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A newsletter for the employees
of the University of San Diego

View

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Parking Addressed; Alternative Transportation A Hit

With the school year over, employees may enjoy a three-month reprieve from the tight campus parking situation, but plans are already in place to ease what could be a traffic crunch this fall.

As student enrollment climbs, staff and faculty numbers increase and heavy construction continues at the west end of campus, USD community members may find it harder to find a parking space when classes resume in the fall. Department of Public Safety officials are working hard to come up with solutions.

At a regular Parking Committee meeting in May, Public Safety representatives talked about valet parking. Put forth by director **Larry Barnett**, the idea calls for valet parking at certain buildings or locations on campus. A fee would be charged and cars would be parked in the lot at the very west end of campus below what was West Point Field. That lot is half empty every day, say officials.

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"OTHER DUTIES AS ASSIGNED" — Greg Zackowski (University Center) bikes Thomas Burke (vice president of student affairs and dean of students) around in a pedicab on Fresh Air Challenge Day, May 19.

USD's Archivist is Part Archaeologist, Part Treasure Hunter

Officially, **Diane Maher** is USD's archivist, cataloger and curator of special collections in USD's Copley Library.

Unofficially, she is Alcalá Park's treasure hunter.

Part of Maher's duties at USD include researching Alcalá Park's past and keeping



Diane Maher

records of her findings. She's the first person many people call when help is needed on a project or paper.

"My dream was to be an archivist," says Maher, who assumed the role when popular history professor **Ray Brandes** retired a few years ago. "Every time I answer a research question, I learn as well. I take the question, do some digging and learn as I go. It's kind of like

I'm part archaeologist by uncovering things."

Maher says she had her most dramatic treasure hunting experience last spring. While working to find suitable display items for a 50th anniversary exhibit, Maher was rummaging through things at one of the school's many off-campus storage facilities. One of the people she was working with sud-

denly stood up and held up a three-foot by two-foot model. It was the original scale model of USD commissioned by Bishop Charles Francis Buddy. Built in 1946 and stamped with the architect's address, the model shows USD as Buddy had planned it.

"Everybody said my face just changed," says Maher. "I knew immediately what it was. I had read about it

and heard it was around somewhere. People knew about it, but it was just so thrilling to find it."

The model shows a campus with a football field in the middle — Buddy had always said he wanted to build a "Notre Dame of the West" — but depicts a layout that is not too different from the campus of today.

Maher is now in "recovery mode" from the yearlong 50th anniversary celebration. She makes old documents available for those who need to research them, is organizing a photo collection and also tends to the university's rare book collection.

"There's a lot to do," says Maher. "Some days I think, 'Wow,' and others I'm just so energized. I love the archivist part of the job. I find out a lot of things just by talking with different

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New Hires/Promotions

Welcome to the following employees who recently joined the Alcalá Park community:

Albert Ambito, public safety officer 1, public safety; **Joshua Andrade**, dispatcher, public safety; **Yolanda Anzaldo**, custodian 1, custodial services; **Joanna Baltes**, law school graduate program; **Francesco Belmonte**, cook 2, main dining room; **John Bennett, Jr.**, mail center clerk, mail center; **Lourdes Bermudez**, MCDC teacher, child development center; **Jessica Castillo**, public safety officer 1, public safety; **John Chillino**, mail center clerk, mail center; **John Ferber**, School of Business; **Diana Fitch**, telephone operator, public safety; **Patricia Gillis**, faculty secretary 1, law school administration; **Paul Gomes**, main dining room; **David Goncalves**, special services worker, general services; **David Gonzales**, administrative assistant 2, human resources; **Danielle Janavice**, public safety officer 1, public safety; **Adele Lynch**, patient advocacy; **Joseph Magdaleno**, custodian, general services; **Tim McKernan**, publications associate, publications; **Jeffrey Middlebrook**, banquets and catering; **Michelle Mullins**, MCDC teacher, child development center; **Jerry Porter**, parking services assistant, parking services; **Musli Ramnabaja**, gardener 1, grounds and maintenance; **Ian Shivers**, administrative assistant 1, graduate admissions.

