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View

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Birthday Party is a 50s Bash

Fifty is nifty. And so are all the people who work year-round to make USD a beautiful, safe, intellectually stimulating place for more than 6,000 students. The 15th annual Employee Appreciation Picnic is a small way to say thanks to those 1,100 people who are here day after day.

This year, the picnic is a big way to celebrate 50 years since the founding of the university. Employees, retirees and their families are invited to join the celebration from noon to 3 p.m., June 25, on the lawn behind Copley Library.

Rock 'n' roll tunes will be spinning in honor of the university's first decade, so wear your favorite saddle shoes, pedal pushers and letterman sweaters. Don't be surprised if you're persuaded to join a hula hoop contest or even a sock hop.

Lunch by the Picnic People includes burgers, hot dogs, barbecued chicken and veggie burgers. Following the meal, at about 12:45 p.m., five-year service awards will be handed out and the Administrator of the Year and Employee of the Year recipients will be named.

The 47 staff and administrative employees celebrating five-year anniversaries this year are:

Lisa Bach, financial aid; **Linda Barnett**, legal research center; **Jean Bates**, development; **Sonia Cawsey**, Copley Library; **Leanne Crain**, athletics; **Maria Cruz**, facilities management; **LeeAnna Cummins**, philosophy; **Molly Di Fede**, undergraduate admissions; **Raylene Dickinson**, bursar; **Mariana Djaja**, dining services; **Ana Dorado**, human resources; **Joanne Draper**, graduate career program; **Dave Edgar**, print shop; **Juliana Ellenburg**, School of Business Administration; **Margaret Farrell**, institutional research; **Veronica Fernandes**, facilities management; **Susan Gaydos**, development; **Scott Gill**, facilities management;

Steven Glover, facilities management; **Mary Jane Gorman**, Institute for Christian Ministries; **Marti Hans**, School of Law; **Jeff Hardick**, facilities management; **Michael Haskins**, publications; **Kathleen Johnson**, controller; **Mary Johnson**, summer camps; **George Korth**, main dining; **Mary Kowit**, media services; **Joanne Lavin**, School of Law; **Antonieta Manriquez**, university center; **Greg Marshall**, dining services; **Francisco Martinez**, facilities management; **John McCloskey**, campus card office; **Bill McLeod**, facilities management; **Kit Phelps**, undergraduate admissions; **Jo Powers**, provost; **Jacqueline Sabanos**, Copley Library; **James Salton**, public safety; **Antonia Santos**, custodial services; **Dan Servaty**, law school financial aid; **Elba Sims**, facilities management; **Lori Stevenson**, School of Nursing; **Suzanne Stone**, legal research center; **Carmelita Swearingen**, main dining; **Maria Viegas**, facilities management; **Charles Waldie**, law school; **Elisa Weichel**, Center for Public Interest Law; and **Joan Wolf**, athletics.

The relay race between divisions, now in its fifth year, promises to be another wacky, obstacle-filled contest between academic affairs, mission and ministry, university relations, finance and administration, and student affairs. The only division yet to hold the perpetual trophy is finance and administration.

Employees with a knack for baking are invited to enter the birthday cake baking contest and should contact **Calista Davis** at ext. 2621 for more information. After judging, the cakes will be given away through a cake walk.

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.

1999-00 Holiday Schedule

Independence Day:

Monday, July 5, 1999

Labor Day:

Monday, Sept. 6, 1999

Thanksgiving:

Thursday, Nov. 25, and
Friday, Nov. 26, 1999

Christmas:

Friday, Dec. 24, and
Monday, Dec. 27, 1999

New Year's:

Thursday, Dec. 30, and
Friday, Dec. 31, 1999

Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday:

Monday, Jan. 17, 2000

Good Friday:

Friday, Apr. 21, 2000

Memorial Day:

Monday, May 29, 2000

One Floating Holiday

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Tuesday, July 4, 2000

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Thursday, Nov. 23, and
Friday, Nov. 24, 2000

Christmas:

Monday, Dec. 25 and
Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2000

New Year's:

Friday, Dec. 29, 2000, and
Monday, Jan. 1, 2001

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday:

Monday, Jan. 15, 2001

Good Friday:

Friday, April 13, 2001

Memorial Day:

Monday, May 28, 2001

One Floating Holiday

Benefits Brief

Health Net Mail Order Rx: To maximize savings on maintenance prescription drugs, Health Net offers a mail order prescription service through Walgreen's Healthcare Plus. A single \$5 copay for generic or \$10 for brand name medications can provide you with up to a 90-day supply. Forms are available in human resources.

Chiro Net Directories

Available: Health Net members benefit from using preferred providers for chiropractic services. Directories for Chiro Net are available in human resources.

VALIC Phone Update: USD's VALIC rep, Kimberlie Sonnenberg, has a new phone number. Call her at (619) 421-2222 for counseling on VALIC retirement issues. To make an appointment, call her assistant, Bette, at (619) 461-1680.

