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New Parking Fees Set at $120 Per Year
By Jill Wagner

The pile of correspondence sent to President Alice B. Hayes on recent parking fee proposals is an inch thick. She sorted through all of it and found many compelling arguments against significantly raising fees.

Hayes' decision: Employees and commuter students will pay $120 per year for a main campus permit, which will also allow parking in the new garage. Fringe permits will remain $25.

The university's budget committee originally proposed increasing main campus permit fees from $75 to $240. Additional income is needed to pay the cost of the $11 million Mission Parking Complex and to cover maintenance costs for the lots throughout campus.

"Fundamentally $240 is not more than you'd expect to find at other places," Hayes says. "It's just that to make that increase in one year would have some real budget-planning implications for individual families."

None of the changes will go into effect until the garage construction is complete — forecasted for early February 1998. Rates will remain the same until then, and drivers will be asked in the fall semester to pay half of the current $75 fee. In the spring, half of the new rates will be charged. The full $120 rate will be charged beginning in September 1998. Payroll deductions to pay for permits will be available in the second semester.

Following an announcement last November about the proposed changes, an ad hoc committee of staff, administrators and students began meeting weekly to discuss alternative rate structures. That group's recommendations were forwarded to the university parking committee in March. Chaired by Rana Sampson, director of public safety, the 20-member committee included faculty, administrators, staff and students.

Several of the recommendations from both groups were adopted by Hayes. She used as her guide a final committee report submitted in late May. The five vice presidents also received the report and sent comments to Hayes. Some changes to the fee structure include:

- Up to 300 spaces — 100 in the garage and 200 on the mesa — will be sold to employees as reserved spots for $360. Those who currently have reserved spaces will pay for the continued privilege.
- Visitors will pay $3 a day to park in the garage. Summer conference attendees who live on campus will pay $5 per day.
- A portion of the money collected through parking fines will be counted toward the $1.1 million that permit fees are expected to raise.

"I think this will give people a sense of empowerment," Hayes says. "Even though this is never a happy experience, maybe it was a good one for the university community to know that they do have a voice, their voice will be heard and they can influence the outcome of events."

Parking Rates — Effective Spring 1998

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Eagen Speaks to SEA

It's Sky Show time and the Staff Employees Association just might still have tickets available to the fireworks extravaganza. Call Laura Mottoli at ext. 4629 for more information.

The KGB Sky Show will follow the Padres game against the Anaheim Angels on Friday, Aug. 29, at 7:05 p.m. Tickets for seats in the view level are $6.

In other SEA news — Monsignor I. B. Eagen will be the guest speaker at the Aug. 13 meeting. The vice president of mission and ministry will briefly speak about an ethics and morality questionnaire being distributed on campus.

The meeting begins at 2 p.m. in the Guadalupe Hall conference room.

It's All Greek to Her

Kim Padulo, associate director of student activities in student affairs, won national recognition in June when she was named Lambda Chi Alpha's Fraternity System Adviser of the Year.

She is adviser to four USD fraternities and works extensively with Greek professional organizations. Padulo was nominated for the award by the Lambda Chi Alpha chapter here on campus.

Award-winning Recipe

Here's the second-place pie recipe from Aunt Bee's Bake-off, held at the 1997

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Benefits Brief

Effective July 1, 1997, Health Net has agreed to charge $10 for any brand-name medication (formulary or not) obtained from a participating pharmacy. Mail order purchases will also cost $10. (As you recall, the non-formulary brand name co-payment was originally $30.) The co-payment for generic medications remains the same at $5.

Health Net also has agreed to reimburse anyone who obtained a non-formulary medication since January, the difference between the original $30 co-payment and the $10 co-payment described above. HN will notify members directly about their eligibility for a refund based on HN pharmacy records.

In addition, prescriptions written by any licensed physician may be obtained from a HN pharmacy for the same co-payment as those issued by an HN network physician, effective July 1. Originally, prescription benefits were only available through network physicians.

Be Advised. If you elect a brand-name prescription when a generic is available, you will pay $10 plus the difference in the cost between the generic and brand name. This option remains unchanged.

Reminder. Part-time students must submit their fall tuition remission application forms to Human Resources 10 days before the first day of class.

