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Jubilee Year Promises Big Events

By Jill Wagner

Banners festoon nearby roadways. President **Alice B. Hayes** gathers faculty, staff and administrators for a special January convocation. Departments across the campus plan luncheons, seminars, concerts and parties.

The university's jubilee year is off to a fine start.

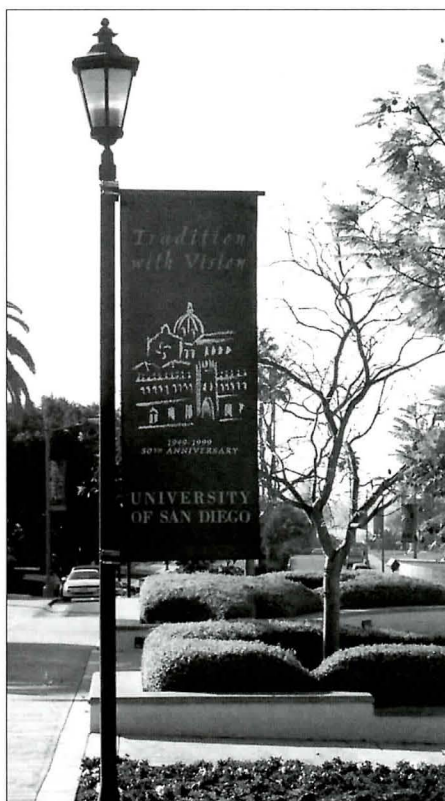
A committee of faculty, staff and administrative representatives began work last fall on USD's year-long 50th anniversary celebration, which will culminate with Homecoming Weekend in November. The weekend coincides with Founder's Day, the traditional time to celebrate the signing of the school's charter by Bishop Charles Francis Buddy and Mother Rosalie Hill.

Events throughout the year will honor 50 years of educating young adults to be generous business people, compassionate nurses, ethical attorneys, inspirational teachers and eager community volunteers. It will also be a time for university leaders, alumni and friends to chart the path that will lead USD into the next century.

Guided by the motto "Tradition with Vision," a number of events throughout the year will allow alumni and community members to join the celebration. Annual events — Homecoming, the Hughes Career Achievement Awards and the BusinessLink USD dinner — will commemorate the jubilee year with unique tributes.

"The annual events provide us moments to pause, and a chance to look to the future," says **John Trifiletti**, director of alumni relations.

The San Diego community will learn more about USD and its contributions to the city since the charter was signed in 1949 through a pullout section in *The San Diego*



Colorful banners sport the 50th anniversary icon throughout campus.

Union-Tribune, scheduled to be published this month. In March, USD's corporate partners and community VIPs will be invited to a dinner hosted by the Office of Corporate Relations.

Alumni and friends who attend the Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Awards ceremony May 1 will be treated to an anniversary celebration. And folks from all over the region will be invited to Alcalá Park in July for a summer carnival featuring athletic contests, cultural entertainment and academic lectures.

The anniversary icon is being used on correspondence, invitations, brochures and
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11th Annual Lectureship

Join Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science faculty, staff and alumni for the 11th annual nursing lectureship, 4 p.m., Feb. 10, in Manchester Auditorium.

Velvet G. Miller, executive director of Children's Futures New Jersey, a Robert Wood Johnson Program, will speak on "Our Courage and Values — What Are We and What Can We Be?"

University Ministry Events

All Faith Service, noon, Feb. 5, in The Immaculata Church.

Busy Persons Retreat, Feb. 8.

Luncheon Talk with Kathy Coffey, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Feb. 10, in UC Forum A. The topic is Hidden Women of the Gospels. R.S.V.P. by Feb. 5 to ext. 2265.

Biannual Prayer Breakfast, 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m., Feb. 11, in the faculty/staff dining room. The guest speaker is Kathy Coffey. Please R.S.V.P. to ext. 2265 by Feb. 5.

Faculty/Staff Overnight Retreat, Feb. 27-28 at the Temecula Retreat Center. This year's theme: "Is My Work Soul-filled?" Make reservations by Feb. 19 to ext. 2265.

