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View

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Peace Breaks Out on June 12

USD is primed to host its very own peace fest, all that's needed now are the guests.

Employees, retirees, and their friends and family are invited to kick off the summer at the 14th annual Employee Appreciation Picnic, noon to 3 p.m., June 12, on the lawn behind Copley Library.

A tribute to the 1960s, the day will be filled with a barbecue lunch, costume contest, watermelon eating contest and homemade bread bake-off. In the spirit of the decade, guests can play a giant Twister game and take a photo next to the Love Bus, a wooden cutout of a wildly-painted VW bus (it's a bring-your-own-camera affair).

One event, though, remains shrouded in mystery. Little is known about this year's competition between divisions, except that 12 members from each vice presidential area will round out a team for the contest dubbed "Generation Gap."

Spies have surmised that the event is something akin to an obstacle course. They also managed to overhear some of the playfully named sections of the course, which include "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," "Truckin' Trykes," and "Lunar Shot Device." This will be the fourth running of the President's T.E.A. (Team Effort Award) Cup competition. Two divisions, finance and administration and student affairs, have yet to bring home a victory. The God Squad from university ministry are reigning champs.



The Team to Beat: University Ministry's God Squad is defending champion in the annual President's T.E.A. Cup competition.

The schedule of events follows (all times are approximate):

- Noon, Picnic begins.
- Noon to 2 p.m., Lunch is served by Picnic People.
- 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 the Staff Employees Association.
- 1 p.m., Manuel Hernandez Employee of the Year award presented by **President Hayes**.
- 1:15 to 1:45 p.m., President's T.E.A. Cup competition.
- 3 p.m., Picnic ends.

Tables and chairs will be set up on the lawn, or picnic-goers are welcome to bring lawn chairs and blankets. Tickets for the event are available at the Hahn University Center box office through June 3.

If you are interested in entering the "Bread for Dough" bake-off — yep, you guessed it, cash prizes will be awarded to the

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MFCDC Reunion

Teachers at Manchester Family Child Development Center are preparing for the center's 10-year anniversary in 1999, and are looking for all former students. If your child attended the center at any time since its opening in June 1989, teachers ask you to call the center at ext. 4620.

They are planning a number of events, including a reunion, and would like to invite all students to return for the celebration.

Free Parking?

The Fresh Air Club, USD's alternative commuters group, will meet noon to 1 p.m., June 10, in UC220. All employees who bike, walk, train, bus or trolley to work (or want to be inspired to start) are invited.

Several months of advocating for a booklet of passes — allowing alternative commuters to drive to campus a certain number of times each semester without buying a full permit — seems to be paying off. Parking committee members considered the idea at the May meeting and suggested commuters would be eligible for the booklets by registering with the Fresh Air Club. Greg Zackowski, a parking committee representative, suggested the passes be free of charge to registered commuters.

Come share your thoughts and ideas on the booklets so we can take them back to the committee at its June 12 meeting. For more information, call **Greg** at ext. 4796 or **Jill Wagner** at ext. 2551.

Quake '98

An evacuation drill, dubbed USD Quake '98, will take place in two campus buildings on June 18. Camino Hall and Copley Library will be evacuated in a simulated exercise to test the university's emergency response plan. The event will begin at 9 a.m., according to **Barney Holland**, health, fire and safety technician in facilities management.

Part of the exercise will include a drill with the light search and rescue team, which will be challenged to find a missing person trapped somewhere in the buildings. Twenty USD employees comprise the team.

At 10 a.m. the emergency response team – a group of 28 people who each have specific assignments in the event of a disaster – will gather in a command headquarters in the facilities management offices. Messages will be delivered describing different scenarios designed to test the team members on their assignments, Holland says.

Bike to Work Bonanza

Cheers to the employees who gave up four wheels and hopped on a two-wheeler to ride to work on May 21. San Diego Bike to Work Day is an annual event held to celebrate California Clean Air Week.

