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AlcaláView

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The Dream Team! La Comenita, the National Children's Theater Company of Cuba, will perform "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in Shiley Theatre. See page 3.



A Gift for Glimpsing Hollywood Greats

When it comes to rubbing elbows with celebrities, USD's Carol "C.J." Greene can even beat Kevin Bacon, known for his infamous six degrees of separation from practically anyone in Hollywood.

James Dean shared the silver screen with Dennis Hopper, who worked with John Wayne, who acted with James Arness. And Greene met them all.



C.J. Greene never captured her celebrity moments on film, but with the magic of computer technology, she now has a little something for her scrapbook.

Greene, who works in the bookstore, was a childhood playmate of Hopper's younger brother, David, and often spent time at the Hopper house, where she'd inevitably bump into Dennis.

"I was David Hopper's girlfriend in the fifth grade," Greene says. "I saw Dennis a lot of times when I went there, and he wasn't anything special to me."

And Dennis Hopper, who just saw her as his little brother's friend, didn't talk to her.

"I just wondered how come he was a movie star when his brother was cuter," says Greene, who at the time was a
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Oracle Connects Campus Departments

Producing employees' W-2 forms through Oracle in January was the latest milestone in mastering USD's all-encompassing computer system, which eventually will link most campus departments and allow students to pay fees, order transcripts and register for classes online.

To get to that point, the university has spent nearly three years systematically connecting different departments to Oracle.

The finance system went live in July 2001 and, among other improvements, has an electronic purchasing system. The human resources department followed in January 2002, implementing changes such as electronic time cards.

USD's telefunding center began using BSR/Advance, an Oracle-related system, in September, and other areas of the University Relations division — which track alumni information, financial gifts and potential donors — will go live this month.

"It's the kind of behind-the-scenes work that not too many people see," says David Todd, vice provost and chief information officer, who oversees all information technology services. "But it's an important step."

Departments most frequently used by students — admissions, student records and financial aid — are next in line to be connected to Oracle.

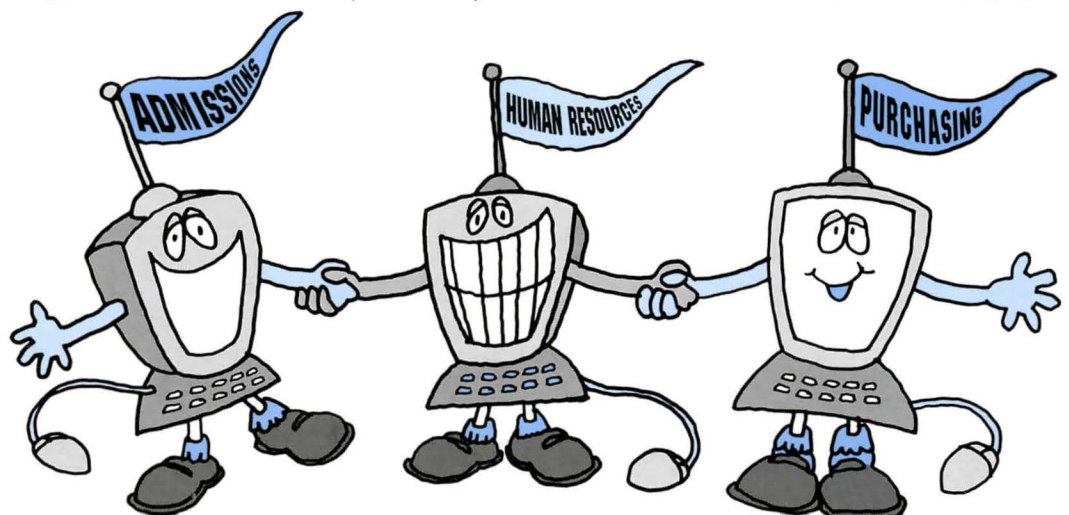
Admissions will begin operating a pilot program in November. Student accounts and financial aid — two of the more complicated areas — will follow in 2004 and January 2005.