Bible Study, 12:10 to 12:50 p.m., every Tuesday, in Warren Hall 201.

Daily Masses at Founders Chapel, 7 a.m., Monday through Saturday; 12:10 p.m., Monday through Friday; and 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

For more information on any of the above listed events, call ext. 4735.

Benefits Brief

TIAA-CREF Individual

Counseling Sessions: Meet privately with a TIAA-CREF retirement specialist on Feb. 17 or March 17 and plan for a financially secure retirement. Contact TIAA-CREF at (800) 842-2007 ext. 1041 for details.

USD Employee Walking Club:

Put your New Year's resolution to work for you! Join the Employee Walking Club at noon every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at the West Field track. For more information, contact **Perla Bleisch** at ext. 2540. Literature on walking and fitness is available in WH218.

Tuition Remission: Full-time students who are applying for acceptance in Fall 1999 and who qualify for financial aid, must apply for aid on or before the February and March financial aid deadlines. These deadlines also apply to students who have not yet been accepted to USD

Late Entrants to Kaiser and Health Net: You must provide a certificate of coverage from your previous health insurance company if you are a late entrant to a USD health insurance plan. (A late entrant is someone who is entering the plan outside the open enrollment period.) Please keep in mind that only a change in family status will allow you to modify your insurance coverage during the year. All other changes must be made during the next open enrollment period.

Kaiser Prescriptions: An error in the 1999 Benuflex handbook resulted in the \$4 co-pay for Kaiser prescriptions appearing under the Health Net section. Please note that Kaiser requires a \$4 co-pay for up to 100 days on prescriptions.

—Vicki Coscia

Setting the Pace

By Jill Wagner

A small stereo above his desk plays a catchy tune as **Roger Pace** sits at the computer, writing one of 400 pages for an Introduction to Communications textbook. Have to finish this sentence, he says, when a visitor enters his Camino Hall office.

It's intercession and Pace has no courses to teach. Yet, he drives to campus each day from his Santee home to write where the interruptions are minimal and the hours are free to work on the textbook. Pace and **Beth Dobkin**, associate professor of communication studies, are co-authoring the 800-page text. It's the first time either professor has written an instructional volume.

Pace, a USD communications studies professor for 12 years, takes advantage of the quiet time, fully aware that when students return for the spring semester he will be highly sought after.

One of the students likely to seek his counsel and support is junior Keri Potter, who met Pace in 1995 while he served as associate dean in the College of Arts and Sciences. Potter, a professional equestrian, was finding it difficult to balance her studies with commitments to riding.

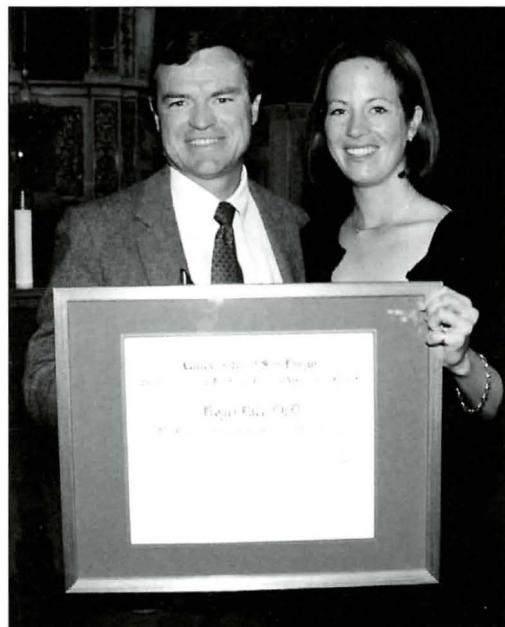
"Dr. Pace, upon learning of her stressful beginning, called Keri into his office and found a way to lighten her load and support her as a mentor and friend," says Linda Potter, Keri's mother.

The Potters were among the Founders Chapel congregation last October when Pace received the Parents' Association Award of Excellence during the annual Fall Family Weekend Mass. He was honored for the kind of dedication and service he continues to show Keri and Linda.