USD cyclists included:

Dave Edgar, print shop; **Suzi Higgins**, sports center; **Grace McElhaney**, housing; **Tom Schubert**, engineering; **Julio Hernandez** (and his daughter, Melissa), Traditions; **Danny Rillera**, chemistry; **Rana Sampson**, public safety; **Jill Wagner**, publications; **Pam Teune**, law school; **Eldrin Peñuelas**, purchasing; **Liz Macias**, budget and treasury; **Grant Morris**, law school; and **Mike Haskins**, publications.

Running Bravely to California

By Jill Wagner

Mike Date and his wife, Judy, looked their future square in the face and figured they had two choices. From Colorado, where Date had just finished graduate studies at the University of Colorado, Boulder, they could head back east to Minnesota, where Mike grew up and the couple met. Or they could venture west to California, where Judy's parents lived.

"I said, 'Let's be brave, let's go left to California,'" recalls Date, who works as a media and training specialist in media services.

It took little convincing for Judy, who was drawn by the water and nautical life available in Southern California. She, after all, is Norwegian, Date explains, playfully referring to his wife as a Viking princess. The couple settled in Coronado in 1967, two years before the bay bridge was built, and found in the secluded peninsula village a life that to this day brings extraordinary peace and harmony.

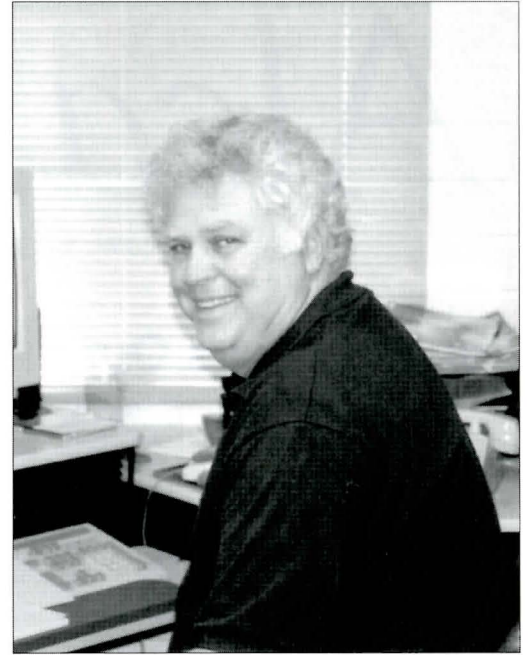
Though they chose a quiet section of San Diego County to call home, Date figured moving to California was throwing himself into the world, much more so than going home to Mankato, Minn. Turns out, it was a world that eventually inspired him to write the story of an Olympic gold medalist and sell it to Hollywood. "Running Brave," starring Robby Benson, premiered as a feature film in 1983.

Date first met Billy Mills, a Native American who wowed the running world in the 1964 Tokyo Olympics, in 1973 while working as a journalist for a local newspaper. Mills lived in Lakeside, and the young writer was assigned a story about the famous runner. After a three-hour interview, Date couldn't help but comment on the remarkable story and suggest to Mills that he tell it to a larger audience.

"A couple of years later, when Billy was living in Sacramento, he called and said, 'I've decided to do what you said I should do,'" says Date, whose response was, "Great! Who are you going to get to write the book?"

"He said, 'You,' and I said, 'Holy cow,'" Date recalls.

The project took nearly eight years. Date and Mills originally wrote the story as a television drama. They wanted to record Mills' ascent to the pinnacle of athletic achieve-



Mike Date from media services could tell you a thing or two about Hollywood.

ment by exploring his life as a Sioux Indian growing up in South Dakota, a collegiate runner in Kansas and finally an Olympic hero. The two collaborators felt a miniseries would be the best venue.

The producer who bought rights to the story eventually decided to make a feature film. Date and Mills were on hand, though, for most of the filming in Edmonton, Canada. It's an opportunity few writers get, but Date knew once the film debuted he wasn't interested in pursuing a career in Hollywood as a scriptwriter.

