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USD Partners with Mexican University



President Alice B. Hayes and Universidad Iberoamericana Noroeste President Augustín R. Rozada, S.J., sign a pact that partners USD and Tijuana's UIA in an educational exchange.

By Jill Wagner

Students vacated the sidewalks and outdoor benches to gather in libraries and dorm rooms for last minute studying before finals. It was a "dead day" and a pre-test calm fell over Alcalá Park. The leaders of tomorrow were singularly focused on the week's exams.

Few of the students huddled around their books knew that outside, in the fountain plaza, an agreement was being signed by President **Alice B. Hayes** and President Augustín R. Rozada, S.J., that will shape the rest of their education at USD. Officials from USD and Tijuana's Universidad Iberoamericana Noroeste (UIA), a 12-year-old university in the Jesuit Iberoamericana college system, gathered May 13 to formalize a partnership for educational exchange and collaboration between the two universities.

"We take this agreement as a sign of hope," said Humberto Barquera, a UIA dean. "It is an incentive to achieve peace

and understanding in our common region."

The cities of San Diego and Tijuana together share four million residents who frequently travel between the two countries, said Norman Singer, U.S. consul general. For many people, however, there are psychological and physical barriers between the cities. "For commerce and culture, but most importantly for education, that barrier has to be invisible," Singer said.

The exchange, which will include students and professors taking and teaching classes at the sister institutions, should help the leaders of tomorrow from neighboring countries better understand each other, he added.

The attempt to form a partnership between the two Catholic universities, the only two so closely situated to the U.S.-Mexico border, began four years ago with **Judy Rauner**, director of community service-learning. **Daniel Wolf**, director of USD's Transborder Institute, took over the project when the institute began its work in

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Picnic Set for June 7

Slap on the sunscreen, grab the beach towel and enjoy the afternoon at the 12th annual Employee Appreciation Picnic starting at noon, June 7, at the Sports Center pool.

Picnic highlights include lunch complete with frosty desserts, music, the Staff Employee of the Year and Administrator of the Year award ceremonies, and the second annual President's T.E.A. Cup relay race.

Don't forget to bring your ticket for lunch and to be eligible for the Staff Employees Association door prize drawing. This year's prizes include passes to San Diego area attractions, gift certificates to local restaurants and accommodation at nearby hotels.

Picnic Schedule

Noon, Picnic begins.

Noon to 2 p.m., Lunch is served (everyone must have a ticket).

12:30 p.m., Welcome by Judith Muñoz.

12:35 p.m., Service awards presented by President **Alice B. Hayes**.

12:55 p.m., Administrator of the Year award presented by **Becky Gilbert**, SEA president.

1 p.m., Manuel Hernandez Staff Employee of the Year award presented by President Hayes.

1:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., Try-splash-along relay race.

1:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., Swimming, volleyball,

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Benefit Briefs

Traveling out of the San Diego area this summer? Have you thought about your health coverage while traveling?

Kaiser travel packets are available in human resources.

Participants enrolled in Prudential's PruCare Plus Triple Option plan may choose from three benefit options while traveling outside San Diego County. The HMO benefit (tier 1) is available for emergency services only. Contact membership services within 48 hours.

The PPO benefit (tier 2) is an option if you are unable to access an HMO provider. PPO network providers are available throughout Southern California. There are also network providers in other states.

The Out-of-Network option (tier 3) allows the participant to see any doctor, any time, anywhere, for any reason.

A deductible is required for PPO/Out-of-Network services. Benefits for most services will be paid at 80/20 percent or 60/40 percent after the deductible has been satisfied.

The doctor's office may submit out-of-network claims directly to Prudential. The employee may be required to pay for the services first, then he or she submits a claim to Prudential for reimbursement. Claim forms are available in human resources.

Always check with membership services if you have any questions or concerns. The number is on the back of your identification card.

Call the national hot line at (800) 526-2963 to find an HMO or PPO contracted doctor outside of San Diego County. Be sure to state that you are a member of Prudential's PruCare Plus Triple Option plan and the name of the city in which you need to see the PPO provider.

Contact human resources at ext. 4594 if you need help.

- Vicki Coscia

Debate Countdown '96

The excitement of hosting one of the major political events of the year is infusing Alcalá Park and spurring faculty, staff, administrators and trustees to develop programs that will highlight the historical event. The Presidential Debate Task Force named host committee chairs last month, a May 20 media tour gave national press representatives the first look at the campus and debate facilities, and several faculty members initiated plans for events the night of Oct. 16.