Congratulations to the following employees who were recently promoted:

Cheryl Gibbons, project coordinator, facilities management; **Mark Jones**, public safety officer 2, public safety; **Jessica Pierson**, patient advocate, patient advocacy; **Sarah Winston**, library assistant 4, legal research center.

Faculty Celebration

The School of Education will celebrate professor **Ed Kujawa's** work at USD with a gathering June 1. Kujawa is leaving Alcalá Park for the job as Dean of the School of Education at Dominican College in San Rafael, Calif.

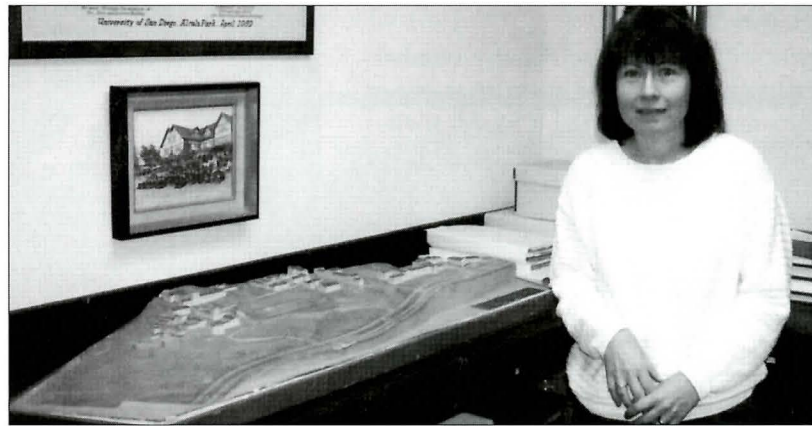
Diane Maher

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people. I learn about papers or photos that I may not otherwise hear about.”

Many of the photos Maher comes across or is given — departments on campus are constantly sending her boxes of photos after cleaning out a closet or storage area — are not labeled. Maher says figuring out what the photos show can be an arduous but rewarding activity.

She also reads a lot of old papers and letters from the school's earliest days. In a bizarre twist of circumstances, she had read about the original model the morning she found it.



SCALED DOWN — USD archivist Diane Maher stands next to a historic model of Alcalá Park. Dated 1946 and stamped with the architect's name, the model was Bishop Charles Francis Buddy's vision of the campus.

Benefits Briefs: Retirement Plan News, Discounts

Retirement Enrollment Deadline — June 30: Employees who are newly eligible to the university retirement plan must enroll no later than Friday, June 30. Those eligible must select their retirement investment company in June. Remember: USD will increase its retirement contribution to 12 percent beginning July 1.

Retirement Orientation — June 26: Open to all employees, the orientation will provide the employee with an overview of USD's three retirement companies: VALIC, TIAA-CREF and Scudder. This meeting is of special value to employees who are not yet enrolled in a retirement plan. Please call ext. 6537 to make a reservation.

Hearing Aid Discounts: Offered through Blue Cross, Beltone has a discount program which provides a free hearing test and up to 20 percent off hearing aids for employees and their immediate family members. Hearing aids must be purchased at participating Beltone Hearing Care Centers. By

Maher earned a bachelor's degree in English Literature from San Diego State in 1981 and returned there for a master's in 1987 in the same subject. She also earned a library degree from UCLA in 1994.

She and husband Mel make their home in University Heights and have a 10-year-old son, Ian.

“I really enjoy my work,” says Maher. “I get to work with a wide group of people from every department on campus. I love it when others get interested in USD's history. It can be so rewarding to help someone find the answers they're looking for.”

— John Titchen

showing your Blue Cross card, all members of your immediate family may take advantage of these savings including parents and grandparents! The subscriber must accompany the family member on the initial visit and must show his or her Blue Cross card.

EAP Availability: USD's employee assistance program, administered by HHRC, is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. HHRC may be reached by calling toll free (800) 342-8111.

Cancer Rates Down: The U.S. Surgeon General has attributed a national lower rate of new cancer cases in the U.S. to a decrease in the number of new smokers and increases in early detection. The diagnosis of new cancer cases is down by 0.8 percent per year during the past eight years. With this in mind, now is the time to schedule recommended cancer screenings. Many of these services are covered under your health insurance plan. Consult with your carrier for details.