Summer isn't over yet! Physicians strongly recommend using a "broad-spectrum" sunscreen that protects against UVB and UVA radiation. The higher the Sun Protection Factor (SPF), the better the protection. Using a cream, oil or lotion is a matter of personal choice, but keep in mind that most oils do not contain sufficient amounts of sunscreen, and gels tend to wear off faster.

— Vicki Coscia

If the Hat Fits, Te Wears It

By Jill Wagner

The doorway is labeled “Residence Life and Dining Services.” Just inside on the right is an information desk with a flourishing plant and a nameplate that reads, Therese Thiessen.

Ah ha, so this is where USD’s 1997 Employee of the Year spends her workday. Te, as she is known to family and co-workers alike, can be found downstairs in the east hallway of the Hahn University Center. But unless it’s the first two weeks of the fall semester, don’t expect to find Thiessen at the front desk.

As meal plan coordinator and executive assistant in Dining Services, Thiessen sets up accounts for hundreds of new students each year. Once that crunch is over, it’s likely you’ll find her at a PC workstation in the office behind the foyer desk. There she monitors the computer system that cash registers in Main Dining, The Marketplace, Traditions, Aromas, the Faculty/Staff Dining Room and Domino’s Pizza are hooked into. With one phone call from a worker upstairs, Thiessen can immediately correct a mischarge on a student’s meal plan or an employee’s cash plus account.

If the power goes out or it’s a Monday morning, check the office next door where the sizable Diebold System hardware is housed. Thiessen will be in there rebooting the system or checking that all ran smoothly over the weekend. The Diebold System, Thiessen explains, stores nearly 10,000 accounts for meal plans, cash plus and laser printing charges assessed in the student computer labs.

Then there’s always the office across the lobby where a Macintosh computer sits waiting for Thiessen. She uses the Mac to lay out brochures and fliers advertising specials or explaining meal plan options. The projects are endless, really, for the person who is considered by her dining services colleagues to be the department computer expert.

“I feel like a technician some days,” Thiessen says, “a data entry person the next, and a cash-handler at other times. I wear a lot of different hats in this office.”

On one recent morning Thiessen’s desk was filled with sample labels that she designed for the storeroom to clearly mark the food kept on each shelf. Once the design is perfected, Thiessen will pass on the template to the storeroom manager to make any label he needs. It’s these requests that keep Thiessen hopping and make each day at work different.

And how different these days are from 20 years ago, when Thiessen joined the staff. She had an office just off the kitchen in Sacred Heart Hall and kept track of students eating in the dining hall by a handwritten list. Now, one swipe of an electronically encoded ID card handles the tracking of campus diners so Thiessen can be doing any number of other tasks, including designing the dining services Web site.

The self-taught Web page creator beams when she relates the story of a mom calling from Connecticut after viewing the dining services site on the Internet. It’s a story that points to Thiessen’s wide-ranging duties. Not only is she a technical wizard, but daily she works in person or over the phone with students, parents, dining services managers and other campus employees.

Judging by the reaction from hundreds of employees on hand when the award winner was announced at the June employee picnic, Te’s wizardry is appreciated across Alcalá Park.
Manchester Welcomes Class of 2010

By Trisha J. Ratledge

There's something different about the new class of students coming to campus this fall. None of these scholars are ready to declare independence from their parents. In fact, not one of these scholars is over the age of 5.

These students make up the inaugural kindergarten class at the Manchester Family Child Development Center. The kindergarten, slated to open officially on Sept. 2, was part of the original vision for the child development center, explains Pam Perfumo, curriculum specialist at the center. It was founded this year under the direction of Donna Barnes, assistant professor of teacher and special education and director of the center.

The kindergarten provides substantial benefits for the children, their parents and the university, Perfumo says. The children make the connection," Perfumo adds. "Until the age of 10, their brains are ripe for this type of learning."

The pilot class also tested a daily schedule that includes time with the other children at the center. In the morning, the kindergarten students join the 3- and 4-year-olds in multi-age activities, with the kindergarten students attempting more complicated tasks. After lunch, the 3-year-olds have their specialized lessons, then join again in multi-age activities late in the afternoon.

The kindergarten has room for 20 students and is open to children of USD faculty, staff, students and alumni. Tuition is

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Employee Appreciation Picnic.

