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Raising Children for Responsibility, Not Just Fun

BY KIM CAMPLISSON
The Southern Cross

SAN MARCOS — Seeking advice on perennial child-rearing dilemmas, 90 parents listened to noted Catholic educator and author, James B. Stenson, share his advice on raising disciplined children in a recent seminar held at St. Mark's, San Marcos.

Parents are confident of their authority. They might not know the right thing to do in a given situation," he said, "but they have no doubt about their right to make (the decision)."

Successful parents, emphasized Stenson, "know they have a job to do" which is "to raise their children to be mature, responsible men and women who live by Christian principles."

Most parents associate their child's future with a career and a track leading up to it, he added, but "should focus on shaping (their child's) good character, then a good career will follow."

The educator warned parents not to squelch the wonderful characteristics of their children.

"They love family, they love life, they are optimists — they wake up looking forward to the day. And they have a love for the truth," he observed. "And once kids are taught to pray, they outdo us!"

Classifying parents into two types, Stenson said some parents run the family like a picnic, while others run it like a sporting event. The picnickers' goal is to make sure the children have fun; their battle is against boredom. The sports players also have fun, but know that life has ups and downs, excitement mixed with tedium. They are more concerned with forming character.

If parents teach young children that life is play, Stenson warns, "when they become teens, they find much better toys: drugs, sex, and automobiles."

While he said many couples seek his advice on how to punish their children, Steson advises that punishment is only part of discipline. More time should be spent by parents on "why to" punish than "how to" punish, he indicated.

He cautioned against the two extremes of overly permissive parents, "whose kids never experience loving control," and overly controlling parents, "whose kids wind up as sneak or rebels."

Stenson advises parents to devise family rules, which the parents also follow.

One example might be "We all contribute to make our home and attractive, civilized, efficiently run place to live."

The speaker also good-humoredly advised parents to categorize their kids' infractions into a hierarchy of three classes. The first category is misdemeanors, those childish behaviors which can sometimes be overlooked. Second level offenses are low level felonies which infringe on the rights of others and need correction every time. Capital offenses are those challenges to parental authority for which "the roof should fall in on them."

When punishment is necessary, it shouldn't be doled out as vengeance or as the result of outbursts of anger caused by the inevitable physical fatigue of parenting, said Stenson. Properly understood, punishment is "memorable correction," he indicated.

"Parenting is a tough job," acknowledged Stenson, "because you don't see immediate results, but you must trust that things are happening."

As a post-seminar follow-up, Murphy is organizing groups for parents seeking like-minded families for discussion, advice and support.

"The groups will be open to any parents, not just those who attended the seminar," Murphy noted. For information about the groups, as well as to purchase tapes by Stenson or copies of his book Upbringing, plus booklets on peer pressure, fathering, or adolescents, call Dr. Mark Murphy at (760)754-2137.
Doris Durrell, 52; USD psychology professor, sports aficionada

By Jack Williams
STAFF WRITER

Doris Durrell seemingly had more energy than time. A professor of psychology at the University of San Diego, she raised two children, wrote two books, operated a small private practice as a behavioral therapist and enjoyed sports ranging from skiing to surfing. It all came to an end in May 1995 when she was stricken with a disabling brain aneurysm at a professional conference.

Dr. Durrell, 52, died of respiratory failure Saturday at The Cloisters in La Jolla. During her 21 years at USD, she tailored her style of teaching to the individual student in such a way that "she put the person first and the subject second," psychologist Kathy Wilcox said.

"She would nurture them, encourage and help them to reach their potential," Via said.

Dr. Durrell was the kind of professor whose students would say, 'This teacher changed my life.'

"After her illness, we heard from students all over the country, some who hadn't been here in 10 years, and they all were talking about the impact she had on their lives."

Wilcox, who served as a temporary substitute for Dr. Durrell at USD, said, "She was so popular, such an ally of the students, that it was hard to get into her classes. "She was always weaving the psychology of the person into the subject matter and course content, practicing what she preached."

Some of Dr. Durrell's most popular USD classes involved human relationships, a subject she also explored as a behavioral therapist in her Pacific Beach home.

Her teaching specialties included the psychology of women and child development.


Five years later, New Harbinger published her second work, "Starting Out Right," which, like her first effort, focused on using the principles of behavioral therapy to treat phobias and other types of dysfunctional behavior.

"The payoff in time, energy and commitment in the first three years is greater than any time you put in after that as a parent," she told the San Diego Tribune after publication of her first book.

Dr. Durrell began her career as an educator at the University of California Riverside in 1972 after earning a doctorate in psychology from the University of Alabama.

She furthered her training with an internship in Beverly Hills at the Center for Behavior Therapy.

Despite a seemingly hectic schedule, Dr. Durrell found time for adventurous vacations, challenging sports and motherhood.

"Doris was the most joyful, tireless, dedicated mom I've ever seen," said Jane Via, a former USD teacher and a close friend. "She was really a model to her friends who had kids, and she inspired her woman friends to have the courage and strength to become independent."

Via said Dr. Durrell was a health-food advocate well before it was fashionable.

In the past few years, Dr. Durrell had taken up yoga to go along with such favorite activities as snowboarding, camping, and skiing and surfing. She also cultivated an interest in Eastern religions and philosophies.

"She believed in the value of travel as an educational tool and traveled all over the world with her children," said her husband, Michael Pancer. "She took them on the Amazon and Nile rivers, to the mountains of Peru and Ecuador, and camping in Irian Jaya, New Guinea."

For a dozen years, Dr. Durrell took annual camping trips to the Beartooth Mountains in Montana.

One of the last trips before her illness was to India, where she joined a group of travelers interested in Eastern religions and philosophies.

Dr. Durrell's home sometimes served as a halfway house for those struggling to survive.

"She would nurture them, encourage and help them to reach their potential," Via said.

Dr. Durrell was born and raised in Warwick, R.I., and remained in New England to earn a bachelor's degree at the University of Massachusetts.

She moved west after a failed marriage and eventually married Pancer, a criminal-defense lawyer whom she first met at age 19.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Sherri Durrell, and a son, Ian Pancer, both of San Diego; her mother, Helen Lambert of Warwick; sisters, Helen Bahry of East Providence, R.I., and Dorothy McConville of Fairfax, Va.; and brothers, William Manganelli of Warwick, David Manganelli and Paul Manganelli, both of San Diego, and Robert Manganelli of Cranston, R.I.

Visitation is scheduled for 1 to 6 p.m. today and 8 to 10 a.m. tomorrow at Pacific Beach Mortuary. Interment will be at 11 a.m. at El Camino Memorial Park.

A memorial service is scheduled for 3:45 p.m. tomorrow at the Self-Realization Fellowship, 3068 First Ave., San Diego.

Donations are suggested to City of Refuge, 1664 Precision Park Lane, San Diego, CA 92173.
Few Local Impacts Expected From Asia’s Woes

Texas’ RailTex Loses Out To Mexican Grupo in Railroad Rights Bidding

The economic travails besetting Southeast Asia are having a big influence on Wall Street, but the impact to the San Diego economy is minimal, at least in the short term, say local experts.

Alan Gin, economics professor at USD’s Ahlers Center for International Business, said Asia’s troubles, which include currency devaluations in Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia, will not immediately have any large effect on the local economy because the amount of exports to the region is not that great.

Prices of exported goods from San Diego will be higher, making them less affordable to Asian consumers and reducing sales, Gin said. But, he added, since exporting to those markets is limited, so will be the impacts.

It may be a different story if Asia, including Japan, plunges into a prolonged recession, or if Latin America also goes into a tailspin, Gin said.

For the moment, Mexico appears to have weathered the storm.

Chris Woodruff, a UCSD economics professor specializing in Mexico, said the recent drop in the value of the peso may have been spurred by the Asian stock markets tumbling, but should not be cause for alarm.

In fact, the recent decrease in the peso’s value to about eight pesos to the dollar will likely help the Mexican economy by making Mexican exports cheaper, and thus, reducing a slight trade deficit that only occurred over the past few months, he said.

“Now that the peso has a floating exchange rate and is determined on the open market, Mexico is in a much better position to weather the storm,” he said.

And, while Japanese and South Korean direct investment in Baja California’s maquiladoras is significant, those companies aren’t likely to pull back from Mexico, since most of the products are sold to customers in North America and South America, not Asia, Woodruff noted.

While some local firms may see declines in sales to Asian consumers, San Diego-based Overland Data isn’t anticipating a big downturn. Its product, tape-storage systems for computer networks, is something many Asian emerging governments and large corporate customers must have to compete, said Overland spokeswoman Bertha Edington.

About 5 percent of the company’s $60 million in sales comes from Asia, but half of that is to Japan, with much of the remainder going to South Korea, China and Taiwan, said Overland President Scott McClendon.

The initial impact on Overland’s sales is minimal, but if the economies decline over two to three years, it could hurt growth prospects, McClendon said.

Companies making products for the Asian consumer markets may feel some contraction, but those manufacturing products for telecommunications and computer infrastructure likely won’t be affected, he said.

Richard Ferguson, president of CABRI, Inc., a San Diego-based firm with multiple business interests in China, said neither he nor any businessmen he knows have been adversely affected by the Asian economic upheaval. If anything, Ferguson said, his Chinese partners are anxious to continue planned business projects.

“We haven’t noticed any changes at this point,” he said. “But if there is a slowdown in the growth of economies, it can create problems.”
USD Index Shows Large Jump In September

USD's index of leading economic indicators rose 0.7 percent in September, the largest jump since March, and the 30th consecutive uptick.

The index, a compilation of six economic measurements, had the biggest increases in building permits and local stock prices. The only negative measurements were initial claims for unemployment insurance and in the amount of help-wanted advertising.

The index included moderate gains in tourism and in the national index of leading economic indicators.

Alan Gin, USD economics professor who compiles the index, said, while solid job growth is likely to continue in San Diego, weaknesses evident in the labor market variables may soon indicate a slowing in that area.

Overall, however, the local economy will finish 1997 on a strong note, Gin said, adding that it is poised to continue growing well into 1998.
Asia’s woes could trim exports from California

But San Diego may not be hurt like Bay Area

By Dean Calbreath
STAFF WRITER

As the economies of Asia continue to falter, the shock waves are expected to hit California, which exported $50 billion last year to Japan, South Korea and half a dozen other troubled markets in the region.

Standard & Poor’s Data Resources Inc. (DRI), a major Boston-based economic forecasting agency, predicts that the downturn in Japan’s financial system suffers another hit—C-2

Asia could erase as much as half a percentage point from next year’s projected job growth in the Western states, affecting California as well as a broad swath of states from Alaska all the way to Louisiana.

In a report to be released within the next few days, DRI predicts that job growth in the Western region will dip from 3 percent this year to 2.3 percent next year, and to 1.9 percent in 1999.

Although a slowdown in growth has long been expected, the Asian downturn should deepen the trough, since it is expected to cut into exports from the Western states.