"Dr. Pace has made it possible for Keri to combine riding with college," Linda wrote in a letter nominating Pace for the award. "Last fall, Keri told me she wasn't going to college for me anymore, she was now going for herself."

During his three years in the dean's office, Pace helped hundreds of students straighten out academic problems and set goals for their college experience. The modest professor, however, talks as much about what he learned from a sojourn in administration as what he did to help confused students.

"You get a bigger picture of the pressures in students' lives," says Pace. "I understand



Keri Potter (right) celebrates with the Parents Association Award of Excellence recipient, Roger Pace. Potter nominated the former associate dean and current communications studies professor for the award.

better what students are going through and that makes me a better teacher."

And perhaps a better parent, too. A phone call from Pace's eldest son, a USD sophomore, interrupts his discussion on leaving behind the deanship to return to the classroom. An affable conversation between father and son sounds as if the two are good friends, well past the initial fears both had about being on the same campus every day.

As for the classroom, Pace loves it. He knew halfway through his undergraduate studies at Brigham Young University that he wanted to find a way to stay in the college atmosphere. Two years of teaching high school history and coaching the debate team helped Pace finance graduate school at Penn State, cementing his desire to work at the university level.

"College students have a zest in their lives that keeps you young," he says.

Correction

In the December issue, **Juan Carlos Rivera** was referred to as assistant chef in dining services. Rivera was promoted recently to assistant manager of the marketplace and deli.

Parking Committee Has New Name, Mission

Reluctant to stop meeting just because campus parking issues settled down, the parking committee voted in December to redefine its mission and membership.

A unanimous vote to change its name to the parking/transportation committee reflects the intent to address parking as more than providing spaces for cars. Tram service and alternative commuting are key elements in the overall transportation plan for the Alcalá Park campus, the committee agreed.

As an advisory committee, the group will continue to make recommendations to the president and vice presidents when issues such as visitor parking fees, reserved spaces or permit rates come to the forefront. It will meet at least three times a year.

The committee members voting on rec-

ommendations include faculty, staff, administrators and students representing the following areas and organizations: Events, alternative commuters, evening students, project management, the schools and college, Staff Employees Association, undergraduate students, Residential Housing Association and housing administration.

Nonvoting members who attend meetings in an advisory capacity include employees from academic computing, human resources and public relations. The director of public safety chairs the committee or, in her absence, the assistant director takes over.

At its next meeting, the parking/transportation committee will discuss term of service for its members and develop a list of guiding principles.

Expansion of SEA Considered

The Staff Employees Association president formally opened discussion in January on a topic that's been bandied about informally among staff and administrators for several months. Should the SEA be expanded to include administrators?

SEA President **Dave Edgar's** question is especially salient since the SEA lost its recently elected secretary to an administrative job on campus. **Becky Gilbert**, who took over as employment representative in human

resources in January, spent years as an SEA representative advocating for staff benefits and building the association into the strong voice that it is, said **CC Lavar**, a longtime SEA volunteer, while noting the disappointment in losing a dedicated member.

Similarly, SEA vice president **Laura Nottoli** had to step down last semester when she was promoted to an administrator.

Edgar says that low- and mid-level administrators have many of the same concerns that staff employees do, but have no place to voice them. He asked the representatives to prepare their thoughts on the proposal for discussion at a special lunchtime meeting or at the regular SEA meeting at 2 p.m., Feb. 10.

New Year, New Reps

Officers and representatives began their two-year terms in January, following election to the SEA late last semester.

The executive board includes, **Dave Edgar**, president; **John Frazer**, vice president; and **Joan Wolf**, treasurer. The secretary position is currently vacant and nominations are being accepted.

SEA representatives, some continuing and some new, divide their responsibilities by building.

Staff employees with concerns or questions about anything from benefits to social activities are encouraged to contact the SEA rep for their area.