— Debbie Anderson

a look at



the park

Editor's note: The focus of our monthly look at Alcalá Park is the student newspaper.

On Oct. 16, 1962, President John F. Kennedy received first word of the Soviet missile build up on Cuba — the beginning of the Cuban Missile Crisis. On that same day, Ralph Fear, editor of the USD student paper *The News*, was facing a crisis of his own.

In an editorial on the paper's front page, Fear decried the lack of student interest in the paper and warned it might fold. "It seems there is no longer any need for news," he wrote, "since no copy was received from any student organization ..."

More evidence of the paper's lack of content could be found further down the page. Close to a help wanted ad for writers, Fear announced that "the students of the College for Men have graciously provided free scratch paper for your use."

The News did fold some years later, continuing the troubled tradition of student newspapers through Alcalá Park's first decade.

The first USD student newspaper, called *The Paper*, was launched with some fanfare on Oct. 8, 1958. An ominous editorial ran on page two of the first edition: "It's not the Administration's paper or the Academic Council's paper or the faculty's paper. It's yours ... you can make it or break it. ... You wanted the paper and you were asked to cooperate by getting ads. You

didn't. ... Larry Sullivan and Lee Hunydee ... two Christian gentleman, unsolicited, have underwritten production costs for this first issue. The next is up to you."

By the end of the year, *The Paper* was out of business.

Its successor, *The Pioneer*, was launched in 1959 and quickly ran into the same problems and it, too, was soon history.

After the demise of *The News*, another attempt was made at establishing a student newspaper. At first a monthly publication, *The Vista* was a joint effort of students from both the men's and women's colleges. *The Vista* had better success — it's still published weekly during the academic year.

Although some have been lost to history, editions of all the publications, meticulously maintained in the university's archives, chronicle the emergence of USD from a fledgling campus to an established institution, and how times have changed.

The first issue of *The Paper* reported enrollment had reached an all-time high of 806. It included an article about philosophy professor Walter P. Buetzler's boycott of the USD Chuck Wagon because the on-campus eatery had changed its policy and had begun requiring him to pay for his lunch.

In contrast, recent articles in *The Vista* include an examination of religious perspectives on homosexuality and the controversy about women selling their eggs to infertile couples.

— Tim McKernan

Parking Shortage

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Assistant director **Dave Epstein** says the plan would discourage drivers from leaving cars in fire zones. He says the valet parking idea is just that, an idea.

The committee also discussed a carpooling plan whereby participants would get permit discounts. Epstein says about 120 white-painted student spaces will be lost because of construction of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice on the former West Point Field.

Fresh Air Challenge

Public Safety representatives called a Fresh Air Challenge day a success. Staged

May 19, the same day as San Diego's Bike-to-Work Day, the event encourages employees to leave their cars at home.

Almost 100 USD employees found alternative transportation to work on the special day. Alternative transit participants were treated to free bagels, coffee and juice near the fountain in the middle of campus and watched **Greg Zackowski**, director of UC operations, pull **Thomas Burke**, vice president for student affairs and dean of students, around in a pedicab.

USD employees rode buses, trains, trolleys, carpooled, walked, jogged, biked and even skateboarded to campus.

Credit Cards

LeRoy Weber of the purchasing office sent around a memo to employees in early May. He says that the practice of using one's personal credit card to make university purchases is not beneficial for either the university or the employee. Weber says reimbursement could take up to two weeks, the university is unable to take advantage of contracts with vendors and internal control issues may be affected. An American Express pilot program is a success and training sessions will be held this month. Call Weber at ext. 4782 or email him at lweber@is.acusd.edu for more information.

Passages

Deaths

Aurora Africa Galang, grandmother of **Claire Galang**, alumni relations administrative assistant, on April 16.

Margaret Stangl, mother of **Peggy Agerton**, provost's office executive assistant, on May 11.

Note of Thanks

Marti Hans of the School of Law's budget and administration office, writes:

"I wanted to express my sincere thank yous to everyone in my USD family who sent their heartfelt sympathy and compassion when my brother Bob Shefferd died in April. He will always be remembered through the wonderful cards, prayer and gifts to the Remembrance Scholarship Fund here at USD."