"When our students can get on the Web and register for classes from their residence hall or apartment in Pacific Beach, then I'd say we've come of age," Todd says. "Ideally, faculty will be able to pull up students' transcripts and offer them more timely, more effective academic advice and career planning."

Todd, who for 20 years consulted with colleges, universities and nonprofit organizations on organizing, managing, planning and funding information technology, says USD was getting too big not to implement this type of system.

We had to do this," he says. "It allows us to be more organized, have more accountability and to better track information."

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SEA Snippets

The issue of parking was discussed at the February meeting of the Staff Employees Association.

To pay off bonds sold to finance the construction of parking structures on campus, the budget and treasury department proposes raising parking permit fees over a two-year period, and eliminating both designated staff and fringe parking spots. The last fee hike for campus parking was approved in 1997, and went into effect in Spring 1998.

"The university administration has been subsidizing the cost of parking on campus," says **Larry Barnett**, USD public safety director. "The administration feels it's important that the cost of providing parking spaces be covered by the revenues that are generated."

Under the proposal, the permit fee for reserved parking would increase from the current \$360 a year to \$500 in 2003-04 and to \$660 the year after.

The plan would eliminate designated staff parking, and convert all currently yellow-striped spots to white-lined spots as part of an open-parking plan.

Fees for open parking, for employees and commuter students, would be \$235 the first year and \$270 in 2004-05.

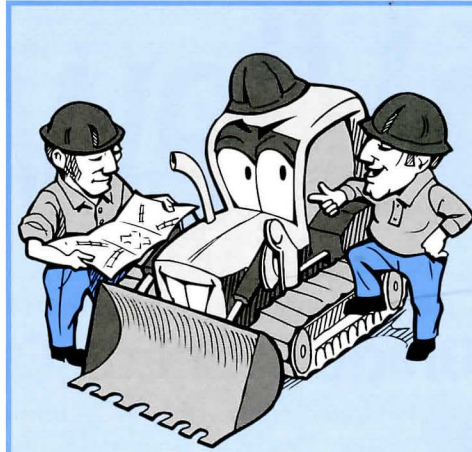
Resident student parking fees would increase from \$150 to \$250 next year, and to \$300 the following year.

The annual fee of \$25 for motorcycles, scooters and mopeds, would rise to \$50 and then \$75.

Barnett says the proposal is scheduled to go before the Board of Trustees in April. The SEA opposes the proposal, and plans to draft a letter to the board to that effect. To view the proposal, log on to www.sandiego.edu/parking. For more information, contact the Office of Student Affairs at ext. 4588.

Save the Date!

Show your appreciation for your staff by taking them to lunch on administrative professional's day. A staff appreciation luncheon will be held at 12:15 p.m., April 23, in the Hahn University Center Forum. Seating is limited. To reserve a spot, call banquets and catering at ext. 4560. For information, log on to <http://dining.sandiego.edu>.



THE CONSTRUCTION CORNER

February rains delayed construction projects around campus. Here's what to expect in March.

- **Degheri Alumni Center:** By March 1, crews hope to obtain a building permit, and have the foundation complete. They anticipate erecting steel by the end of the month.

- **Donald P. Shiley Center for Science and Technology:** The first and second floors are complete, and crews will be working on finishes and flooring on the third and fourth floors.

- **West Marian Way Parking Structure:** By the end of March, crews expect to have completed pouring the three underground decks. In addition to the underground decks, the structure has four elevated or above-ground decks. By the end of the month, crews also plan to backfill all the soil around the perimeter of the 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 other general submissions, don't be shy. Just get them to us by the 10th of the month.

Oracle

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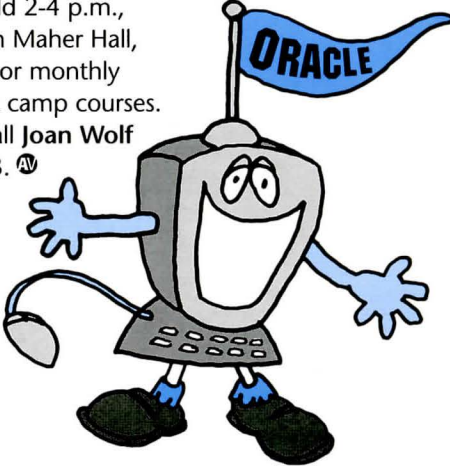
Todd's staff is now fine-tuning the system. The interim electronic time card system, developed for temporary use during the transition to Oracle, soon will be stabilized by a new commercial system that recently was purchased.