Following are the representatives listed by building:

Camino Hall — position open

Copley Library — **Dan Furr**

Copley Library/Sacred Heart Hall —

Holly Romo

Facilities Management — **Barbara Snyder**

Founders Hall/School of Nursing — **Kay**

Norton

Guadalupe Hall — **Eugenia Navas**,

Olivia Gil-Guevara

Harmon Hall — **Theresa Waldhoff**

Hughes Center — **Yolanda Castro**,

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New Hires and Promotions

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

Leopold Castro, academic computing; **Magdaleno Galvan**, building maintenance; **Cristina Gonzales**, educational opportunity program; **Guillermina Guzman**, registrar; **William Howe**, building maintenance; **Lunesha Johnson**, telecommunications; **Monica Jorgensen**, parking services; **Melenie Lanier**, Copley Library; **Tom Lowry**, public safety; **Jennifer Milo**, athletics; **Esther Moran**, custodial services; **Ida Moses**, housing; **Antonio Ruvalcaba**, building maintenance; **Mary Timm**, donor relations; and **Earl Tucker**, general services.

Congratulations to the following employees who were recently promoted:

Maureen Fleming, administrative assistant 2 in financial accounting; **Elba Sims**, custodian 2 in custodial services; and **Kathleen Wolski**, customer service assistant in printing and duplicating.

Passages

Retired

Manuel Rivera, carpenter 2 in building maintenance, after 26 years, on Jan. 29.

Deaths

Frank X. Steggert, father of **Johanna Hunsaker**, professor in the School of Business Administration, on Dec. 4.

Lorene Fogarty, mother of **Brian Fogarty**, director of athletic development, on Dec. 20.

Harry G. Ryback, father of **Carolyn Greer**, head athletic trainer, on Dec. 20.

Roland Marpe, father of **Kathleen Marpe**, head women's basketball coach, on Dec. 31.

Marilyn O'Neil, sister of **Karen Molenda**, executive assistant to the dean of the School of Nursing, in December.

Fred Divisek, part-time professor in the music department for more than 15 years, in December.

Catherine Scheminger, mother-in-law of **Frank**

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Passages

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Lazarus, vice president and provost, on Jan. 9.

Classifieds

For Sale. 9 drawer dresser with mirror. Dark finish. Good condition. \$175 or best offer. Queen mattress frame, excellent condition \$20. Call ext. 4760.

Wanted to Buy. Used Bass clarinet. Good condition. Call ext. 4760.

Psst...

Bits and Pieces from the Readers

Here's a bit of humor and piece of advice from **Barbara Snyder**, administrative services coordinator in facilities management.

"Happy New Year to all of you ... and please don't be upset with me for not responding to e-mail. Even though an e-mail address was published in the campus directory, I do not have access to messages sent to bsnyder@acusd.edu. My campus computer is not on the network. Call me anytime between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, fax me at ext. 4634 or think about me real hard ... maybe I'll call you!"

By the way, for those of you attempting to send **Debbie Hoffman**, also in facilities management, maintenance requests via e-mail ... she isn't on the network either.

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Jubilee

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campus banners to celebrate the past and future of USD. The depiction of Camino Hall and The Immaculata Church in a youthful, contemporary style incorporates both the tradition of the school and the vision of the next 50 years, says **Lynn Karpinski**, graphic designer in the publications office, who designed the logo.

For up-to-date information on the year's events, visit the anniversary Web site, accessible through USD's homepage at <http://www.acusd.edu>.

SEA

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Mildred Brown, Liz Macias

Warren Hall/LRC — **Pat Moulton,**

Chere Smith, Perla Bleisch

Loma Hall/Bookstore — **Kathy Low**

Maher Hall — **Shelley Shivers, Lupita Jewell**

Manchester Family Child Development Center — **Trish LaVoire**

Olin Hall — **Gina Ruvido**

Serra Hall — **Josie Vella**

Sports Center — **Pauline Thonnard**

University Center — **Kily Jones**

The Gift of Giving



These children are a few of the 120 from the Neighborhood House program who enjoyed Christmas a couple of days early when USD Public Safety Officer Che Hill delivered presents to their community. Through the generosity of staff and students, Hill and his fellow officers gathered more than 500 toys and stuffed animals to give to local underprivileged kids. Two days of handing out presents in private homes, community centers and the Polinsky Center was better than any Christmas he could have imagined, Hill says.



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