“It’s not like we’re forecasting a recession, but we are expecting a slowdown in employment and income levels, coming down from the very rapid growth that we’ve seen over the past few years,” said Sara Johnson, DRI’s chief regional economist.

Johnson says that San Diego may be insulated from the slowdown because its exports to Asia are outstripped by exports to Mexico and Canada.

She says the Silicon Valley and San Francisco could be more vulnerable, with a vast number of electronics exports to Asia.

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Asia

Slowdown likely to affect state’s exports

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Statewide, Japan is California’s biggest export client, accounting for nearly $19 billion last year.

Canada and Mexico rank second and third, but they are closely followed by South Korea, Singapore and Taiwan, with Hong Kong, Malaysia and the Philippines also ranking among the top 15 markets.

Those seven Asian countries — which have been experiencing a wide variety of economic problems in recent months — represent nearly half of California’s total $104.5 billion in exports.

Brian Bugsch, a policy and research analyst at the California Trade and Commerce Agency, expects to see a sharp decline in Asian trade, although he adds that it could take between six months and a year for the impact to be felt.

Bugsch notes that Asian trade has already been slowing down, thanks to a worldwide slump in electronics sales late last year. In the first half of 1997, exports to the region were 11 percent lower than the previous year.

While the bulk of San Diego’s exports heads to Mexico, sales to Asia accounted for 25 percent of the city’s total last year, and any prolonged slump in Asian markets could have profound implications for some local industries, like golf equipment suppliers.

Analysts note that the bulk of the city’s exports to Mexico are actually earmarked for maquiladoras owned by Japanese and Korean firms.

But despite the problems in Asia, the analysts say they expect few repercussions among the maquiladoras, which are expected to continue attracting Asian investment because of their low costs and high profits.

Alan Gin, an economics professor with the Ahers Center of International Business at the University of San Diego, said the main impact to San Diego could be reduced growth in the tourism industry, which had been hoping to attract more travelers from Asia.

“The only potential for a real problem comes if the Asian problems spread to Latin America and from there to Mexico,” Gin said. But he added that “the probability is low” something like that would happen.
Power to reduce convictions called 'fail-safe mechanism'

By Bill Callahan, STAFF WRITER

I
t doesn't happen often, but California jurists have the same pow­
er to reduce convictions that a Massachusetts judge wielded
yesterday to void a murder verdict against a British au pair.

In fact, legal experts say, the decision by Middlesex County
Judge Hiller Zobel to reduce Louise Woodward's crime from mur­
der to involuntary manslaughter is one of the safeguards found in
the criminal justice system.

"It's a fail-safe mechanism," said District Attorney Paul Pfingst.
"It's rare for it to happen, but it does, and that's the business of
judging. It's a difficult decision but one they have an obligation to
make under our system of justice if they feel it is justified."

In April, Judge William Mudd reduced a conviction against Dan­
ny Palm, a retired Navy commander. Palm had been convicted of
second-degree murder 10 months earlier by a jury in Mudd's court­
room.

The 53-year-old Palm fatally shot John Harper Jr., who Palm and
many of his neighbors accused of terrorizing their Dictionary Hill
community in the East County with reckless driving and threats.

Mudd found there were extenuating circumstances and reduced
Palm's conviction to voluntary manslaughter. He sentenced Palm
to a 10-year prison term rather than the 15 years to life he faced
under the murder conviction.

"I think Danny Palm’s was a unique case... and Judge Mudd was
reasoned and gave a great deal of thought to his decision," Pfingst
said. "The reality is sentencing is best left to judges and not prose­
cutors."

Superior Court Judge Frederic Link said judges should not be
swayed by public opinion.

"The standard is whether the judge feels the evidence is insuffi­
cient to support the verdict the jury arrived at," Link said. "I have
to look at that independently. If the evidence supports it, I maintain
it. If the evidence does not, I knock it down."

Geraldine Russell, a criminal defense lawyer who has tried more
than a dozen murder cases, said it is much more common for an ap­
peals court to overturn a jury’s verdict or grant a new trial than for
the trial judge to do it.

"The purpose is to do the right thing," said Robert Fellmeth, a
University of San Diego law school professor and an expert on legal
ethics.

"Although I personally believe (Woodward) was guilty of murder,
I think the judge did the right thing in acting as a safeguard," Fell­
meth said.
Inner-city residents want to take race out of crime fighting

By Gail Heriot

Crime is something we all fear. But some Americans are more apt to be victimized than others. In 1990, a young African-American man was seven times more likely to be murdered than a young white man. Accordingly, one of every 21 African-American men could expect to be a murder victim — a death rate double that of American servicemen during WWII. And that's just the tip of the iceberg. For almost all crime, African-Americans are at greater risk, especially those who live in urban neighborhoods.

Not surprisingly, 25 percent of African-Americans cited crime as the single most important problem facing the country, while only 8 percent designated racism. Hardly anyone — no matter what his color or creed — regards the problem lightly.

Strangely, however, as Randall Kennedy, an African-American Harvard law professor, points out in his thoughtful book "Race, Crime and the Law" (Pantheon; 538 pages; $30), few African-American leaders have put law and order atop their political agenda. Some have even suggested that get-tough approaches to crime are somehow anti-African-American.

Kennedy's book is a welcome contrast with much of the literature on race and crime produced in the legal academy today, where it's fashionable simply to pronounce the whole criminal justice system rotten to the core with racism — period. Many a high-powered academic career has been built on such cant.

Consider Paul Butler of George Washington University, who comes in for heavy criticism by Kennedy. Butler has urged African-American jurors to refuse to convict "nonviolent" African-American defendants, regardless of their guilt or innocence, as a protest against the racist legal system. Kennedy slams him. Such arguments are "delusionary," he declares; those who make them harm the "law-abiding people, mostly minorities, compelled by circumstance to live in close proximity to . . . criminals."

Kennedy is a careful scholar interested in truth rather than theatrics. He rejects, for example, the argument that the disproportionately large numbers of African-Americans in prison demonstrate that the criminal justice system is racist. Although the reasons are complex as well as tragic, a disproportionate number of African-Americans commit crimes. Similarly, he rejects the cry of "racism" by critics of drug laws that impose harsher sen-
sentences for crack cocaine (which tends to be favored by African-Americans) than for powder cocaine (more popular with whites). He points out that African-Americans such as New York Congressman Charles Rangel were among the most ardent supporters of enhanced penalties for crack possession.

But anyone looking for a book that toes the establishment line should look elsewhere. Kennedy is not afraid to speak out where he finds problems. For example, he sifts through the data on the death penalty and finds disturbing evidence: While the race of the defendant has no impact on the likelihood that the death penalty will be executed, the race of the victim does seem to matter. Killing a white is more likely to put you on death row than killing an African-American.

The overriding message is clear: The system has problems that need correcting, but effective law enforcement is fundamentally in everyone’s interest. Inner-city neighborhoods cannot thrive until crime rates are brought down — way down.

Fortunately, there is some reason for optimism. Nationwide, crime rates have peaked and appear to be receding — partly due to the aging of the population and partly because of stiffer sentencing practices. Still, when compared to a generation ago, crime remains out of control.

And in some cities, like New York, crime-fighting innovations look promising. A decade or so ago, New York was under siege. Every crime category seemed to be at an all-time high. The obvious strategy would have been to concentrate on the serious felonies and finesse the small stuff. But New York did the opposite. The authorities cleaned up graffiti on subway cars and arrested fare jumpers. Serious crime on the subways plummeted. In the parks and neighborhoods, they cleaned up trash, fixed broken windows, rousted street people, aggressive panhandlers and prostitutes.

“Sweating the small stuff” sounds counterintuitive to modern ears. Many people think the maintenance of public order is vaguely old-fashioned — something only self-righteous old biddies care about.

But sometimes the biddies are right. And here they seem to know something that the “Dial-911-in-emergencies” school of thought in law enforcement doesn’t. When law-abiding citizens see the streets in disorder, they withdraw and crime flourishes. When impressionable young children see drug sales in the park, they rightly wonder who is the more powerful — the police or the drug peddlers. Some of those children grow up and ally themselves with the bad guys. Once that occurs, the police can’t stop it with “quick response” teams.

Will African-American ideological leaders at the national level call for all American cities to follow New York’s lead? Perhaps not. But community leaders in high-crime neighborhoods, whatever their color, can. And they are doing it in cities all across the country.
DEDICATION REFLECTIONS: The Oct. 26 dedication of the Holy Family Event Center at Academy of Our Lady of Peace (OLP) high school prompted reflections about the campus opened 115 years ago by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondolet (CSJ). Nuns from that order first came to San Diego in 1870 to hire a covered wagon, said principal Sister Dolores Anchondo, pictured at the podium. The sisters started a school in Tucson; others in 1882 opened the first OLP downtown on Second and G streets. They educated 28 girls and two boys.

In 1927, the school dedicated its present location on Oregon Street. Then and now, the religious community, students, family and faculty celebrated landmarks in school facilities, said Sister Cecilia Louise Moore, assistant provincial superior for the CSJ order in Los Angeles.

The 12,500-square-foot activity center is located on the site of a pool. Water from the pool was saved for the blessing by Bishop Robert Brom, said Sister Anchondo. That information prompted the bishop to quip, "The water has been blessed and made clean."

The center was named by principal donors Bob and Cheryl Baker and their family. Bob Baker was among those who paid tribute to the late Msgr. I. Brent Eagen, who taught religion at OLP during the 1960s and served on the school board until his death last month. Board president Ann Navarra (Class of '63) praised Msgr. Eagen's warmth and sense of humor. She recalled attending classes at a campus with fewer buildings.

"Things look a little different now, but the things that matter are still the same," she said.
SPIRITUAL FRINGES

Restless search

ON THE SIDELINES OF FAITH, THE QUESTION BECOMES: RELIGION OR CULT?

By Sandi Dolbee
RELIGION & ETHICS EDITOR

B art Wilcox walked out of a Seattle church and into his waiting path.

You know, everything they're teaching you in there is a lie, the man told him.

Bart was 20, a college student on spring break with a heart for God and a head filled with questions.

He stopped and listened awhile longer to this man, a member of a group known as the Brothers and Sisters.

We'll show you the truth, the man promised. Come with us.

And Bart went.

At the intersection of the Space Age, the Computer Age and New Age, many of us are turning to the fringes for new ways to believe.

More and more, the Bart Wilcoxes of America are looking for meaning — and God — in other places.

Just ask those who study society.

"There is something about these times that is leading people to seek outside established channels," says Evelyn Kirkley, a religious historian at the University of San Diego.

Ronald Enroth, a sociologist at Westmont College in Santa Barbara, nods his head: "There is a growing interest in the margins of religious experience."

The margins of religious experience.

Some people call them new religious movements.

Others call them cults.

There are anywhere from 900 to 3,000 such groups in this country, with a half-million to 3 million participants. The estimates fluctuate widely — partly because the experts can't agree over definitions and partly because these groups don't exactly advertise in the Yellow Pages.

But what is important is that the numbers, as Kirkley puts it, are "zooming up."

Heaven's Gate may not be an isolated aberration after all.

