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Shiley Foundation donates $1 million to USD Science Center

Local resident Darlene Shiley, longtime supporter of the University of San Diego, has stepped forward with a $1 million leadership gift to the University's new Center for Science and Technology as a tribute to her husband Donald P. Shiley.

USD broke ground in May for the $47 million Center that will help meet the demand for skilled employees by the region's biotech and high-tech firms and serve as a national model for education and training.

The 150,000-square-foot Center will be the largest academic building on campus. Focusing on interdisciplinary collaboration, it will unite USD's departments of chemistry, biology, physics, and marine and environmental sciences, and will also house aquariums, an astronomy deck, an aviary and a greenhouse. Completion is scheduled for 2003.

Darlene Shiley has been a member of USD's Board of Trustees since 1990. She has served on numerous influential committees, and currently chairs the Committee on Trustees. She and her husband have been generous benefactors of USD, supporting its Master of Fine Arts in Dramatic Arts program, a joint venture with The Globe Theatres; the University's staging of a Presidential Debate in 1996; and numerous scholarships.

"There are many who have contributed their scientific skills and their heart to improve the lives of us all," stated Mrs. Shiley. "Those like my husband who apply their talent and entrepreneurship quietly are often not those in the headlines, but their accomplishments touch our lives daily. It is to honor Donald that this gift has been made to USD's new Center for Science and Technology. The values of the University are understood, appreciated and shared by our family."

"We are very grateful for this wonderfully generous gift that will help make the vision of our Science Center a reality," said USD President Alice B. Hayes. To commemorate this gift, the column-lined entry of the new Science Center, built in the 16th century Spanish Renaissance style of USD's campus, will be known as the Donald Pearce Shiley Atrium.

The Shileys have contributed toward many local organizations, in education, medicine and the arts, including KPBS, UCSD Shiley Eye Center, Scripps Clinic and Research Foundation, The Globe Theatres and several Alzheimer's disease research programs.
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES
Sea Change

Biologist Fisler Brings Marine Science To Underprivileged Students

By MICHELLE CADWELL BLACKSTON
San Diego Daily Transcript

Her job redefines casual business attire.

One day Shara Fisler is wearing a business suit soliciting support from the City Council, and the next day she is donning a swimming suit collecting water samples from Mission Bay. Fortunately, Fisler doesn’t mix up the days.

As executive director of Aquatic Adventures Science Education Foundation, Fisler wears many hats, or in her case, outfits. “Sometimes I’m a biologist and also a teacher and educator,” she said.

The nonprofit organization, which Fisler started two years ago, exposes underprivileged students to the region’s ocean and waterways through outreach programs, a summer camp and after-school sessions.

Fisler also is a part-time biology professor at the University of San Diego and a researcher. She’s worked on projects studying the temporal variation of mobile invertebrate fauna in the San Diego Bay as well as studies of the Pacific grunion.

If those activities don’t fill her day, Fisler writes grant applications to raise money for the foundation. The 30-year-old is passionate about the ocean and kids.

Through access to San Diego’s aquatic environment, Fisler wants students to be excited about science and to show them first-hand that it’s not boring or frightening.

“Biology isn’t hard to understand as long as it’s presented in the right way,” she said.

The SEA Series, which stands for science, education and awareness, is a program for elementary and high school teachers to be used in conjunction with classroom science instruction and includes field trips and follow-up activities.

The goal is to boost students’ self-esteem by helping them understand biological principals and scientific terminology as they work on team projects and develop leadership skills.

The foundation focuses on low-income schools designated by the federal free lunch program. The students take field trips to Mission Bay, La Jolla Cove and Coronado as well as boat excursions on the ocean, she said.

“None of the kids has ever been on a boat,” Fisler said. “We teach them all how to swim and snorkel. They end up snorkeling with seals and sea lions and feeding live eels.”

Emphasizing the importance of the students’ impact on the ecosystem, Fisler promotes what she calls “stewardship of the ocean.” The students learn issues challenging the environment including urban runoff and trash disposal.

The foundation has a lab on Mission Bay at Santa Clara Point and the younger students assist college students in research projects.

They dissect sea stars and examine the phases of crab larvae under a microscope, which Fisler said some of the college students she teaches have yet to do.

“It’s not about them becoming scientists, but a bridge leading them to find their potential,” she said.

Some of the students are at-risk for behavioral problems. They are held accountable for their actions and high school teachers to be used in conjunction with classroom science instruction and includes field trips and follow-up activities.

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and given a choice whether to participate in activities, Fisler said.

The foundation's staff members are graduate or undergraduate students pursuing degrees in marine science and most of them share Fisler's enthusiasm for the job.

All of these programs are made possible through grants, sponsorships and contributions from the city of San Diego, the Coastal Conservancy, French Trust, Rueben H. Fleet Fund and others.

Fisler also works on programs with other nonprofit groups such as the Boys & Girls Clubs and San Diego Ocean Foundation.

Aquatic Adventures is holding a fund-raiser at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club Friday, Nov. 9.

"We're not over the hump," she said.

The group needs a van and a full-time staff person beside herself. Fisler often can't afford to pay herself a salary but said she gets by. At one point, Fisler sold her car to make ends meet, but said the rewards of her job are tenfold.

"I truly love these kids and it's not hard to fall in love with them," she said.

San Diego schools board of education president Edward Lopez wrote a letter of support for the program and lauded the outreach to students who are not afforded such opportunities. Also, City Council members Scott Peters, Ralph Inzunza, Toni Atkins and Byron Wear, whose districts the program serves, tout the foundation's success.

Fisler said her goal is to increase the number of students in the programs and expand into other schools in the county.

Christopher, a sixth grader who participated in the program, learned to take responsibility for the effects of humans on the ocean.

"On the fourth of July I was by the beach and there was trash in the water. I put my hand in the water and took it out of the water," he said. "When I pulled the trash out, there were animals and I took the animals out of the trash and put them in the water."

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Ads target parents (and Johnny)

By Lawrence M. Hinman

Makers of Ritalin-like drugs, seeking bigger market share, offer simple answers to complex questions

With direct advertising to parents, drug companies are aiming at a vulnerable group. Often confused and overwhelmed by their children's behavior, parents may grasp at something that seems to come with medical legitimacy as well as a promise of results.

Yet there are many reasons why parents may be overwhelmed by the activity level of their children, and there are many possible responses that do not involve drugs.

Parents trying to cope with the multiple demands of everyday life and parenting may see ADHD even when the real problem is less severe. Nor are drugs the only or best way to respond to high levels of activity in children. Common sense points out some of the initial steps — making sure the children are eating well (low sugar and caffeine, high protein) and getting plenty of sleep and exercise. These are effective treatments with no side effects. Structured programs of behavior modification also can be effective. Turning too quickly and exclusively to drugs promotes the belief that drugs offer a quick fix for our problems. Also, it fails to look at the underlying environmental and social factors that may encourage hyperactivity.

Furthermore, such drugs are most effective when monitored by skilled child and adolescent psychiatrists. The drugs have different optimal levels for cognitive and motor functioning. What may help Johnny think best may not slow him down sufficiently to please his parents or teachers; what may slow Johnny down physically also may turn him into a very dull boy.

Spurred on by these ads, parents will be asking family physicians and pediatricians with much less training in the subtleties of the drugs to prescribe them. The allure of the drugs is that they offer seemingly simple answers to complex questions. Direct advertisements muddy waters that are already difficult to navigate, solely in the name of increased market share in a lucrative business. Such ads should be banned by Food and Drug Administration regulations, not just international treaties with no enforcement provisions.

Lawrence M. Hinman is a professor of philosophy and the director of the Values Institute at the University of San Diego. He wrote this column for the Los Angeles Times.
Taken to extremes, religion has a dark and deadly side

By Sandi Dolbee, RELIGION & ETHICS EDITOR

The Crusades. The Inquisition. The Thirty Years War.
The KKK and the IRA.
Salem’s witch trials. The bombings of American embassies in Kenya and in Tanzania. The sneak attack on the destroyer Cole in Yemen.
A lot of bad things happen in the name of faith. There is a dark side to religion, a mean streak that can turn destructive in the time it takes to say a prayer.
When sociologist Mark Juergensmeyer hears this litany of horror, he is not surprised.
“Thats just some of them,” he says. “Religion has always been full of blood.”

SEE Evil, E4
Tolerance is touted as the antidote to zealotry

It is the ultimate irony. Something that does so much good in the world can also do such bad.

"Religion is a two-edged sword," says Juergensmeyer, who teaches at the University of California in Santa Barbara and is the author of "Terror in the Mind of God."

"On the one hand, it can promote violence. On the other hand, it can displace it."

Ask Annie Laurie Gaylor, an atheist and co-founder of the Freedom From Religion Foundation in Madison, Wis., about this subject and she'll share a quote from Steven Weinberg, winner of a Nobel Prize in physics in 1979.

"With or without religion, people can behave well or do evil," Weinberg says. "But for good people to do evil — that takes religion."

To that, Gaylor adds her own words: "It's not some coincidence that we've had more people killed in the name of a god than for any other single reason."

How could this be? Is there a fatal flaw in the faiths of the world? What should we do?

Those who study these questions say that the problem begins with humans who ruin the holy with extremism and absolutism.

"In every religion if you read Scriptures carefully enough, you can find passages that promote violence and other passages that argue against it," notes Michael Gaddis, an assistant professor of history at Syracuse University in New York and a scholar of religious conflict.

The same Bible that exhorts the annihilation of whole cities also commands people to act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly. The same Koran that has verses promoting peace also has verses urging war against infidels.

But it's not the contradictions that take a human life. That's done by people who pick and choose these verses and then blend them into a lethal stew of their own making.

Says Gaddis: "In each case, it's not so much the religion, it's the way a particular bunch of extremists interpret that religion."

Zeal can harden people. Compromise may be the art of politics, but for religious zealots, you are either with them or against them. And when that fine gets drawn, heaven help anyone who crosses over it.

Religious historian Evelyn Kirkley suggests that religions that believe in one God are particularly susceptible to violence.

When taken to extremes, monotheism can lead to intolerance (my God is the only God and he's only talking to me), a fervency that you and your particular mission are divinely inspired (you've been made in God's image and others must convert) and a conviction that you'll be rewarded and those who don't agree will be punished (even if you have to do the punishing).

"Those are factors that seem to me that could lead to fundamentalism and a sense of "our way or the highway," " says Kirkley, an assistant professor in the Department of Theological and Religious Studies at the University of San Diego.

"When you have that kind of God-ordained authority," she adds, "it can sanction virtually any kind of violent activity."

It can turn suicide into martyrdom. Fear of dying, normally a pretty good deterrent to doing stupid things, is supplanted with the promise of eternal life in Paradise — or some other honor befitting such sacrifice.

In the Crusades, which pitted Christians against Muslims in one holy war after another during the Middle Ages, "the belief on both sides was that to die in battle against the heretic was immediately to receive salvation," says Bill Leonard, dean of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University in North Carolina.

Likewise, killing becomes divinely annotated.

"It's better to kill an infidel than have that infidel pollute the multitude," explains Leonard. "Those are the seeds of the Inquisition. Those are the seeds of violence."

So where do we go from here?

It would be unfair to make religion the sole culprit of civilization's litany of horror. Other ingredients also fuel the fire. Geography. Politics. Economics. Egos. All, and any of them can lead to violence as well.

