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Debate Preparations In Full Swing

By Jill Wagner

When USD officials learned in January the campus will host the final 1996 presidential debate, preparations began immediately to renovate Shiley Theatre and gather a core group of administrators to oversee the proceedings. The Camino Hall theater will take on the look of a television studio the evening of Oct. 16 when the leading presidential candidates gather to debate key campaign issues.

Major improvements to Shiley Theatre will include replacing the benches with 725 to 750 theater seats, adding air conditioning, recarpeting to enhance the acoustics and enlarging the stage, according to Roger Manion, director of physical plant. These changes are essential to producing a major television show and are required by the Commission on Presidential Debates, the group that selected USD as one of four sites to host presidential or vice presidential debates.

Depending on time and available funding, Manion hopes to complete other renovations that have long been contemplated for the theater. A fresh coat of paint and new drapes for the stage are high on the wish list, as is a new lighting and sound system.

Across campus, the Hahn University Center will serve as headquarters for more than 2,000 national and international media representatives expected to cover the debate live from Alcalá Park. The first media scouts will arrive next month to survey the campus and choose their preferences for other spots to broadcast from, says Jack Cannon, director of public relations and chair of the presidential debate task force.

Cannon anticipates the major networks will broadcast political programs from the campus for several days leading up to the debate.

None of these preparations can happen without funding, Cannon notes, adding that a host committee will be named shortly. The committee of campus and San Diego community representatives will be asked first to raise the $500,000 required by the Commission to produce the debate, and later the group will seek funds to offset the cost of renovating Shiley Theatre.

President Alice B. Hayes called the debate an "extraordinary opportunity" for students and faculty to put on or take part in seminars, conferences and other educational events, and for students to perform volunteer work for the Commission, media and other political groups. She also pointed out the debate will showcase the university

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Just Another Day at the Office: Weapons and Slim Jims

By Jill Wagner

When Barbara Hughes skips into my office at 4:45 p.m. on a recent Wednesday she has two assignments to complete within 15 minutes. We hustle downstairs, hop in the patrol car waiting curbside and take off to find the student who flagged Hughes down for help in retrieving the keys locked inside his car.

The same student left his lights on and may need a jump start. “Hopefully we can do it all in 10 minutes because we have an escort at 5 p.m. from Maher,” says Hughes, an eight-year veteran of USD’s public safety department.

Once on the scene in the stadium parking lot, Hughes cheerfully greets the grateful student and grabs a Slim Jim to pry open the passenger door lock. Although some officers grimace at the sight of electric locks that short out easily, Hughes goes to work, assuring the student she hasn’t once disabled an electric lock. This door proves more difficult to open than most, but Hughes never appears rushed or worried about making the next call.

With the mission accomplished and back in the patrol car, I am surprised to learn our next duty is not to escort a student to another location on campus, but to accompany the day’s receipts from the cashier’s office to the wall safe on the ground floor of Maher Hall. Public safety officers do vault detail several times a day for the bookstore, student accounts and the cashier, Hughes explains between jovial greetings to passers-by who are genuinely pleased to see the officer. Employees and students alike address the diminutive blonde by first name and she, in turn, personally greets friends and acquaintances.

The 5’ 2” officer needs an extra cushion to see over the steering wheel of the campus patrol car, but any hassles resulting from her height stop there. Hughes has proven a skillful negotiator with an intensely tough streak when she needs it. She has been in prickly situations with male car thieves, emotionally unstable students and USD neighbors, and a burglar. Only once has she used her gun, yet proud to say the incident occurred when she helped nab the thieves who burglarized President Alice B. Hayes’ home last summer. Soon after the break-in, public safety officers discovered some goods from Hayes’ home hidden in nearby bushes and guessed the culprits would return the next evening for the items.

A stakeout began at 2 p.m. with Hughes in her car and another officer hidden in the backyard of a neighbor. Eleven hours later at, 1:15 a.m., Hughes says she saw two men pass the car and, once they left the street for the bush area, she began pursuit on foot. The men went straight for the goods and Hughes caught one as he pulled a bike from the hiding spot. When he lifted the bike over his head, as if to throw it at her, Hughes pulled her gun and instructed him to drop the bike. He did, and took off running. A chase through the canyon ensued, Hughes recalls, but the quick officers caught up and apprehended the suspects.

Not every day on patrol at USD is that eventful, but Hughes approaches each call to secure gates, turn on security lights and the benefit of the doubt. “I talk to people like I’d like to be talked to,” she says. “Even though personally I think I know what’s going on, I let them tell me the truth.”

She is almost apologetic when reporting she has used her gun, yet proud to say the incident occurred when she helped nab the thieves who burglarized President Alice B. Hayes’ home last summer. Soon after the break-in, public safety officers discovered

Barbara Hughes, a favorite at the child development center, volunteers to sell candy to raise scholarship money.

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Department of the Month
Office of University Ministry

The staff of university ministry includes (front row from left to right): Brother Tom Thing, Diane Rich and Father John Keller; (back row from left to right): Father Barry Vinyard, Mike McIntyre, MaryEllen Pitard, Chris Nichols, Sister Alicia Sarre, Annette Welsh, Mary Kruer and Sister Irene Cullen; (not pictured): Monsignor I. Brent Eagen, Father Paul Donovan and Traci Merrill.

