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# AlcaláView

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## USD Given Key to Nation's Top Honor Society

**K**ey is a sign of success. For a 16-year-old with a brand new driver's license, it may be the key to a first car. For ladder-climbing corporate leaders, it may be the key to the executive washroom. Civic leaders may strive for the key to a city. But in the world of academia, the golden key representing Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and most prestigious honor society in the nation, is something many liberal arts institutions covet.

Phi Beta Kappa officials, at an August meeting in Seattle, voted by an overwhelming margin to grant USD a charter to start a chapter — one of only 270 nationwide.

"This is not only a new chapter for Phi Beta Kappa, but it's a new chapter in USD's history," says history Professor **Jim Gump**, a Phi Beta Kappa member since 1974, who led USD's three-year application process. "It means we've finally arrived among the academic elite."

The official installation ceremony and celebration of this milestone achievement is expected to be held in November, during the week-long inauguration activities marking the new leadership of President **Mary E. Lyons**.

"I am delighted to welcome the University of San Diego to Phi Beta Kappa," said John Churchill, chief executive officer of the Phi Beta Kappa Society, just days after the announcement. "The chartering of this chapter is a recognition of the university's outstanding excellence in the liberal arts and sciences. With the establishment of this chapter, we acknowledge the

University of San Diego's accomplishments in the field of liberal education, and look forward to a lively partnership in advancing that cause."

Phi Beta Kappa was founded in 1776 at the College of William and Mary. Since then, the society has evolved to become the nation's leading advocate for the liberal arts and sciences at the undergraduate level. The distinctive gold key bears a pointing finger and three stars, symbolizing the ambition of young scholars and the three distinguishing principles of the society: friendship, morality and learning.

Phi Beta Kappa champions liberal arts education through scholarships, lectureships, book and essay awards, summer institutes for professors and funds for visiting scholars. Each year, some 15,000 students from around the country become members of the society. Famous Phi Beta Kappa members include polio vaccine creator Jonas Salk, opera singer Beverly Sills, humanitarian Elie Wiesel, author John Updike, six of the current Supreme Court justices and former presidents Bill Clinton and George Herbert Walker Bush.

Provost **Frank Lazarus** says he's delighted USD students can join the ranks of the nation's best and brightest.

"This is another sign to our current and future students that they have chosen to study at one of the nation's finest institutions of higher learning," Lazarus says. "We can all be proud of this honor."



Jim Gump

### Girl Grease Monkeys!

The Women's Center is hosting a workshop with a female mechanic who will give women the ins and outs of working on their own cars. See page 3.



## Staffer Schooled in Business of Being the Best

**S**andi Harrod was nowhere in sight when her name was announced as staff employee of the year at USD's 19th Annual Staff Employee Appreciation Picnic. Miles away from the luau-themed event and its faux-Hawaiian decor, Harrod was busy enjoying the real thing.

Harrod faithfully had attended all previous picnics, but when the date for this year's event conflicted with a pre-planned Hawaiian vacation, she reasoned that missing one picnic in

18 years wouldn't be a problem. But upon her return to the continental United States, Harrod was in for a surprise. Harrod, who twice before had been nominated for the Manuel Hernandez Staff Employee of the Year award, had finally won.

"I was totally surprised," she says. "Never in a million years..."

It was one of the few times Harrod has been caught off guard. Ironically, she was honored this year, in part, for her uncanny ability to expect the unexpected and prepare for almost any contingency.

Hired in 1985, Harrod has served under three associate deans, providing a sense of stability and continuity, as key administrators come and go.



Sandi Harrod

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## Being the Best

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"She's got a wealth of institutional information regarding the School of Business, and a memory of how things have operated in the past," says Associate Dean **Tom Dalton**, one of two people who nominated Harrod.



Former President Alice B. Hayes presents award to Sandi Harrod.

As an executive assistant, Harrod oversees the scheduling of classes in Olin Hall—a process she says is comparable to piecing together a huge jigsaw puzzle. Each semester, approximately 200 classes must

be divided among 16 classrooms, with special consideration given to the personal needs and desires of the business school's 80 full-time and 25 part-time faculty members.

Harrod's other duties include ordering supplies for professors, supervising staff personnel and work-study students, and acting as a contact for students who need to arrange a meeting with the deans.


And no matter how busy she is, Dalton says, Harrod consistently goes above and beyond the requirements of her already intense workload. For instance, rather than simply scheduling a meeting between a student and one of the deans, Harrod often takes a personal interest in the student's problem and attempts to solve it herself.