Storytelling Cherry Pie, by Antonieta Manriquez, assistant director of UC operations.

Filling:
- 2-1/2 lbs fresh cherries
- 1 cup sugar, divided
- 1 cup fresh cherry liquid
- 1/3 cup cornstarch
- 1/8 tsp salt
- 1/4 tsp almond extract
- 1/3 cup water

Crust:
- 3 cups flour
- 1 cup shortening
- 8 tbsp cold water

Optional filling:
- 1 cup condensed milk
- 8 oz. cream cheese
- 1/2 cup lemon

Having never baked a pie, Manriquez sought advice and directions from her uncle, himself a baker, several aunts and her mom. "The joy and fun I had was not from baking the pie but in getting the recipe," she says.

Manriquez invites you to gather baking instructions in the same fashion and make your own "storytelling cherry pie." You're welcome to ask her for the first tip!

Computer Training Courses
Aug. 1, 9 to 11 a.m., How to build and maintain a department Web page, MH114.
Aug. 5, 1 to 4 p.m., Intermediate Windows 95, S185B.
Aug. 6, 1 to 4 p.m., Basic photography A to Z (part 2), MH191.
Aug. 7, 9 a.m. to noon, Intermediate Excel for Mac, S185A.
Aug. 7, 1 to 4 p.m., Beginners Internet (Windows 95), MH114.
Aug. 8, 9 a.m. to noon, Digital video for the Web, S185A.

To register for these courses call Patrick Noma at ext. 8761.

Passages

Deaths
- Americo John Carbone, father of Judy Carbone Bruner, director of graduate law programs, on June 27.
New Hires and Promotions
Welcome to the following employees who recently joined the USD community: Anthea Klein, Traditions; Paul Macias, administrative data processing; Juan Contreras, main dining room; Carrie Dussia, legal research center; Humberto Garcia, general services; Felicia Montiel, housing; Kim Rodriguez, human resources; Maureen Silva, academic computing; and Joan Walzer, printing and duplicating.

Congratulations to the following employees who recently received promotions: Antonieta Manriquez, assistant director of operations in the university center; and June Aleman, data processing assistant in telecommunications.

Pssst...
Bits and Pieces from the Readers
Apparently the popular marketing catch phrase “Be Like Mike” applies to more than humans on this campus. A Pssst... reader recently discovered the sculpture of Bishop Buddy, now prominently displayed in Colachis Plaza, is sporting Nikes. The word is, the red swoosh on the left shoe was indeed put there by the artist.

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Goal: Hike 2,100 Miles in Four Months
By Jill Wagner
The thought of walking 20 miles in one day makes most people sit down to catch their breath. Mike Carey will spend the next four months hiking that distance — every day.

The assistant director of UC operations left USD early this month to hike the entire 2,160 miles of the Appalachian Trail. Known as a through hike, the trek will take Carey from Maine to Georgia. He starts Aug. 18 and plans to finish in time to spend Christmas with his family in Massachusetts.

Carey will follow the trail from north to south in an attempt to stay one step ahead of winter storms. A buddy will join him on the first 100 miles, as will his beloved black labrador, Cooper. Carey hopes Cooper will adapt well enough to make the entire journey.

Briefly set back by an injury to his ankle, the tall, athletic Carey is healed and confident he can meet the challenge. In fact, the toughest part will be over before his boots are even dusty. Planning the trip was the true challenge, Carey admits.

In his backpack he will carry a tent, sleeping bag, stove, cooking utensils, rain gear, food, clothing and a guitar. Carey had to carefully plot food drops — towns along the trail where his mom will mail boxes of food to replenish his supplies. And at one point Cooper will have to be boarded while Carey completes a section of the trail closed to dogs; he will then hitchhike back to pick up his pal.

The trip is Carey’s reward to himself for meeting goals set over the past five years. He moved to California from the East Coast, settled in and this May graduated from USD with a master’s degree in leadership. The next five years are wide open and Carey laughs happily when asked about future goals.

“I’ll have a little time to think about that one,” he says.

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$100 per week, with additional materials fees due once or twice each year. The center is open from 7:15 a.m. to 5:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Parents interested in more information may contact Donna Barnes at ext. 4620.

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