1. Where is your department located?
One set of our offices circles Founders Chapel: Monsignor I.B. Eagen, vice president of mission and ministry, is at the chapel entrance; Father John Keller, director of university ministry, and Sister Irene Cullen are down a dark hall in rooms 186 A and B; Annette Welsh, director of music, is in the West Sacristy; and Traci Merrill, wedding coordinator, is in the East Sacristy. MaryEllen Pitard, Father Barry Vinyard and Mike McIntyre are in UC238, university ministry's base of operations, and Brother Tom Thing is located in Laguna 123.

2. What are the functions of your department?
Our mission is to reflect and foster the Catholic heritage of USD and offer pastoral care to the university community by developing and supporting an active Catholic faith community; fostering spiritual enrichment and ecumenical outreach for students, faculty, staff, parents and alumni; helping students to integrate faith and life; and encouraging leadership through community outreach and service.

3. What is the biggest challenge your department faces?
Keeping all the balls in the air. We are to be facilitators of the Kingdom of God, a "reign" that finds special expression in the Church but far exceeds it. God's reign is a "kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace" (Preface of Christ the King). We trust that this kingdom is breaking out all over USD in every aspect of the university's life. University ministry has designated tasks, but poorly defined boundaries for the ways in which we support the entire community's effort. That reality has us moving in many directions - images of yeast and mustard seed come to mind.

4. How has your department changed during the past 10 years?
There is an increasing diversity and depth in the ways university ministry carries out its work - greater emphasis on peace and justice issues; more collaboration with other aspects of university life; larger numbers attending student retreats; and renewed attempts to be present to law school, graduate and non-traditional students. With this growth in service we have seen growth in staff.

5. What is the one thing you would like your department to know about your department and its functions?
We see our efforts in providing opportunities for Catholic liturgy, Christian formation and service to the world as support for, and one more expression of, what we believe informs the entire USD community.

University Ministry Events
Evening Mass, 7 p.m. and 9 p.m., every Sunday, in Founders Chapel.
Taize, 8 to 9 p.m., March 7, 21 and 28, in Founders Chapel. Contact Brother Thomas Thing at ext. 4735.
Lenten Mass, 5 p.m., every Wednesday during Lent, in Founders Chapel.

New Hires
Welcome to the following employees who recently joined the USD campus community:
Craig Clower, dining services; Elizabeth Limberg, para-legal program; Rodel Aquino, sponsored programs; Robert Fisher, print shop; Duvy Galvis, School of Education; Alexander Moran, Copley Library; and Beverly Thomas, print shop.

Congratulations to the following employees who were recently promoted:
John Husler, assistant manager of Traditions and Aromas; and Lori Stevenson, administrative assistant in the Philip Y. Hahn School of Nursing.

Passages
Deaths
Robert L. Longmire, husband of Kathleen Longmire, nurse in the Health Center, in January.
Marvin "Dusty" Draper, father of Mark Draper, custodial supervisor for general services, on Jan. 23.
Maria Ofelia Mapa, sister of Sister Marina Mapa, associate professor in foreign languages, in February.

For the Record
Betty Sotelo, noted in last month’s issue for winning the Print Shop’s shredder naming contest, is faculty secretary for the theological and religious studies and anthropology departments.
Publicist to Promote Campus Events

For those of you who are planning a lecture, fine arts event or special presentation but are wondering how to attract interest from the San Diego community, you need look no further than the News Bureau right here on campus. Chris Mattson recently joined the public relations staff to work exclusively on publicizing campus events to the outside media.

A native San Diegan and former assistant to the publisher at San Diego Magazine, Mattson brings years of experience in local media to her new position. She will determine whether print, radio, television or a combination of the three is most appropriate for the particular event and work with faculty, staff or students to gain exposure. Anyone interested in promoting their events should contact Mattson as early as possible with the details.

"The longer they sit on the information, the harder it is to publicize," Mattson says.

As the current nightlife editor for San Diego Magazine On-Line and publicist for Street Scene, California's largest weekend food and music festival, Mattson is keenly aware of the realities of seeking press coverage for special events.

"You can have a really amazing lecturer and if something like the teacher's strike happens, you're going to get bumped," she says. "You've got to roll with it."

Mattson can be found in Maher 268, Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. She can also be reached at ext. 4650 or via e-mail at cmattson@acsd.edu.

To those seeking publicity through the monthly Update, produced by the public relations office, queries should be directed to Judy Williamson at ext. 4684 or via e-mail at wson@acsd.edu. The Update is distributed to the entire campus community and the surrounding neighborhood.

Day at the Office
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unlock doors for stranded employees with the same seriousness of purpose. The campus is hers to oversee from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. — Hughes is a field supervisor and coordinates the duties of the two to three other officers on duty during her shift — and she is singularly focused on keeping everyone on campus safe.

As we slowly traverse the north territory of Alcalá Park, scanning for unusual activity, a call comes in to Hughes that puts the biggest smile on her face I've seen yet. The student she transported to a downtown medical facility earlier in the day for an injury to her finger has returned to campus, bandaged but otherwise healthy.

So far, so good on this Wednesday night shift.

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to millions of television viewers expected to tune in.

"We are tremendously excited by this opportunity to make history," Hayes says. "This event will teach our students an unforgettable lesson about democracy."

Watch for monthly Alcalá View updates about debate news and issues that affect USD faculty, staff and administrators.

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