"You don't have to believe in God to be a nationalist and think you ought to nuke your enemy," says Leonard, from Wake Forest. "Any kind of commitment or devotion, any kind of zeal, can turn to violence and bigotry all too quickly."

This also isn't about abolishing religion.

"Should we outlaw music because some music is ugly?" asks Juergensmeyer, the Santa Barbara sociologist who also is director of the Global and International Studies Program at the university there.

"I think, he adds, "good religion shunts out bad religion."

Gaddis offers this scenario: "Let's say you're a Christian. A nice, church-going Christian, and you believe in God and stuff like that. Then you learn that some guy has set off a truck bomb and killed a bunch of people and has said he's doing it for Christ. Are you going to stop being a Christian because of that or are you going to say, 'No, that guy doesn't speak for me, he's perverting religion.'"

Besides, even if today's religions were erased, something else would crop up in their place. "Somehow, by virtue of our humanity, we are a religious people," says Kirkley of USD.

But we can at least be aware of the warning signs when religion is about to make a wrong turn.

For Kirkley, one of those warning signs is when faith, with all of its healthy doubts, turns into unquestioning certainty. "That's when any religion can and historically has moved into that danger zone."

Another warning sign is when religion shifts from the private sphere of shaping morals and values of individuals into the public square of dictating state policy.

"As recently as the 16th and 17th centuries just about every government in western Europe thought it was their divinely ordained duty to burn heretics at the stake and to burn witches at the stake," says Syracuse historian Gaddis.

"One of the things we learned from that, really, is we need to have separation of church and state."

The solutions?

Tolerance, respect for diversity, finding a way to hold firm to your own faith without dismissing the faiths of others. In short, practicing something that human nature is not very good about: acceptance.

Leonard suggests that people of faith ought to be more cautious about the claims they make in the name of God.

"One of my mentors used to say human beings often sign God's name to contracts God never wrote," he adds.

And lest the abusers win, he issues this call: "People who oppose violence and who want to challenge that idea that violence is something God approves, this is the time to stand up and speak out."

Otherwise, the silence can be deadly.
There are some who make the case that torture is justified is a line you do not cross, there are values you do not sacrifice.

On the other side are the pragmatists. Once in a while, they say, the ends do justify the means.

In times of crisis, when survival moves up the ladder of our concerns, people are pressed anew to decide how far to go.

Is it ever ethically justifiable to deliberately inflict pain or psychological humiliation to extract information or punish someone — no matter how crucial the information or how heinous the offense? Is torture, or at least shades of it, OK in this post-9-11 world?

“No, don’t do it,” says Lawrence Hinman, director of The Values Institute at the University of San Diego. “I’m saying it with great reluctance, but I think it’s the wrong way to go.”

Doing what it takes to get the answer might appear like the lesser of two evils today, but then the slippery slope begins. The next time, it gets easier — and is done for a less crucial reason. And then easier still after that.

“Where do you draw the line?” Hinman asks. “I just think we draw it firmly and put torture on the other side.”

Michael Levin, a philosophy professor in New York, disagrees. “Obviously, you torture them,” he says.

Levin doesn’t believe that we will lose our way if we bend the rules. In a paper called “The Case for Torture,” he puts it this way: “Some day soon a terrorist will threaten tens of thousands of lives, and torture will be the only way to save them. We had better start thinking about this.”

Hinman has a lot of ammunition on his side. United States law, for one. The United Nations for another. Freedom from torture, the United Nations declared in 1948, is one of the fundamental human rights of every person.

Also backing him up is an army of other ethicists.

When you decide that it’s OK on certain occasions to break the rules and torture prisoners and informants, “then it’s essentially saying we’re going to play by the rules when it’s convenient,” says Pauline Kaurin, who teaches philosophy at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash., and has
written about military ethics.

"Morality is really the most compelling when being moral costs you something," she says.

Carlos Bertha, who teaches ethics at the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, also is against it.

"We are, by torturing, becoming the very evil that we are trying to avoid," says Bertha, who wants to make it clear he is sharing his personal opinion and is not an official spokesman for the academy.

"One of the most unfortunate things is that there is evil in the world, there are bad people out there," Bertha adds. "The way I resolve that is I say, 'Well, I ought not to be one of them.'"

Another argument against torturing suspects and witnesses goes to the heart of our national identity.

"We have principles on which we stand," says Nancy Sherman, a Georgetown University philosophy professor who also teaches ethics at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

"They must remain in place if there is to be any legitimacy in our conduct," Sherman says. "That's a very important issue."

But some argue that a case can be made for torture.

"There are people out there who are trying to kill thousands of other people," says Levin, the philosophy professor who authored the essay advocating torture.

Levin, who teaches at the City College of New York, thinks the suggestion that we become like them when we resort to these tactics is "silly."

"We become like them when we start crashing aircraft into their buildings," he says.

He doesn't regard this as abuse. He regards it as self-defense. And Levin argues that there are situations "in which torture is not merely permissible but morally mandatory" to save lives.

Sure, it may be unconstitutional.

"But millions of lives surely outweigh constitutionality," Levin insists.

"Look, if somebody has got all your children and parents in a bus and doused the bus with gasoline and is about to set the bus on fire and you've got to inflict some pain to stop it, I just don't understand the argument that you're descending to his level."

For more than three years during World War II, torture was a way of life for former POW Richard Osborn.

So how does Osborn, who is 80 and living in retirement in University City, feel about the question of using it on other people in today's war on terrorism?

If you have to do it to get information that you know will save lives, then do it, he says.

"It's a horrible responsibility," Osborn adds. "When you resort to those tactics, you have to be absolutely sure that this guy has the information that you want."

There's a difference between torturing someone for vital information and what he and other POWs went through after being captured by the Japanese, Osborn explains.

"We didn't have any secret information. What they did, they would beat us and burn us and knock us unconscious. . . . They did it just out of sheer hate."

Still, most of those who study conduct seem to be against torture — even in a time of national emergency.

It's not just about what torture does to the other person, says Curt Goring, senior deputy executive director of Amnesty International USA. It's also about what it does to us.

"One can never take that step without undermining the very system one is trying to uphold and respect," he says.
Controversy over cloning reignited

Life begins “at the first instant of the embryo itself,” the Vatican statement said. “Thus, despite the declared ‘humanistic’ intentions by those who predict sensational cures via this path ... what is needed is a calm but firm judgment which shows the moral gravity of this plan and which motivates an unequivocal condemnation.”

Even many scientific pioneers in the new field of “regenerative medicine,” in which stem cells might be used to treat an array of now incurable diseases, criticized the approach taken by the privately held Massachusetts company. “It’s moving too quickly into the human arena before we know enough from work in animals,” said Helen Blau, professor and chairman of molecular pharmacology at the Stanford University School of Medicine.

The announcement came in a relatively obscure online journal called “e-biomed,” coinciding with articles in Scientific American and U.S. News & World Report. Critics said that betrayed a strategy aimed more at generating attention than informing the scientific community.

“My concern is all of the noise it creates in the media does nothing to advance the ball credibly,” said Thomas Okarma, chief executive of the Menlo Park company Geron Corp., which is also seeking to commercialize stem cell technology. “It simply gives the opposition just what they were looking for — evidence of prema-

Cloning debate reborn

Nearly everyone agreed that the company’s announcement moves the cloning issue, which had been virtually dormant since Sept. 11, back to the forefront of public debate.

“It brings us one step closer to the specter of cloning for the purposes of reproduction, which for most people is very serious grounds for ethical alarm,” said Dr. Bernard Lo, director of a program in medical ethics at the University of California at San Francisco.

He joined many others in the scientific and political arenas in calling for a nationwide ban on reproductive cloning, in which the goal is to create an exact genetic copy of a person.

Although some defend that as a legitimate approach to treating infertility, the main controversy concerns how far to go in also restricting so-called therapeutic cloning and other efforts that could speed up the regenerative-medicine field.

Cloning, for example, can be used to replace the genetic material of donated stem cells with the DNA of a person with Parkinson’s or diabetes — one way to get around the problem of immune-system rejection when those cells are implanted in the patient’s brain or pancreas.

Such an approach, although still unproven, carries “potentially enormous medical benefit,” said Stanford law professor and bioethicist Hank Greely, predicting the rush to impose an all-inclusive ban on cloning will eventually give way to “a more considered approach.”

“When people get down to the nitty-gritty of writing the details of legislation, things slow down,” he said. “When people sit down and think about the medical benefits, human health is a stronger trump card.”
The Eco-Corner

While George Mitchell’s solutions to many of the problems with turning Miramar into a civilian airport are attractive, he neglects several important issues.

First, most of the few remaining vernal pools in San Diego County are currently protected on air-base property. Besides being valuable for their beauty, ecological uniqueness and the ecosystem services they provide, these pools are a protected habitat for several endangered species of plants and animals. Continued protection of these pools must be a requirement of converting the air base to a civilian airport, if that indeed occurs.

Second, costs of converting a military base into a civilian facility extend beyond renovating runways and building terminals. Extensive cleanup of toxic chemicals on the site has proven costly in other base closures and needs to be factored into cost estimates before we can decide if the project is truly affordable.

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Easton goes from ‘Love’ to laughter

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Richard Easton used to be a beach bum in San Diego. Says so himself.

Easton is an actor with a long list of credits in classic plays in Canada, Britain and the U.S. He won a Tony Award this year for his work in “The Invention of Love” as the British scholar and poet A.E. Housman.

Now this tall, bushy-browed actor is doing what can only be described as slapstick — a revival of the 1983 farce, “Noises Off.” In the show, about a British touring company doing a drawing-room comedy, he has the role of an elderly, drunken actor playing an inept burglar.

“Noises Off” opens tonight at the Brooks Atkinson Theater, co-starring Peter Gallagher, Patti LuPone and Faith Prince, Tony winners all.

So how does an actor go from “King Lear” and “The Cherry Orchard” to farce? “Well, as I tell my students, ‘Acting is acting, whether it be a TV commercial, Shakespeare or a multi-million-dollar movie. It’s all the same.’

“I tell them, play the truth of the material. Don’t go for the easy laugh, it coarsens the show. Especially in something like this, with those other actors onstage, you can’t be a rogue.”

He should know. At age 68, he has been acting for more than 50 years, ever since he won a contest on a children’s radio program when he was 14. “My parents didn’t object. I was the third son in the family, and my two brothers were so much older, I think they all thought I was some sort of toy, so I pretty much could do what I wanted.”

“I am having a most peculiar time at the moment,” he continues. “I played an elder version of myself in ‘Invention of Love,’ and I’m doing it again in the new PBS series, ‘First Americans.’ I’m the older Benjamin Franklin.

“People might wonder why an Englishman is playing Franklin, but truth is, I’m not English though I lived there many years. I’m Canadian, from Montreal, started there with Christopher Plummer, William Shatner.

“I was once in a repertory company in Ottawa. We did 35 plays in 33 weeks. Some were rubbish, some were not. But it got me a scholarship to the Royal Shakespeare Company, and that got me to England.”

Before “The Invention of Love,” Easton hadn’t played Broadway for more than 30 years. But he has worked steadily onstage, on TV and in films (including “Finding Forrester” with Sean Connery).

“When did he have time to be a beach bum? Simple, he says. About 12 years ago, he visited San Diego and met the director of the Old Globe Theater there, Jack O’Brien, who asked him to stay on for occasional roles and found him a job teaching drama at the University of San Diego.