Harrod's personal interest in students is further illustrated by the close relationships she's forged with many of her work-study students.

"I think she's one of the best people to work for on the campus," says Sylvie Wright, a current work-study student. At age 26, Wright has had the opportunity to work for several employers, but remains convinced

that Harrod is one of the best bosses she's ever had.

Harrod credits her bosses, past and present, with her successes. She is especially thankful for current business school Dean **Curtis Cook** and associate deans Dalton and **Carmen Barcena**, as well as former associate dean **Gary Whitney**.

"They say you can only be as good as your boss lets you be," Harrod says, "and I've just really been so fortunate." 

—Denis Grasska

## You can be part of the Alcalá View!

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



## Worzala is Making a Real Difference in Real Estate

**Elaine Worzala**, research director for the Real Estate Institute in the School of Business Administration, recently received the 2003 Achievement Award for her outstanding work in real estate research, education and practice at the international level during the European Real Estate Society's annual meeting in Helsinki, Finland.

The International Real Estate Society (IRES) honored Worzala with this prestigious award for her significant leadership role and major contributions in the area of international real estate research. Worzala

has been active in the organization over the past 10 years, dedicating time not only as its president, but as an ambassador who has fostered the development of regional real estate societies in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Work by Worzala and **Louis Galuppo**, also of USD's Real Estate Institute, was selected as the Best Paper in Real Estate Education, sponsored by Dearborn Financial Publishing. Their



Elaine Worzala

manuscript, "A Study Into the Important Elements of a Master's Degree in Real Estate," was presented at the annual meeting of the American Real Estate Society in April 2003. It will be published in the *Journal of Real Estate Practice and Education*. Both authors have been working on the development of a new Master of Science in Real Estate program, scheduled to launch in August 2004.

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



## SEA Snippets

The following issues were discussed at the August meeting of the Staff Employees Association. No action was taken on any items because of a lack of a quorum.

- SEA President **Penny Navarro** will appoint an interim vice president to serve until November 2004. Navarro, of continuing education, was elected as vice president in the November 2002 election, but took over as president when **Josie Vella** of the Center for Christian Spirituality left the university. **John Frazer** of instructional technical services and campus diversity's **Julie Tahapary** expressed an interest in the interim position.
- Members discussed changing the hours of the regular SEA meetings from 2 to 3 p.m. to a trial run of 11 a.m. to noon in October and November to attract more participants.
- President **Mary E. Lyons** is expected to speak at the October SEA meeting.

- Tickets are still available for the Padres vs. Colorado Rockies game on Sept. 27 — the second-to-the-last game of the season. The cost is \$40 and includes a Petco Park baseball cap and all you can eat and drink. Tickets can be purchased at the Hahn University Center box office.
- Frazer announced plans to showcase employees' bands at a free concert scheduled on Nov. 24 at Shiley Theatre. The bands will play a mixture of blues/jazz music and alternative rock. The concert will take place after work at a time not yet set. Members discussed the possibility of SEA selling hot dogs before the event.
- The SEA meetings are open to all employees, especially staff. The next meeting is scheduled from 2 to 3 p.m., Sept. 10, in the Hahn University Center, Room 103.

## Employees Get a Taste of USD

Dining Services held the Second Annual Taste of USD in August to thank campus community members for their business and to showcase new food offerings, many of which are available through the new Gourmet to Go catering service. More than 150 faculty, staff and administrators enjoyed a variety of foods created by USD's own award-winning campus restaurants and

catering services. Favorites of the day included the vegetarian offerings, such as La Paloma's Tofu Roll Up, the Deli's Vegetarian Harvest hummus platter and Banquets & Catering's lentil ravioli with ginger tomato *au jus*. Special Guest Chef Thierry Cahez of Opera Patisserie also provided an irresistible display of pastries. For information on Dining Services or the new Gourmet to Go catering service, log on to <http://dining.sandiego.edu>.

## It's a Date!



### Girl Grease Monkeys Get Their Motors Running

The Women's Center is hosting a workshop on Women and Their Cars, featuring Michelle Hoppe, a long-time mechanic, who owns her own shop, Michelle's Automotive, in Lakeside, Calif. Participants will learn about changing oil and tires and other basic car maintenance tips. The workshop will be held from noon to 2 p.m., Sept. 25, at the loading dock behind the Hahn University Center. For information, call the Women's Center at ext. 2396.



