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Employee of the Year Takes the Oath

By Jill Wagner

When Kily Jones' father moved his family from Tijuana to San Diego in 1979, he immediately encouraged his seven children to become U.S. citizens. A few years later he handed Jones, the first of his children to learn English, a gift. It was a book detailing the process of naturalization.

In January, as Jones frantically combed her house in search of a lost birth certificate, the gift reappeared after years of being forgotten. Jones knew then that her father, who died five years ago, was smiling upon her. The next day she took and passed the test to become a citizen of the United States.

"I did it, Dad!" she remembers thinking as she walked out of the downtown immigration office.

Back at Alcalá Park, Jones' friends in the Hahn University Center, where she is secretary of operations, covered the office in red, white and blue streamers, bunting and balloons. They anticipated her return with the good news, but Jones took the rest of the day off to let it all soak in. Her colleagues and the student workers she supervises celebrated anyway, for they played a big part in helping Jones through the process and coaching her on study skills to learn about U.S. history, the branches of government and current political leaders.

In June, nearly six months later, Jones, her husband, Bob, and their two daughters were driving from their Clairemont home to the San Diego Convention Center for the swearing in ceremony when Elizabeth, 7, asked her mom, "Are you an American now?"



Employee of the Year Kily Jones wasn't the only USD employee to become a U.S. citizen this year. Perla Bleisch (front) and (from left to right) Esther Aguilar, Jones, Silvia Loza, Leticia Garcia, Gumaro Lopes and (not pictured) Josefina Monroy joined 8,000 San Diegans at the June 14 swearing in ceremony.

"I remember telling her, 'I will always be Mexican in my heart. My new citizenship is American, but I will always be Mexican because that's me,'" Jones says.

When Jones speaks of her 12 years at USD, her voice is equally filled with pride. "When I'm here, I'm myself," she says.

As assistant to Director of Operations Greg Zackowski, Jones handles billing and budget matters, supervises student workers, and oversees the ticket booth and information desk. She moved from human resources to join the UC staff in March 1987, soon after the center opened, and has been impressing her supervisors with diligence and love for her work ever since. A week before taking the oath of American citizenship, Jones was named the 1996 Employee of the Year at the annual appreciation picnic.

She was clearly the crowd favorite at the picnic when President Alice B. Hayes announced her name, a reaction that mirrors that of the students who are the patrons of the UC and frequently work with Jones. The feelings are mutual. In a job that Jones

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Permit Us to Remind You

August marks the month to begin thinking again about that yellow or purple sticker affixed to your bumper. Yes, indeed, current parking permits expire Aug. 31. Parking officials say the new stickers usually arrive about mid-month and employees will have until mid-September to renew the passes.

Prices are fixed at last year's rates with faculty/staff annual permits costing \$75 and part-time faculty permits \$25. Semester passes are \$40, fringe lot permits \$25 and motorcycle/scooter stickers \$25. Carpool permits are \$75.

Watch the campus mail for a flier detailing the renewal process or direct questions to Parking Services at ext. 4518.

Holy Cow!

When Katherine Nakamura took her son, William, to the Del Mar Fair, she figured on showing him the farm animals and perhaps testing his "cockle-doodle-doo" in the animal noises contest. Turns out the 2-year-old makes a far superior cow than rooster. He was the crowd favorite and hands-down blue ribbon winner for "mooring" like a bovine.

Missing But Not Forgotten

A belated congratulations to Anne-Grethe Morris, financial aid counselor, for five years of service to the university. Her name was inadvertently omitted from last month's list of service award winners.

Benefit Briefs

A thought for summer: Often children, jobs and other obligations leave couples little time together. We sometimes forget to connect with each other. Make a list of things you both enjoy doing together. Enjoy a "date" by doing something together on the list. Spending special time together will help keep romance in your relationship.

In an effort to reduce operating costs and enhance customer service, California Casualty has decided to move its regional service center to Colorado Springs, Colo. The field service offices for claims adjusters and marketing representatives will remain in San Diego. For information about auto and home insurance renewal discounts call (800) 800-9410.

Financial terms made simple: **403(b)**: Allows an employee of tax-exempt education and research organizations contribute pretax dollars to an investment pool until the employee retires or terminates employment.

Annuity: A contract by which an insurance company agrees to make regular payments to someone for life or for a fixed period.

Common Stock: Equity, or ownership, in a corporation. Stockholders participate in a company's profits or losses through dividends and changes in the stock's market value.

Dividend: An amount distributed to stockholders from a company's net profit.

— Vicki Coscia

An Insider's Guide to the Hughes Center

At first glance, USD's newest building may seem a maze of hallways with unmarked doors to mysterious interior office networks. Really though, the Author E. and Marjorie A. Hughes Administration Center is a spiffy complex that is now home to 19 departments from accounts payable to the vice president of university relations.

