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AlcaláView

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*An Opera Occurrence!
Alcalá Park is alive with
the sound of music.
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A Hobby to Get Hooked On

Talk about the benefits of a tightly knit family. Actually, in **Larry Gardepie's** case, it's more like a tightly crocheted family.

In 1994, Gardepie set out to lift the spirits of his 83-year-old grandmother, Marje Carroll, as she adjusted to life in a nursing home. He packed a bag, complete with needle and yarn, hopped on a plane and traveled 500 miles to hang out while she shared her needle-working know-how. Now he's hooked.

"I'm grateful she passed on her skills to me," says Gardepie, who still has some of the yarn his grandmother left behind when she died in 2000. "I feel her presence every time I crochet."



Larry Gardepie learned to crochet during a visit with his grandmother and says Christmas is his busiest time of year.

Gardepie, a business process analyst who has worked at USD for 15 years, still has his first completed project — the same assignment wrangled by many a rookie, a blue-and-white pot holder.

After perfecting pot holders, which he now can whip out in an hour, Gardepie graduated to making baby blankets and afghans. Eventually, he tackled more intricate lace doilies and even lace table cloths, which can take several months.

Gardepie's not the only one in on the crocheting craze. The USD Women's

Center, in the Hahn University Center, offers a popular weekly Crochet Circle, which this semester will be held at 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays in UC Room 104, starting Feb. 5. Someday Gardepie hopes to needle his way into the network.

The pastime makes for an easy ice breaker, and when people see Gardepie in action and ask how he got started, he inevitably shares the story about his grandmother. The second most popular question? Most want to know the difference between crocheting and knitting. Gardepie, who points out that "crochet" is the French word for hook, says crocheting is needlework done with one hooked needle, while knitting is done with two straight needles.

But Gardepie also admits the hobby, usually more popular among women, has raised the eyebrows of a few men. He hasn't forgotten, for example, the reaction of one man he encountered on a European train trip.

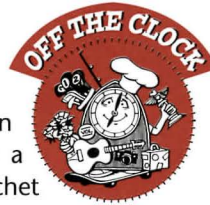
"When we crossed over the border from the Czech Republic into Hungary, the border patrol officer came on board," he says. "When he saw what I was doing, he was so disgusted he walked away and forgot to check my passport."

Nevertheless, Gardepie knows as long as he keeps navigating his needle, his grandmother's spirit lives on in his work. His next endeavor is a complicated 6-foot wall hanging he anticipates will take him a year to complete.

"It's fun being creative and making something out of nothing," Gardepie says. "I've got a list of 20 projects people have asked me to do for them, so I'll be at this for a while."

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The Alcalá View wants to hear what you do when you're off the clock. Share your "Off the Clock" stories by sending an e-mail to Krystn Shrieve at kshrieve@sandiego.edu or calling her at ext. 4934.



BSU Pays Tribute to African American Influences

For more than four decades, USD's Black Student Union has spurred campus discussions of social issues and promoted cultural and ethnic awareness among the university community. Founded in the 1960s, BSU is now some 40 members strong.



Activist Angela Davis will discuss her role in the civil rights movement.

"We have emerged on campus as a leadership organization that administrators and students come to for advice and guidance," says senior Marvin Banks, BSU president. "Our leadership has worked very hard to continue that and keep the progress going."

This month, the group presents a number of Black History Month activities, including a lecture by former Black Panther and civil rights activist Angela Davis. Banks says the address by Davis, who on Feb. 17 will discuss her experience in the fight for civil rights, offers an important historical lesson.

"To know where to go, we need to know our history," says the political science major, who plans to attend law school.

