Casey at bat for environment

By Jacqueline Genovese

If the 30 million species in the world today were to take a vote on keeping man alive, Professor Richard Casey says only three would vote yes.

"Dogs, people and cockroaches," the marine studies professor says. "Based on what we've done to the environment and countless species, the other 27 million 999 thousand and 997 would vote against us."

And he has evidence to back his claim. "Every three hours a species dies. Within the next century we will have lost half the species on earth," Dr. Casey says. "People have to start making sacrifices. We have to make decisions that are based on the environment, not the economy."

Decisions, he says, such as using public transportation. Recycling. Boycotting companies that abuse the environment. And using cloth diapers.

"Buying an Earth Day shirt doesn't help the environment," Dr. Casey says. "We have to be participants in the effort to save the environment. Participants, not cheerleaders or spectators."

Informed participants are what the father of two hopes to turn out of his five-year-old marine studies program. "Our program is unique because it requires students to be double majors," Dr. Casey explains. "That way we are turning out students who know about the environment, but are skilled and knowledgeable in another area as well."

The enthusiastic teacher cites the example of a music/marine studies student (Continued on next page)

Parking fee rumors squelched

Dr. Richard Casey and fellow "Sludge Busters" Cary Casey, Luis Fernandes and Carl Nelson.

Despite what you may have heard in the faculty-staff dining room recently, campus parking fees will not go up next year.

Absolutely not, says Roger Manion, director of physical plant. "There is not going to be an increase in the parking fees next year," he explains. "The Parking Committee was asked to survey its constituents to determine how people felt about raising the parking fee. It was only a survey."

The Parking Committee — made up of faculty, administration, staff and student representatives — was formed last year to begin to address USD's parking situation before it became a big problem.

"Right now we have 2,900-3,100 cars competing for 3,600 spots. So at any given time, there are at least 500 spots available," Manion says. "The problem is employees and students want the spots that are closest to the building they work in or have a class in. That's not always possible."

Although building a parking structure had been discussed, the idea has (Continued on next page)
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who is studying the language of killer whales at Sea World, and a history/marine studies student studying the political history of the Point Loma sewage outfall. "We want to turn out students who can function not only as scientists, but as administrators, teachers and leaders," he says.

Growing up on a farm in Southern California's Imperial Valley influenced Dr. Casey to study biology, although as a teenager he was recruited for his artistic talents by Walt Disney. He was one of two high school seniors to be awarded the Walt Disney Artist's Award- which would have provided two years of art education and a four-year stint working for Disney. "It would have been exciting," the rugby enthusiast admits, "but at the time I felt that getting a college education was more important. And that's why I'm here now. Education is important."

Parking

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been scratched for financial reasons. "It would cost $8 million, and we really don't need it," Manion explains.

The Parking Committee will continue to search for solutions. Possibilities include a shuttle system and incentives for carpooling and parking in less desirable spaces. Once the committee has several "good" ideas, Manion will take them to the USD Cabinet for a decision.

"There's a perception out there that we have this really big parking problem," Manion says. "But we don't. We all just have to be willing to walk a little bit."

S.E.A. News

Recipe Request

We all have one. That one special recipe, passed down for generations, that we use on special occasions. Or that delicious dessert recipe that has passed from friend to friend to friend.

The Staff Employees Association is looking for those special recipes, and not-so special recipes, for its latest fund raiser: a USD employee cookbook.

"We thought a cookbook would be a good idea because USD's community is large and diverse, and we could probably put together quite a variety of recipes," explains Mercedes Bennett, co-chairperson of the Cookbook Committee.

"We need 300 recipes before we can publish the book," Bennett says. "Our goal is to publish by Sept. 1." Funds raised from the sale of the cookbook will support various S.E.A. projects.

Please send all recipes to Mercedes Bennett, DeSales 100 or Sue Staniszewski, Print Shop, by May 31.

Kick up your heels at employee shindig

Get out your cowboy boots and hat for this year's July 27 Employee Appreciation Picnic!

Human Resources' Calista Frank and her posse of picnic volunteers — Judith Munoz, Rudy Spano, Greg Zackowski, Sue Staniszewski and Jackie Genovese — have cooked up a picnic that's sure to be a rootin' tootin' good time.

The picnic will be home on the range from 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (look for range locations in next month's Alcalá View) and include the harmonious sounds of the KSON Flatbed country music singers. So mosey on over and fill your bellies with the best grub west of the Rockies — hot dogs and hamburgers — and vie for a chance to lasso a door prize.

Top ranch hands will be recognized for their contributions with the Employee of the Year Award and Service Awards for 5 - 10 - 15 - 20 - and 25 - years of service.

Take a gander at the annual picnic contest in the June issue of the Alcalá View. For more information, give Human Resources a holler at ext. 4594.

Administrator of the Year

Don't forget to vote for the Administrator of the Year. The nomination form will be included in the June Alcalá View. Watch your mailbox for more details.
Around the Park

John McCloskey from the Loan Collections department reports that Roxanne Swartz, head cashier, was married on March 10 and is now Roxanne Vargas. She and her husband honeymooned in Hawaii. Congratulations and best wishes.