“He laughs. “I took a house on the beach and just enjoyed myself. I think mostly they wanted me around to be a kind of warning, or lesson, to the students.”
Luis Cardiel is a freshman at University of San Diego, where he's studying for a degree in computer science. But without a computer of his own, he spends long, late hours at the on-campus lab.
Education leads to a new perspective

THE WISH: LAPTOP COMPUTER, PRINTER

As a freshman at Redwood City’s Sequoia High School, Luis Cardiel spent most of his time looking for trouble. He hung out with “tough guys,” many of whom had dropped out of school by his sophomore year.

That’s when an acquaintance steered Luis to Upward Bound, a federally funded program at Stanford University designed to prepare low-income students for college.

“I didn’t know the importance of academics. I met new friends and changed my mind,” Luis recalls. He also found he liked computers.

The next three years he buckled down, earning an overall 3.6 grade-point average. This September, he became the first in his Mexican-immigrant family to go to college.

Luis is pursuing a computer-science degree at the University of San Diego.

His first semester, however, has been difficult. He’s been working up to 15 hours a week — partly spent tutoring Upward Bound high school students in San Diego — to pay for the part of his $30,000 annual tuition and living costs not covered by scholarships.

“I’m doing OK,” Luis says. “It’s really competitive.”

A complicating factor is that the computer-science major does not own a computer. His parents are proud of their son’s accomplishments, but cannot scrape the money together from their salaries as computer-parts assemblers to buy him one.

Luis recently was named a Gates Millennium Scholar, through a program funded by Microsoft founder Bill Gates. But neither the Gates award nor other scholarships can be used to buy a computer.

To complete his computer science and calculus homework, Luis has to troop across campus and wait for a seat to open in the only lab with computers that are loaded with the software he needs to use. Often, it means working there late into the night. A laptop computer with software ($1,750) (14A) would allow Luis to work from his dorm room or the library and have more control over his tightly packed schedule.

He files his math and computer homework electronically, but could use a printer ($125) (14B) to produce papers for his psychology and American civilization courses.
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A Passion For Building

Director Of USD Real Estate Institute Hopes To Energize Industry's Next Generation

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Mark Riedy, who heads the University of San Diego Real Estate Institute, has a passion for real estate that has carried him from the halls of business and government to the halls of education. And now he's hoping some of that zeal will rub off on his students.

Riedy's interest in real estate began in the Chicago suburb of Naperville, a town that transformed itself in wonderful ways, he says. "They dredged the river, and a whole town rejuvenated itself," said Riedy.

He earned a degree in economics from Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa, and later went to Washington University in St. Louis where he obtained a masters in business administration with an emphasis in finance. From there, he obtained a doctorate in business economics at the University of Michigan while, at the same time, commuting back and forth to the University of Colorado where he taught about banking and finance.

Riedy later went to work for President Richard Nixon as a senior staff economist on Nixon's council of economic advisers. He recalled his first day on that job — Aug. 15, 1971 — because it was the day Nixon instituted wage and price controls. It was a bad idea, Riedy said, but the economy was very different then.

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"Every time we landed in San Diego we felt we were at home," he said.

Riedy decided to create his own job at the University of San Diego. He met with Ernest W. Hahn, just weeks before Hahn's death, and gained his approval to create an Ernest W. Hahn chair that would be the genesis of the university's Real Estate Institute. That was in 1992.

Without any money from the Hahn family, Riedy managed to raise $1.5 million for the institute — something he said he couldn't have done without USD's full support.

Students have taken notice of the undergraduate and graduate real estate courses. More than 200 of them fill the six classes, which range from basic principles to the finer points of commercial real estate. Next semester's commercial valuation class

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is already full, Riedy said.

The classes aren't the only full venues. The institute's annual real estate conferences are so full that next year's event is being moved from the USD campus to the San Diego Convention Center.

Despite such successes, Riedy still has goals to achieve.

One of his long-term goals is to create a master's program for real estate with an emphasis on regional development, an endeavor closely watched by the San Diego Association of Governments.

Meanwhile, other entities are also watching and ensuring the institute's programs continue. The Argus Corp., for example, recently donated more than $100,000 worth of software that benefits the institute's students, Riedy said.

Riedy said he also wants to fulfill another dream before he retires: He wants $10 million for a real estate center that could join a new finance building on campus. Such a building would house an array of undergraduate and post-graduate programs, all about real estate.

Riedy needs to raise $5 million to lure the additional capital, but says he doesn't plan to give up.

"I love creating things and building things. I really want to get this $10 million endowment, and ultimately a national reputation for it," Riedy said. "I want real estate to turn these kids on. I want them to make real estate a career choice."

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Kari Foster applied to refinance her mortgage on the very day that record-low interest rates jumped by a quarter point — the steepest rise in 17 months.

But she's going to continue with her loan application anyway — hoping to pay off her 7 percent mortgage and a 9 percent second mortgage with a new loan with lower monthly payments.

"I'm sitting around waiting for rates to come back down a little bit," says Foster, who applied with Washington Mutual in Mission Valley. "If they don't, then I guess I'll figure out what to do from there."

Foster's conundrum is shared by many mortgage applicants these days, as dirt-cheap interest rates have sparked a refinancing frenzy. Homeowners have rushed not only to lower their monthly mortgage payments but also to convert home equity into cash during these tough economic times.

While mortgage rates have edged up in the last two weeks — they now average 6.75 percent for 30-year loans — they're still low by historical standards. With the Federal Reserve slashing interest rates 10 times this year, mortgage rates have plunged to levels not seen since the Nixon administration. They dipped below 6.5 percent about two weeks ago.

So many loan applications have flooded the lending system that it now takes up to two months to refinance a mortgage. Under normal circumstances, refinancing takes one month.

"This will be the biggest all-time (boom) by a long shot," said Doug Duncan, chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. "It's not even going to be close."

Refinancing has put more money into the pockets of homeowners during this holiday season. Duncan says about $50 billion in home equity has been pumped into the economy as homeowners tapped home equity to buy cars, dishwashers and other merchandise.

"That's half a percent of gross domestic product," he says. "If you think about where the economy would be without that, the housing sector has been a savior from something quite a bit more significant."

John Dahlstrom is one of the hundreds of San Diegans who has jumped on the refinancing bandwagon. In the 20 months since he purchased his Otay Ranch home, he has refinanced three times.

During the last refinancing boom in 1998, $750 billion in mortgages were refinanced. This year, the total is expected to approach $1 trillion.
Thinking about refinancing?

Refinancing your home mortgage can save you thousands of dollars in interest or get you cash for other financial needs.

When to finance
- If you plan to stay in your home at least three years.
- If current interest rates are lower than the rate you are now paying (2 percentage points lower is a good rule of thumb).
- If you want to convert an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) to a fixed-rate mortgage or shorten the term of the loan (for example, from 30 years to 15).
- If you want a "cash out" money drawn on the equity in your home to pay for a major purchase, such as home remodeling or education.

Where to start
- Talk with the lender you used for the current mortgage.
- Ask the real estate agent you worked with in the past for refinancing information.

What are the costs?
- Expect to pay 3 percent to 6 percent of the outstanding principal in closing costs, plus prepayment penalties and second mortgages, if any.
- Costs include an application fee (charge for credit check and loan processing), title search, attorney's fee, loan origination fee and discount points, if any.

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Loan application process is taking up to 2 months

In his most recent refinancing, Dahlstrom took advantage of low rates to switch from a 30-year loan to a 15-year loan.

"I think I got 5.8 percent," said Dahlstrom, a fire sprinkler installer. "There were no points. They charged $2,700 in fees. I'm 45 years old. I don't want to be 90 and still paying this thing off."

Last week, 30-year fixed-rate mortgage rates rose to 6.75 percent, up from 6.45 percent two weeks earlier, according to Freddie Mac, a secondary-market institution.

A year ago, the 30-year rates averaged 7.73 percent.

Mortgage rates, which are linked to long-term government bonds, went up as investors reacted to signs that the economy may not be as weak a previously thought.

This recent rate uptick might cause headaches for some borrowers. With the delay in getting loans approved, some borrowers may be unable to lock in the low rates they had sought.

"Where it used to take three weeks to close a loan, it's taking 45 or 60 days," says Gary Reine of Five-Star Mortgage and current president of the San Diego chapter of the California Association of Mortgage Brokers. "Appraisals are taking two, sometimes three weeks. Underwriting is taking a week to a week and a half."

Many homeowners are expected to shelve their refinancing plans unless rates come back down. Still, this latest boom has already been staggering in size. During the last refinancing boom in 1998, $750 billion in mortgages were refinanced. This year, the total is expected to approach $1 trillion.

"The national refinancing boom has a little bit of jet fuel behind it," said James Feltold, the economist for Mortgage Bankers of America. "In addition to low interest rates, which allow some people to improve their monthly payment, the fact that housing prices have appreciated 30 percent or so over the past six years means there's a lot of equity that people can tap."

When home values rise, homeowners often qualify for larger mortgages, and that allows them to receive extra cash when they refinance.

James Feltold, a San Diego physician, recently used the equity in his house to help pay for college for his two sons.

For years, he has set aside college money in mutual funds. But with the Nasdaq plunging 35 percent in the past 12 months, Feltold balked at draining the funds at such a low ebb in the market.

So he refinanced the house he has owned for 22 years, taking out cash from a jumbo mortgage — above $275,000 — not only to pay for his sons' college educations but also to pay off some business expenses and a car loan.

"I got 6.25 percent on a jumbo, which is an ARM (adjustable-rate mortgage)," Feltold says. "I'm not a banker. But everybody I've talked to says it is a really good rate."

While some homeowners are using equity pay-outs to make purchases, others are paying off high-interest credit cards and other consumer debt.

"That's a good thing," says Mark Riety, head of the University of San Diego Real Estate Institute. "Overall, it's improving the quality of the borrowers in America by getting rid of consumer debt and lowering their monthly payment."

Lenny McNeill, vice president and regional sales manager for Washington Mutual in Orange and San Diego counties, says mortgage applications are at their highest level locally in the last seven to 10 years.

"The funny thing is we're starting to see people coming back who you would have thought had a pretty good rate," McNeill says.

How long will these low rates last? Duncan, the economist, is forecasting that average 30-year fixed mortgages will remain below 7 percent into the first half of next year.

"The Fed left the door open for more rate cuts, which means they see this (economic downturn) as more serious than we would have thought," he says. "It's not inconceivable that rates could move a little lower, although that is not in the forecast."

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Region’s economy squeezed by housing shortage, rising costs

By TIM COFFEY
San Diego Daily Transcript

A little more than 18 months ago, before the expansion plans of most technology companies were dropped by the swift downturn in the sector, Intel Corp. and Sun Microsystems were very interested in setting up shop in San Diego County.

Compared to Silicon Valley and the Bay area, housing prices here were reasonable. But it was only a slight edge and the companies noticed.

From the vantage point of Marney Cox, an economist with the San Diego Association of Governments, the concern of the two tech companies was symbolic of San Diego County’s housing problems as a whole.

“Even when we invited them down here, they were still concerned about the mismatch between the units supplied and how far away people would have to go to drive to work,” he said. “They were concerned and (at that time) they had not yet made a decision about San Diego, even though we’re an attractive area. Those are the kinds of employment opportunities we really want in the area.”

Since then the economy has changed, which led Intel and Sun to cancel their expansion plans, but San Diego’s housing problems have not.