Following is a brief summary of recent debate happenings and tentative plans for educational programs designed to enhance the debate experience:

☛ The School of Education, San Diego County Board of Education and San Diego Unified School District are planning a panel discussion, moderated by junior and senior high school students, immediately following the debate. A television feed of the live debate will be shown at the county instructional center where the moderators and an audience of students will view the discussion between candidates, says **Ed DeRoche**, dean of the School of Education. The group's analysis of the event will be broadcast live by ITV, a local cable channel, and will include call-ins from students around the county.

Preliminary plans also include giving junior and senior high school students a tour of USD's media centers, Shiley Theatre and other facilities on campus once the sites are prepared to host the debate.

☛ **Angela Yeung**, assistant professor of music, is planning a concert with the Choral Scholars and chamber music students to be held over two nights within the week preceding the debate. The Choral Scholars will perform a group of songs, the *Presidential Suite*, by contemporary American composer Jack Gottlieb, Yeung says. The seven-song suite includes tributes to past presidents Theodore Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt, John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln, Calvin Coolidge, Harry S. Truman and Thomas Jefferson. The chamber group will perform what Yeung called "California mission music," recalling the history of the Golden State.

Part of the concert may also be performed for the debate audience, which arrives several hours before the televised debate begins the evening of Oct. 16, Yeung says.

☛ **United States Information Agency** representatives were on campus last month for a tour of the theater and rooms that will house media equipment. The agency coordinates all international press attendance at U.S. events and told USD officials to expect several hundred world media members at the debate. An international press center will be set up downstairs in the Hahn University Center, perhaps in the Traditions dining area.

☛ **Barbara Peterson**, assistant director of community service-learning, is collecting applications from students and building a database of volunteers for the day of the debate as well as the week leading up to the event. Media organizations, the Commission on Presidential Debates and political parties all have expressed interest in using student volunteers once they are set up on campus. More than 230 students have returned applications.

☛ **Darlene Shiley** and **John Robbins Jr.**, both board of trustee members, will chair the host committee that is tasked with raising the \$500,000 required to produce the debate. **Kathleen Quinn**, director of law school development, is the administrative head of the committee.



Department of the Month

Building Maintenance/Utilities



The staff of building maintenance/utilities includes (front row from left to right): Bill Cronan, Alex Lailson, Eliseo Hernandez, Fernando Hernandez and Richard Green; (middle row, from left to right): Tommy Tuiofu, Frank Orlando Sr., Bill McLeod, Stan Hunter, Lloyd Parks, Steve Glover, Terri Miller, Orlando Ataide, Debbie Hoffman, Jim Heck and Don Wroncy; (back row, from left to right): Willie Giles, Manuel Rivera, Tom Rogers, Glenn Neveu, Ray Jones, Jeff Hardick, Jim Crawley, Rick Sanchez, Harry Howard, Dean Ward and Jerry Corning.

1. Where is your department located?

The building maintenance department is located in the facilities management complex on the northwest corner of campus, next to the west tennis courts.

2. What are the functions of your department?

The department maintains and repairs all campus buildings, systems and controls with the exception of the telephones, computer systems and equipment, and the instruments that are specific to a department. In addition to maintenance, our department is responsible for utility management, operation of the cogeneration plant and energy management systems.

We often take on the additional responsibility of building custom cabinets, furniture and handrails when time and budget allow.

3. What is the biggest challenge your department faces?

The biggest challenge our department faces is public relations. We receive between 70 and 120 calls per day for services. These may vary from a simple lamp being burned out to a 100-hour painting or custom cabinet project. As our budget has not substantially increased over the past 10 years and

our staff power is limited, it is often difficult to explain to the requestor that it might take a few days or weeks to give them the attention they deserve. The biggest challenge is trying to keep everyone happy on an aging campus with limited resources.

4. How has your department changed during the past 10 years?

The department has changed markedly over the past 10 years. The square footage of the campus has increased 40 percent and the air conditioned areas have doubled. We have instituted a computerized tracking system for maintenance work requests and a comprehensive preventative maintenance program. In order to maintain the increased square footage with essentially the same manpower, we have restructured and improved training and management techniques.

We have, over the past two years, upgraded our tools and equipment to match the fast-paced technology revolution. We have instituted energy saving technologies that have significantly reduced the university's energy consumption and saved precious dollars. In the last year we assumed the operation of the cogeneration plant and have reduced our electrical energy costs in excess of 25 percent.