Also from the Accounting Department, congratulations go out to Jim Pehl on his promotion to assistant controller, and welcome to Neal Hoss, who replaces Jim as financial accounting manager. Congratulations also to Kelly Risely, formerly a clerical assistant in Payroll, who is now a staff accountant in the Controller’s Office, and to Jan Tuomanien, formerly in Accounts Payable, who is now a clerical assistant in Payroll.

Susan Jarrold, staff accountant supervisor, is doing well after the birth of her son, Ryan Christopher, and should be back in the Controller’s Office at the end of May.

Happy Birthday to the following Physical Plant employees who will have birthdays in May: Mayola Acuna, Maria Rivera, Josie Perez, Thanh Tran, Paul Mitchell, Theresa Dionisio, Carlos Olivas, Rigoberto Rosas, Brian Paola, Carter Edwards, Tom Wallake.

USD history: The work begins

In response to employee’s requests for articles on USD’s history, Alcala View is publishing excerpts from USD: The First Forty Years, written by Dr. Iris Engstrand, professor of history, and alumna Clare White ’80. The book is currently available in USD’s Bookstore.

A contract was entered into between the Society and the architectural firm of Frank L. Hope in May, 1948; Hope personally took charge of Mother Hill’s blueprints and Bishop Buddy’s dream. The final plans were approved by the Mother House of the Society of the Sacred Heart in Rome on March 31, 1949. The Society volunteered to provide the faculty and finance the construction, furnishings and initial equipment for a $4 million San Diego College for Women. The State of California granted official charters for the two institutions at Alcala Park in late 1949 — San Diego University (College for Men and School of Law) on November 22 and the San Diego College for Women on December 2.

Groundbreaking ceremonies for the College for Women had taken place on May 1, 1948, amidst an impressive representation of civic and religious leaders. Mayor Harley Knox turned the first shovelful of earth — a symbolic act that marked the beginning of a vast project on a tract that, because of key land purchases, would eventually reach 180 acres. Bishop Buddy was especially proud of the community’s donations to his successful University Foundation Fund drive. Mindful that it required at least “fifty to one hundred years to build a university,” the Bishop cautioned that they must proceed carefully with every phase, since the new institution would give both the city and the diocese of San Diego a well-deserved position in higher education.

The first concrete was poured on Sept. 22, 1950. Mother Hill and her treasurer, Mother de Leon, took a personal interest in the work of construction, traveling daily from Old Town to the campus to examine materials and evaluate progress. They researched the availability of scarce items such as aluminium and glass. When it became known that a large concern had an oversupply of Philippine mahogany on hand, the two nuns purchased the whole lot at an unusually low price, thus ensuring that all interior panels were built of this handsome wood.

Next month: Priceless Gifts

New Hires, promotions

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

Eileen G. Clark, administrative/executive assistant, Development; Donald Joh Lorenzen, assistant cook, Banquets/Catering; Selena Marie Minutelli, secretary, Continuing Education; Kathryn Elizabeth Pierce, clerical assistant, Bookstore; Angel C. Tirado, gardener, Grounds and Maintenance; Jose Abel Valenciano, assistant project manager, Physical Plant; Thereasa Faith Waldhoff, secretary, School of Nursing.

Congratulations to the following employees who recently received a promotion:

Jan M. Tuomainen, from clerical assistant I to clerical assistant II, Controller

Construction begins on the mesa in December 1949.
Coming Up
May
Through May 31

3 Thursday

4 Friday

Concert. Annual spring dance concert. Faculty and student choreography will be performed. 8 p.m., Camino Theater. Repeated Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. $4 general admission, $2 students. 260-4600, ext. 4430.

Women’s softball vs. United States International University. 4 p.m., softball field. Free. 260-4601.

9 Wednesday

10 Thursday
Summit. A public dialogue between prominent Soviet women and local women leaders focusing on common concerns and interests. Sponsored by MEND and Women for a Meaningful Summit. 7:30 p.m., Manchester Executive Conference Center. Free. 454-3343 or 260-4682.

11 Friday

Men’s baseball vs. Pepperdine University. 2 p.m., Cunningham Stadium. Free. 260-4601.

12 Saturday
Men’s baseball vs. Pepperdine University. 11 a.m., Cunningham Stadium. Free. 260-4601.

16 Wednesday
Meeting. SEA board meeting. All staff employees welcome. 2-3 p.m., Serra conference room. Call ext. 4623.

19 Saturday
Commencement. Law School ceremonies. 10:30 a.m., Cunningham Stadium. 260-4600, ext. 4362.

27 Sunday
Commencement. Graduate ceremonies. 10:30 a.m., Cunningham Stadium. 260-4800.

Commencement. Undergraduate ceremonies. 2:30 p.m., Cunningham Stadium. 260-4557.

29 Tuesday
Annual Sports Banquet. Benefits USD athletics. 6 p.m., Hahn University Center. Fee. 260-4588.

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

Classifieds

Wanted: Maternity and baby clothes. Call Sr. Carlotta DiLorenzo at ext. 4485.


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