“Only about 25 percent of households can afford the medium priced home here in the region, which is somewhere around $260,000 to $270,000,” Cox said. “That just doesn’t bode well for putting in a new company here and hoping employees can work reasonably close to where they live.”

Currently, most employees don’t work close to where they live — most businesses are clustered together in central locations, and affordable housing, a term with a unique definition here, is pushed to distant regions of the county.

That means long commutes to work. And that devalues the quality of life for many San Diego County residents.

If centrally located, affordable housing is not developed soon, San Diego County could see a significant decrease in the middle-income bracket, Cox said. A bracket comprised of police officers, firemen, teachers, nurses and other community-support professions.

“We’re getting a more bifurcated society here where we have some jobs created at the very high end, but most of our jobs, unfortunately, are being created at the low end with no significant middle class,” he said. “We need that middle income job growth.”

The county’s housing shortage is an old, unchanged story: High demand, very little supply.

Yet, the residential market has been thrown a curve ball by the weak economy. How it reacts could well determine the effect of the next economic slowdown on San Diego.

Low mortgage rates, depressed by the drop in the benchmark Federal Funds rate, have encouraged many residents to become first-time homebuyers. The Federal Reserve has lowered the fund rate 250 basis points since Jan. 1 in an effort to re-ignite the economy.

However, not many affordable single-unit properties are available since the buying spree in the second half of 2000 and the first half of 2001 took most of those properties off the market. That four-quarter period was the best seller’s
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market in more than a decade, according to MarketPoint Reality Advisors, a local real estate research company.

That leaves potential buyers looking for relatively cheaper apartments, condominiums and townhouses. All of which are in short supply due to fewer authorized building permits by cities, potential litigations against developers, remote locations because of land prices and growth control measures passed by voters, such as those in Escondido.

That created an overwhelming demand for rental properties, even for San Diego County, and existing owners were unwilling to sell. The countywide vacancy rate was less than 2 percent and the average monthly rent was more than $1,000 during the third quarter, according to MarketPoint.

With few affordable properties available, would-be buyers are staying put. That's not good for home developers or resellers.

Property prices "have been climbing so rapidly ... there's room for decline," said Mark Riedy, a professor of real estate finance at the University of San Diego.

Riedy expects a decline in home sales of 3 to 7 percent in the first quarter of 2001, a marginal decrease.

"But, nonetheless, as opposed to what you've been used to and what your pro forma's projected, it's the opposite direction," he said. "I could see that happening even with mortgage rates down."

Yet, another terrorist attack could quicken the decline.

"I think that would paralyze decision making even more," Riedy added. "That would hurt the housing market and that would push prices down faster. There's just no doubt in my mind about that."

Local real estate agents have already seen a decline in customers.

In a report due out Tuesday on the prices of luxury homes in San Diego (the homes averaged $1.39 million in the third quarter, according to San Francisco-based First Republic Bank), residential agents here said they noticed a drop in interested homebuyers across the board.

"It has been slowing down since summer," said Charles Gifford, an agent with Coldwell Banker in Rancho Santa Fe. "The buyers are still there, but they're taking their time and hoping the prices will go down."

Gifford doesn't believe the prices will depreciate. In fact, he expects the housing market to be as hot as it was a year ago.

After all, San Diego has a strong, diversified economy and "we have jobs here," he said.

But in order to keep the jobs, said Cox, the SANDAG economist, local governments must be encouraged to build affordable housing, and technology-related businesses here must build production facilities in San Diego County — as Idec Pharmaceuticals Corp. did in Oceanside — to promote middle income job growth.

If that doesn't happen, San Diego County could become another Silicon Valley, he said.

"That would make San Diego very uncompetitive," Cox said.

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Commercial Real Estate Market Helps Local Economy Weather Recession

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As the nation’s economy slides into recession, by the classical definition at least, market analysts here don't believe the San Diego region will be hit as hard as the rest of the country, or as the local region was during the last downturn in the early 1990s.

There are a number of reasons for this belief, including a diversified economy, an increase in defense spending here and continued investment in local businesses. They also point to one important sector, the local commercial real estate market.

"Unlike the late '80s, early '90s, where we had an oversupply (of commercial space), we're not experiencing that now because we just didn't see the (desire) out there for speculative real estate," said John Ferber, associate director for commercial real estate at the National Assn. of Industrial and Office Properties.

From 1990 to 1993, vacancy rates for San Diego's office space market averaged 23.7 percent. In the third quarter of 2001, it was just 10.7 percent — the highest rate for any quarter this year, according to the research department of Burnham Real Estate Services.

Part of the downward pressure put on vacancy rates during the last decade was the absence of new office construction. It also helped that demand was strong, spurred on by the expanding economy in the last half of the 1990s.

When the technology bubble burst in 2000, all that changed. Demand slowed for new space and subleasing increased. As of the third quarter, there was 1.8 million square feet of available and occupied sublet space — an increase of more than 660,000 square feet from the first quarter.

There is now concern that the local market and construction cycle are linked to San Diego's high-quality base.

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demand for office space will decline as companies struggle to cope with decreased sales. Even though most economists believe the nation’s economy will rebound next year, the soft demand for office space here could lower the prices companies can charge per square foot.

“I believe there will be some softening” in the beginning of next year, said Stath Karras, the chief executive of Burnham Real Estate Services and a self-admitted bull on the local commercial real estate market.

Still, relatively new lending requirements, adopted by banks and financial institutions after the last downturn, prevent excess buildings from coming on line. Developers now must pre-lease a portion of the project, build to suit the tenant, or trade equity for financing.

The most improved market, though, is industrial space — highlighted by research and development centers in Poway. R&D facilities in La Jolla and Sorrento Mesa also continue to draw occupants.

Poway’s Parkway Business Centre and Pomerado Business Park were leased quickly and vacancy rates are 7.9 percent there, as of the third quarter.

San Diego’s life science industry is one of the strongest sectors in the region. So far this year, local biotech and medical device start-ups received more than $400 million in venture funds.

That amount of capital has driven developers to build more lab-oriented projects and that gives some analysts here a bad flashback to the office markets in the early 1990s.

“I’d be worried about overbuilding,” said Alan Gin, an economics professor at USD.

Industrial vacancy rates were only 9.3 percent in the third quarter, compared to the average of 17.1 percent in 1990 to 1993.

Of course, the wild card in all of this is the $100 billion economic stimulus package currently being debated in Washington, D.C. The package is designed to free up funds for discretionary spending for business. The Bush administration created the package in the wake of Sept. 11 with the goal of giving companies the leverage to make large capital expenditures.

Most economists agree the size of the package could restart the economy and help local businesses expand.

If that happens, San Diego’s commercial real estate could be off and running again. Only this time, the region will be in a better position than it was the last time it came out of an economic downturn.

The next question is: Where do the employees live?

Editor’s note: This is Part 1 of a two-part series on real estate in San Diego County. Part 2 on residential real estate will appear tomorrow.

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Panel Finds Real Estate Will Weather Slowdown

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The consensus among local commercial real estate experts is that San Diego is much better off in 2001 than it was during the recession of the early 1990s.

The panel of experts spoke at the recent Commercial Real Estate Trends 2002 Conference coordinated by the Real Estate Institute at the University of San Diego.

Matt Reno, president of San Diego-based Reno Contracting Inc., said the 1980s saw un­ restrained building, which lead to high office vacancy rates during the early 90s.

The economy began to take off again in San Diego in 1994 and 1995, but the market was markedly different, Reno said. Banks were not as quick to provide financing for new projects, particularly for speculative buildings.

Reno is optimistic about San Diego’s economy riding out a recession, especially with the area’s booming technology and biotech sectors.

However, the amount of new sublease space in San Diego County is on the rise. Stath Karras, president and CEO of San Diego-based Burnham Real Estate Services, said the county had virtually no sublease space a year ago, but there is about 2 million square feet of it available now.

“Some companies went out of business, some expected to expand, but didn’t,” Karras said.

Still, he said there is a big demand for office space so that sublease space will eventually be filled.

Jeff Burges, chief operating officer of San Diego-based Yale Properties USA, whose company has commercial properties across the country, said, “From our perspective, San Diego is weathering well, but it’s also a question of whether the wave has hit here yet.”

Meanwhile, Gina Champion-Cain, president and CEO of San Diego-based American National Investments, said investors may have backed off of other projects recently, but her business of developing urban mixed-use projects has not slowed.

“My deals are considered safe,” Champion-Cain said, because they include more afford-
By Mike Freeman  
STAFF WRITER

The local commercial real estate market is starting to show signs of a slowdown, as office vacancy rates have climbed in most of the county's largest business corridors.

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SOURCE: Burnham Real Estate Services

So Reno and the rest of San Diego's commercial real estate industry have begun calculating how bad the damage will be this time around.

Despite warning signs of weakness in tech-heavy suburban markets, industry experts say the local commercial real estate market should escape a meltdown like the one that occurred in the early '90s.

Today, many economists think the nation is in recession again.

The San Diego commercial real estate markets are more stable than most major markets in the U.S.," said Mike Philbin, managing director of transaction services for Burnham.

Because overbuilding locally isn't nearly as bad as it was in the early '90s — and because the region's powerhouse technology companies are concentrated in

SEE Real estate, C8
Economist says area's diversity is a plus

Biotech and telecommunications rather than in Internet dot-coms — San Diego has been somewhat spared from the tech-led bust that has gripped office markets in San Francisco; Seattle; Austin, Texas; and other cities, said Jonathan Miller of Lend Lease Real Estate Investments, publisher of the nationwide survey Emerging Trends in Real Estate 2002.

"It remains to be seen how far down we go and how long this recession lasts," Miller added. "But we expect 2002 to be the nadir for the real estate industry."

While San Diego is holding up overall, some suburban markets favored by tech companies have seen climbing vacancy rates lately.

Sorrento Mesa and Carlsbad have office vacancy rates above 20 percent, according to figures released this week. Del Mar Heights and University Town Center also have more empty offices now than they had nine months ago. One building in Sorrento Mesa’s Sea View development was vacant for so long that it was jokingly referred to by brokers as the "See Through" building — a common industry euphemism for long-empty structures.

All of which has led some industry experts to remain cautious in their forecasts for the future.

"From our perspective, San Diego is weathering the storm," said Jeff Burges, chief operating officer for Yale Properties USA, a commercial real estate investment and management company. "The question in our minds is whether the wave just hasn't hit Southern California yet. It's an uncertain time right now."

In the '80s, easy money flowed to developers, who built too many office and industrial buildings, Burges said. This time, easy money flowed to technology entrepreneurs with ill-conceived business plans.

The problem for commercial real estate owners, he said, is that these entrepreneurs are their tenants.

"I think what we're going to find is the companies we built (buildings) for may not be as viable as we would have thought," Burges said.

But Stath Karras, chief executive of Burnham, said San Diego tech companies aren't going out of business. The spike in vacancy rates, he said, is because many companies leased more space than they needed in anticipation of expanding. Now they've put those plans on hold, and consequently are trying to sublease their unused offices to other companies.

Economist Alan Gin of USD said he expects the current economic slowdown to last into the second quarter of 2002. He said local companies that supply national and international manufacturers, as well as the region's tourism and retail sectors, will be hit hard.

Gin added, however, that San Diego should outperform the nation as a whole because its economy is much more diversified than it was in the past.