50th Anniversary Banners For Sale

A limited number of 50th anniversary lamppost banners are for sale through the Publications Office at \$50 each. To purchase a banner, specify either a banner with a blue background (20 available) or a green background (30 available), pay for it at the Hughes Center cashier's office, bring the receipt to Maher Hall 274, and pick up a banner. For more information, contact **Lynn Karpinski** at ext. 8755.

Picnic, Parking, Pay and President's Committee the Focus for SEA

With more than a month to go before the Staff Employee Picnic, details are still being ironed out. Plans for a talent or skit show were scrapped and the special day (set for July 14) will revolve as usual around a competition pitting the five vice presidential divisions on campus.

Set to the theme of "Alice's Wonderland," the picnic will be held on the lawn behind the library.

Picnic organizers say it will be staged this year without alcohol, and SEA reps spent some time discussing the pros and cons of that development. Alcohol will not be served this year because of concerns about underage drinkers and because off-campus employees working as servers would have to card everyone. There was some talk of making non-alcoholic beer available.

A "Mad Hatter" hat contest will be staged and employees are encouraged to come in costume as a character from Alice in Wonderland.

Picnic organizers also are trying to find ways to staff the event without using USD employees.

New Representative

The SEA is figuring out how to stage an election at the June meeting to pick a representative for the President's Advisory Council. The SEA rep will sit in on PAC meetings along with the school's president, vice presidents, deans, directors and other selected school officials.

Parking Present

An anonymous donor last year gave the SEA \$360 for a parking permit drawing. The SEA held a raffle for three \$120 parking permits.

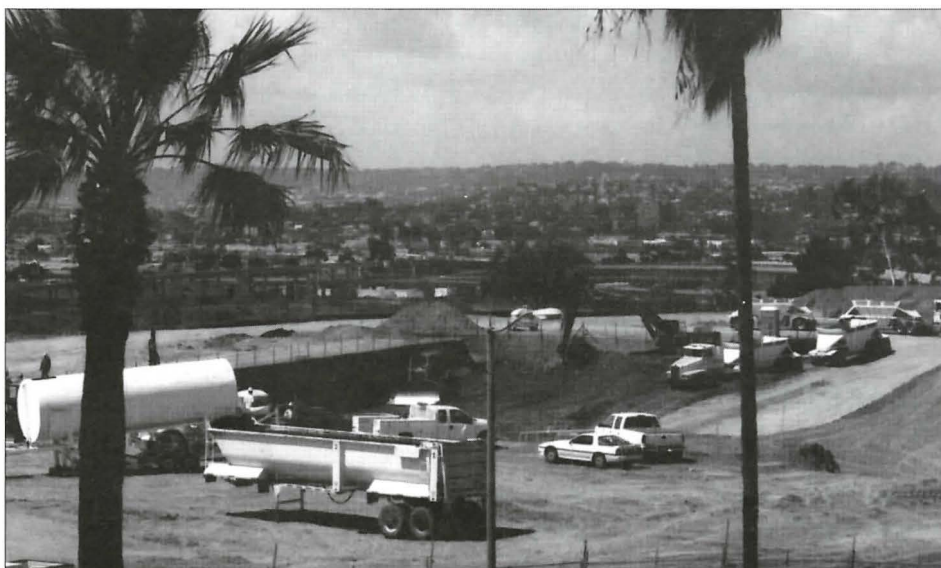
That same donor has mysteriously struck again and the SEA is working to organize an August raffle so the permits can be awarded by the start of the school year in September.

Salary Update

At the May meeting, former human resources director Judith Muñoz talked briefly about a survey the university is conducting to study salaries.

The study is to examine how close USD is in terms of compensation for all positions on campus. Muñoz said that preliminary findings indicate the university is "within 5 to 10 percent" of current market value for groundskeeping and maintenance positions.

Muñoz also said that employees will be encouraged to complete evaluations of their supervisors in the fall. She also indicated some jobs may be reclassified. Faculty secretary positions, for example, are to become administrative or executive assistant 1 and 2 positions.



A view from Copley Library of the construction on the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. Developers are two months into a 14-month work schedule.

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