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of the University of San Diego

View

WCC Tournament Comes to USD in March

USD will host its first-ever West Coast Conference basketball tournament next month, giving the university a chance to showcase the Jenny Craig Pavilion before a national television audience. Men's and women's teams from the conference's seven other schools — Gonzaga, Pepperdine, Santa Clara, University of San Francisco, Portland, Loyola Marymount and St. Mary's — will square off March 1-5. ESPN will broadcast the women's final game on March 4 and the men's final March 5.

Despite the attention a conference tournament generates from basketball fans around the country, Athletic Director **Tom Iannacone** says the impact on campus life will be minimal. Arrangements have been made with Mark Twain Elementary and Francis Parker schools to use their parking lots, and a shuttle will be available from the lot adjacent to the School of Education on the west side of campus.

"The final games are the ones that will attract the biggest crowds," he says. "The off-peak timing of those games, with the women playing at 1 p.m. on Sunday and the men

Monday night at 9 p.m., mean that the tournament will be almost invisible to the students, faculty and staff."

Tickets are available in a variety of packages, with single-game seats to be made available as the tournament date draws closer. Unlike regular games, where those with a valid USD identification are admitted free, no special consideration will be extended to the host school.

"That's totally out of our hands," Iannacone says. "It's the WCC's tournament, and they set the prices and the policies. We'd love to get our students and staff in for free, but that's just not the way it works. We're hoping our teams are in the finals, and we're expecting a good turnout."

USD will not incur any expense for hosting the tournament, he adds.

"It doesn't cost us anything. We have to provide some extra staffing and security, but the WCC will reimburse us for those expenditures," he says. "With the exposure USD will receive as the host school, it can only be positive for us."

For a complete schedule of WCC tournament times, see page two.

Building a Campus — Constructing a Life of Faith



Scott Gill is active in the Mormon Church.

Scott Gill has a tough job. As the assistant director of facilities management, Gill oversees a variety of construction projects on campus, including the Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice. But that's nothing for Gill, who once spent

three days on a mountain-side in Bolivia digging stranded travelers out of mud slides with his bare hands, drinking water from ditches and burying two children who died from exposure.

"My life has been centered on church service," says Gill, who in the late '60s did missionary work for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day

Saints in Bolivia, Peru and Chile. "It's brought a lot of joy and happiness to myself."

Currently bishop of the Point Loma Ocean Beach Congregation and formerly a stake president who supervised

13 congregations, Gill also sat on the committee that oversaw construction of the Mormon temple built off Interstate 5 in La Jolla.

Monsignor Daniel Dillabough, vice president of mission and ministry, says Gill personifies USD's mission.

"His participation and leadership in the Mormon faith means he brings moral standing, great witness, care for the individual and values USD hopes to model to all in our community," Dillabough says. "As a Catholic university we welcome Christian and non-Christian religions in the spirit of high regard for the manner of life and conduct, precepts and doctrine which, though different, reflect rays of truth which enlighten us all."

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O Come All Ye Faiths

"Gathered in Prayer, Creating Community," USD's eighth annual All Faith Service, will be held at noon, Friday, Feb. 2, in The Immaculata. Students, faculty, administration and staff members of all faiths are invited to attend this special service that will include members of the USD community and representatives of various religious traditions. Everyone is welcome!

Seeing Sea World

USD employees can purchase a Sea World Fun Card for the price of a single admission. The Fun Card, available through March 31, entitles the bearer to free admission for the rest of 2001 (except May 27, July 4, Sept. 2 and Dec. 23-31). For more information, contact the ticket office in the UC.

University Ministry Events

Sunday Masses, 7 and 9 p.m., Founders Chapel.

Daily Masses, 8 a.m., The Immaculata; 12:10 and 5 p.m., Founders Chapel

Bible Study

Bible Study sessions are held Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to noon (Spanish) and Thursdays noon to 1 p.m. (English) in Warren Hall room 2B. Pizza and soda is provided. For more information, contact Perla Bleisch at ext. 2540.

Latino Retreat

Join University Ministry for this exploration of Latino faith and culture as experienced by young adults. Cost to attend is \$10. For more information, call Cara at ext. 6818.

Passages

Deaths

Gerald Edward McNamara, father of **John McNamara**, vice president of university relations, on Nov. 27.

Ali Aryannejad, father of **Ben Arian**, lead duplicator operator in the Print Shop, on Dec. 19.

John Aguirre, brother of **Helen Quintero**, dining services custodian, on Dec. 21.

Gill

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Even though it's been more than 30 years since he completed his missionary work, Gill says he'd go back in a minute, despite enduring two revolutions and surviving bouts of tuberculosis and intestinal infection. He taught English, translated for a medical university and helped impoverished villagers in rain forests and upper Amazon jungles improve agriculture and health standards.

"At times there was no food, kerosene to cook with or transportation," Gill recalls. "I have in my memoirs pictures of revolutionaries who were shot and laid out for all the people to see."