"The companies here in San Diego are smaller, a little bit more nimble and better able to deal with adverse situations," he said.

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San Diego Economy Expected To Fare Better Than Nation

By THOR KAMBAN BIBERMAN
San Diego Daily Transcript

The "spooky" national economy continues to slow, but the consensus is the local economy will rebound faster than many areas around the country.

At this year's University of San Diego Real Estate Institute forecast breakfast Thursday, USD economist Alan Gin said the event's timing — right after Halloween — was appropriate, because the national economic picture is "pretty spooky."

While it has yet to be made official, the economy has likely tipped into a recession. Gin predicted more interest rate cuts amounting to a 3/4 or full percentage point in the prime lending rate next year, in an effort to rescue the foundering economy.

He said it will take a lot more than interest rates to get the economy going again, however. It will take consumer confidence — something that hasn't exactly been in abundance lately.

Gin believes San Diego will fare relatively well next year. He said San Diego was in a much tougher spot when it had 27,000 aerospace workers 10 years ago.

With fewer than 7,000 aerospace workers today, the local economy is now much healthier and better balanced.

San Diego's inability to lure large corporate headquarters to the city has actually worked in its favor because we won't experience the waves of massive layoffs hitting the nation's industrial centers, Gin said.

This in turn means there won't be huge jumps in unemployment claims in San Diego next year, and that there should 1.5 percent to 2 percent fewer claims here per capita than the rest of the country.

San Diego may be faring better than areas like Detroit and the Silicon Valley, but Jeff Burgess of Yale Properties USA said there is still a lot of empty space in commercial buildings these days, much of the sublease variety.

"We look at a lot of buildings. The rents are great, but coming around the corner, we see 20,000-square-foot floor plates and no bodies," said Burgess.

Stath Karras, Burnham Real Estate Services' chief executive officer, said while about 1.8 million square feet of sublease office space has been added to the county in the past year, there is "good strong demand" that will absorb this space eventually.
California Candidates Will Qualify for License Reciprocity

BY TOM DALTON
Special to the Business Journal

Earlier this month Gov. Gray Davis signed legislation that will dramatically change the licensing requirements for certified public accountants. The good news from the twin bills (AB 585 and SB 133) is that the new law and regulations will make it much easier for candidates who pass the California CPA exam to become licensed in other states.

In effect, California CPAs will be able to qualify for license reciprocity in almost any state in the nation.

The new rules, however, have serious implications for accounting students and professionals in several ways including education requirements, examination elections and qualifying experience.

Under the new rules that take effect Jan. 1, there will be two pathways for CPA certification. Both paths require a candidate to complete a bachelor’s degree (including 24 semester units of accounting related courses and 24 semester units of business-related courses) before sitting for the CPA examination.

As one might expect, accounting courses include accounting, auditing, financial statement analysis, external or internal reporting and tax. Business-related courses include subjects such as management, economics, finance, marketing, and business communications.

Although no minimum or maximum semester units are required in any of these sub-areas, the law was designed to encourage a broad base of accounting and business subjects. As such, California Board of Accountancy staff have indicated they will monitor applicants’ courses for signs that candidates are “loading up” in one subject area to the exclusion of others and will report any perceived abuses to the Board.

Qualifications for taking the CPA examination are the same for both pathways. However the remaining requirements for certification differ in at least three ways.

- Certification Requirements
  
  First, Pathway 1 requires a candidate to have two years of supervised professional experience under a licensed CPA. Pathway 2 requires only one year of experience.

  Second, Pathway 1 requires no additional education for licensure beyond the bachelor’s degree (including the accounting and business courses).

  By contrast, Pathway 2, which puts a candidate on track for licensing in other states, requires 150 total semester college-level units for licensure. A bachelor’s degree normally requires about 124 semester units for completion.

  The average student usually has about 135 units by graduation. Thus, many students will need only about another 15 units to qualify under Pathway 2.

  Some students may decide to earn the additional units as part of their undergraduate degrees. Others may want to earn the additional units as part of a master’s degree. Students pursuing a master’s degree would most likely look to professional skill building programs such as information technology, personal financial planning, real estate or finance.

  Third, Pathway 1 allows candidates to pass the exam under the current format: A candidate must sit for at least two of the four exam sections initially, and once two parts are passed, can sit for the remaining sections individually. Pathway 2 follows the Uniform Accountancy Act format and requires a candidate to sit for all sections not passed concurrently.

  To receive passing credit for a section, a candidate must pass at least two sections and receive at least 50 percent on all unpassed sections.

  Once completed, Pathway 2 creates CPA license portability to other states because it is patterned after the UAA, now enacted in 46 states and the District of Columbia. With enactment in California, only Colorado, Delaware, New Hampshire and Vermont are not in conformance with the UAA.

- License Reciprocity
  
  A Career Advantage

  CPA license reciprocity is a career advantage. In fact, it is considered so important by the California Board of Accountancy that all CPA candidates will automatically be placed in Pathway 2 and will need to apply in writing before switching to Pathway 1.

  Candidates also should note that they can switch from Pathway 2 to Pathway 1, but cannot switch from Pathway 1 to Pathway 2 without re-taking the entire CPA exam.

  Prior CPA licensing rules (the old law) are still available to candidates who applied, qualified and sat for the November or previous examinations. However, these candidates must complete all requirements for licensure by Dec. 31, 2005, or convert to either Pathway 1 or 2.

  A major difference between the old law and the new law concerns audit experience. Under the current rules, candidates are required to have 500 hours of supervised audit experience to become a CPA — whether or not they intend to perform audits after licensing — as well as two years of general accounting experience.

  Under the new law, candidates will no longer be required to have audit experience to become a CPA. A CPA will need the 500 hours of supervised audit experience only if he or she wishes to sign audit or review reports. The impact of this change is that candidates now will be able to acquire general, non-auditing accounting experience to become CPAs (two years under Pathway 1 and one year under Pathway 2).

  The experience need only be from a licensed CPA, not necessarily an auditor, and can be accomplished in a public accounting firm, a corporation, a not-for-profit entity, or any other organization.

  The 500 hours of auditing experience cannot be earned while a candidate is working under the supervision of a CPA.

  To comply with the new law, CPA candidates must complete all education requirements by Jan. 1, 2002, and take the CPA exam at the first opportunity the Board allows.

  For more information, contact the California Board of Accountancy at (916) 445-7511.
is very difficult to obtain for candidates working in non-public accounting jobs or in smaller CPA firms. Tales of candidates moonlighting or working for free to accrue audit hours are not uncommon.

This hurdle has been removed. CPA candidates now will have more choice about for whom to work. As such, small and medium-sized CPA firms and corporate accounting departments will be able to compete more effectively in hiring the best and the brightest accounting graduates.

This is a summary of the major changes in the law. For more detailed information on the changes, there are several Web sites — www.pathwayinfo@cba.ca.gov or (www.dca.ca.gov/cba) — that can be of assistance.

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Local economy might be OK, analyst says

By Michael Kinsman
STAFF WRITER

San Diego County's slowing economy may be well-situated for the long term should the nation find itself in a prolonged war effort, a local economist said yesterday.

PETER COX, an economist with the San Diego Association of Government, said the region's defense, software and biotechnology businesses could play an important role in the rebound of the local economy.

"Defense demands might create opportunities for us," Cox said. "If we need surveillance or information-gathering tools, the research and development sectors could do well."

Survey: Fewer employers plan to hire in 2002

By Michael Kinsman
STAFF WRITER

The survey, conducted in May and June by Godbe Research & Analysis of Carlsbad, found that employers were prepared to add about 41,000 new jobs over the next year.

Terri Bergman, the partnership's research director, cautioned that the terrorist actions of Sept. 11 have already detailed some of those hiring plans.

The survey revealed that workers lacked interpersonal and oral communication skills in 25 percent of the occupations studied. Executives in the medical services cluster reported the greatest skills deficit, saying they had trouble finding qualified workers in one-third of those occupations.

The survey also found that 9.4 percent of the companies surveyed had at some point hired foreign workers under the federal government's H-1B visa program.

Godbe senior research analyst Joshua Williams said 85 percent of the companies surveyed had at some point hired foreign workers under the federal government's H-1B visa program.

SEE Economy C8
A San Diego index of leading economic indicators fell in September for the eighth month in a row, suggesting that the local economy will continue to slow down in coming months.

The index, released yesterday from the University of San Diego, showed that building permits continued to soften, while initial unemployment claims rose. However, there were two positive signs, as companies took out more help-wanted ads and consumer confidence strengthened.

USD business professor Alan Gin, who compiles the index, said he thinks weakness in the local and national economies will continue into 2002. He said the local unemployment rate, now 3.5 percent, is likely to hit 4 percent in the first half of 2002.

Two other components of Gin’s index, local stock prices and national economic indicators, also were negative in September.

However, there were also signs yesterday that the national outlook could start to brighten. The Conference Board said its October national index of leading economic indicators rose 0.3 percent, the first increase since July.

Seven of the 10 components of that index were positive, in part because of the series of interest rate cuts the Federal Reserve has implemented this year.

But some analysts said not to read too much into the one-month improvement, because it may take more than low interest rates to jump-start the economy.

"Zero-point-zero percent financing and low mortgages are great for people who have jobs," said Michael Swanson, chief economist at Wells Fargo & Co. "But if you don’t have one, no one is going to lend you money anyway."

Thus far, San Diego’s economy has held up better than the rest of the country amid the economic slowdown. While U.S. unemployment jumped to 5.4 percent in October from 4.9 percent a month earlier, San Diego County’s rate inch ed up to 3.5 percent from 3.4 percent.

Gin said he expects both the national and local economies to pick up in the second half of 2002, with San Diego County returning to “robust growth.”

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Local Economic Indicators Down For Eighth Consecutive Month

By TIM COFFEY
San Diego Daily Transcript

San Diego's index of economic indicators in September fell for the eighth consecutive month, led by a drop in local stock prices and a rise in unemployment claims.

The index has not improved month-over-month since it topped 151 points in June 2000. It ended September at 136.6 points.

However, the rate of negative growth in the index has decreased sequentially since April — a sign that better times could be near.

"The outlook for the local economy mirrors that of the national economy, with weakness likely for the rest of 2001 and into the first half of 2002," said Alan Gin, the University of San Diego economics professor who calculates the local indicators. "Look for a recovery in the national economy and a return to robust growth in the local economy in the second half of 2002."

Fewer authorized local building permits and the negative outlook on the national economy put downward pressure on the indicators in September. Yet, consumer confidence surged again and help-wanted advertising increased to lessen the effects of the four slumping indicators.

There are several indications that the local economy will not feel the burden of a continued economic downturn and could rebound ahead of the nation and California.

First, authorized building permits through September are only 1.5 percent below last year's mark, indicating that if the pace holds, total housing units approved for construction will top 15,000 for the third year in a row. Construction is currently one of San Diego's strongest industries.

Second, the continued surge in consumer confidence into positive territory could derail thoughts of a prolonged economic malaise.

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here. Consumer confidence grew more than 1.1 percent the past two months after declining 1.19 percent in July.

While Gin expects the national economy to rebound in 2002, he said local unemployment rates will top 4 percent before then — a higher than normal rate for San Diego County, but well within acceptable limits for economists.

For September, local stock prices dropped 1.77 percent, unemployment claims decreased 1.49 percent, and the outlook on the national economy and the number of issued building permits declined less than one percent. Consumer confidence showed a surprising leap of 1.55 percent and help wanted advertising increased 0.33 percent.