His interests turned to teaching, and Date spent many years in the Coronado school district before coming to USD two years ago. His technical expertise landed him a job in media services, where he also teaches photography and other training courses for campus employees.

The interest in learning in highly contagious, says Date, adding that he loves an atmosphere that is "fertile ground for thinking people."

Commuter's Corner Car-less and Committed

Theresa Waldhoff is a rare type of San Diegan. She doesn't own a car and hasn't in the eight years since moving here from Hawaii. In this El Niño year, when many alternative commuters took to their cars on wet and blustery days, Waldhoff walked to the bus stop like any other day.

Waldhoff, a faculty secretary in the School of Education, proves that using alternative transportation is largely about attitude.

"I watched the news every morning to get the forecast," she explains. "I didn't mind the weather much because I'm from Hawaii and it rains a lot there. I actually really enjoyed it."

From her home near Balboa Park, Waldhoff takes a bus downtown, catches the trolley to the Old Town Transit Center and completes her trip on the No. 44 bus up Linda Vista Road to USD's main entrance. Her office is ideally located in Harmon Hall, the closest building on campus to any San Diego Transit stop.

The entire trip takes about 40 minutes from door to door. Before the extension of the trolley line through Old Town and into Mission Valley, however, Waldhoff says her bus trip from downtown took an hour. She sings the praises of the improved system for more than one reason. Waldhoff teaches aerobics three times a week at a gym on Midway Drive. Before the transit center opened in Old Town, she had to take a \$7 cab ride to make it to her class on time. Now, she rides one bus, transfers to another and makes it to the gym in less than 30 minutes.

When transferring from bus to bus, there are benefits to being a regular commuter. Waldhoff asked a driver recently if he could wait for her on the days she catches the Midway Drive bus and he gladly agreed. Getting to know the drivers and other riders makes commuting fun, she says.

One of the things that keeps her daily commute interesting are the choices she has — riding the bus, trolley or even walking. "If the mood strikes me, I'll walk home from downtown," Waldhoff says.

Some days you just can't beat a good walk under sunny skies.

Hayes Speaks Then Listens to SEA

Demographic projections for the next 10 years show an increasing number of high school graduates throughout the country, which means more people will seek college educations, President **Alice B. Hayes** told the Staff Employees Association at its May meeting.

The board of trustees ruled against a larger enrollment, but the pool of high school students still brings good news for USD. "It means we will have a wonderful opportunity to attract high-quality students and build diversity among the student body," said Hayes, who joined the meeting as the featured speaker.

To attract those students in a competitive market, the university has to pay careful attention to increasing the value students receive for their dollar, Hayes added. That includes maintaining an emphasis on teaching, improving technology, wiring all campus housing for the Internet, and constructing new facilities such as the Jenny Craig Pavilion, the peace and justice institute and a science building.

Hayes noted that reducing costs for students — a priority because it also can keep USD competitive — can be accomplished by attracting more scholarship money.

Following her remarks, Hayes fielded questions from the group, most of which focused specifically on issues of concern to staff employees. **Peggy Agerton**, executive assistant in the provost's office, asked how staff members can participate more actively in the governance of the university.

USD is run primarily by committee, and Hayes spoke in favor of including staff employees in greater numbers on certain committees. The president acknowledged supervisors are sometimes reluctant to let staff members attend meetings if it means leaving offices vacant, but said she hopes to find solutions to such concerns.

Margie Carroll, faculty secretary in math and computer science, said she's noticed staff members don't often move into administrative positions and asked Hayes what kind of opportunities will be available in the

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New Hires and Promotions

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

Brian Murphy, athletics;
Linda Ballinger, telecommunications; **Mariano Curiel**, custodial services; **Michelle Miller**, banquets and catering; **Esperanza Silva**, printing and duplicating; **Pedro Vasquez**, banquets and catering; and **Charlene Wilson**, engineering.