Despite the demands of his duties at USD, Gill, father of four, estimates that he works 25 hours a week for the church. He says his experiences have taught him compassion and appreciation for freedom, health and the importance of faith. It also taught him something more practical — organizational skills.

"I used to run myself ragged," Gill says of his hectic schedule, "but I've learned to staff the different organizations that handle all these responsibilities. Now I'm up at 5 a.m. and almost always in bed by 10."

Benefits Briefs

Mental Health Benefits: Before visiting a provider for mental health services, contact Managed Health Network (MHN) for a referral. MHN is the provider of mental health services to Blue Cross subscribers. Outpatient benefits of up to 20 visits per year are provided with a \$20 copay for each visit. (No primary care physician referral is required.) Call (888) 935-5966.

Health Care Reimbursement Mileage: As of Jan. 1, the reimbursement rate for mileage on Health Care Reimbursement Accounts has increased to 12 cents per mile.

Employee Assistance Program: The Employee Assistance Program is open to all benefits-based employees and members of their households who wish confidential assistance for personal problems, including legal, financial, drug and alcohol counseling. Three visits are available every six months at no charge. Call (800) 342-8111.

WCC Tournament Schedule

Thursday, March 1

Women's Session #1 — Noon*

Women's Session #2 — 6 p.m.*

Friday, March 2

Women's Semifinals — 6 p.m.*

Saturday, March 3

Men's Session #1 — Noon*

Men's Session #2 — 6 p.m.*

Sunday, March 4

Women's Championship — 1 p.m.

Men's Semifinals — 5:30 p.m.*

Monday, March 5

Men's Championship — 9:07 p.m.

*The second game starts 30 minutes after the first.

2001 WCC Tournament Ticket Prices

Super Pass:

\$65 (includes all men's and women's games)

Men's Pass:

\$50 (includes all men's games)

Women's Pass:

\$30 (includes all women's games)

Tuition Remission: Full-time students who are applying for acceptance in fall 2001 and who qualify for financial aid must apply for aid on or before the March Financial Aid deadlines. These deadlines also apply to students who have not yet been accepted to USD.

Scudder Individual Counseling: A Scudder representative will be on campus Feb. 14 for individual counseling sessions. Take this opportunity to update your retirement portfolio by scheduling an appointment at ext. 6537.

TIAA-CREF Individual Counseling Sessions: Meet privately with a TIAA-CREF retirement specialist on Feb. 21 or 22 to plan for a financially secure retirement. Contact TIAA-CREF at (877) 209-3140, ext. 2626 for an appointment.

— Debbie Anderson

a look at the park

Behind the Scenes of the Sacred Heart Hall Renovation

Once Sacred Heart Hall served as the dining room, kitchen and soda fountain for the College for Women. Although home to USD's nationally acclaimed theater arts program since the late '80s, it was never fully adapted for use as a performance venue. By next summer, when the second half of a \$400,000 renovation is complete, it will be converted to an intimate theater that will also serve as a classroom and rehearsal hall.

In addition to increasing the seating capacity to about 120, the renovation plans call for a permanent sound and lighting control booth, new flooring and a two-tiered backstage facility.



Sacred Heart Hall was the center of social life in USD's early days.

The second deck will be used for storage, while the bottom will serve as the staging area for the actors.

"Theater is a little like science in that it requires working with a lot of equipment, and that requires storage areas," says John Forbes, Shiley Theatre's manager. "This facility will be used for performances only about six weeks per year. The rest of the time it is a classroom and rehearsal space for students. By double-decking the backstage area, we're really making the most of the available space."

United Way campaign launches Feb. 14

USD faculty and staff can help needy San Diego County residents obtain some basic necessities during this year's United Way/CHAD campaign, "From Open Hearts to Pots of Gold," which runs from Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, to St. Patrick's Day, March 17.

Donations can be made at the kickoff events on Feb. 14, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Aromas. After that, donations will be accepted at the career services office, Hughes Center 110.

"Our goal is to build community at USD while helping USD build the community where we live," says campaign co-chair **Judy Rauner**.

Every dollar counts! A \$10 donation pays for a well-baby class for one couple; \$25 provides a homeless family with food for five days; \$50 covers the cost of essential dental care for a low-income child; \$100 buys prescription medicine for 20 children; \$500 finances the training of 30 volunteers to tutor low-level reading adults; \$1,000 provides college preparatory workshops for 120 students.

For more information, contact **Judy Rauner** in community service learning at (619) 260-4798 or **James Tarbox** in career services at (619) 260-4654.

Brush with Fame?

It's been said fame is a fleeting thing — but not as fleeting as the instances when we regular folks come into contact with someone who is famous.

Have you run into Jennifer Aniston at the dry cleaners or Oprah at the grocery store? Maybe Ryan Leaf asked you for directions to Qualcomm Stadium or you were in the same foursome with Tiger Woods at a miniature golf course.