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USD School of Business Hosts Open House

The University of San Diego School of Business Administration will host an open house, Nov. 14 at 6 p.m. The information session will offer prospective students a chance to meet professors, administration and familiarize themselves with the school's degree programs.

USD offers several specialized master's degrees including an international MBA and a master's of science in E-commerce. More than 400 students are currently enrolled in Business Administration graduate programs.

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HIRINGS/PROMOTIONS

Pennstar Bank: Seven have been appointed area sales managers and assistant vice presidents.

- Kimberly Hazelton joins Pennstar Bank with 14 years prior banking experience. She will oversee eight branches in Wayne and Lackawanna regions.

  She was a branch manager for another financial institution in New York state. A Moscow resident, she is a graduate of San Diego University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration.

- Robert Hazelton, with nine years banking management experience, previously served as branch manager for another financial institution in the Binghamton area.

  He earned an associate's degree in general education with an emphasis in business administration from Green Mountain College in Vermont. He also earned an associate's degree in electronic engineering while serving with the U.S. Navy. He will oversee eight offices in the Pike and Monroe regions. He also is a Moscow resident.

  - Raymond J. Cecotti has 11 years experience as a branch manager and most recently worked as a commercial loan officer at the former Pioneer American Bank.

  Cecotti is a graduate of Marywood University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He will oversee six offices in Lackawanna County's Valley Region, including Dickson City, Mayfield, Archbald, Eynon and two offices in Carbondale. He is an Eynon resident.

  - Stephen W. Major has 14 years banking experience and previously worked at a financial institution in Susquehanna County.

  He is a graduate of Mansfield University, the Intermediate School of Banking at Dickinson College and the Advanced School of Banking at Bucknell University.

  He will be responsible for overseeing three branches in the Susquehanna region, including Montrose, Great Bend and Choconut. He resides in Montrose.

  - Robert J. Welch continues a 24-year banking career with Pennstar bank as a result of the Sovereign acquisition in November 2000.

  He is a graduate of Broome Community College, where he earned associate's degrees in liberal arts and accounting.

  In addition, he is a Central Atlantic Advanced School of Banking and the New York State Bankers Association Consumer Credit School.

  Welch will be responsible for overseeing three branches in Susquehanna County, including the New Milford, Lenox and Susquehanna branches. He resides in Brackney.

  - Allyson Swartz joins the bank after working in branch management and as a senior financial specialist at two of Luzerne County's larger financial institutions over the past nine years.

  She is a graduate of Susquehanna University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in business administration and Wilkes University, where she earned a Master of Business Administration.

  She holds Series 6, 63, life and health insurance and annuities licenses. A Shavertown resident, she will oversee four branches in Luzerne County.

  - John Koczwar has more than 15 years experience, most recently as sector manager for another regional financial institution.

  He earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Wilkes University and an accounting degree from Lackawanna Junior College. A Scranton resident, he will oversee seven branches in the Scranton, Taylor and Abington areas.

Pulmonary Physicians of Wyoming Valley: Dr. Amita Vasoya, a board-certified pulmonologist, has joined the Wilkes-Barre practice of Dr. Henry F. Smith Jr. and Dr. Dinesh Talati.

  Vasoya recently completed a fellowship in sleep medicine. She earned a bachelor's degree in economics through Rutgers University. She earned a Doctor of Osteopathy degree and trained in internal medicine, pulmonary medicine, critical-care medicine and sleep medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey. As a fellow, she was awarded the Chief's Award for Pulmonary and Internal Medicine in June 2000.

  She will practice pulmonary and critical-care medicine with a special focus on sleep disorders.
United Neighborhood Centers of Lackawanna County has announced two promotions.

Anne G. Graney, Clarks Summit, has been promoted to controller.

For the past two years, she had served as the fiscal assistant in the UNC controller's office.

Ms. Graney served in administrative posts and as business manager for Constellation Operating Services in Archbald from 1988 to 1997. When the plant closed, she continued with COS as a consultant.

From 1981 to 1988, Ms. Graney was an administrative assistant at Lackawanna College.

She is a cum laude graduate of Lackawanna College with a degree in accounting and computer information systems.

Tricia A. Menichini, Dupont, has been named fiscal assistant.

Ms. Menichini is a graduate of the University of Scranton with a degree in accounting.

She has worked as controller and office manager at Premier Transfer Corp, Pittston, and as controller and office manager at Five Star Transportation, Inc., Pittston. She also served as a staff accountant with a local accounting firm.

Pennstar Bank has announced the appointments of area sales managers/assistant vice presidents.

Kimberly Hazelton, Moscow, joins Pennstar Bank with 14 years of banking experience. She will oversee eight branches in the Wayne and Lackawanna counties region.

Prior to joining Pennstar, she managed a branch for another financial institution in New York.

She is a graduate of San Diego University where she received a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is a member of the board of directors of the Southern Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Hazelton, Moscow, has nine years of banking management experience. He had been branch manager for another financial institution in the Binghamton, N.Y., area.

Mr. Hazelton has an associate's degree in general education with an emphasis in business administration from Green Mountain College in Vermont. He received an associate's degree in electronic engineering with the U.S. Navy.

Mr. Hazelton will oversee eight offices in Pike and Monroe counties region. He is a member of the North Pocono Rotary Club.
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These students at Nativity Prep Academy take part in specially designed education programs such as rational problem solving and critical thinking.

Close-Up:

A New School's Formula For Success

Nativity Prep Academy Targets Low-Income, At-Risk Students

By MICHELLE CADWELL BLACKSTON
San Diego Daily Transcript

David Rivera spent a year studying San Diego schools. From Census data, he color-coordinated a map of neighborhoods with poor-performing students and families living below the poverty level to find the area most challenged. He sought to open a school that would focus on small class size, intensive academic programs and college prep education. Rivera also wanted the school to be Catholic and no-cost to the families.

Nativity Prep Academy opened in September in Logan Heights with 24 low-income, at-risk children in grade five. The school will eventually expand to include all middle school grades and high school.

It took a tremendous amount of legwork on behalf of Rivera and others to open the school, hire

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and train teachers, and enroll students. Through the University of San Diego, where Rivera received his undergraduate degree, and AmeriCorps, the school landed 10 volunteer teachers for two years. USD is giving the teachers, most of whom are recent college graduates, free enrollment in the master's degree program in the education department as well as credentials to teach in California. They also teach at neighboring Logan Elementary and St. Jude's Academy part of the time to learn to identify at-risk children.

Rivera, a graduate of Notre Dame Law School, is Nativity Prep's fund-raising coordinator and said it's challenging just getting in the potential donor's door.

"The idea sells itself," Rivera said. "Getting in front of donors after 9/11 is very difficult. All of the investing is going back east."

The Nativity model originated in New York City from Jesuit priests who sought to end the cycle of urban crime, drugs and poverty during the 1950s. The year-round schools maintain 12-hour days from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., small classes, daily tutoring, prevention programs and classes on Saturdays. Nativity schools around the country send 90 percent of their students to college.

To get his idea off the ground, Rivera approached Brian Bennett, who worked on the state school voucher initiative and opened schools in underserved areas throughout California. Bennett previously was a school principal as well as an attorney.

Bennett and Rivera recruited Bob Heveron to be principal and other community leaders to support the novel educational approach including Robert Hoehn of Hoehn Motors, who donated $60,000 to the cause.

The curriculum involves teaching basic social skills such as telling the truth, following instructions, controlling anger and disagreeing politely. It also instills rational problem solving and critical thinking. In addition, the students are fed three meals a day. "They're really good kids and have a genuine interest in being successful," Bennett said.

He also said it's important for the teachers to interact with the families and community members who become the voice of the school. As part of the AmeriCorps program, all 10 of the volunteer teachers live a block from the school in a rehabilitated house for free.

Before the school opened, the teachers canvassed the neighborhood for three weeks to talk to families about the program and enroll students. The school has rolling admissions and accepts new students on a need basis.

Most of the families in the area are Hispanic, Rivera said, and have yearly incomes of about $20,000. The transient nature of the community makes it difficult for traditional public schools to keep track of the students, he said. With only 24 children, Rivera knows the students' families, where they live and their financial situation.

Principal Heveron said the students are typically at least two years below their grade level on tests and at the 20th percentile in both reading and math. They plan to test the students to see their progress each year and assess what programs are successful.

The San Diego Literacy Council donates books and reading materials to the schools. San Diego-based company Sandicast gave $75,000 before the school was open. The school collaborates with other nonprofit organizations including local parishes, Girls & Boys Town for at-risk training, Family Health Centers for on-campus health care and Big Brothers and Big Sisters mentor programs.

The school now needs to raise money to sustain programs, Rivera said, and keep the vision moving forward.

"Child poverty in San Diego has doubled in the last 20 years," Rivera said, adding that he surrounds himself with experienced and talented people who are as dedicated as he is to helping children succeed.

"There will always be young people with needs," Heveron said. "We're providing an option to people who do not have options."

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Nativity Prep Academy Wish List

- Two 15-passenger vans, travel sponsor or driver.
- Food/meal sponsorship of $250 a week for 24 students and $400 a month for 10 teachers.
- Classroom tutors and aides.
- Grant writers.
- Community speaking engagements.
- Health service, counseling and parenting class assistance.

For more information, contact Nativity Prep Academy at (619) COLLEGE.
In Service

Allison Park

► Navy Ensign Thomas R. Lovett of Allison Park participated in the Navy’s Bluejacket Hometown Area Recruiting Program while assigned with Fleet Aviation Specialized Operational Training Group, Pacific Detachment, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Wash.

Lovett was chosen based on motivation, a commanding officer’s endorsement and meeting physical fitness standards.

Lovett is the son of Mary S. Lovett of Allison Park. He is a 1988 graduate of Hampton High School and a 1994 graduate of Indiana University.

Edgeworth

► Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Tomaura D. Toliver of Edgeworth participated in the commissioning of the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima, based in Norfolk, Va.

Amphibious assault ships support amphibious operations by using specially designed hovercraft that travel above land and sea surfaces to deliver vehicles and equipment.

Toliver is the daughter of Pamela D. and David G. Toliver of Edgeworth. She is a 1993 graduate of Quaker Valley High School.

Leetsdale

► Department of the Army Civilian Dr. Dennis K. McCormack graduated from the Sustaining Base Leadership and Management program at the Army Management Staff College, Fort Belvoir, Fairfax, Va.

McCormack is a supervisory clinical psychologist at Winn Army Community Hospital, Fort Stewart, Ga.

He is the son of Margaret McCormack of Leetsdale. McCormack graduated in 1956 from Leetsdale High School and received a doctorate in 1974 from the University of San Diego.

North Side

► Air Force Airman Maggie L. Kasun graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Kasun is the daughter of Frank Kasun of the North Side and a 2001 graduate of Shaler Area High School.

Ross

► Marine Corps Reserve Lance Cpl. Peter J. Goode was promoted to his current rank while serving with the Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division, Moundsville, W.Va.

Goode is the son of Julia M. Ceschin of Wilkinsburg and David B. Goode of Ross and a 1999 graduate of North Hills High School.

Shaler

► Navy Lt. j.g. Gary J. Manfredo was on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf, assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise, based in Norfolk, Va.

Manfredo is the son of Olga C. and August J. Manfredo of Shaler and a 1975 graduate of Shaler Area High School. He joined the Navy in 1980.