Last March, during the holiest week of the Christian year, San Diego watched in horror as body af-
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ter body was carried out of a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe.
Thirty-nine members of something called Heaven's Gate, dressed in black and covered with purple shrouds, had committed suicide. Led by a one-time theology student who claimed to be an incarnation of Jesus, they believed they had shed their human vehicles in search of a spaceship that would take them to their own version of paradise.

Since then, a summer has come and gone. We've turned our attention to El Nino and the Chargers and what to fix this Thanksgiving. Heaven's Gate is just a speck in our rearview mirrors. The bodies of its followers buried in our memory next to members of Jonestown and the Branch Davidians and other cultic tragedies.

"It's like cancer, we think it can't happen to us," says Eronho. "But it can."

And then he adds: "We need to be informed."

This week, The San Diego Union-Tribune will look at three examples from these margins:

The Brothers and Sisters, whose members forsake family and possessions and organized religion, in a secretive, nomadic quest for Christ; the Aquarian Concepts Community, a UFO theology with a touch of apocalypse set next to the red rocks of Sedona, Arizona; and Church Universal and Triumphant, a group in southern Montana with a spiritual synthesis of beliefs that is trying to shed its tortured past and become a mainstream denomination.

Are they destructive cults or new religions?

"The best approach for the public is to learn as much as they can about (these groups), about their history, about their values, and then communicate this to their children and their friends," advises Kirkley.

What is it that people are seeking? Why can't experts agree on what constitutes a cult? Why should we care?

"When people have the maximum information," says Kirkley, "they can make their own decisions about what is a cult, what is a religion, and whether there is a problem."

Laura Wynne turned 74 last month.

She spent 20 years with one religious group and two years with another. She was disappointed with both.

Now, she has a poster on a wall of her Sedona, Arizona, home from Church Universal and Triumphant. Don't look for her to move to Montana. "I joined two groups and that's enough," she said.

But for others, the search will continue.

"Something or other," Wynne mused, "people want to become a part of something."

Those who study humanity say there is a seeker in each of us, always looking for the intangible: For spirituality, transcendence, eternity — and something called community.

Americans are a mobile lot; we leave the family in Ohio for a job in San Diego or accept that third transfer in five years because it takes us higher on the corporate ladder.

In one out of every four homes there is a person living alone. In a typical day, there are half as many divorces as marriages. Even our architecture isolates us; front porches, which drew us out into the open, have been replaced with back decks that are separated by fences.

"The cults, they serve an essential service to a lot of people," says Dipak Gupta, an expert at San Diego State University in collective movements. "After our physical needs, our need to belong is strongest."

"There is an intentional search for community," acknowledges Tanya Luhrmann, a cultural anthropologist at the University of California San Diego.

But why new religions?

"Alternative religions provide instant hands-on involvement," she says. "You are an immediate expert, with immediate ecstasy."

USD's Kirkley shrugs. "The old answers just don't seem good anymore."

This phenomenon may have been rooted in the 1960s. Since 1965, changes in immigration laws have brought an influx of new citizens from the East. With them came their religions — Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism and other systems of beliefs that were ancient to them, but, for the most part, were rather new to us. Our Judeo-Christian landscape was becoming a forest of faiths.

Meanwhile, the counterculture arrived. Our traditions were imploding. Organized religion was among the casualties, with attendance in mainstream congregations falling like a wounded bird from the sky.

The 1960s were nirvana for the New Age. Reincarnation. Holistic health. Channeling. The underlying unity of all religions. New Age philosophies flourished, creating a bounty of beliefs from which Baby Boomers could create their own spiritual portfolios.

"When you have a society that's undergoing such rapid social change," says sociologist Eronho, "you've got a society that is ripe for emergent religious groups."

A window of opportunity remains wide open.

This fall, a new academic journal debuted, dedicated to those alternative religions. Phillip Lucas, Nova Religio's general editor from Stetson University in Florida, says there is much to learn from these groups.

"People don't go looking for an alternative religious world view," he notes, "if they are satisfied with the one they currently have."

The tall man in the cowboy hat squinted against the desert sun as he told his story.

In 1965, he was in the 82nd Airborne, part of the strike force sent by Lyndon Johnson into the Dominican Republic. After that, he went to Vietnam with the 101st Airborne. Now he is Kamon, a spiritual warrior in the Aquarian Concepts Community.

Don't call this a cult, he said. A cult is nothing more than "the church down the street from yours."

How are we to know if it's a cult or a church?

Sure, it's easy to say afterward, when the dead bodies are discovered or arrests are made for child abuse. But then it's too late.

As for the experts who study these groups, the divisions are so deep that they can't even agree on language.

One side uses the cult-word purposefully and deliberately. The other shuns it as if it were an epithet, preferring instead to say new, or alternative, religious movement.

"The real issue is a great number of these groups are causing harm to people," says Janja Lalich, who is the education director of Community Resources on Influence and Control in Alameda and co-author of "Cults in Our Midst." "And that's the issue that's not talked about enough."

For Lalich and other cult critics, the definition is pretty clear. It's the conduct, not the beliefs, that make a cult a cult.

They tell us that cults are totalistic, exclusive and are controlled by self-appointed leaders who claim special knowledge and who manipulate followers through deception and thought reform. And cults are not always based on religion.

The critics have lists of warning signs for dangerous cults — like secrecy, mind control, isolation and separation from family and friends. When these conditions exist, good people can be deluded into drinking the poisoned punch at Jonestown or eating lethal pudding in a Heaven's Gate.
What about freedom of choice? "I don't believe the people, even though they are adults, are making a conscious choice," Lalich answers. "People are tricked. They don't really know what they're getting into."

But for the other side, the issue is respect. After all, this is a country founded on religious freedom.

J. Gordon Melton, director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion in Santa Barbara, is arguably this country's foremost expert and foremost defender of alternative religions. "I start out with the assumption that they're just as sincere and have just as much religious conviction as I do," says Melton, a former United Methodist minister. "And I hold that position until they prove me wrong."

Thought reform and mind control? "Blown out of proportion," responds John Saliba, who teaches religion at the University of Detroit Mercy and is the author of "Understanding New Religious Movements."

"Saliba, a Jesuit priest, shrugs. "All religions have some form of indoctrination."

There are those who say Americans are too trusting of the religion label and that a healthy dose of critical thinking might help people to wake up and smell the difference. "We are taught that all religion is benign ever since we were kids," says Enroth, an evangelical Presbyterian minister. "We are taught that all religion is benign - wise, intelligent, super technological." "I've been called by several families who have loved ones recruited through chat rooms or bulletin boards."

But just as experts battle over what is a cult, so too are they divided over why we should care.

Melton, the defender of new religions, believes we make too much of the danger issue. "In a country the size of America, 39 people deciding to off themselves is tragic. It has nothing to do with the starting of trends."

Cult critics view the impact of Heaven's Gate in different terms. The suicides tore the fabric of society. They made orphans of children, widows and widowers of spouses and left parents to grow old without them. Some members had sophisticated skills, which they took to their graves.

And Heaven's Gate struck terror in the hearts and minds of families with loved ones who have become a part of these kinds of groups all over America.

"As a society we try to look at gangs, try to help people get out, try to prevent people from getting in," says Lalich, the Bay Area cult educator. "I don't think it's any different with the cultic phenomenon."

Still, drawing a line between what is a destructive cult and what is an alternative religion may be like evaluating art. It depends upon who is looking at it. "I cannot say whether the people were tricked. I don't believe they were."

TOMORROW: In cities and college towns across America, men and women in long clothing get on their bicycles and pedal off to follow Jesus. In the distance, a father secretly watches them, scanning the faces for his missing son.

TUESDAY: At the end of a winding road, Gabriel of Sedona prepares his followers for Armageddon, probably in May 2000 or 2001. But, he assures them, just before The End comes, they will be whisked to safety - ready to return in triumph.

WEDNESDAY: Hard against the Yellowstone River in southern Montana, the grandniece of a former San Diego mayor steps into a metal building and begins to chant to the Ascended Masters. Her face beams as her voice speeds up, faster and faster, melding with the others into a blur of sound.

Staff writers Philip J. LaVelle and Frank Klimko contributed to this report.
Brothers and Sisters use the Bible to their advantage

By Sandi Dolbee, Religion & Ethics Editor

Before Kraig Foster left to join the Brothers and Sisters, he sat down and wrote a letter to his family.

"In case (you're) wondering if this group of Christians is some kind of cult, they are not," he wrote in the letter dated April 5, 1984. "I thought about that a lot at first, too. But God has shown me that they are truly his disciples. God has shown me through Scripture."


Through the ages, their chapters and verses have been used to defend slavery, and to abolish it.
To embrace capital punishment, and to denounce it.
To convince followers that the path they are on is the one and only way to salvation.
So it is with alternative religious movements. While some use more of the Bible than others, many invoke at least enough Scripture to evoke a sense of godly approval.

Church Universal and Triumphant founder Elizabeth Clare Prophet, for example, quotes liberally from the Bible to bolster her argument that reincarnation was part of Jesus' message. Aquarian Concepts Community cites the New Testament over and over to encourage trust in its divine administration at Planetary Headquarters.

And for the Brothers and Sisters, a nomadic band of Christians who travel quietly across the country in search of recruits, the Bible isn't just a part of its message — it is the focus of their entire faith. As Kraig Foster put it 13 years ago: "God has shown me through Scripture."

The Brothers and Sisters select strong excerpts for their recruits, which, taken literally and without regard to context, certainly appear clear enough: leave straightaway, forsake all, take up your cross daily.

But just how accurate are their interpretations? The San Diego Union-Tribune took some of the group's most-emphasized verses to local Bible experts to help separate the wheat from the chaff, scripturally speaking.

First, there is the story of the rich man in the 10th chapter of Mark. The Brothers and Sisters use this voraciously to persuade recruits that if they are serious about eternal life, they must give up their jobs, their education and their worldly goods.

"It's a misuse of the text to just lift it out," cautions Florence Gillman, a biblical studies scholar at the University of San Diego.

To emphasize her point, Gillman flips over to Luke 19 and the story of another wealthy man, named Zacchaeus, who gives away half his goods to the poor and still wins praise from Jesus.

"You can't generalize," she says, looking up from her Bible in a coffee

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Scripture: Kraig Foster left behind notes with questions and Bible verses. One crossed-out phrase: "not cult."
shop on the campus of the Roman Catholic university.

Mark Strauss, at Bethel Theological Seminary, agrees.

"What Jesus is saying (in Mark) is that this individual had one thing that was holding him back, his attachment to his material goods," says Strauss, a New Testament expert who teaches at the San Diego campus of the Protestant seminary.

"This is specific advice to this one man. Others might not be held back by material goods. There are multiple examples where individuals do not sell all their possessions, but are still considered holy and held in good regard in the Bible."

The Brothers and Sisters also are strong on separation from family, using verse after verse to convince recruits that they must cut their ties.