### Mass of the Holy Spirit

All are invited and welcome to begin the Fall 2003 semester with this special Mass. It will be said at noon, Sept. 12, in The Immaculata. For information, call University Ministry at ext. 4735.

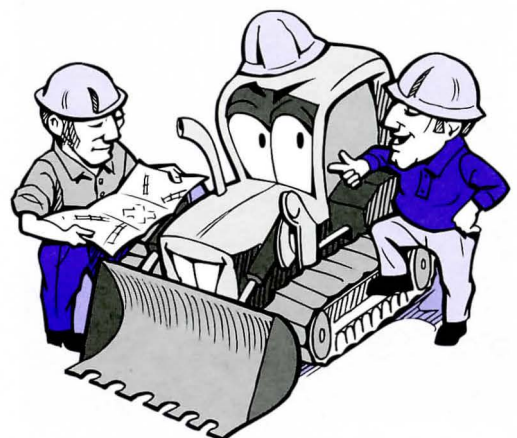
## THE CONSTRUCTION CORNER

Construction crews worked diligently over the summer. Here's what to expect in September.

- **Degheri Alumni Center:** The interior and exterior framing is complete. Crews will begin installing the exterior wallboard. By the first of September, crews will start plastering, and by the end of the month they will load the roof with the heating, ventilation and air conditioning units.
- **West Marian Way Parking Structure:** Crews fell slightly behind on the project, and didn't meet their deadline of completing

the parking structure by the end of August. The surface parking lot will be available for use when classes start this month. The structure can be utilized through a temporary entry in the lower parking lot starting Sept. 22. The upper entry to the structure isn't expected to be open until Oct. 6, when the structure will be complete except for finishing details, which will be done by the end of October.

— Roger Manion  
Director of Facilities Management





## State of the University Address and Luncheon

Join USD President **Mary E. Lyons** and prominent San Diego business leaders for an insightful view of USD's impact on the community, region and world. Hosted by BusinessLink USD, the State of the University Address and Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Sept. 17, in the Hahn University Center Forum. For information, call ext. 4690.

## Body Image Awareness Week

The USD interdepartmental Body Image Task Force invites the campus community to participate in Body Image Awareness Week from Sept. 29 to Oct. 3. The highlight will be an appearance by Ellen Hart Peña, a college athlete who competed nationally and internationally in numerous long-distance running events and was the subject of the ABC Movie of the Week "Dying to be Perfect: The Ellen Peña Story." Peña, now a public speaker on the topic of eating disorders, will speak at 7 p.m., Sept. 30, in the Hahn University Center Forum. For information on other events that week, call the Counseling Center at ext. 4655 or the Women's Center at ext. 2396.

## Inauguration Information

Dignitaries and guests from across the nation are expected to attend the Nov. 16 inauguration of President **Mary E. Lyons**. The chair of the inauguration planning committee, **Coreen Petti**, senior director of corporate relations and strategic partnerships, says the event will be preceded by a week of activities designed to introduce Lyons to the campus and the San Diego community. Other formal appointments to the committee will be made by **Liam E. McGee '76**, chair of the USD Board of Trustees.

## What Did You Do this Summer?

Some people spend their summer lounging by the pool or soaking up the sun, while others fill their days by scaling mountains, learning new languages or rebuilding tornado-torn towns. If you did something extraordinary this summer, the *Alcalá View* wants to know. Send an e-mail to Krystn Shrieve at [kshrieve@sandiego.edu](mailto:kshrieve@sandiego.edu) or call her at ext. 4934.



## MILESTONES

**Christopher Redo '74** (M.B.A. '78), assistant dean for external relations in the School of Business Administration, and his wife, Dawn, celebrated the birth of their son, Aidan Joseph, on June 9. Aidan joins older brother, 6-year-old Liam Christian.

Al Twardowski, father of **Judi Hora**, professor in the School of Business Administration, passed away in July.

Gloria Smith, mother-in-law of **Stephanie Reighley**, executive assistant in development, passed away July 6.

Simone Hubert, grandmother of **Stephanie Reighley**, executive assistant in development, passed away August 5.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR SALE:** Peñasquitos-Monte Rio Townhouse. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, two-car garage. Quiet area. Features a Murphy bed, trash compactor, lots of storage and many upgrades. Pre-qualified buyers only. \$385,000 to \$400,000. Call (858) 271-6407, or call Linda Torrence at ext. 2080.

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