Valencia

► Marine Corps Pfc. Christopher T. Sills completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

Sills is the son of Carolyn A. and Harry A. Sills of Valencia and a 2000 graduate of Pine-Richland High School.

Wexford

► Navy Chief Petty Officer Christopher P. Cornelius of Wexford reported for duty aboard the fleet ballistic missile submarine USS Maine, based in Kings Bay, Ga.

Cornelius is a 1986 graduate of North Allegheny High School.

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► Community Experience: Chairman of Holden Beach Sewer Committee; former member of Holden Beach Board of Adjustments; former chairman of the Holden Beach Beach Renourishment committee

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► Education: Accounting diploma from Carolina College of Commerce; studied two years of business at Nash Community College and two years of education at Wesleyan College; received a municipal clerk certification from Syracuse University and a nursing diploma from the Medical University of South Carolina
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► Community Involvement: Former vice president of the Holden Beach Beautification Club.

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► Political Experience: None
► Community Involvement: Member of the sewer mediation committee; director of the Holden Beach Renourishment Association and member of the Holden Beach Evacuation Committee
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<td>“Because right now sewerage and beach renourishment are two of our main projects. ... Since I was elected, sewerage has been my No. 1 project. I just think living along the coast most of my life gives me perspective on what the beach needs.”</td>
<td>“We are doing what we ought to do. We have the Cape Fear project but our main focus should be on the 50-year-plan and put some money aside for that.”</td>
<td>“I want to keep the beach a family beach and retain the height limit as 35 feet. Land coverage is limited at 30 percent and this prevents us from having high-rises.”</td>
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<td>“Because of my experience, I worked for city of Rocky Mount for 15 years in finance and as city clerk, I codified Holden Beach’s first code book. I did the editing, reviewing and revising of all the laws. I also have the time and can make a commitment to serve.”</td>
<td>“The major issue to me is money. Taxes should not be increased, but as the county re-evaluates property and new homes are built, the tax base is going to go up. We need to have more frugal spending and spending priorities.”</td>
<td>“I am going to ask legislation be adopted to exempt the town of Holden Beach from having to give one half of the occupancy tax revenue to the county and state. If they gave us the occupancy tax money, we can stand our own feet financially.”</td>
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<td>“I have been involved in local government for 15 to 20 years in Richmond. I am fully retired and have time to do it. I need to return to our community.”</td>
<td>“I think we are making progress. It’s up to all of us to pay for sand, the largest portion should be paid by oceanfront property owners.”</td>
<td>“I would have more of the occupancy tax go toward sand.”</td>
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<td>“I would work to explore all ways to fund beach renourishment so it would be fair. I want to get a commitment from the community for the beach renourishment project.”</td>
<td>“It’s a long-term and expensive project, and what we need as a community is to commit to funding on a regular basis.”</td>
<td>“Since a long-term commitment [for beach renourishment] is what I want to see, I would support a referendum so residents can express their opinions.”</td>
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<td>“My experience as a businessperson gives me the leadership skills to help the town with its growth, and my experience will also help me in negotiations.”</td>
<td>“The major issue is the renourishment process and saving the strand to protect the economic basis.”</td>
<td>“We need a long-range plan that takes into consideration the next five years. We need a capital program to determine how we are going to fund it. Funding has to be done as collaborative effort and we need to be creative about it.”</td>
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Leading Lawyers

Law School Dean Builds USD's Reputation While Teaching Future Leaders

By DAVID HICKS
San Diego Daily Transcript

The young law school dean at the University of San Diego is not shy.

He's quick to talk about the strengths of the institution. He's eager to try new programs to make USD as relevant as possible to the real-world practice of law. And he's not the least bit reluctant about asking for money to support the cause.

After all, Dean Daniel Rodriguez is totally convinced that every segment of the community will benefit if he can continue to build USD's reputation as a top-notch academic institution.

"Folks who say, 'Why should I be interested in what's going on at the USD School of Law? I'm not an alum. Maybe I'm not even a lawyer. I'm a founder of a biotech firm. Or I work in the medical community. Why should I care about what's going on? Why should I be interested in what the dean has to say about it?" Rodriguez asked in a recent interview.

"It's because they're all interconnected," he answered. "The business community is interconnected with the legal community, which is interconnected with the medical community, which is interconnected with the science community. You cannot have a first-class city without a first-class university ..."

"As I live and breathe, the reputation of the legal and business community — the reputation of San Diego — is affected by the reputation of this law school. We can positively affect the way the San Diego business community is perceived in the world in which it operates."

Rodriguez, who took over as dean three years ago, knows about the power of reputation. After working his way through California State University at Long Beach, earning a political science degree in 1984, he moved on to a completely different world — Harvard Law School.

The power of the school's reputation — its "brand" — is portable throughout the country and the world, Rodriguez said. That is something he wants to help nurture at USD.

Rodriguez, 39, graduated from Harvard in 1987. He clerked for a federal judge for a year before joining the faculty of Boalt Hall at the University of California, Berkeley. After 10 happy years teaching law students there, the leadership at USD convinced him to take the position he holds now.

"For me, professionally, this was a quite unique opportunity. It was unique to be the dean of a law school at this stage in my career. But, in particular, it was a unique and special opportunity to be the dean of this law school at this point in time," he said. "For one thing, it struck me that San Diego was going through a tremendous renaissance — in its economy and in the legal community."

Rodriguez divides his job into two basic categories. His "internal duties" include heading up a group of administrators who handle all the business of the law school, ranging from admissions to curriculum to staffing. He also teaches a course each semester. His "external" duties involve reaching out to the community and raising money from donors to support the school, which is a private, Catholic university.

Key to the success of all his efforts — from attracting the highest quality students and faculty, to raising money — is developing the school's reputation. And, other than talking about the good things the school does, the best way to do that is with programs that make the university stand out, he said.

To that end, USD's School of Law is working on several new endeavors:

• An entrepreneurship clinic places law students

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under the supervision of a director, who is an attorney. Together, they help “micro-entrepreneurs” in the San Diego area — people starting small businesses who may have difficulty negotiating the legal obstacles or understanding government regulations.

• A low-income taxpayers program, made possible by a grant from the Internal Revenue Service, allows the school to give legal representation to indigent people involved in disputes with the IRS.

• The university is bolstering its programs and faculty expertise in the area of law and philosophy, with an eye toward becoming the premiere institution for that specialty.

• Soon the school will start programs aimed at giving students more specialized education in the high-tech and biotech areas of the law. In recent years, the San Diego County business and legal communities have dramatically expanded in both fields.

Hopefully, Rodriguez said, the 300 or so students who graduate from USD law each year will walk away with a carefully balanced education. On the one hand, they will have special tools for the San Diego community, where many of them will go on to practice. And on the other, they will have a general expertise and a degree that will impress people wherever they may go, he said.

“I would like to help, as a faculty member and as dean, our faculty inculcate in our students a sense that they can not only be successful lawyers and do the things that lawyers do, but take their rightful role as leaders,” Rodriguez said. “I want to make sure that all of our students have the confidence that they’re not second to anyone. They can be as successful as any group of young lawyers in the country.”

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PROFILE

A SURF'S UP — "I began surfing as a young kid and continued with that as my major hobby," Barton said Judge Superior Court Judge Jeffrey B. Barton. Barton also runs half marathons to stay in shape.

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make up a small but cohesive part of the legal community and that "they have a great deal of integrity."

He learned about criminal law from them, but sometimes, out of caution, he halts courtroom proceedings so that he can research a point of law, he said.

And as Barton begins the steep climb toward more complex criminal cases, he remains on a crash course outside the courtroom to extend his knowledge.

"It requires an enormous investment of time and effort," Barton said.

The effort seems to be paying off. Two deputy district attorneys who have appeared before Barton say he's doing a good job.

"He's fair, professional, intelligent, a pleasure to work with," said Harrison Kennedy, a deputy district attorney who has prosecuted misdemeanor charges of child endangerment and driving under the influence before Barton.

"He took the time to look up what he had to," without delaying the trials, Kennedy said.

Deputy District Attorney Clayton Biddle said he has been before Barton for several preliminary hearings, most recently in cases involving carjacking and felony driving under the influence.

"The experience I've had with him is favorable," Biddle said. "He's very patient and fair to both sides."

San Diego Deputy City Attorney Mark Beesley prosecuted the first criminal trial Barton handled. The trial was in San Diego shortly after Barton's appointment to the bench. It was a misdemeanor driving under the influence case.

"I thought he did a good job," Beesley said. "The attorneys presented their case, and he made his decision."

Later, Barton was transferred to the North County courts in Vista. In the middle of October, Beesley went to Vista to argue a motion in a case that had started when Barton was in San Diego.

"Certainly he was up on the standard for a new trial," Beesley said.

Barton's schedule is a mixture of civil and criminal matters. Three and a half days per
week, he does civil and criminal trials.

On Thursday afternoons, the judge presides over people who are making use of the law voters approved last November, Proposition 36, to seek treatment for their drug problems instead of going to jail. Their guilty pleas are entered before another judge, who assigns them to Barton for a review after 45 days. Defendants return to Barton if they fail to follow their treatment plans.

"So many people are opting into Proposition 36 that I soon may need another half day," Barton said.

On Fridays, Barton devotes himself to civil settlements, scheduling four each day.

Before being appointed a judge, Barton served as a permanent settlement officer. But for a full-time judge, things are different, he said.

"You have more control over the parties," the judge said. "You can order them back. You can order more things to facilitate a settlement."

Barton enjoys moving parties toward settlement.

Richard S. Van Dyke, a Carlsbad lawyer, had taken two dozen depositions and was set to go to trial against an insurance company in a case involving claims of bad-faith practices after the theft of an insured jewelry collection.

Then he and the insurance company's lawyer appeared before Barton. They arrived at 9 a.m. and left at 3:30 p.m.—with a settlement.

"He was instrumental in getting it done," Van Dyke said.

The lawyer said he had appeared before many judges in attempts to reach settlements, but none of them put such time and effort into reaching one as Barton did.

Barton's determination to excel as a judge wouldn't surprise anyone who knows him.

Born Jan. 25, 1955, in Evanston, Ill., Barton became a California kid at the age of 6 months. He grew up in La Jolla, attending the public schools there. His father was a government building projects manager and his mother a community college teacher of Western civilization and the history of Western religions.

"I lived in a house where politics were always debated and were of strong interest," Barton recalled, so it seemed natural for him to major in political science when he went to the University of California, San Diego.

His maternal grandfather, Paul Angell, was a lawyer who practiced in Chicago during the Depression years. Angell had retired from law and moved to La Jolla when Barton was a boy, but he remained active in business ventures. Barton worked for him during the summers.

"I knew I was going to be a lawyer when I was 12 or 13 years old," Barton said. "My grandfather played a very influential role in my life."

Barton also worked during college, doing landscaping and painting houses during the summers. He received his undergraduate degree with high honors in 1978.

He enrolled at the University of San Diego School of Law, where he edited the law review, and he worked summers as a law clerk. In 1981, he received his law degree, and he was admitted to the California Bar on Dec. 1, 1981.

But Barton's life wasn't all studying and working. He lived where he could see the break at Windansea from his backyard.

"I began surfing as a young kid and continued with that as my major hobby," Barton said.