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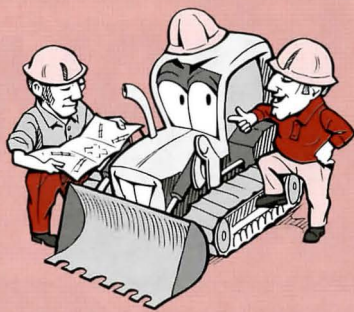
SEA Snippets

The following issues were discussed at the January meeting of the Staff Employees Association:

- The representatives decided on which committees they plan to serve this year. There is still room for staff members, even those who are not representatives, to join a committee. There are committees for the following topics: Administrator of the Year nominations; benefits; by-laws; hot topics; picnic prizes; public relations; social events and fund-raising. For information or to join a committee, contact co-secretaries **Perla Bleisch** at ext. 2530 or bleisch@san Diego.edu, or **Cynthia Dana** at ext. 4806 or cdana@san Diego.edu



- The SEA is gauging the community's interest in attending a performance of "Stomp" at 1 p.m., March 9, at the San Diego Civic Theatre. Tickets for groups larger than 10 are \$21.80. If you're interested in attending, contact SEA President **Josie Vella** at ext. 4784 or e-mail her at vellaj@san Diego.edu. The performance features an eight-member troupe that uses everything but conventional percussion instruments — including match boxes, wooden poles, brooms, garbage cans, Zippo lighters and hubcaps — to fill the stage with rhythm.
- The following people won money in the 50/50 drawing at the SEA's December Christmas party: **Esther Moran**, of facilities management, won \$75; **Judy Sanchez**, of human resources, won \$40; Nichole Lailson, daughter of USD locksmith **Alex Lailson**, won \$35. The SEA holds 50/50 drawings throughout the year. Half the money goes to employees with winning tickets, the other half goes to the SEA to pay for its activities.
- SEA meetings are open to all employees, especially staff. The next SEA meeting is scheduled for 2-3 p.m., Feb. 12, in the Hahn University Center, Room 107.



THE CONSTRUCTION CORNER

Construction crews are in high gear around the campus. Here's what to expect in February:

- Degheri Alumni Center:** Underground utilities will be installed around the first of the month. Crews also will begin digging for the building's footings and pouring the foundation slab. On Feb. 21, they will start erecting the framing.
- Donald P. Shiley Center for Science and Technology:** Crews will color code and paint the outside, and install exterior ornamentation on the west side of building. Scaffolding will be removed from the south side, and the larger trees planned for the landscape in that area will be planted. Inside, the installation of lab furniture and fume hoods is complete.
- West Marian Way Parking Structure:** The bottom floor of the structure will be poured. Crews will be about 75 percent done with the second elevated deck of the four-story, five-deck structure.

— **Roger Manion**
Director of Facilities Management



You can be part of the **Alcalá View!**

If you have any story ideas, classified ads, events to publicize or any other general submissions, don't be shy. Just get them to us by the 10th of the month.

Spreading Christmas Cheer



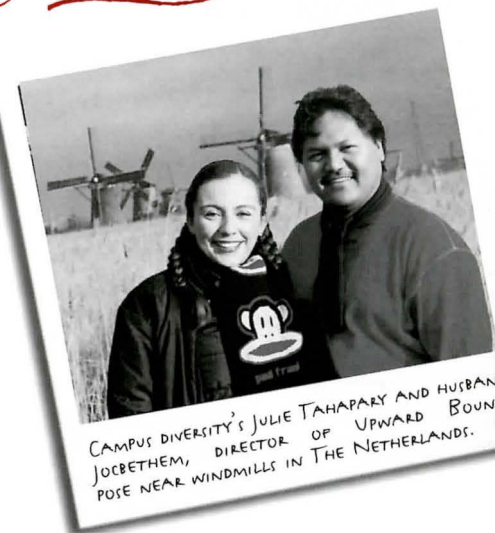
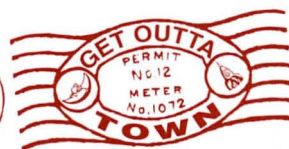
The campus in December contributed more than \$500 to needy families at Holy Family Catholic Church in Linda Vista as part of the Staff Employee Association's annual Christmas charity fund-raiser.



Representatives of the Holy Family Catholic Church.

"On behalf of the Staff Employees Association, I would like to thank all members of the USD community who participated in the holiday charity effort," says campus diversity's **Julie Tahapary**, who helped organize the event. "Thanks to everyone's generous contributions, the parish received food, toys and blankets. The monetary donations, which totaled \$539, paid for hams, chickens, turkeys and canned goods that were added to gift baskets for 125 families."

If you or someone you know deserves to be put "In the Spotlight," send an e-mail to [Krystn Shrieve at kshrieve@san Diego.edu](mailto:Krystn Shrieve@san Diego.edu) or call her at ext. 4934.