But as Strauss, Gillman and others point out, there are many verses with quite opposite messages: One of the Ten Commandments deals specifically with honoring mothers and fathers; Jesus goes to Peter's home and heals his mother-in-law, suggesting strongly that Peter did not abandon his family; the apostle Paul refers to husbands traveling with their wives in ministry; the evangelist Philip had a home with four daughters.

And in the Gospel of John, some of Jesus' final words from the cross were to his mother standing nearby.

The bottom line is context and discernment, say the scholars. Read the Bible as a whole message and determine what it means for your life.

The Brothers and Sisters use only the King James Version, a 17th century translation that continues to be a sentimental favorite among some segments of Christianity despite newer, and arguably more comprehensive, versions. But there may be another reason that leader Jim Roberts insists on the King James Version.

"It is harder to understand, so you need an authority to interpret it," says Strauss.

There is a measure of genuine Christianity in the Brothers' and Sisters' use of Bible verses, Gillman notes. But, she adds, the selected texts are bound together "in a cultic straitjacket."

"Real Christianity is peaceful, happy to shout from the housetops," she says. "It has no secrets."
New religions appear on the horizon

By Sandi Dolbee, RELIGION & ETHICS EDITOR

Our appetite for the side dishes of faiths has yet to be satiated. The Brothers and Sisters, Aquarian Concepts Community, Church Universal and Triumphant, and others to come. "We are likely to see more of these groups," says Dipak Gupta, an expert in collective movements at San Diego State University.

J. Gordon Melton, who researches religions for a living at his institute in Santa Barbara, agrees: 'We're going to see a continual emergence of the fringe groups.'

In some ways, it comes down to the law of supply and demand. The demand for alternative religious movements, and the kinds of groups that people call cults, is growing — and would-be gurus are more than happy to oblige.

Or maybe, muses sociologist Wade Clark Roof, it's the other way around.

"Some are saying that supply is creating the demand. That is, an entrepreneur creates the product and then the people come," says Roof, author of a landmark 1993 book about baby boomer spirituality titled "A Generation of Seekers."

So what does the future — or at least the next few years — hold for us seekers? More, more and more.

First, more vulnerability.

Part of this vulnerability can be blamed on the coming of the year 2000 and the momentous event of timing we call the millennium.

"When the calendar odometer rolls to zeroes, even though it's not technically the start of a new millennium, it still holds the fascination of a blank slate," says Evelyn Kirkley, a religious historian.

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at the University of San Diego. "And the increased anxiety of what will this new creation look like."

For some, the millennium means doom. This is when the biblical Armageddon will surely arrive, they say. Believing the end is imminent brings all sorts of anxiety about the future.

Others are trying to shift the emphasis from trepidation to celebration. Pope John Paul II joined that campaign early; he's already declared the 2,000th anniversary of Jesus' birth to be a Jubilee Year.

But for many, the anticipation is that something dramatic is going to happen — they just don't know what. It's as if "some alarm clock has been set ... and it's going to go off," says Gupta from SDSU.

Of course, the calendar isn't completely at fault. Societal shifts, population changes and cultural re-vamping contribute to this sensation of vulnerability.

"And when people feel vulnerable as individuals they try to look for groups, they try to find association with other people, their fellow sufferers," says Gupta. Many people are finding — and will find — these associations in the established channels of faith. Churches and synagogues, and even some religious vocations, are seeing an increasing curiosity from boomers facing their own mortality and a younger generation wondering if there is more to life than Howard Stern.

Some will find no established channel. And when that happens, there is a void. "Therefore," says Gupta, "these guys are going to look for things to believe in.

Next, expect more emphasis on individual choice — and mixing and matching theologies.

"What's going to happen, I think, is more Americans are going to feel more free to choose whatever beliefs they want to," says John Saliba, a Jesuit priest and religious studies professor from the University of Detroit Mercy. Fewer people, he adds, "are going to be toeing the line."

Roof's surveys of baby boomers found that 60 percent of them feel it is better to explore all the alternatives rather than stick to a single faith.

"They believe that there is truth to all of it, so why cut yourself off from knowing the possibilities of learning?" says Roof, who teaches at the University of California Santa Barbara.

It's like going to Las Vegas and betting on all the numbers on the roulette wheel. After all, mortality is at stake.

This isn't a passing fad. "I don't think it's going to go away for the next couple of decades," says Saliba.

Chakras and kabbala. Prayer and maps. Groups that offer this eclecticism are bound to find fertile field.

Ditto for movements whose doctrine is out of this world. Saliba calls these groups "UFO religions" and, he says, "they are in fact trying to encompass a cosmic world view into theology."

In other words, the sky is no longer the limit for some of these seekers — and the groups they join.

Spirituality is on a roll.

Turn on television and you will find that this compas of pop culture has made spirituality a prime-time player. Networks have been Touching by an Angel, led by a Soul Man in the Promised Land filled with Good News on his way to 7th Heaven.

In the real world, groups heavy on overseas mysticism will continue to be big shots. So will charismatic and experiential movements.

"People want more heart stuff than head stuff," says sociologist Roof. "Head stuff is not selling these days. It's heart stuff. You got to feel it."

The August issue of Neo Age Journal reported on the popularity of whirling dervish groups, whose "meditation in motion" is based on a mystical order of Sufism. Melton, director of the Institute for the Study of American Religion, says he recently discovered a new group in the United States that is based on the ancient Hindu sect of Jainism. While that in itself may not be so unusual, since Jainism has been around since before Christianity, this particular off-shoot came here by way of Africa.

Meanwhile, look for a parallel — and opposite — gravitation toward established traditions.

"My bet is that people will be going back to churches," says UCSD cultural anthropologist Tanya Luhrmann, who foresees the spotlight focusing on more culturally traditional values like family and community.

Indeed, conservative churches are growing. And there are at least some tentative signs of religious renewal among mainline congregations.

Does this sound fickle? Perhaps. But remember, in the same week earlier this year, Americans made best-sellers of both the autobiography of preacher Billy Graham and a book by a former radio talk show host about his nocturnal conversations with God.

It's all part of our national spiritual exuberance.

The 1990s have been deadly for cultic groups.

Branch Davidians in Waco. Followers of the Order of the Solar Temple in Canada and Europe. Victims of nerve-gas attacks in Tokyo that have been linked to a Japanese-based sect known as Aum Shinri Kyo. Heaven's Gate in Rancho Santa Fe. In all, more than 200 lives have been claimed.

Inevitably there will be more.

Melton, the researcher and staunch defender of alternative religious movements, argues for perspective.

"The Orthodox-Muslim conflict in Bosnia has caused more deaths in this decade than all the body count of cults through history," he says.

Bay Area cult educator Janja Lalich argues from another perspective.

"It's really awful," says Lalich. "They steal from the brightest and the best."

SDSU's Gupta is somewhere in the middle. "It may be so that the number of cults is going to increase, but that doesn't mean we have to worry about them," he says. "It's not that that in itself is a troubling aspect."

Groups become troubling when exploration into the line into exploitation, when joining them doesn't just mean connecting with like-minded believers but turning against the outside world, when doctrine has more to do with deception and control than theology, and when the authority of God takes a back seat to the authority of the leader.

How do we know if something's a bad religious movement or a destructive cult?

"Sometimes," answers Detroit professor Saliba, "you don't know until the very end."

And in the very end, we remain, seekers.

Psychologist Linda Cunningham left her practice in La Jolla to become Marayeh in Gabriel of Sedona's Aquarian Concepts Community.

Robert Douglas was a substitute teacher in Illinois until a year ago, when he moved to the Montana headquarters of Church Universal and Triumphant.

And the Brothers and Sisters have a new recruit. His name is Jason Rios. He left the University of Texas in May, just two weeks before his graduation. Last month, his mother received her first letter from him. Get rid of the rest of my stuff, he wrote. "That is stuff that belongs to a person who is dead and gone."

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Golden Rules Talk Features Noted Parenting Author

Parents of all ages can learn the Golden Rules of Parenting by attending a talk by Rabbi Wayne Dosick at St. Rafael parish in Rancho Bernardo on Sun Nov. 16 at 7 pm. Rabbi Dosick is the author of *Golden Rules: The Ten Ethical Values Parents Need To Teach Their Children*. He teaches Jewish studies at the University of San Diego.

The presentation is co-sponsored by the religious education offices at San Rafael, St. Gabriel and St. Michael parishes, and by the Married Couples and Families Group at San Rafael. Admission is free but donations will accepted. To reserve seats, call Carlene Galvan at (619) 748-5348, Cathy Wood at (619) 485-1392 or M.J. Heggeness at (619) 674-1145.
USD looks to increase Latino enrollment

By Isaac H. Cubillos

The U.S. Supreme Court's decision this week to let stand a ruling upholding Proposition 209 puts a new spin on how high-school seniors will select the college they wish to attend.

A recent survey by the University of California found that fewer minority students are applying to the UC campuses but instead are leaving the state or choosing private institutions such as the University of San Diego (USD).

USD over the years has done well to keep Latino students enrolled, with the highest retention rate of any ethnic group in the top 100 colleges in the nation. Latinos also make up 15 percent of each graduating class with business management, liberal arts and social science being the top three degrees being bestowed.

Last Saturday, USD officials joined students and the Latina/Latino Unity Coalition in a conference to explore ideas on how the university could foster better relations with the community and develop strategies to recruit more Latinos as students.

Dan Wolf, director of the university's Transborder Institute, said, "California will be a state of minorities in just a few years but with the plurality being Catholic." Thus, USD has a distinct advantage over other local colleges because of its Catholic heritage.

Suggestions from coalition members ranged from early outreach programs through the parishes to having alumni return to the campus and speak to the students.

"Nothing is going to happen without additional financial aid," said Joseph Cordero. "The college has to make available more financial aid to students if they want more Latinos coming here."

Dr. Alice B. Hayes, president of the university, said Hispanics are able to receive financial assistance from a pool of grants, scholarships and loans. "It is financially possible for Hispanics to attend the university, but we understand for us to accept more students we have to make more funds available."

For the average student, the cost of full-time attendance at USD is about $14,700 per year. Hayes said the college can help the majority of Latino students with financial packages.

The conference also explored ways of including more Latinos as USD faculty members, currently at around 5 percent. Hayes said the school is blessed with a very low turnover rate of faculty members, making the prized vacancy scarce.

Coalition members and alumni have been critical of the university's pace in implementing classes and degree programs which recognize campus diversity. Luis Natividad noted that there are no recognizable Latino names on the university's board of trustees.

Professor Gail Perez added that 30 years after the civil rights and social movements of the 1960s, the university recently created a minor degree recognizing cultural awareness. "It's been a long time, but we finally have one on campus."

Lupe Corona, assistant director of student affairs, was instrumental in bringing the conference together. Hayes, faculty members and community leaders credited Corona for her role in the Latino community and on campus.

"I saw her protesting on TV one day," said Natividad. "I don't know what she was protesting, but it was a Latina doing something — it reminded me of the Chicano Movement."

Corona made sure that each group of conferees was matched with USD students who then would take the ideas and suggestions back to the president's office.