The Alcalá View recently sent a roving photographer to the new offices to capture the feeling of the place and document the whereabouts of our administrative colleagues who have spent the summer settling into their new environs.



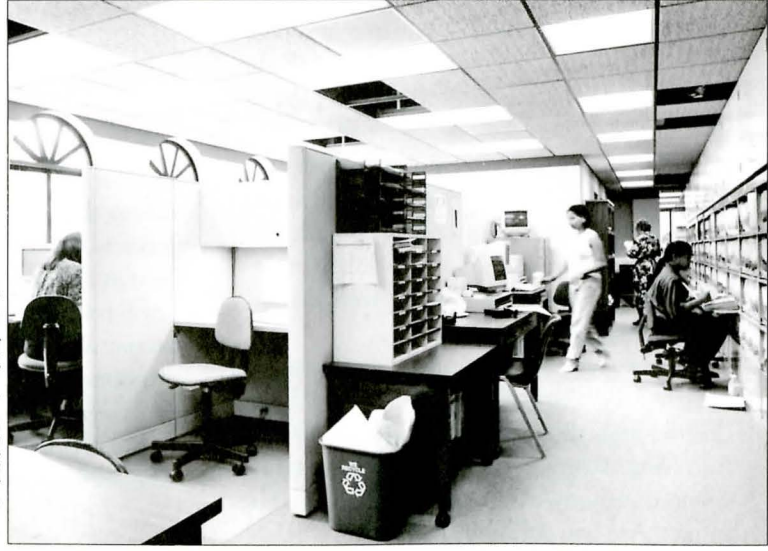
Associate Provost Don McGraw enjoys his new office on the third floor.



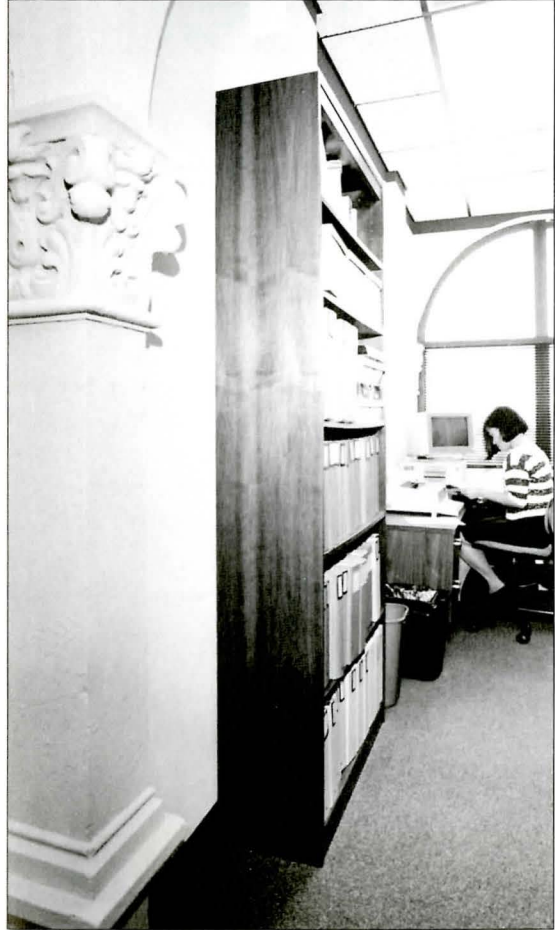
President Alice B. Hayes completes the morning's work in her office, located on the south-west corner of the building.



Students will be regular users of the Hughes Administration Center financial aid office on the third floor. Other student-oriented offices include the career center, student employment office and student accounts.



Busy workers in accounts payable attend to paying the bills. Their new office overlooks Founders Hall, the School of Nursing and beyond to Mission Bay.



The third-floor accounting office is graced by scrolled columns that used to be on the outside of the building. They were left intact when the third floor balcony was closed in to make room for more offices.

New Hires

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

Lisa Briggs, Center for Public Interest Law; **Betty Grant**, child development center; **Caitlin To**, financial accounting; **James Wachenheim**, athletics administration; **Stacy Cunningham**, graduate programs; **Cheryl Gibbons**, physical plant administration; **Arthur Harris Jr.**, public safety; **Grace Holguin**, law school administration; and **Kirsten Strople**, human resources.

Congratulations to the following employees who were recently promoted:

Carol Lawrence, assistant director of financial aid; **Elsa Meza**, employment and training representative in human resources; **Esther Nissenon**, benefits specialist in human resources; **Patrick Noma**, employment and training specialist in human resources; and **Jo Powers**, administrative assistant in the provost's office.

Passages Death

Katherine Barnhardt, mother of **Anne Hendershott**, professor of sociology, on July 5.

Classifieds

For sale: 1987 Saab 900: 4-door, AC, AM/FM cassette, power steering, seats five, pass-through trunk. 96,000 miles. \$3,300. Call **Miriam Rothman** at ext. 4856.

