant, Bookstore; **Mark E. Danylo**, cook, Main Dining Room; **Conceicao Fernandes Dasilva**, assistant baker, Main Dining Room; **Julie Cecelia Ebreck**, secretary, Law School Admissions; **Jose Angel Garcia**, media tech, Media Center; **Karen Kimiyo Harvey**, secretary, Main Dining Room; **S. Elizabeth James**, secretary, Prospect Research; **Gumaro J. Lopez**, cus-

todian, Custodial/Law School; **Kathryn Louise McMonigle**, senior secretary, Institute of Christian Ministries; **Vonda Kai Powell**, administrative/executive assistant, Prospect Research; **Steven Curtis Reichel**, clerk, Mail Center; **Timo-thy James Roberts**, clerical assistant, Controller; **Oscar Ruiz**, custodian, Main Dining Room; **Dean Paul Schleisman**, administrative/executive assistant, Bookstore; **Enriqueta A. Sullivan**, secretary, Manchester Family Child Development Center; **Kristine A. Zaki**, media assistant, Media Center.

Congratulations to the following employees who recently received a promotion:

Maria E. Briseno, from custodian I to custodian II, Custodial Services; **Donna D. Dinan**, from senior secretary to administrative/executive assistant I, Capital Campaign; **Francisca L. Garcia**, from custodian II to custodian lead, Custodial/Law School; **Maria L. Rivera**, from custodian I to custodian II, Custodial Services; **Wendy S. Roan**, from secretary II, Provost, to administrative/executive assistant I, Student Affairs.

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of expression and many interesting variations within a true unity of design. When questioned later about her preference for a period so far in the past, Mother Hill stated that modern architecture in 10 years might well be outmoded, but "Spanish Renaissance has been in style in California for 200 years and will be in style for 200 more."

Mother de Leon, one of the trio of nuns who had toured the mountain ridge on that first day, began an extensive study of Spanish Renaissance buildings, using illustrated books sent to her by Religious of the Sacred Heart in Spain. She assisted Mother Hill, who sat for hours at a large table in her office with a stack of quadrille paper cut to various sizes, absorbed in placing buildings, rooms and hallways as she envisioned they should look.

Mother Hill had clear ideas of what she wanted. Her basic belief was that although usefulness and efficiency must always prevail, they should not overpower beauty. She held that it was no more expensive to build something beautiful than something ugly.

When Bishop Buddy and Mother Hill chose Frank L. Hope Sr. as the architect for the San Diego College for Women, his initial step was to visit the San Francisco College for Women, which Mother Hill had designed. Hope wrote to Bishop Buddy in December, 1946, that the "buildings, furnishings and grounds" at the San Francisco campus complemented each other to make a "wonderful cultural center." His favorable impressions of the interior decorations, appointments and library would later surface in his planning conferences for the San Diego College for Women.

Next month: The work begins.



Around the park

In response to employee feedback from the Alcalá View readership survey, we have inaugurated a new department news section: "Around the Park." The success of this column depends 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.

Barbara Snyder from General Services reports that **Willie Polimadei**, lead person, Physical Plant, married **Maureen Nuesca**, a reporter for the *Southern Cross* on March 17 at Founders Chapel. Willie and his bride enjoyed an extended honeymoon at an undisclosed location. Barbara also reports that draftsman **Pete Martin** is back after a short leave. Welcome back Pete!

Happy Birthday this month to the following Physical Plant employees; **Michael Shahan**, **Robert Acuna**, **Mark Mysak**, **Ariete Balelo**, **Juan**

Flores, **Tim Kelly**, **Maria Fernandes**, **Marcos Lopez** and **Carlos Cornejo**.

Director of Alumni Relations **John Trifiletti** and Data Processing programmer **Fred Krantz** competed in the March 4 Los Angeles Marathon. Fred finished 7,139th out of 14,046 runners in 4 hours and 22 minutes. It was his third — and he says his last — marathon.

Happy Birthday this month to the following Data Processing and Public Relations employees: **Fred Krantz**, **Tim Shaffer**, **Gary Hanson**, **Barbara Schick**, **Maria Martinez-Cosio** and **Thela Punneo**.



Masters' swim program

Swim into shape. USD's Master Swim Program is for all ages and abilities. 6:30-7:30 a.m., Monday thru Friday; 8-9:30 a.m., Saturday, Sports Center pool. \$20 a month. For more information, call **Steve Tucker**, 462-7503.

Coming Up

April

Through May 31

Art exhibit. "Yugi — Child's play in Japan." Toys and paintings from the children of Japan. Weekdays noon-5 p.m., Founders Gallery. Free. 260-4600, ext. 4486.

14 Saturday

Men's tennis vs. St. Mary's College. Noon, west courts. Free. 260-4601.

19 Thursday

Earth Day. "Ozone Depletion and Desertification." Congressman Jim Bates. 7-8:30 p.m., Salomon Lecture Hall. Free. 260-4600, ext. 2675.

20 Friday

Health Fair '90. Local health care representatives will provide information and health screening. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Hahn University Center. \$6 cholesterol test. 260-4574.

Business Update Seminars. "Customer Satisfaction and Employee Dedication." Dennis Briscoe, professor of management. Continental breakfast 7:30 a.m., seminar 8 a.m., Manchester Executive Conference Center. Fee. 260-4644.

Ecofair. Sponsored by USD Earth Day 1990 Coalition. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Hahn University Center. Free. 260-4600, ext. 2675.

Concert. TV comedy star Richard Lewis. 8 p.m., Camino Theater. \$18.50 general. \$6 faculty, staff and students.

Sponsored by Associated Students. 260-4715.

Men's tennis. West Coast Conference Championships. All day, west courts. Free. 260-4601.

21 Saturday

Women's softball vs. Cal State San Bernardino. Noon, softball field. Free. 260-4601.

22 Sunday

Crew. San Diego city championships. TBA, Mission Bay. Free. 260-4601.

23 Monday

Lecture. "Reinventing Technology: Building an Ethic by Changing Government Policy." Michael Goldhaber, president of the Center for Technology and Democracy. 7:30 p.m., Manchester Executive Conference Center. Free. 260-4644.

26 Thursday

Open house. School of Business Administration information seminar. 5:30-7 p.m., Hahn University Center, Forum. Free. Sponsored by Graduate Admissions. 260-4524.

27 Friday

Business Update Seminars. "Europe 1992: Big Changes and Big Challenges." Tom Morris, assistant professor of international management. Continental breakfast 7:30 a.m., seminar 8 a.m., Manchester Executive Conference Center. Fee. 260-4644.

Anne Swanke Concert. Fr. Nicolas Reveles conducts the USD Community Concert Choir. Concert repeated Satur-

day, April 28, 8 p.m., Camino Theater. \$5 general admission, \$3 faculty, staff and students. 260-4600, ext. 4456.

28 Saturday

Deans' Ball. 6 p.m., San Diego Hilton Beach & Tennis Resort. \$150 & \$300. Sponsored by USD Auxiliary. 276-2631.

May

4 Friday

Business Update Seminar. "Quality Valued by Customers." Dr. Gary Whitney, professor of management and associate dean. Continental breakfast 7:30 a.m., seminar 8 a.m., Manchester Executive Conference Center. Fee. 260-4644.

Women's softball vs. USIU. 4 p.m., softball field. Free. 260-4601.

Classifieds

Live in Scripps Ranch? Join the Scripps Ranch Toastmasters and improve your communication and leadership skills. We meet every Thursday from 7 to 8:15 a.m. For more information call **Rick Seaman** at ext. 4268

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