And The Winners Are:

Congratulations to **Lisa Moses** (housing) and **Betty Grant** (Manchester Child Development Center) who are the winners of Health Net's "Nutrition on the Go" raffle. In addition to participating in the six-week program, they also received a six-month membership to 24 Hour Fitness.

Kaiser Summer Travel Guides

Now Available: The Kaiser travel guide for emergency and medical services is now available in human resources. The guide contains important information on obtaining coverage while traveling outside Kaiser's service area.

Summer Dependent Care

Reminder: According to the IRS, only a select group of summer camps are eligible for reimbursement through the employee's dependent care reimbursement account. In order to receive reimbursement, the sponsor must be a licensed day care provider.

— Debbie Anderson

Cracking a Case is His Specialty

By Jill Wagner

When public safety officer Carlos Vargas was named lead investigator on an Internet stalking case, he immersed himself in a high tech world he knew little about.

"I knew nothing about computers," Vargas admits. "I made friends with a guy named Larry at CompUSA and worked with Jack Pope, Steve Spear and Ruben Valdez in academic computing."

In the spring semester of 1998, Vargas investigated a case that eventually landed a former USD student in jail for stalking four female students by sending anonymous e-mail messages. In April, the Secret Service — which works with the San Diego Police Department on fraud cases — presented Vargas with a Certificate of Appreciation for Superior Contributions. It's an award that only three other San Diego law enforcement officers have ever received. Without his efforts, the crime would not have been solved as quickly, federal officials said.

When police arrested DuWayne Comfort six weeks after Vargas opened the investigation, the officer thought of the victims, three USD seniors and a fourth student at UCSD.

"I was so happy to see these girls get their lives back and graduate that semester," says Vargas, a three-year veteran of the public safety department.

His sincere concern for the victims is typical of the officer who is known by students across campus. Vargas has taken the department's philosophy on community policing to heart and makes a point to meet people. His friendliness even came close to paying off financially when a student recognized Vargas' name being broadcast by a local radio station. The Maher Hall resident called public safety dispatch and explained that Vargas could win \$100 if he called the radio station within 10 minutes. The officer got the message, but just missed connecting for the payoff.

Vargas, who currently works the graveyard shift as a field supervisor, didn't wait long after the stalking case to take on another complicated crime investigation. A string of credit card thefts from unattended backpacks garnered little attention from the SDPD, which is overwhelmed with similar



Officer Carlos Vargas (center) receives a citation from the Secret Service's special agent in charge of the southern western region. Director of Public Safety Rana Sampson (left) joins Vargas at the ceremony.

cases. But Vargas was determined to stop the crimes that totaled about \$50,000 in credit card fraud.

Three months of meticulous work led Vargas to a suspect who frequently wandered the campus. The officer confronted the man, a parolee, in a Hughes Center hallway and the suspect confessed to stealing all the cards. He is now back in prison.

Investigative work is fairly new to the young officer, who also works as a reserve deputy with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department. Through the two cases he's worked on at USD, Vargas found it takes a lot of patience to be a detective. He is more than willing to put in the hours it takes to keep Alcalá Park a safe place to live, work and visit.

"Investigations take a lot of detail work, talking to people and following every lead because of the possibility it could reveal something," Vargas explains. "I like the challenge."

Should Visitors Pay for Parking?

The question of whether to charge visitors for parking on campus is again the focus of parking/transportation committee meetings.

With a new fiscal year looming, the committee is weighing the need to raise money against the possible ill will created by charging visitors.

Surveys conducted at the West and Main Entrance kiosks show an average of at least 400 visitors per day driving on campus. Charging \$2 to \$3 a day could raise a considerable amount of money, however, administrative costs will cut into that revenue, notes **Dave Epstein**, assistant director of public safety.

Each kiosk is currently staffed by one student worker, but two people at each station would be necessary to collect money throughout the day. Other administrative costs include accounting and supervisory services.

Epstein further explains that the number of visitors might decrease slightly because some of these drivers are actually employees and students who avoid buying annual permits. By charging per day, those drivers would likely purchase a permit.

When parking permit fees were increased two years ago, a proposal to charge \$240 for

faculty/staff and commuter student permits was changed to \$120 on the committee's recommendation that visitors be charged. Since then, the deficit in the parking budget caused by not charging guests has been covered by the president's discretionary fund. President **Alice B. Hayes** is asking the committee for further guidance on how to move forward.

The issues parking/transportation committee members are wrestling with include:

- Should all visitors be charged to park, including prospective students, vendors and someone on campus for less than 30 minutes?
- Does the cost of collecting fees outweigh the net gain?
- Will collecting money work logistically from kiosks that were not designed with separate lanes for cars to pull aside?
- Does stopping every car at the kiosks make the USD campus appear too exclusive?

Discussion on these questions continues at semimonthly meetings. A recommendation will be forwarded to the president this summer.

Open House Volunteers Needed

The university's 50th anniversary community open house is just around the corner and volunteers are needed for various events throughout the day.

The San Diego community is invited to campus Saturday, July 31, for a day of entertainment, food, music and children's storytelling. Volunteers are need for:

- * Variety show (Friday and Saturday nights)
- * Vendor booths
- * Entertainment on main stage
- * Sports clinics
- * Children's storytelling

For more information, contact **Pamela Gray** at ext. 4659.