Sponsoring the event was USD, the Latina/Latino Unity Coalition and the United Front Multicultural Center. The Latina/Latino Unity Coalition was formed two years ago by a group of activists who were concerned with the lack of unity in the existing Latino organizations.

It fosters forums and networking between the different groups to enhance their impact on the Latino community.
Sisters from New Mexico tell of being fired for teaching Chicano history course

By Leonel Sanchez
STAFF WRITER

Two sisters who were fired in July for teaching Chicano history to their secondary school students in New Mexico are in San Diego this week speaking about their controversial case.

"We took a stand and we paid a price for it," Patsy Cordova, 47, told students at the University of San Diego on Wednesday.

Their case has divided their predominantly Mexican-American town of Vaughn, 100 miles east of Albuquerque, and has made national headlines as it has focused attention on the relevance of teaching U.S. history from an ethnic perspective.

The New Mexico Civil Liberties Union is representing Patsy's sister, Nadine, in her federal civil rights lawsuit against the Vaughn Municipal School District. Nadine Cordova, 40, is accusing the district of violating her First Amendment rights.

The now-unemployed sisters have been in San Diego since Monday, speaking mostly to college-age Latino audiences and raising funds for their legal fees and living expenses.

They are scheduled to speak 7 p.m. tonight at the Sherman Heights Community Center in San Diego.

In July, the Vaughn school board voted 3-2 to fire the sisters for insubordination. School officials said their teachings were racially divisive and promoted a militant attitude in students.

The sisters said they were merely trying to connect with their predominantly Mexican-American students who were bored with traditional textbooks that failed to mention their history in the U.S. Southwest.

"There's nothing wrong with the Anglo perspective, but we think we need to present other perspectives," Patsy Cordova told her USD audience.

She added that "Chicano history is American history."

The Cordova sisters were longtime teachers at Vaughn Junior and Senior High School when they began teaching a Chicano history course in the fall of 1996.

A book and documentary film they used for the course contained some powerful messages of racism toward Mexicans. In a section on the Alamo, the program notes that Davy Crockett bragged that he fried his potatoes on the fat of Mexicans.

Around the same time their course began, Nadine Cordova organized a chapter of MEChA, a Chicano student club that has chapters in high schools and colleges across the nation, including San Diego County.

At a parent and student meeting in Vaughn, a member of the MEChA club raised her fist in the air and shouted, "Que viva la raza."

"That tore our town apart," Nadine Cordova later told a New Mexico magazine.

The sisters were considered outstanding teachers and were given high marks in their annual evaluations by the school superintendent in the spring of 1996 before the controversy, according to the lawsuit.

Though the school district initially approved the Chicano history course, officials objected to the sisters' teaching methods and ordered them to stop, and they did.

The sisters began teaching a new course, modeled after the Teaching Tolerance curriculum developed by the Southern Poverty Law Center in Birmingham, Ala. They were eventually suspended and then fired.
Affirmative action's time is short

The Supreme Court made it obvious last week that the days of racial preferences are numbered, so both parties need to come up with alternative strategies to enlarge opportunities for minorities.

At the moment, though, neither the Clinton administration nor congressional Republicans are taking serious steps to narrow gaps between whites and African-Americans.

The White House seems unwilling to face the near-certainty that affirmative action can't be mended because the Supreme Court will soon end it.

Even though voters in Houston voted down a referendum to end the city's affirmative action plan, other jurisdictions are considering measures like California's Proposition 209, which banned racial preferences by state government.

After the Supreme Court refused to hear an appeal from opponents of 209, White House press secretary Mike McCurry said, "I don't know what you can read from a silent court" and cautioned against "overinterpreting" the action.

The court's refusal, though, left standing an appeals court judgment upholding 209's constitutionality. A major decision on racial preferences will come later this term in the Piscataway, N.J., school case in which a white teacher was laid off instead of an equally qualified black teacher based solely on race.

Most observers expect the high court to rule against the school district — possibly in a broad decision striking down race-based decision-making to promote "diversity."

The administration has adopted a policy of adhering closely to the letter of Supreme Court decisions — trimming back on racial set-asides, for instance — while defending affirmative action as a general principle.

It shows no signs, though, of redirecting national policy toward measures that would help individuals in minority groups compete if group preferences are withdrawn.

To the contrary, President Clinton's effort to launch a healing "national dialogue" on race has gone nowhere, at least partly because he based it on the premise that white racism remains the prime cause of inequality.

Instead of leading to fresh thinking, Clinton is encouraging the races to indulge in more blame-gaming, with blacks thinking of themselves as victims and making whites feel defensive and resentful.

On the other side of the partisan divide, Republicans now proclaim dedication to the ideal of a colorblind society, but they seem most eager to capitalize politically on white resentment against "reverse discrimination."

Some Republicans, including House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, genuinely favor programs to empower minority citizens to advance educationally and economically, but these are scarcely large-scale or a powerful priority in the GOP.

The Republican version of a war on poverty — the Watts-Talent bill — is really just a skirmish, creating only 100 "renewal communities" around the country where deregulation would permit economic development.

Named for Reps. J.C. Watts, R-Okla., and Jim Talent, R-Mo., the bill is scheduled for House action next spring, about the time the Supreme Court can be expected to drive a stake through the heart of affirmative action.

It's plainly time for both parties to get moving on more sweeping measures to enable individual citizens to succeed on their own and build a truly colorblind society based on people's success, regardless of race.

The best descriptions of how to do so come from former White House aide Bill Galston, now at the University of Maryland, and Will Marshall of the Progressive Policy Institute.

Galston, in an interview, and Marshall, in a prescient paper written in 1995, argue for similar drives — first, to make sure that laws against discrimination are vigorously enforced, especially in the criminal justice system, and second, that government makes tools available to enable people to succeed as individuals.

If minorities can't win places in colleges because of race, they will have to attain them on the basis of academic achievement, argues Galston, so the schools need to be made first-rate — urgently.

Galston's idea is for states to pass laws allowing the top "x percent" of graduates of all state high schools to be admitted to state universities.

"Immediately, there would be an outcry that some unqualified kids are being admitted," he said, "but that would be a spur toward making sure every high school is meeting high standards."

Marshall advocates "a new bargain on equal opportunity that trades group preferences for individual empowerment," including shifting to preferences based on income, encouragement of voluntary private efforts to advance diversity, tax breaks for small savers, and measures to improve transportation and investment in inner cities.

As both parties draw up their legislative agendas for the 1998 election year and the administration begins making next year's budget decisions, they need to be prepared for the day when affirmative action is struck down and everyone asks, "What do we do now?"
Stadler’s 5 TDs help USD finish second in PFL

By Paul Jankowski
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

VALPARAISO, Ind. — Preseason polls always seem to be a source of inspiration for teams picked at the bottom of the pack.

USD 52
Valparaiso 35

The University of San Diego’s football team made the “experts” look foolish this season, finishing second in the Pioneer Football League after beating Valparaiso 52-35 yesterday at Brown Field.

“Valparaiso was expected to finish last. Hopefully we earned a little respect, because we beat some good teams along the way,” said USD coach Kevin McGarry.

The Crusaders were obviously expecting a pass in that situation. “I was being thinking that we were going to pass, too,” McGarry said. “They had their two deep men underneath, so we just split them and it was wide open.”

Stadler went to work after that. He finished 20-of-28 passing for 357 yards and another five touchdown passes, again tying his own single-game school record and bringing his single-season record total to 27.

USD’s big win came last week against Drake, a 39-30 come-from-behind thriller in which sophomore quarterback Mike Stadler threw five touchdown passes.

With the Crusaders’ secondary weakened by injuries, Stadler was expected to spend most of yesterday putting the ball in the air.

That’s what happened after USD’s first series, when freshman tailback Joe Hampton raced 70 yards untouched on a third-and-10 draw play for the first score of the day.

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And Stadler did it by keeping all three receivers happy. Senior Chris Del Santo had eight catches for 185 yards and two TDs; sophomore Jeff Prichard made four catches for 96 yards and two TDs; and sophomore Dylan Ching, last week’s PFL offensive player of the week, had three catches for 57 yards and one score.

“Out receivers made some great catches, made some great moves,” Stadler said. “It’s fun knowing when you throw the ball, they’re going to get it.”

USD took an early 12-0 lead, but Valparaiso responded with 21 consecutive second-quarter points. Two scores capped long Crusaders drives, and the third came on a 25-yard return by Dirk Pechstein after VU’s Kevin Bose blocked a punt by Tim Roth.

“I don’t think anybody was ready to abandon ship when it was 12-0,” said VU coach Tom Horne.

But USD regrouped to take a 27-21 halftime lead, on a 40-yard pass play to Del Santo and a 37-yard toss to Prichard.

The Crusaders’ second-half scores came on a 40-yard pass to Prichard, a 71-yarder to Del Santo and a 49-yard field goal by Roth.

“We’ve made big plays all year,” McGarry said.

VU got to within 35-28, but came up empty on two drives. And defensively, the Crusaders secondary was hampered by the loss of cornerback Ray Hiller (hamstring), while the other corner, Kerron Stokes, was slowed by a hip flexor injury.

Yesterday’s Games

USD 52, Valparaiso 35
Dayton 49, Evansville 7
Drake 45, Aurora 0

Saturday’s Games

USD at Whittier, 7
Drake at Butler, 10:30
Ky. Wes. at Evansville, 10:30
Valparaiso at Aurora, 11
USD women gain 18th straight victory in volleyball

Senior outside hitter LaManda Mounts had 15 kills to lead 21st-ranked USD to a 15-7, 9-15, 15-4, 17-15 victory over the University of Portland in a West Coast Conference women's volleyball match last night at Portland.

Mounts added a team-high 16 digs as the Toreros (19-2 overall, 8-0 WCC) won their 18th straight match and added to their record for consecutive victories by a WCC team.

Freshman outside hitter Adrian Frediani, a Rancho Bernardo High School alumna, added 12 kills and 10 digs for USD.

K.T. Lamb had a match-high 17 kills and 30 digs for the Pilots (8-17, 2-6). Cathy Cook added 13 kills, Gretchen Sanders had 12 kills and 18 digs, and Amy McCammond finished with 11 kills and 16 digs.

The Toreros next play Gonzaga tonight in Spokane, Wash.

Men's soccer

Mike Marvil scored in the first half and Levi Parker in the second half to lead USD (8-7-1, 2-3-0 WCC) to a 2-0 win over visiting Loyola Marymount (5-7-1, 2-3-0). Marvil scored off a chip pass from Keith Finnegan 23 minutes into the game to put the Toreros on the board. Parker added an unassisted goal 10 minutes into the second half. Goalkeeper Joe Panian got the shutout for USD.

Ryan Schaeffer and Jamie Bergener scored in the first half.