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Picnic

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basketball, and ping pong available throughout the afternoon.

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Pool remains open with lifeguard on duty.

All times are approximate, events will follow one another. For more information call **Calista Davis** at ext. 2621. Catch you at Surf City USD!

Crafters Unite

The Multicraft Creators is a new group of employees who gather each Friday at noon to spend the lunch hour crafting. Anyone with a portable craft is invited to join the group, which includes people who crochet, cross-stitch, quilt and knit.

If you already know a craft, join the fun. If you want to learn a new hobby, call ahead to see who will attend that week and be available for teaching newcomers.

For more information, call **Pam Bourne** at ext. 4588 or **Kily Jones** at ext. 4796.

New Hires, Promotions

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

Caroline Tobias, law school publications; **Jodi Waterhouse**, continuing education administration; and **Maria Balelo**, custodial services.

Congratulations to **Patricia Hodny**, who was recently promoted to administrative assistant in financial aid, and to **Brian Fogarty**, who joined the development department as associate director of athletic development after 13 years as head coach of the Tore os football team.

Classifieds

For Sale: 1995 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT, half ton, 8,000 miles, long bed, tow pkg, AC, pwr locks/windows, AM/FM cassette. Like new. \$17,500. Call **Kathleen** at 792-1522.

Passages

Death

Stanley Schubert, father of **Lisa Smith**, mail center clerk, on May 14.

SEA Strands

It's time again for the SEA 50/50 drawing at the Employee Appreciation Picnic. Last year's big winner stepped away with a cool \$200, arm in arm with two \$100 winners. Here's your chance to play the odds. Find your building's SEA representative and buy as many tickets as you like, the cost is two tickets for \$1. See you at the picnic, noon to 3:30 p.m., June 7.

In other news, SEA team walkers proudly strutted and strolled the 7.5-mile March of Dimes Walk-America course on April 27. Some team members trotted and sweated the longer 12-mile course. Our team sported the specially designed Walk-a-bye-babies T-shirts and raised more than \$2,000 for March of Dimes.

Thanks to everyone who supported our walk with pledges, through buying T-shirts and attending the hot dog sales preceding the event. Special thanks go to the cooks at the hot dog sales. A few shirts are still available for \$8. Call **Becky Gilbert** at ext. 2370 if you're interested in buying one.

—Nancy Roos

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Arts and Sciences Announces New Endowed Chair

By Michael R. Haskins

A \$1.7 million bequest from the estate of Mary and Churchill Knapp, long-time friends of the University of San Diego, has made possible a new liberal arts endowed chair in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Beginning next year, The Knapp Chair of Liberal Arts will provide funding for a spring semester visiting distinguished scholar. The visitor will contribute to the College of Arts and Sciences through classroom teaching, public lectures, research, and interaction and collaboration with students and faculty. The chair will be rotated among departments in the humanities, social sciences, mathematics-computer science and natural sciences divisions of the College. The social sciences area will host the first Knapp Chair in the spring of 1997.

"Each year we expect to find somebody who takes the teaching mission seriously, who will enrich the experiences of both students and faculty and who will be an active member of the USD community," says **Patrick Drinan**, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. "Our faculty are very excited about the opportunity to attract top people in their fields."

Drinan adds that departments have a great deal of flexibility in their plans for the visiting scholars, but must submit a proposal explaining how the visitor's activities will benefit students, faculty and the College. An approved proposal will lead to selection of a candidate in coordination with the dean.

Maintenance

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5. What is the one thing you would like the campus community to know about your department and its functions?

We are here to serve you! Like all departments, we work with the limitations of the times, but we have excellent craftspeople and will do all that we can to get to your request as soon as time and manpower allow.

Partnership

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September 1994. The exchange was solidified at last month's ceremony when Hayes and UIA's President Rozada signed the formal agreement papers.

Theology and religious studies students will be the first to take courses across the border and receive credit for their work in Tijuana. The exchange is set to begin as early as next semester, with up to six students commuting to Mexico for a class, Wolf said. UIA students will have the same freedom to take courses here and receive credit at their school.

The religious studies departments at USD and UIA were the first to sign a sub-agreement detailing the work professors and students will do to further cross-cultural understanding and learning. Ultimately, the goal is to form additional agreements between similar disciplines at the two universities.

"The search for truth that surrounds this agreement transcends boundaries," Hayes said. "So we join today to direct our knowledge toward the service of humanity."



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