No matter. The editors of the *Alcalá View* want to hear about your brush with fame. A few guidelines: make it brief but give us all the details and if (this would be really cool) you have a picture of your encounter, let us know.

Send an e-mail to timothy@acusd.edu and tell us all about it. We'll publish the most interesting stories in upcoming issues.

To the USD Community

Thank you to the university community members who responded so caringly and generously by donating \$1,700 to the family of 8-year-old Trang Nguyen, who was killed in October while crossing Linda Vista Road. Trang, a third-grader from Carson Elementary School, was known by many USD students who worked with her and her classmates through their community service-learning programs.

The Office for Community Service-Learning was touched by the outpouring of kindness and concern. University Ministry collected \$1,100. The Staff Employee Association made a donation as did the residence halls and individual students.

Kroc Institute Open House

Meet the staff and discuss your thoughts and questions about the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, noon to 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 15, Harmon Hall, room 111. Refreshments will be provided. For information, call ext. 7509.

A Note of Thanks

Greetings from snowy Wisconsin! I want to say thanks to everyone for all the gifts and expressions of care that have been pouring in. True friendship reveals itself in time — not only the time spent together, but also in the sense that when times are tough we see who are friends really are. God has given me a very heavy cross to bear, but all your support and the great gift of friendship has given me the strength to bear it.

I appreciate you all keeping me in your thoughts and prayers. I think of you often, and hope that someday I will be back out there directing the party animals.

— Michael Treptow, dining services

Alcalá Park's Parking Crunch Hot Topic for SEA

The need for greater involvement by staff members on campus was made clear when the January Staff Employee Association meeting failed to reach the quorum necessary to vote on the issues before it. Two-thirds of the members constitute a quorum.

SEA co-president **Josie Vella** encouraged officers and representatives to be more diligent about attending the monthly meetings. Some participants suggested strictly enforcing association bylaws, which stipulate representatives can be replaced after missing more than three consecutive meetings. Others proposed each representative designate an alternate who can fill in during an absence.

"When representatives don't show up we don't have the two-thirds quorum to vote on what needs attention," Vella said. "Also, it helps when there are more people giving their input. If there's just a handful it's not always representative of how the entire campus may feel."

Treasurer **Doug Gilbert**, the SEA representative to the campus parking committee, said campus parking will be tight next year and that there are discussions about limiting the number of spaces allocated to incoming freshmen and possibly raising parking fees for the first time since Spring 1998.

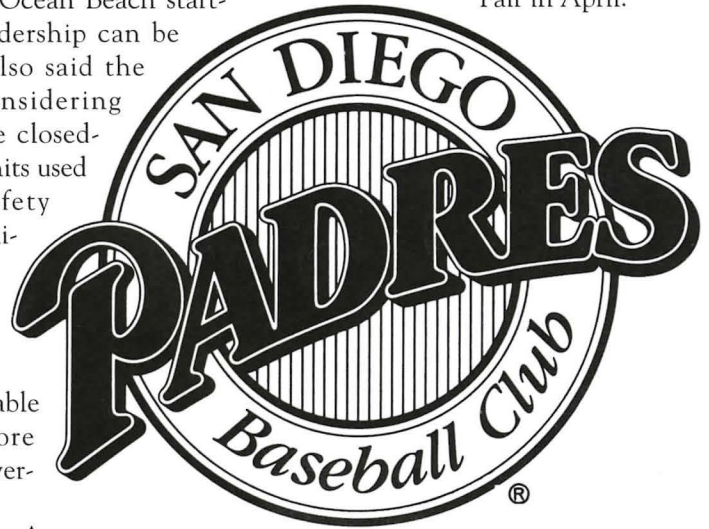
"There's been talk of increasing it by some percentage, but the amount has not been determined," Budget and Treasury Director **Jim Pehl** says. "It probably would take effect in 2002-03 if it passed. The main reason it's necessary is because we haven't increased fees for some time and parking operations is running a deficit. The salaries and costs have increased, but there has been no increase in revenue."

Gilbert also reported that the parking committee is looking into extending the campus tram service to parts of Pacific Beach and Ocean Beach starting next fall, if ridership can be maintained. He also said the committee is considering switching from the closed-circuit television units used by the public safety department to monitor parking lots and traffic flow to a Web-cam system which he says is more affordable and allows for more units and better coverage of the campus.

SEA Secretary **Anna Cain** and **Nina Sciuto** of human resources volunteered to take over staff

employee trips to Padres games next year after social committee member **Yolanda Castro** said it was becoming too difficult for that group to coordinate the outings in addition to the other activities it handles.

Castro added the social committee is planning a staff trip to a Feb. 9 Gulls hockey game. Tickets are \$7 for terrace seating. The committee also is measuring interest for a possible casino night and could discuss at a future meeting whether members should participate in the annual Linda Vista Multicultural Fair in April.



Play ball! Check next month's Alcalá View for information about this year's SEA night with the Padres.

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