Men's tennis

USD's German Maldonado and Mattian Tangefjord defeated Pepperdine's Scott Krowczyk and A.J. de Leon 6-3, 6-3 in the second round of the Rolex/ITA Southern California Men's Tennis Regional in Irvine.
USD rebounds from loss, tops No. 11 Waves

The University of San Diego women's volleyball team moved into sole possession of first place in the West Coast Conference yesterday by defeating No. 11 Pepperdine 15-8, 15-10, 5-15, 15-8 at the USD Sports Center. Petia Yanakieva led the Toreros (21-3, 10-1) with 21 kills and five blocks. Three other Toreros recorded double digits in kills (LaManda Mounts 16, Adrian Frediani 10, Sara Gunsaulsus 12).

Pepperdine (20-3, 9-2) drops to second place in the conference, one game behind USD, which had its 19-match winning streak broken Friday night against Loyola Marymount.

More women's volleyball

UCSD lost the first game but bounced back to beat Concordia 9-15, 15-3, 15-4, 15-9 in the Tritons' regular-season finale at RLAC Arena. Shannon Hawes notched 15 kills and seven digs for the Tritons (22-5), who ran their win streak to 18. The playoff pairings come out tonight and the Tritons are expected to the No. 1 seed in the West Region.

San Diego State middle blocker Nicole Curtis recorded 12 kills to power the Aztecs past visiting Texas Christian 15-3, 15-7, 15-8. Michaela Paz added a game-high 18 digs for the Aztecs (14-9, 9-3 Western Athletic Conference). The Horned Frogs (12-16, 3-10) had no player with more than seven kills.

No. 3 seed Western Baptist scored a mild upset over No. 1 seed Christian Heritage 16-14, 11-15, 15-10, 15-11 in the finals of the National Christian College Athletic Association Tournament in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Christian Heritage players Jamie Shook and Heather Davis were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Point Loma Nazarene won the first game but ended up falling to Fresno Pacific, the NAIA's No. 4-ranked team, by scores of 11-15, 15-12, 15-10, 15-8 in San Diego. Point Loma's Crystal Vazzana chipped in with 18 kills and 11 digs despite being slowed from a sprained ankle sustained in warm-ups. Point Loma (19-9, 9-5 Golden State Athletic Conference) ends regular-season play in third place in league. Fresno improves to 25-2 and 12-2. Playoff pairings will be announced tomorrow.

Men's soccer

Todd Marcus scored three goals to help Westmont defeat Point Loma Nazarene 5-1 in the championship game of the Golden State Athletic Conference tournament in Santa Barbara. The lone Crusader goal was by Morteza Hirad at the 44th minute to make the score 2-1. PLNC finishes the season at 13-7-2, the best finish in school history. Westmont goes on to the NAIA Far West Regional Championships with a record of 14-4-2.

Women's water polo

Grossmont took third place in the Southern California Regional Tournament by defeating Riverside 7-6 in Long Beach. Amy McDaniel and Elizabeth Eguez each scored three goals for Grossmont (22-11-1).

Cross country

Mesa's men's and women's cross country teams both finished second in the Southern California Regional Championships in Irvine.
Toreros unwrap a ground game, run like pros on stubborn Poets

By Brad Falduto, SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

WHITTIER — The pass is how the University of San Diego finished a best-ever second place in the Pioneer Football League this season.

So how did the Toreros dispose of host Whittier last night in the first of two non-league games that will close out the season? With the run, of course.

Toreros 30
Whittier 18

Hoping to keep the ball away from the pass-happy Poets, USD used a ball-control offense and was able to shake off some costly mistakes and hold on for a 30-18 victory over Whittier.

The victory raised the Toreros' record to 7-3. Whittier fell to 4-4.

"Against a team like this, they throw the ball all over the field, so we wanted to work the clock," said a relieved USD coach Kevin McGarry. "I'm happy. It's always a little hard to get up after the conference season is over. But this team has a lot to shoot for, like eight victories."

That goal might have been ruined if USD's Kaeo Gouveia didn't intercept a pass late in the fourth quarter and return it 47 yards for a game-sealing touchdown. The other key was running back Joe Hampton, who rushed 32 times for 136 yards.

"Coach said we were going to try and run on them, but I didn't expect this much," said Hampton.

Turnovers led to all three first-half scores. Midway through the opening quarter, Whittier set up to punt but the snap never reached punter Mike Alarcon. Instead, the ball was recovered by USD's Travia Dellinger at Whittier's 36-yard line.

After quarterback Mike Stadler completed a pass to tight end Jeb Betz for a 24-yard gain, Hampton scored from a yard out four plays later. The Toreros failed on a two-point conversion pass and led 6-0.

Early in the second quarter, Whittier's Jeremy Snyder muffed a punt and the ball was recovered by USD's Khalid Maxie at Whittier's 24-yard line. On the next play, Stadler hit Dylan Ching with a 24-yard scoring strike. Ching also caught the two-point conversion.

USD got pinned on its own 3-yard line thanks to a punt by Alarcon. The Toreros fumbled the snap on second down. Two plays later, Whittier scored on a pass from Steve Luce to Snyder, making it 14-6.

The Toreros wasted a golden scoring opportunity late in the first half after driving to the Whittier 3-yard line. The Toreros failed to score on three straight runs, then Tim Roth's 18-yard field goal attempt hit the right post.

A 32-yard run by Hampton set up his own 1-yard touchdown early in the fourth quarter for the Toreros. But Whittier came right back with a score on a 15-yard pass from Luce to Snyder. The two-point conversion pass attempt, though, was picked off by Kujanga Jackson, and he returned it 100 yards for a two-point score. That made it 23-12.

Whittier scored again on its next possession on a 4-yard run by Leon Smith, cutting USD's lead to five at 23-18. Whittier got the ball back and was threatening when Gouveia made his big interception.
USD caps stellar year with rout

By Brad Falduto
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

As homecoming fans filed out of Torero Stadium yesterday, USD defensive back Kujanga Jackson lingered on the field, soaking up his final moments as a player while wearing a wide smile.

Jackson, a senior, was having a hard time letting go of a great USD career, which ended on a couple of very high notes. The Toreros had just disposed of Wagner College 52-29, putting the final touches on an 8-3 season — the most victories in the program since 1973.

"I do wish we had more games," said Jackson. "I wish I had four more years here.

"This program has moved 1,000 yards forward from four years ago to now. The caliber of athletes we’re recruiting and the players coming back, the program is just real strong."

USD coach Kevin McGarry was a bit more anxious to leave the field, thanks to the chilly water dousing he received from his players. But closing out the successful season, which also saw the Toreros finish a best-ever second in the Pioneer Football League, was another story.

"The way we’re playing, yes, I want a lot more games," said the second-year head coach after receiving an embrace from his father. "This is a great feeling, 8-3. I’m thrilled. The team is thrilled.

"As I said at the start of the season, I wasn’t sure how it would go with all the young kids we have. Young kids can struggle. But this has been great."

Like Jackson, another senior, running back Jared Keo, wasn’t happy to see the season — and his career — come to an end.

"I’m more shocked to not have any football games left," said Keo, who caught a touchdown pass and rushed for a score. "We were just the second class to come here when the school went (Division) I-AA. We just had to wait for our success. Now it is here. I’m excited about the future here. I just wish I could play more."

At least, according to Jackson, everything ended for USD’s 10 seniors on a high note.

"It has been great playing here," said Jackson. "But as they say, all good things must come to an end."

The Toreros scored every which way. There was a score on a rugby-type play, there was an interception return for a touchdown, there were a couple of long touchdown passes, four rushing TDs and a field goal.

USD looked quite the powerhouse early against Wagner (6-4). The Toreros put up 17 straight points in the first quarter.

First, senior Tim Roth booted a 35-yard field goal. Then Keo took a swing pass from Mike Doherty, a senior making his first career start, and rambled 33 yards for a score. Next came the rugby play. Wagner’s Ricardo Sarille fumbled at the Seahawks’ 41-yard line. USD’s Shawn Lorenzo picked it up and lateralled to Tom Tennyson as he was hit. Tennyson then fumbled at the 11 and Lukas Smart scooped it up and took it into the end zone.

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**Yesterday’s Games**

USD 52, Wagner 29
Butler 20, St. Joe’s, Ind. 13
Drake 27, Iowa 20
Morehead 54, Evansville 27
Cal Poly-SLO 44, Dayton 24

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**End regular season**
By Brad Falduto
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

It's an addiction, Kevin McGarry said, with roots early in his life. No, McGarry isn't hooked on anything illicit. He has a passion for football.

"Playing football or being a football coach is almost like being a drug addict," said McGarry. "You have to have this fix. You keep coming back for more."

For 20 years, McGarry has been getting his fix at USD. He began as a player, became a volunteer coach, was promoted to a paid assistant and finally stepped up to the role he undertook last season as head coach. That last step has paid off handsomely for USD. Heading into their season finale today against Wagner (1:30 p.m.), the Toreros are 8-3. A homecoming victory would give the Toreros the most victories against non-club teams they've had in 25 years.

"I think the program is going in an upward trend," said McGarry, 41. "We're hoping success enables us to attract better players. But the realities of USD with high academic standards and being non-scholarship, we have to go out and beat the bushes to find players."

Apparently, those players are glad to be found by McGarry.

"I think he's one of the best player's coaches around," said Jared Keo, a senior running back who has played for McGarry for four seasons. "He's a coach on the field, but he's one of the guys off the field."

When McGarry accepted the head coaching job, he admitted concern about losing that close relationship with his players, one often difficult to maintain when you are running the show.

"It is easier to be closer to the players when you're an assistant," said McGarry, a native of El Segundo who played at Saddleback College in Mission Viejo before heading to USD.

"For me, coaching has always been about the players. That's why I do it. I enjoy being with college kids. I was concerned as head coach my role would change. The kids know me as Coach McGarry the assistant and assumed the relationship would be the same.

"It was a difficult transition, but I don't think I have changed that much. I still goof around with guys after practice. Just because I jumped them at practice doesn't mean I still don't like them."

USD TODAY

TOREROS (7-3)
VS. WAGNER (6-3)
Site/Time Torero Stadium/1:30.
USD outlook This non-conference game is the Toreros' season finale. With a win, USD would reach eight victories in a season for only the fourth time, and the first since 1981. USD's 4-1 record and second-place finish in the Pioneer Football League is its best league showing since moving to Division I-AA four years ago. Keep an eye on quarterback Mike Stadler, who is three TD passes shy of tying USD's career record of 31 set by Vince Moiso from 1992-94. Give Joe Hampton a good look. The freshman running back has rushed for 260 yards and three TDs in the last two games. Wagner's Seahawks are led by running back Rick Sarille, who has rushed for 1,102 yards and 11 TDs. He also averages 32 yards per kickoff return. Wagner, from Staten Island, N.Y., comes to San Diego battered and bruised after losing 51-7 at Monmouth last Saturday.

"For me, coaching has always been about the players."

Kevin McGarry, USD football coach

"A million things happen here that make me proud to be here and proud to keep doing it," said McGarry. "You get a phone call from a guy you coached 10 years ago and find out he is a company vice president, or a letter telling the impact you had personally on his life. Coming to work is just so exciting."