"The standard reports vendors like Oracle send seldom are set up the way individual businesses need them," Todd says. "The way Qualcomm or Boeing does business is different than the way we do business, and the way we do business is different than the way the University of Kansas does business. But we've purchased a system that works better for us. The controller's office is in the process of implementing it."

The advantages to Oracle are that departments, as a prerequisite to using the system, have identified and documented their procedures, developed standards for how each does business and narrowed down mounds of paperwork into tidy three-ring binders.

Controller **Terry Kalfayan**, whose department has been working with Oracle for more than a year, says the more advanced technology automated tasks that used to be done manually.

"The data within Oracle is more current than with (the previous system)," Kalfayan says. "Users can log on and view their transactions shortly after a payment is made, rather than waiting for a report to come at the end of the month. We're making advances to bring to the screen additional real-time data, such as print shop charges."

People who have questions about using Oracle for purchase requisitions or project accounting can attend weekly tutorial sessions, held 2-4 p.m., Mondays, in Maher Hall, Room 112, or monthly Oracle boot camp courses. To enroll, call **Joan Wolf** at ext. 4643. 

Glimpsing Hollywood Greats

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student at San Miguel Elementary School in Lemon Grove. "David Hopper was real cute."

Greene says she was unfazed by the older Hopper, but James Dean was a different story.

"He was beautiful," she recalls. "He drove a fast car and he was a wild man."

Hopper and Dean were co-starring in "Rebel Without A Cause" at the time of Greene's brief encounter.

"James Dean was at their house when I came over to shoot bows and arrows into hay stacks with David," Greene recalls. "Dennis and David shared a basement bedroom, and when we went in to get the bows and arrows, James and Dennis were there doing their voice training and breathing exercises."

Too scared to approach the teen heart-throb, Greene just looked from afar.

About a year later, Greene and her family moved to the Clairemont area, and she lost contact with her childhood sweetheart. But her brushes with fame continued. At one of her first jobs, as an elevator operator during conventions at the now historic El Cortez Hotel, Greene gave John Wayne a lift.

"He got on the elevator and it was 'Oh, my God,'" she remembers. "I didn't talk to him, I was just in awe."



Shooting the breeze with James Arness.




Life on easy street with easy rider Dennis Hopper.

The one actor Greene made a point to meet was James Arness of "Gunsmoke" fame. He was on stage at a shopping center in Clairemont to meet with fans.

"He was my idol," Greene says. "He was so tall. He had on a leather jacket with fringes, just like on the TV show."

Greene, who never took photos or asked for autographs, has only her memories of her close calls with the famous faces.

"If I were to see someone (famous) again, I think I would look and tell everybody," she says. "But I wouldn't bother them. I don't believe in that."

One Hollywood idol Greene says she would love to meet is Kirk Douglas — but she says she'll also settle for his equally famous son, Michael. 

The Alcalá View wants to hear about your brushes with fame. Send an e-mail to Krystn Shrieve at kshrieve@sandiego.edu or call her at ext. 4934 to share your story.



Duking it out for the affections of The Duke.

It's a Date!



A Mini Midsummer Night's Dream

"The course of true love never did run smooth."

Who said it? Was it Lysander, Helena, Demetrius or Hermia? To find out, watch as La Comenita, the National Children's Theater Company of Cuba, performs Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," at 7 p.m., March 9, in Shiley Theatre.