For sale: Futon, excellent condition, used once, two shades of gray with cherry lacquer finish. \$125. Call **Judy Williamson** at ext. 4684.

For sale: 1985 Ford F250 w/camper. New engine (still under warranty), new tires/rims, AC. \$13,500. Call **Susan Manard** at 697-6703.

Appreciated Thoughts

Thank you to the administrators, faculty and staff who sent expressions of caring and condolence regarding the loss of my mother. Each thought was helpful and much appreciated.

— Modena Conrad

Hughes Center At a Glance

First floor:

Career Services	110
Parking Services	150
Public Safety	151

Second floor:

Telephone Operator	foyer
Loan Administration	204
Cashier	207
Student Accounts	207
Telecommunications	210
V.P. for University Relations	214
Director of Public Relations	218
President	222

Third floor:

Financial Aid (Paralegal)	311
Student Employment	313
Financial Aid	319
V.P. for Finance & Administration	320
Institutional Research	324
Provost	328
Accounts Payable	333
Accounting	335

SEA Strands

The staff employee night with the San Diego Padres was a smashing success. One hundred strong, the USD fans cheered the Padres to a nail-biting, extra-innings victory over the Chicago Cubs. The fun continued late that night with the KGB Sky Show. A Padres win, fireworks and three lucky winners of \$25 gift certificates to the Padres Store — what more could we ask for? How about another game?

If you couldn't attend in June or enjoyed it so much you want more, join the USD crowd on Saturday, Sept. 21, for a sure to be teeth-clenching game with the Los Angeles Dodgers. Tickets will be \$5. Watch your mailbox for fliers or call **Laura Nottoli** at ext. 4629.

Tickets for the third annual SEA parking permit raffle go on sale Aug. 14. For just \$1 you have a 1:150 chance to win a \$75 faculty/staff permit for the 1996-97 year. We wish the California lottery odds were that good! The drawing will be held Aug. 26. Be on the lookout for your SEA representative peddling tickets.

— *Becky Gilbert*

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Debate Countdown '96

Construction Zone

Floor to ceiling scaffolding has replaced the benches, chandeliers sit on the ground in giant plywood boxes, men in hard hats work on the ceiling — Shiley Theatre is being renovated.

A sign personalized with the presidential debate logo welcomes Camino Hall visitors and introduces the construction zone that lies ahead.

Within the theater walls asbestos has



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been removed, the electrical wiring updated and duct work for air conditioning installed. Last month a towering crane parked on the lawn behind Copley Library hoisted an air conditioning unit onto the roof of the theater.

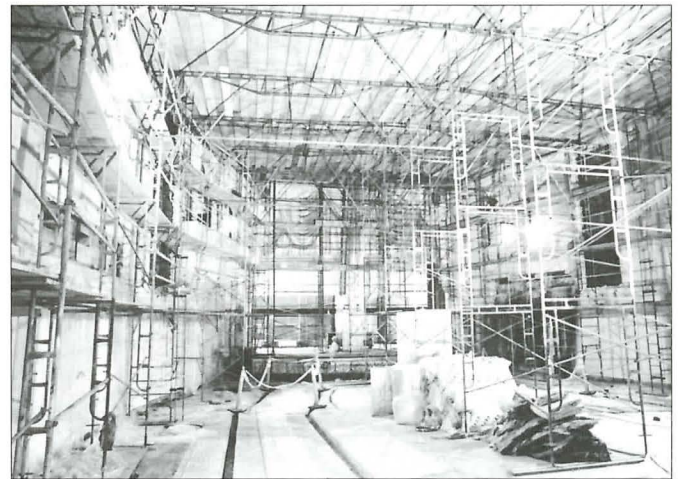
Roger Manion, director of physical plant, reports that the ceiling has been replastered and the decorative moldings reattached with stronger anchoring. The transformation into a theater capable of hosting a national television production is just around the corner.

Donaldson Moderates Luncheon

"Prime Time Live" co-anchor Sam Donaldson is scheduled to moderate a panel discussion between prominent media and political experts at an Oct. 16 luncheon sponsored by USD, announces **Coreen**

Petti, director of corporate relations.

Nearly 500 corporate and community leaders are expected to attend the event at the Hyatt Regency downtown on the afternoon of the final presidential debate. Confirmed speakers include Frank J. Fahrenkopf Jr., former Republican National Committee chairman and co-chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates; Paul G. Kirk Jr., former Democratic National Committee chairman and co-chairman of the Commission on Presidential Debates; and Margaret Warner, PBS sub-anchor of "The News Hour Weekly."



A gutted Shiley Theatre is now filled with scaffolding.

Oath

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virtually has defined, particularly since the late 1980s when special events and operations were combined under one director, her favorite part is working with the students who fill out the staff.

"The students keep me so young," Jones says, smiling broadly. "I feel like one of them."



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