Bookstore Brochure

A colorful new gift and clothing brochure is now available from the USD Bookstore.

Parents, alumni and friends can mail-order merchandise including alumni clothing and gifts, School of Law items, and 50th anniversary clothing. Extra copies are available for campus departments to send in mailings. For more information, call **Vanessa Barbarin** at ext. 2254.

Passages

Deaths

Olivia P. Espin, mother of **Orlando Espin**, associate professor of theological and religious studies, on April 15.

Letters

Marcia Rathfon writes, "I would like to express my thanks, appreciation and gratitude for the many beautiful expressions of condolences I received after the death of my father. Your kindness, thoughtfulness and caring words were a great comfort to me during a difficult time."

New Hires and Promotions

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

Carla Gilbertz, law school publications; **Joshua Rovner**, continuing education; and **Kirylo Szagola**, printing and duplicating.

First Hot Topic Forum Set for June 3

All employees are invited to a panel discussion on the sick leave policy, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., June 3, in UC107. Sponsored by the Staff Employees Association, the forum is a chance to have questions answered, voice opinions and hear proposed changes to the current policy.

The event is the first in a series of Hot Topic discussions planned by the SEA. Panelists

scheduled as of press time include **Judith Muñoz**, director of human resources, **Frank Lazarus**, vice president and provost, **Michèle Magnin**, associate professor of foreign languages, **Margie Carroll**, faculty secretary in math and computer science, and **Dave Edgar**, SEA president.

Bring your lunch. Cookies and drinks will be provided.

Serve Meals in Tijuana

Staff, faculty and administrators are invited to help prepare and serve meals at a shelter in Tijuana. Volunteers are needed to fill in while students are away for the summer.

Each Saturday, several USD students have spent the afternoon at Casa del Migrante helping prepare the evening meal for more than 100 migrants.

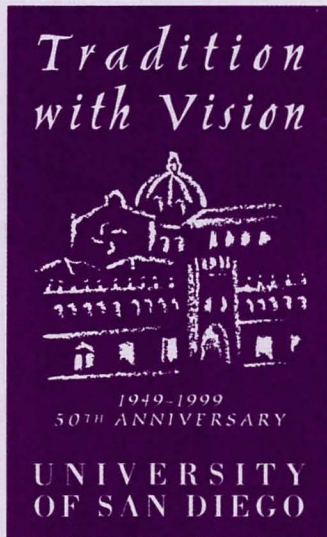
Casa del Migrante staff speak English and guide the volunteers through the cooking tasks. Two to three people are needed each Saturday from 2 to 5:30 p.m. For more information or to sign up for a specific day, call **Elaine Elliot** at ext. 4798.

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Psst...

Bits and Pieces from the Readers

The story first circulating about those giant boxes on the School of Nursing lawn was that science professors would be relocating their offices into the temporary trailers. The latest scoop has the history department moving into the trailers for five to seven years. History, you see, will one day be housed in the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, and, the department's existing space in Loma Hall is being taken over by the psychology department, which will free up office space to be remodeled into physics labs.



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In Pursuit of USD Trivia

What's a birthday party without some games? Not much of a party. Rest assured, this summer's employee picnic will be one heck of a birthday celebration with plenty of contests for kids of all ages.

Take a stab at this first competition and test your knowledge about the history of USD. Or use it as a chance to dig a little and uncover something you may not already know. Good places to start searching for historical tidbits include the current Founders Gallery exhibit, "Alcala Park: From the Ground Up," designed by university archivist **Diane Maher**, and in the definitive book on USD's past, "The First Forty Years," by history professor **Iris Engstrand**.

A fabulous prize will be awarded at the June 25 picnic to the person with the most correct answers. Return this page, or a copy of it, to **Calista Davis** in human resources. Only USD employees are eligible to play. One entry per employee. Members of the picnic committee, human resources and public relations offices are ineligible.

Entry deadline is June 18. Entries received after the deadline will be declared ineligible.

In the case of a tie, a random drawing will determine the winner.

Name: _____

Dept: _____

Ext.: _____

1. What was the exact date of the groundbreaking for the university? _____

2. Who turned the first shovelful of earth at the ceremony? _____

3. Where was the College for Men located between 1954 and 1957? _____

4. What building was originally named after the Knights of Columbus? _____

5. Before students cheered for the Toreros, fans hollered another team name at sporting events. Prior to 1962, what was the name of USD sports teams? _____

6. What building was originally called The House of Studies of Sons of the Sacred Heart? _____

7. What was the original name of the Staff Employees Association? (Hint: the administration wasn't too keen on the moniker.) _____

8. Name the most popular video game in the Hahn University Center game room from 1988-92? _____

9. The UC closes just three out of 365 days. Name the three days (all holidays). _____

10. Ironically, the football stadium was constructed in the same year the football team was dropped. What was the year? _____ Eight years later, a Torero team was back on the gridiron. Which year was football reinstated? _____



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