Black Student Union

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Black History Month is a perfect time to better understand the important role of African Americans in society, says former BSU leader Angela Kinlaw '99, but she adds that it's not the only time.

"As with any other culture, people should be aware of black history all year long," says Kinlaw, 25, who served as BSU's co-president from 1997 to 1999 and now teaches at San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, a public magnet campus. "It brings into focus a lot of the contributions that have come from this particular background, not only in this country but the world as a whole."

On campus, BSU highlighted the importance of these contributions while lobbying for an ethnic studies major, which has been approved by the academic assembly of the College of Arts and Sciences and soon will be discussed by the president's cabinet.



Marvin Banks

"Ethnic studies can definitely bring more students of color to campus and provide an opportunity for other students to learn about different cultures and heritages," Banks says.

BSU also lent its support to the November Hate Crimes Rally, and participates in community activities such as the Urban League, a national organization that helps people of all ages, colors and beliefs achieve social and economic equality. BSU members provide mentoring, and make it a point to speak to minority students and encourage their attendance at USD. Banks says the outreach is working, although the African American student

population on campus has remained at about 2 percent for many years.

"Our goal is to continue to bring events and programs on campus," says Banks, 22, "and to establish a foundation for students so they will be comfortable in the USD environment."

Ethnic and cultural student groups are critical to creating that environment, says **Thomas Cosgrove**, dean of students and associate vice president for student affairs.

"It's of great educational value to the student body," Cosgrove says. "It provides an opportunity for students to know a particular culture and to develop an understanding of it."

"It's a very important aspect of our educational mission," he adds. "We graduate people into a more diverse world, and we would not be giving them a complete education if we did not expose them to different cultures."

— Cecilia Chan

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

February is Black History Month, and the following campus events are planned:

Jan. 30: Martin Luther King Forum. Noon, Hahn University Center Forum. USD alumni will join panel members from campus and the community to discuss Martin Luther King Jr. and his dream.

Feb. 4: Black History Month Kick-Off. Noon, in front of the Hahn University Center.

Feb. 11: Harlem Renaissance Cafe. 7 p.m., Aromas coffeehouse, Maher Hall. The Black Student Union invites students and guests to read poetry to the beat of great jazz.

Feb. 17: Black History Month Keynote Speaker. 7 p.m., Shiley Theatre. Activist and author Angela Davis recounts her experience in the struggle for civil rights.

Feb. 20: Movie Night. 6:30 p.m., University Terrace Apartments, Room 1301A. Featuring "Rosewood," based on the true story of a 1923 massacre in a predominantly African American town in Florida that occurred after a member of the community was wrongly accused of assault.

Feb. 27: Black History Month Closeout. Noon, in front of the Hahn University Center.

For information on these and other events, call the Black Student Union at ext. 2395.

What Do You Know?

Can you pick the perfect bottle from a 10-page wine list? Are you able to grab a snowboard and shoosh down a mountain without falling once? Do you know how to plan the perfect getaway, take a flawless photo, get a book published or put on an impeccable dinner party? If so, we need you!

USD Magazine is looking for everyday experts — you know, those people with an ability that everyone wants, but so few have — to feature in an upcoming issue. If you've got an inside scoop or a rare talent, call Krystn Shrieve at ext. 4934 or e-mail kshrieve@sandiego.edu to share your skill with the rest of us. Remember, it doesn't have to be rocket science — because how many people use that?

It's a Date!

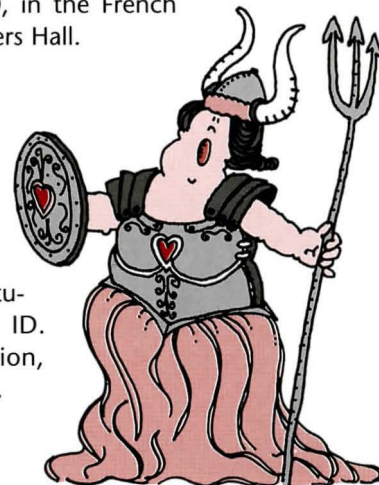


Opera Comes to Alcalá Park

No need for balcony seats, fancy attire, opera glasses or even a fat lady, the USD community can enjoy the opera without leaving campus.