Maintaining relationships with players after they leave USD is one of the biggest rewards for McGarry, who also spent six seasons as the women's softball coach in the '80s. In fact, it's one of the things that has kept McGarry from moving on from USD, which plays at the Division I-AA level. Making it even tougher, USD could offer scholarships but chooses not to. Still, McGarry calls USD home.

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Kevin McGarry, USD football coach
USD’s thin front line has Miles to go again

By Bill Center

There are times when Brian Miles’ basketball play borders on the brilliant.

He is a gracefully fluid 6-foot-8. And how many other center/forwards lead their conference in three-point shooting accuracy, as Miles did in the West Coast Conference last season at 47.6 percent?

“He’s talented,” USD coach Brad Holland said of the Toreros’ leading scorer the past two seasons.

But as talented as Miles is, he still lost his spot in the starting lineup last season as his team prepared for the stretch run.

The rap on Miles was his inconsistency. “I can’t say why it’s happened, but there have been times during my first two seasons here that I’ve lost focus,” Miles said yesterday. “At times, I’m real aggressive.

Looking for action: Senior center/forward Brian Miles is expected to bring new consistency to the Toreros lineup.

USD Toreros 1997-98 Roster

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College basketball

AZTECS Point guard Jason Richey, a second-team All-WAC performer last year, expects better things from the 1997-98 season, which begins Friday at home against BYU. “This year we’re going to take care of business on and off the court,” Richey said.

PREVIEW The rosters for the Aztecs and Toreros.

TOP 25 GAMES

#11 N. Mexico 98, USC 76
North Carolina State 47, #19 Georgia 45
Princeton 62, #22 Texas 56
#24 Temple 68, Auburn 42

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Toreros

Miles adjusted focus in offseason

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And at other times, I've allowed myself to be pushed around. “I'd just sort of fall out of the flow of things. I can't let that happen this year, and I think I've made the necessary changes.”

Miles has made changes aplenty since the end of last season. He got married, became the stepfather of a 6-year-old son and has a second child on the way. He also worked all summer on improving his strength and conditioning for his final collegiate season.

“Time-wise, it's tough and the funds are tight,” he said. “But the changes in my life since the end of last season have made me a better person and I think a better basketball player.

“I see things differently now. This is more than a game. It's about putting out your best in life, whether it be in basketball, a job or a relationship.”

Holland says the changes in Miles are noticeable.

“I think he had the best offseason of his life,” Holland said. “His life has changed and he's picked up the challenge. I've seen it in seniors before. This is their last chance, so they pour everything they have into it.

“At the end of last season, Miles and I had a pretty strong discussion. I told him he needed to be more consistent and a stronger person on this team. Already, he's brought that consistency to practice.”

Now he must carry it to games.

The heart of the 2011 Toreros is the 6-7 center. Bruso graduated with honors. Backup center James Black also graduated. And freshman Brian Smith transferred. All of which left USD thin in the middle.

Teaming with Miles in the starting lineup is 6-6 junior Ryan Williams, who redshirted last season after two rounds of knee surgery (arthritis and a cyst). Williams averaged 9.8 points and 5.3 rebounds in 1995-96. Supporting him is 7-foot sophomore Jeff Knoll, whose chronic back problems limited his playing time in high school but who is fresh from Pete Newell's "Big Man Camp" after being voted USD's Most Improved Player last season.

The plan is for Miles to open at center and go forward when Knoll enters the game. When Miles needs a breather, Knoll and Williams will usually be on the floor. Behind those three are freshmen.

"An injury up front could kill us," admits Holland.

Last season, Miles averaged 14.6 points, 5.4 rebounds and 25 minutes.

"Brian's got to go longer," Holland said. "He has to become the senior leader on the court."

Most of the doubts Holland may have had about Miles were answered after Miles was taken out of the starting lineup 20 games into last season. Miles actually averaged more points and rebounds coming off the bench in the stretch as USD finished with a 7-2 run.

"While he didn't like what happened, Brian responded in a positive way," Holland said.

 Said Miles: "I hated what happened. I was mad. I was going to show them what I could do. And when I started trying to show them the mistake they made, I started playing better... probably the way I should have been playing all along. Coach Holland and I talked it out after the season and what resulted was a complete boost in our relationship."

Miles calls not starting at the end of last season "a wake-up call."

"When we started practice last month, I think a lot of us were edgy," said Miles. "We're thin up front. We're not big. But when we're running on all cylinders, were a good, quick team."
By Bill Center
STAFF WRITER

It's going to be an interesting season for the University of San Diego basketball team.

Three days after losing their opener by 30 points at Stanford, the Toreros defeated San Jose State by 40 last night at the USD Sports Center.

Not that the 81-41 victory over the 0-2 Spartans was all that easy. Fourteen minutes into their home opener, the Toreros trailed 22-16.

USD then shifted into its match-up zone defense and scored 14 straight points to ignite a 54-13 run over the next 22½ minutes that concluded with 25 straight Toreros points.

Was it USD's prowess—particularly in the front court with the starting five on the floor? Or was it San Jose's ineptness?

The Spartans shot 28.6 percent from the floor and had three more turnovers (19) than baskets. Not to mention getting slaughtered on the boards by a 42-27 margin.

Still, USD played sharp. "Their big guys took us apart," said San Jose coach Stan Morrison. "Our post defense got a major league lesson. And no one could make a basket as panic set in."

USD's front line of Brian Miles, Ryan Williams and Nosa Obasohan combined for 65 points and 22 rebounds. The trio was 23-for-32 from the floor, including 5-for-8 from three-point range.

Center-forward Miles (6-8) equaled his career high with 26 points. Forward Williams (6-6) had 22 points and 12 rebounds. And wing forward Obasohan had a career-high 17 points.

Obasohan had nine points and Miles and Williams five apiece in the 14-0 first-half run that led USD to a 37-27 lead at the break.

Williams had 11 points and Miles eight in the 25-point run that shot USD into a 70-35 lead with 4:10 to go.

"Going to that matchup zone when we were down six in the first half turned out to be an important move," said USD coach Brad Holland.

"We packed it in well and rebounded well. The strength we played with on defense and rebounding got the offense going."

"We made it real sticky for them on defense," said Williams. "It seemed like every shot they tried was a three. When the ball came inside, we got it."

The Toreros had 10 steals—four by Brock Jacobsen.

But it's not all roses for the Toreros. As good as the five starters played, USD's offense hit the skids when Holland gave the first five a breather in the middle of each half.

During the past week, USD has lost two key reserves.

Co-captain and defensive back-court stalwart Lamont Smith is out for from four to six weeks with a stress fracture in his lower left leg.

And prized freshman Tom Lippold might be out for the season with a broken foot.

That puts even more pressure on the starting five of a team that was thin before the losses of Smith and Lippold.

"Those are killer injuries," Holland said Thursday. "Lamont was our spiritual leader. And Tom's one of the best freshmen we've had."

Last night, Holland parlayed three timeouts and two minutes of clock time in both halves to give his starters a rest.

"With the injuries and our depth, the substitution patterns are going to be crucial," said Holland, who got more than 25 minutes out of each starter despite the one-sided nature of the game.

"I wanted them to have some success and extend themselves," explained Holland. "It was good to see them extend like that."

Instead of getting tired, the Torero "five" got on a roll and ran the floor as well as any USD team in recent memory.

But the edge for USD is going to be thin. At Stanford, Miles and Obasohan got into quick foul trouble and the Toreros were routed by a taller, deeper and stronger foe.

"The starters are pretty focused right now," said Williams. "As the season goes on, the young guys will learn how to run our offense under pressure and we'll get more efficient."
USD sweeps San Francisco, wins first WCC title

The fans came to honor USD's women's volleyball team on Senior Salute Night. The players returned the favor, sweeping the University of San Francisco 15-11, 15-4, 15-4 and clinching their first West Coast Conference title last night at the USD Sports Center.

With the win, the Toreros (25-3, 13-1 WCC) locked up an automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament in two weeks. The pairings will be announced next Sunday.

Fittingly, it was three seniors — Sara Gunsaulus, LaManda Mounts and Maria Bowden — who led the way for the Toreros against USF (3-27, 0-14 PCC). Gunsaulus recorded 16 kills and a .615 hitting percentage, Mounts had 18 kills and Bowden collected a double-double with 10 kills and 11 digs.

Men's basketball
Jack Michaels scored 24 points to help visiting Olivet Nazarene (6-0) defeat Point Loma Nazarene 96-78 at Golden Gymnasium. Center Marty Ellis led PLNC (1-4) with 22 points and six rebounds.

Men's water polo
UCSD advanced to the semifinals of the Western Water Polo Association championships in Redlands after the Tritons defeated Air Force Academy 7-4. Douglas Cole, Roman Kudirka and Gordon Beh scored two goals apiece for UCSD. The Tritons will play UC Davis today for the championship.

Men's soccer
Rio Hondo scored on a penalty kick with just four minutes left in the game to defeat Mesa 1-0 in the second round of the Southern California regionals. Mesa ended the season 11-4-5.

Men's cross country
UCSD finished 16th in a 21-team field at the Division III nationals in Boston. Neal Harder was the top Tritons finisher, placing 32nd overall in the 183-runner field. Harder finished the 8,000-meter course in a time of 26 minutes, 1 second.

Women's swimming
USD defeated Pepperdine 166.5 to 127.5 and then defeated Cal State Northridge 168-95 at the Malibu Invitational. Toreros swimmers swept the 200 individual-medley race with Marissa Horenkamp (2:12.40), Gretchen Pen (2:13.67) and Kyla Bond (2:14.53) finishing first, second and third, respectively.
No matter the name, USD guard toes line

Parker's play at point guard sparks Toreros

By Bill Center
STAFF WRITER

He name is different.
The playing style is different.
But it's the same player riding point for USD's basketball team this season.

OK, so it's not exactly the same player.
A year ago, Alex Davis was a runnin', gunnin' point guard who managed to shoot his way out of the Toreros starting lineup down the stretch.

This year, USD's point guard is Alex Parker, who leads the team in assists and steals and whose quickness out front is one reason USD's matchup zone defense has worked so well in a 2-1 start.

So which Alex is the better basketball player?

“One made the other,” Davis-Parker said yesterday after the Toreros returned from a 73-68 victory at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff. “Without one, you can't have the other.”

The player is the same person.
A year ago, he was listed on the roster as Alex Davis. This year he is Alex Parker. But the 5-foot-11 senior guard from Gardena by way of Paine College (Ga.), Texas-Eastern and McLennan Junior College in Waco, Texas, is really Alex Davis-Parker.

“My last name was hyphenated when I was growing up through junior college,” Parker said. “But when I got here, the last part of my name disappeared on the forms. Instead of Alex Davis-Parker, I became Alex Davis. If I have to choose one name, I'll take Alex Parker.”

His game has changed with his name. Last year Davis shot a lot — too much for the taste of coach Brad Holland. Although he averaged 8.3 points and was USD's No. 3 scorer in West Coast Conference play, Parker was removed from the starting lineup for USD's 7-2 stretch run.

This year, however, Parker has settled into his assigned task of running the offense.