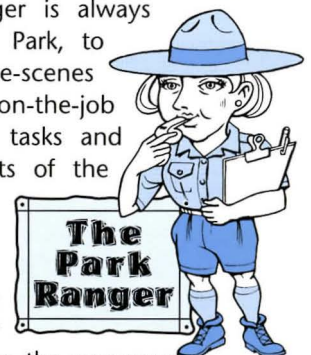
The delegation of 25 children, ages 7 to 15, will perform as part of a cultural exchange tour that takes them to California cities including San Diego, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Oakland, Sacramento and San Francisco. The national group also has traveled to Germany, Japan, France, Argentina, Panama and Chile.

General admission tickets are \$20, or \$35 for the performance and a reception. For information, call (415) 575-5559 or log on to www.globalexchange.org.

Calling All Park Rangers

The Park Ranger is always roaming Alcalá Park, to take behind-the-scenes peeks at the on-the-job responsibilities, tasks and accomplishments of the employees, whether they drive the tram, landscape the grounds, deliver the mail or keep the campus

computers virus free. If you would like the Park Ranger to visit you, send an e-mail to Krystn Shrieve at kshrieve@sandiego.edu or call her at ext. 4934.



Kyoto Laureate Symposium

Three world-renowned leaders being honored for their contributions to the world's scientific, cultural and spiritual development will discuss their work at USD during the Second Annual Kyoto Laureate Symposium, March 5-7 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice.

The symposium brings together the laureates, who in November received Kyoto Prizes from the Inamori Foundation in Kyoto, Japan, for lifetime achievement in their fields of advanced technology, basic sciences and arts and philosophy.



Leroy Edward Hood

Recipients are: 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; French mathematician Mikhael Leonidovich Gromov, who introduced a metric structure for families of geometric objects; and Tadao Ando, a self-taught Japanese architect whose modern architecture forges new visions of harmony with nature.

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

Sister Sally Furay Lecture

The Social Issues Committee and the TransBorder Institute will host the Seventh Annual Sister Sally Furay Lecture, named in

honor of the former USD provost and vice president for academic affairs, at 7 p.m., March 31, in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theatre. Elisabeth Schussler Fiorenza will discuss "The Power of Naming: Feminist Studies in Religion." Krister Stendahl, professor in the Divinity School at Harvard University, also will speak. A reception will follow. The event is free and open to the public. For information, call ext. 4090.

Silent Prayer for Peace

The Center for Christian Spirituality, University Ministry and the Social Issues Committee are hosting a weekly silent prayer for peace from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. on Wednesdays around the Colachis Fountain. The entire campus community is invited, and people can stay as long or short as their schedules allow. For information, call **Barbara Quinn** at ext. 4785.

Women's Center Events

The Women's Center is hosting a number of events in March, including a leadership conference, a Rainbow Forum, a discussion about women in the music industry followed by a free concert, a movie night, a concert series and several panel discussions. For event information, call ext. 2396.

Peace and Justice Speaker

Susan Shirk, professor of U.S.-China relations and research director on global conflict and cooperation at UCSD, will discuss China's role in the North Korean missile crisis at 7 p.m., March 12, in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Theatre. For information, call ext. 7905.

M I L E S T O N E S

Kathy McIntosh, user services coordinator for student computing, and husband Tyler were blessed with a daughter, Emma Clare, on Dec. 28. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 20.5 inches long.

Jack Kelly '87, director of alumni relations, and career counselor **Sue (Ventimiglia) Kelly '89** welcomed their first child, Gianna Elizabeth, on Jan. 4.

Michael Treptow, a former banquets and catering employee, passed away Nov. 22.

Cindy Grandee, a teacher at the Manchester Family Child Development Center from 1991 to 2001, passed away Jan. 18. Contributions will be accepted for a scholarship in Cindy's name through the child development center.

Angela P. Colangelo, mother of **Ellen Colangelo**, program coordinator of the pastoral care and counseling program, and mother-in-law of Jim Ewing, adjunct professor in the pastoral care and counseling program, passed away Jan. 19.

Maj. **John M. Walsh '00** (M.B.A.) was killed Jan. 22 when his helicopter collided with another helicopter while on a surveillance mission in Texas.

Asabiyah Prince, daughter of **Linda Patricia Quinn**, administrative assistant in law school records, passed away Feb. 3.

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