Rising stars of San Diego Opera's young artists program will perform operatic duet favorites at 12:15 p.m., Feb. 20, in the French Parlor, Founders Hall.

General admission is \$8; \$6 for students, seniors, faculty and staff; and free to USD students with ID. For information, call ext. 2280.



MILESTONES

Jagdish Kaur, mother of **Indra Bishop**, in enrollment management, passed away Dec. 21.

Walter F. Rodee, father of both Sister **Virginia Rodee '57** (M.A. '74), assistant to the vice president for Mission and Ministry, and **John Rodee '63**, chair of the Torero Athletic Association, passed away Jan. 1.

Sister Annette Bourret, R.S.C.J., former director of graduate admissions, passed away Jan. 13.

Kyoto Laureates Symposium

Leroy Edward Hood — an American biologist who made possible the mapping of the human genome by creating a way to sequence the genome's 3 billion base pairs of DNA — is one of three world-renowned leaders who will discuss their work at USD during the second annual Kyoto Laureates Symposium.

The symposium, March 5-7 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, brings together the laureates, who in November received Kyoto Prizes from the Inamori Foundation of Japan for lifetime achievement in the fields of advanced technology, basic sciences and arts and philosophy.

Other recipients are French mathematician Mikhael Leonidovich Gromov (basic sciences), who introduced a metric structure for families of geometric objects, and Tadao Ando (arts and philosophy), a Japanese architect whose modern architecture forges new visions of harmony with nature.

For more information, log on to www.sandiego.edu/kyotosymposium.

Scholarship Fund Benefit Lecture

The annual lecture to benefit the Practical Theology and Pastoral Care & Counseling Scholarship Fund, co-sponsored by the Center for Christian Spirituality, USD Catholic Perspectives Forum and Invisible University, will be held at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 3, in Shiley Theatre. Sandra Schneiders, I.H.M., will discuss "Spirituality vs. Religion: Dilemma or Delusion?" Tickets are \$10 pre-registered and \$12 at the door. For information, call ext. 4784.

Business Leadership and Spirituality

Sister **Barbara Quinn**, director of USD's Center for Christian Spirituality, along with School of Business Professor **Johanna Hunsaker**, will teach a course exploring the relationship between business and spirituality. The four-week course starts Feb. 8. For information, call ext. 4784.

Women's Center Events

The Women's Center, which hosts regular wisdom circles — small groups organized to discuss a variety of topics chosen by members — will host the first Men's Wisdom Circle meeting at 7 p.m., Feb. 19, in the Hahn University Center, Room 107. For information, or to join a Wisdom Circle or start one of your own, call ext. 2396.

To kick off its first Women's Leadership Conference, the Women's Center is hosting a reception from 5-7 p.m., Feb. 28, in Salomon Lecture Hall, Maher Hall. The conference, "Unlocking Your Personal Power," will be held all day, March 1, in the Hahn University Center Forum. The cost for both events is \$35 (free to USD students) and includes meals and materials. For information, call ext. 2396.

Nursing Lectureship

The 15th Annual Nursing Lectureship will be held at 4 p.m., Feb. 5, in the Hahn University Center Forum. Deborah Koniak-Griffin, director of the Center for Vulnerable Populations Research, will discuss "Caring for Young Parents: An Evolving Program of Nursing Research." For information, call ext. 4550.

Take a Torero to Lunch

Calling all alumni who work on campus to help students understand how the world of jobs, internships and career choices really works. Spend an hour with them over lunch at noon, Feb. 25. For information, call ext. 4819.

Angel Goes to Heaven

Nichole Lailson, daughter of USD locksmith **Alex Lailson**, died Jan. 12, after a struggle with cancer. She was 14.

Nichole, known to her father as a little angel, was diagnosed with a form of bone cancer called Ewing's sarcoma.

In November, her family used more than \$8,000 raised by the USD community to seek alternative medical treatment in France.

Donations for the family are still welcome. They may be sent directly to 39683 Bonaire Way, Murrieta, CA 92563. In lieu of flowers, contributions also may be sent, in the Lailson family name, to Jean Claude Lapraz, 4 Rue Larjilliere, Paris, 75016, France.



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