“It was not an easy adjustment,” Parker admits. “I've always been the first or second offensive option on every team I've ever played.

“But they don't want me coming down and shooting off the dribble. I won't lie and say it wasn't tough. But you can only fight fires for so long. I'm doing what I have to do filling the role. Let's say I've acclimated to the position. I call it grooming.”

Parker is still allowed to take the “open shot.” However, he jokingly acknowledges that there is a fine line to what Coach Holland says 'open' means.

“I can create an open shot,” Parker says. “Or I can shoot after getting the ball into the post and having it bounce back out. And I can shoot after penetrating.”

But he can't just sit back and lob up threes.

“I've got to be a combination player in this offense,” Parker says. “I'm comfortable doing that. Sure, I came in thinking something else about what I'd be doing. But Coach Holland changed those plans in the first practice loud and clear.”

At Flagstaff on Tuesday, Parker had 14 points and six steals. Two of his baskets, including the game-winner with 2½ minutes to play, came off steals. He also hit a three and pulled up in the lane for two running jumpers.

“I had to make changes,” said Parker, who is averaging 7.3 points and leads USD in steals (10) and assists (eight). “I wanted to blend in. I didn't want to do anything to mess up the team. And I wanted to play.”
USD women rout SDSU in volleyball

It wasn't even close. In a match that lasted just over an hour, the No. 21-ranked University of San Diego volleyball team swept San Diego State 15-9, 15-3, 15-4 in a battle of crosstown rivals before 857 at USD.

Although Martina Vitkova-Engels, the Western Athletic Conference's Player of the Week, had 11 kills, the Aztecs (16-10) struggled and finished hitting in low percentages in Games 2 and 3. The Toreros (24-3), led by Sara Gunsalus' 14 kills (and .565 hitting average), hit .362 for the match. Deanna Bretz (11 kills) and LaManda Mounts (10 kills, nine digs) also stood out the Toreros.

The Aztecs close out the regular season against Air Force at 7 p.m. tonight.

The Toreros, looking to claim their first West Coast Conference title, will play their final regular-season match against University of San Francisco (3-25, 0-13 WCC) at 7 p.m. Saturday at USD. The Toreros (12-1 WCC) have already clinched at least a tie for first place in the conference.
USD Celebrates 25th at Founders Mass, Unveils New Official Seal

BY ELIZABETH HIMCHAK
Special to The Southern Cross

ALCALA PARK — The University of San Diego celebrated the silver anniversary of the merger between the San Diego College for Women and College for Men which formed USD, with a Mass on Nov. 12 in Founders Chapel.

At the anniversary celebration, the new school seal, which incorporates elements of the women's college, men's college and school of law seals, was also presented to the USD community.

Faculty and staff members who have been at USD for 25 years or more joined the clergy in the procession.

Father Laurence P. Dolan, OFM, gave the homily in which he told the faculty, students and alumni present about the history of USD, dating back to St. Didacus of Spain, who studied at Alcalá de Henares, which USD's architecture is based on.

Father Dolan also recounted the history of the founding of the Order of the Sacred Heart and personal histories of Bishop Charles Buddy and Mother Rosalie Hill, RSCJ, who opened the original schools.

The school's charter was granted to Bishop Buddy in 1949. The College for Women was established in 1852, while the College for Men and the School of Law followed two years later.

On his feast 509 years after St. Didacus' death, the schools merged to form USD. USD President Alice B. Hayes said, "I think very fondly of all the people who were involved in the merger."

“What the anniversary of the merger and all the years in-between have told me is that it was the right thing to do,” said Sister Sally Furay, RSCJ, retired provost of USD and former academic dean of the College for Women. “Those of us that worked ... towards the merger were inspired by God, but we didn't know what the future was going to hold.

“I think the idea of Founders Day, which Alice Hayes inaugurated last year, is just a wonderful idea because it keeps people in touch with their roots,” Sister Furay said.

“I honestly believe that the Holy Spirit it looks after this place,” said Arthur Hughes, USD's first president. “It's nice to come back on campus and see some of the things that have happened."

“Being able to celebrate the anniversary ... was very rewarding to me,” said USD senior Lynn Hijar. “Not only did I learn a lot about the history of San Diego and of USD, but it was also very meaningful to share such a special event with the faculty and staff."

“'They are the foundations of our USD family,” Hijar continued. "With their dedication, their faith and their love, they have been reflecting what USD is all about.’"

In thinking about the next 25 years, Hayes said, "I certainly want to see the university continue all of [its] strong traditions for academic excellence, service to the community, individual care of people and attention to them. I think these are very valuable."

She said that while other elements at the university may change, she hopes its basic elements will not.

“I hope our strong Catholic, academic, serving community will continue,” Hayes said.

At the end of Mass, the second Sister Sally M. Furay Service Award was presented to Darrell Bratton, professor of law, for his volunteer service to prisoners in San Diego.
SILVER ANNIVERSARY SEAL: The University of San Diego seal unveiled Nov. 12 commemorates the 25th anniversary of the merger of the College for Women, the College for Men and the School of Law. The seal combines elements from each school and symbols with religious meaning.

The dove at the top of the shield represents the Holy Spirit, source of truth and wisdom. The gold rings from the College for Women seal represent several sets of three, including the Holy Trinity and the challenge of educating the whole person — mind, body and soul. The laurel wreath also came from the College for Women seal and is a mark of achievement. The three nails representing Christ on the Christ symbolize the San Diego Diocese, honoring the late Bishop Charles Buddy, the university founder.

The lamp from the old university seal expresses the role of the scholar. The Celtic cross expresses the university’s Catholic identity and its love of God and learning. The rope represents the habit worn by Franciscans such as San Diego (St. Didacus), the diocesan patron saint. The cauldron or Spanish olla is the usual symbol of San Diego. The pot used to feed the hungry is a reminder that knowledge should be used to serve humanity.
Amos Wolf is spewing the party line in her book "The Party," but it's not political, it's social. Wonder if she'll critique the City Club/Press Club wine & cheese reception in her honor tonight at Princess Resort. Denise Brown, sister of Nicole Brown Simpson, is slated to keynote USD's Violence Against Women's Awareness Week tomorrow night at the campus' Hahn University Center. Rabbi Aaron Gottesman says he erred, it was La Jolla Lutheran not La Jolla Methodist that was tented for termites. In any event, the poison, or the "Surrender to God" sermon, or both, must have worked because a faithful follower reports the pests are gone. Andrew Welch got a kick out of S.D. Civic Theatre's marquee touting souvenir merchandise, then in big letters: "Beauty and the Beast STOMP The Phantom of the Opera." Poor Phantom.
CHECK THIS!

Interested in hearing some of the best voices in the area? Then attend Sunday's 3 p.m. concert at the University of San Diego's Shiley Theater, featuring winners from the latest San Diego District Metropolitan Opera Auditions. Soprano Kathleen Halm Simmons, baritone Thomas Roy and baritone Roderick Gomez (who won first, second and third-place awards, respectively) will be among the performers singing selections from a wide range of operas. Ticket reservations aren't required. The suggested donation is just $5. Call (619) 549-2302.

— Valerie Scher
News in Brief

USD Students to Observe Hunger, Homeless Week

Students, faculty and staff participated in a variety of events to observe USD Hunger and Awareness Week, Nov 16-22, an annual event organized by the USD Office for Ministry and the Office of Community Service Learning.

The "USD Oxfam America Hunger Banquet" was designed to illustrate the fact that 800 million people are chronically hungry, despite the fact that there is enough food produced in the world to feed everyone. Oxfam America funds more than 250 projects in 31 countries, giving people access to vital resources: land, water, seed credit and training.

More than 250 USD students were served a large meal by university faculty, staff and administrators, including university president Alice B. Hayes, on Nov. 20. The students served represented high, middle and low income groups, and were served a meal according to the income level they represented. The low income group were given only a handful of rice on a corn husk, while the high income group were served a gourmet meal. Proceeds from the hunger banquet will benefit Oxfam America.

The "Night Without Shelter" was to involve USD students on Friday, Nov. 21, from sunset to sunrise. Students were to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness in San Diego by spending the night in cardboard boxes on the field behind USD's Copley Library, with only a jacket, a blanket and water. Volunteers would provide "soup kitchen" meals to the overnighters. Throughout the night, students were to discuss with homeless advocates and homeless service providers the harsh realities of life without shelter.
Esther Keeney, 87; civic, cultural activist

By Jack Williams
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Esther Keeney, a cultural and civic activist who helped found a fund-raising network to nurture the growth of Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, died Sunday. She was 87.

Mrs. Keeney died of a heart attack in the La Jolla home she shared with her husband, Dr. Edmund Keeney, a former president and director of Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation.

In 1971, Mrs. Keeney joined Helen K. Copley, now publisher of The San Diego Union-Tribune, and Peggy Siegener in contacting potential donors throughout the San Diego area to form what was called THE COMMITTEE.

The first of the organization's many fund-raising galas for Scripps Clinic was at the Bahia Hotel in Mission Bay. By the next decade the event was raising more than $75,000 each time and attracting more than 300 guests to black-tie dinner dances.

In 1976, Scripps Clinic moved from Prospect Street in La Jolla Village to its present site on Torrey Pines Mesa, occupying a campus designed by famed architect Edward Durrell Stone.

Mrs. Keeney, whose hobby was interior decorating, worked with Stone on the interior design of the clinic, her husband said.

She also used her decorating skills in the interior of La Jolla Presbyterian Church, where she was formerly a member.

Mrs. Keeney was born in Baltimore, where she attended a college preparatory school, and settled in La Jolla in 1950 after her marriage to Dr. Keeney.

She was a direct descendant of New England lawyer Richard Stockton, who signed the Declaration of Independence, and was a member of Colonial Dames of America, Chapter 1.

Family members said she was a member of the Social Register, a who's who of socialites that was founded in 1887 in New York.

Mrs. Keeney served on boards of directors of the San Diego Opera, what today is the Museum of Contemporary Art in La Jolla, the Travelers Aid Society of San Diego and the Visiting Nurses Association.

She was active on auxiliaries at the University of San Diego, Salk Institute and Scripps Clinic.

Known as a creative hostess, Mrs. Keeney launched a series of patriotic Fourth of July parties beginning in 1972 at the vintage Twin Inns in Carlsbad.

The tricolor invitations featured pictures of Uncle Sam demanding, "I want you." Placards bearing Uncle Sam announced, "I'm glad you came," to guests arriving in patriotic red, white and blue costumes.

The menu was traditional, the same the Inns had served since 1919: fried chicken, corn fritters, biscuits and honey, draft beer and ice cream.

Mrs. Keeney's husband was named director of Scripps Clinic in 1955 and president in 1967. He retired in 1977 and became president emeritus.

In addition to her husband, her survivors include a daughter, Christine Strawbridge of Easton, Md.; a son, Nicholas G. Penniman IV of St. Louis; two stepchildren, Seymour Keeney Smith of Boston and E. Ludlow Keeney Jr. of Rancho Santa Fe; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

No services are scheduled.