Congratulations to the following employees who recently received promotions:

Julie Bays, assistant director of alcohol and drug education; **Antonio Daluz**, custodian 2 in housekeeping services; **Susan Gaydos**, data processing assistant 1 in development; **Marti Hans**, administrative assistant 2 in the law school; **Adolfo Segura**, help desk manager and user services consultant in academic computing; and **Ken Springer**, public safety officer 2 in public safety.

Passages

Births

A boy, Matthew William, to **Miles Johnston**, media production specialist in media services, and his wife, Ruth, on May 3.

Deaths

Ricky Vazquez Santana, brother of **Kily Jones**, administrative assistant in University Center operations, on April 16.

Lenora M. Bachman, mother of **Kathleen D. Johnson**, acting director of accounting, on April 29.

Frances M. Shipley, mother of Father **William Shipley**, philosophy professor, on May 14.

Classifieds

For Sale. 1996 black Honda Civic DX coupe. \$11,000. Call **Brynn Burns** at ext. 4589.

Psst...

Bits and Pieces from the Readers

How a cute, little blue parakeet with black speckles found his way into the Legal Research Center remains a mystery. He has a good home now, though, tucked in the corner of **Rana Sampson's** office. "Officer Jake" is perhaps the tweetest member of the public safety team. ...

Ahh, yes. Which toe should we rub for good fortune on the Father Junipero Serra statue? The inquiries have been pouring in since mentioned in this column last month. The fellow who generously donated the statue to USD says it's the left big toe.

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New Deans Set to Take Office

The summer will bring a change in leadership at two of USD's professional schools when new deans are welcomed to campus.

Paula A. Cordeiro, an associate professor at the University of Connecticut and adjunct instructor at USD, will assume the deanship at the School of Education on July 1. At the same time, **Daniel B. Rodriguez**, professor of law at the Boalt Hall School of Law, University of California, Berkeley, will take over as School of Law dean.

The School of Education post opened when Dean **Ed DeRoche**, a 19-year employee, announced his impending retirement. DeRoche took over leadership of the school in 1979 when the entire faculty fit in one wing of Desales Hall (now Maher Hall). During DeRoche's tenure the School of Education hired a dozen new faculty members, instituted doctoral and master's degrees in leadership, started the marriage, family and child counseling program, and opened the Manchester Family Child Development Center.

DeRoche will return to full-time teaching at the school, a prospect he is looking forward to under the leadership of Cordeiro. "It's amazing what the infusion of new blood does for an organization," he says. "I want to be there when she takes this faculty to the next level."

Cordeiro was coordinator of the Educational Administration Program at the University of Connecticut. She also served as facilitator of the Danforth/Connecticut Administrator Preparation Program and as coordinator of the Manchester Public Schools at the University of Connecticut Professional Development Center. She holds an Ed.D. in administration and super-

vision from the University of Houston.

Rodriguez was promoted to full professor with tenure at the Boalt Hall School of Law in 1994. He started teaching there in 1988. Rodriguez earned his J.D. cum laude in 1987 at Harvard Law School. The School of Law's former dean, Kristine Strachan, retired in June 1997 and professor **Grant Morris** served in an interim capacity during a year-long nationwide search.

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future for such advancement.

"If someone is qualified, I don't see any reason why they shouldn't apply," Hayes said. "Remind people of how good you are and tell them what your talents are."

A Splashy Summer

The SEA social committee is planning more splashy summer events, including a trip to San Diego's new water park. A day at Whitewater Canyon, located in Chula Vista, will be scheduled in July or August with discounted tickets for \$15.50.

The group will also sponsor another trip to a Padres game on Aug. 7 at 7:05 p.m. Tickets will be \$7 to see our hometown heroes take on the Florida Marlins.

Picnic

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tastiest loaves — call **Theresa Waldhoff** at ext. 6922 or **Kily Jones** at ext. 4796.

One last thing. It's not too late to submit photos of you with your favorite hip-hugger jeans and beaded necklace for a picture display at the picnic. Guests will vote on the most- and least-changed person. Great prizes will be handed out to the winners of all the contests. Send photos to **Calista Davis** in human resources by June 5.



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