Author Tom Wolfe wrote a famous account, called "The Pump House Gang," of the people who hung out at Windansea. Barton said he was not depicted in Wolfe's essay and was never a member of that somewhat rowdy group.

But he is a member of the Windansea Surf Club, which hosts St. Vincent de Paul's annual Day at the Beach for homeless kids, many of whom have never seen the ocean. Barton always participates in that event, even though he has drastically reduced his surfing since becoming a lawyer 20 years ago.

Barton's first job as a lawyer was with Mclnnis, Fitzgerald, Rees, Sharkey & McIntyre in San Diego, where he had clerked. There, William G. Bailey became his mentor.

"He was a great teacher and a very good trial lawyer," Barton said.


Then he joined Lewis, D'Amato, Brisbois and Bisgaard, where his practice areas were medical malpractice, product liability, business litigation and family law. Barton said he concentrated on defending professional liability cases.

He loved litigation, but he began to feel the need for new challenges, so he applied for a judgeship. He is a Democrat, as is the governor, but he doesn't believe that played a great role in the evaluation process, noting that Davis "has appointed a very wide range of experienced attorneys."

As a judge, he said, he has much to learn, so he doesn't spend as much time as he would like with his wife and three daughters. But he hopes to have time to continue his community activities.

Barton, who has been on the faculty of the University of California, San Diego School of Law since 1985, also is active in support of UCSD Hospital's cancer center and the Heart Association.

He also enjoys physical activities. He runs and sometimes enters the La Jolla Half Marathon, but he does so to stay in shape, not out of love for running, he said.

His wife, a Qualcomm administrator, is the family's runner. She regularly qualifies for the Boston Marathon and races in it, he said, adding, "She can run me into the ground."

On the other hand, she doesn't like the Korean martial art of Soo Bahk Do — similar to the Japanese art of karate — which Barton took up in 1994.

"She came once and hated it," he said. He stuck with it, earning his black belt one week after he was appointed a judge.

As some other judges in the Vista courts do, Barton often gets to work by bicycle and train. He rides to Solana Beach, takes the Coaster commuter train to Carlsbad, then rides the bicycle again to Vista.

"It's a very challenging way to start the day," Barton said. "You run in, take a shower and are at work by 8:15."

Barton said he's enjoying his new place in the legal world and hasn't had time to miss the adrenaline rush of being a litigator himself.

"I enjoy the variety of the assignments and the challenge of it," he said. "I hope to keep doing it and to keep getting better at it."

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Stadium Foe Refuses to Play Ball With City

San Diego: Former councilman's relentless litigation has helped stall efforts to build a new home for the Padres and jeopardized the project.

By TONY PERRY
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SAN DIEGO—Like a baseball manager arguing nose to nose with an umpire, much of this city is furious at Bruce Henderson.

If City Hall, the Chamber of Commerce and the local newspaper could spit tobacco juice, the shoes of the former city councilman turned serial litigator would be covered in glop.

At issue is Henderson's relentless opposition to the voter-approved plan to build a ballpark for the San Diego Padres as the centerpiece of the largest downtown redevelopment project in city history. Although he has not won a single round in court, his critics blame Henderson for the fact the project is stalled and its future in doubt.

Although litigation is an established part of American life, the San Diego ballpark controversy appears to be in a league of its own, and Henderson, a Republican lawyer of independent means and Libertarian tendencies, may be the Babe Ruth of opponents to public subsidies for professional sports venues.

Voters approved the ballpark by 59% in 1998. But 14 lawsuits—eight involving Henderson—have driven up costs to taxpayers by tens of millions, according to officials, and left the project at least two years behind schedule.

"We have never seen an experience as protracted as San Diego," said Susan Goodenow, vice president of Eisner-Sanderson, a Washington, D.C.-based public affairs firm hired by major league baseball to work on stadium issues.

What galls ballpark backers is their suspicion that Henderson knows his legal challenges are destined to fail in court and that his real strategy is to kill the project through interminable delays and controversy.

"What Henderson has said to the body politic is: 'You're not really running the city, I am,'" said Padres President Bob Vizas.

Henderson, 58, defeated for reelection in 1992, is unruffled by criticism. He insists that his only goal is to keep taxpayers from getting gouged.

"One of the problems these folks have in dealing with me is that they don't understand me," Henderson said in his tastefully decorated home in Pacific Beach. "To them, if you don't make money off the issue, you can't possibly be interested. But my whole motivation..."

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is a feeling there is something terribly wrong in city government."

The city and the Padres have prevailed at the trial court level in all 14 lawsuits. But unlike baseball, litigation is a sport in which it is possible to lose every game and still be declared the winner, officials complain.

"Bruce is a trailblazer," said City Atty. Casey Gwinn. It is not meant as a compliment.

Gwinn and other Henderson detractors say he has discovered a doubleheader of truth that could haunt other cities and other civic projects as well:

• That public agencies are highly vulnerable when up against a determined opponent who, after losing in the political arena, shifts the fight to the courts with multiple lawsuits.

• That the bond market is enormously reluctant to sell bonds for projects that are under repeated legal attack.

Project Has Become a Political Hot Potato

The litigation onslaught—which began even before the 1998 ballot measure—has made the ballpark into a political hot potato. In a city where council members are elected by district, members tend to concentrate on matters of concern to their neighborhoods and avoid citywide issues wrapped in controversy.

George Mitrovich, president of the City Club of San Diego, a leading public forum, said the city has historically had a "timid political class" that shirks from controversy. Big-ticket projects that require hard choices—fixing the sewer system, cleaning up Mission Bay, finding sites for a new airport and central library—linger for years.

"What Henderson has done is take his unique knowledge of the strengths and weaknesses of San Diego to derive a strategy to keep the project from ever happening," said former U.S. Atty. Charles La Bella, now representing the Padres.

With two of Henderson's lawsuits still on appeal—and Henderson hinting he may file yet more—the council will discuss Nov. 20 whether to issue $170-million worth of bonds to help pay the city's share of the project.

The full price tag is $449 million. The Padres will pay 30%, and three public agencies—the city, the redevelopment corporation and the Unified Port District—will pay 70%. The city retains majority ownership.

City officials say the two remaining appeals, and the possibility of yet more litigation, will force the city to pay a higher interest rate and higher insurance premiums to cover the bonds. Gwinn estimates the increased cost, which he dubs the Henderson Tax, at up to $20 million.

Meant to be a 42,500-seat ballpark not unlike Baltimore's Camden Yards or Cleveland's Jacobs Field, the site is a fenced-off expanse of naked concrete and rusting iron. Work stopped 13 months ago, when the city declined to advance additional money until bonds were sold.

Gwinn has vowed to lobby the California Legislature to change state law to prohibit what he sees as the use of meritless lawsuits to drive up costs and undercut public support.

Henderson's relationship with his clients is a matter of some dispute. The lawsuits were filed on behalf of several people who share some of his political views and have had at least a marginal role in local politics.

His clients—derided as "Henderson's band of merry men"—only occasionally show up for court appearances, and Henderson says he has authority to devise legal strategies.

One client has filed twice for bankruptcy, another had his bar license suspended in a bad-check case, and a third sued for "dissolution" of the Department of Motor Vehicles after being stopped for a traffic violation.

Although he denies it, Henderson's critics say he uses his clients as fronts for his own views and to skirt a "vexatious litigant" law that can be used to ban someone from filing lawsuits if a judge declares that he or she has filed repeated meritless claims. The law generally covers clients, not lawyers.

Robert Fellmeth, law professor at the University of San Diego, said the ballpark delay is "the poster child" for the need to reform state law.

"Henderson ought to be able to have his day in court, but to give one person a virtual veto over a political decision made by 1.5 million
A voter-approved plan to build a stadium for the San Diego Padres has been stalled by 14 lawsuits, eight of them involving lawyer Bruce Henderson.

Henderson is accustomed to defeat. Before he took on the ballpark controversy, he sued the city over the plan to expand what was then San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium, the Padres' current home. Among other barbs, the San Diego Union-Tribune editorialized that Henderson should consider moving.

Although the litigation failed, the City Council backed down rather than be forced to put an $18-million portion of the plan to a public vote. The telecommunications giant Qualcomm swooped in with $18 million in replacement cash in exchange for naming rights—which left Henderson to assert that he had saved taxpayers a bundle.

During his council years he intervened in federal court to keep the Environmental Protection Agency from forcing the city to install a multibillion-dollar sewage treatment system. His council colleagues were prepared to acquiesce to the EPA, but Henderson, backed by scientists from Scripps Institution of Oceanography, convinced a federal judge that the plant was not needed.

Despite that victory, Henderson lost his reelection campaign in 1992. He has since lost two races for the state Assembly, one for city attorney and one in a council comeback attempt.

"[Padres owner] John Moores should have gotten me elected to Assembly," Henderson said with a laugh. "I'd be up in Sacramento giving Gov. [Gray] Davis problems and not getting anywhere."

Among Henderson's anti-ballpark arguments have been that the ballot measure did not explain the project adequately; that the environmental review was insufficient; that the project should be subject to a referendum; and that midyear budgeting increases are impermissible.

"It could be that I just do a poor job of arguing," said Henderson, a graduate of Harvard and the UC Berkeley law school. "Or it could be that the courts are naturally reluctant to get involved and tend to support government and say, 'If government has any cogent argument, we'll accept it.'"

When Henderson's successor on the council, Valerie Stallings, was snared in scandal over unreported gifts she received from Padres owner Moores, Henderson filed a lawsuit to determine if Stallings had leaked inside information to the computer software magnate. Stallings resigned in January after pleading guilty to two misdemeanor counts.

Support Solid for Stadium, Mayor Says

Mayor Dick Murphy said he feels that Henderson's tactics may backfire. "Bruce Henderson's lawsuits have probably galvanized support for the ballpark on the council," said Murphy.

Councilman George Stevens, the council's senior member, calls Henderson "the undertaker," a reference to a dictum by San Diego pioneer and sugar baron John Spreckels that for every good idea in San Diego there is a naysayer looking to bury it.

One city official suggests that Henderson, who practiced law in Japan, is enamored of mythical Japanese warriors who wage lonely battles against impossible odds. But there is a contrary view that it was San Diego, not Japan, that molded Henderson.

Steve Erie, history professor at UC San Diego, said the city's "hierarchical, authoritarian culture" is a civilian equivalent of the command-and-control structure of the military and tends to quickly stifle most dissenters.

"We only have a handful of gadflies in San Diego," Erie said, "and those who survive have had to be hardy, creative and absolutely immune to critique and personal attack—like Henderson."
Despite losing every suit, Bruce Henderson and his legal onslaught have helped keep the voter-approved San Diego ballpark from being built and put the project in jeopardy.
Court won't overturn NAFTA

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Security cases for people who claim they are disabled and entitled to government help.

■ Turned down a challenge to New Jersey's broad ban on semiautomatic weapons. The ban, enacted in 1991, forbids the possession, sale or transport in New Jersey of assault weapons or large-capacity ammunition clips.

■ Refused to consider whether a judge was wrong to leave a slandering suspect under guard in a courtroom as prospective jurors were questioned outside in the hall. The court could have used the case to give defendants more rights to be involved in their trials.
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Michael Ramsey, a professor at the University of San Diego Law School, said if the court had agreed to review the case, "it would have raised very serious questions about foreign affairs law."

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta said the Constitution "clearly granted the political branches an enormous amount of authority in the area of foreign affairs and commerce." The court, in ruling against the union, also said the lawsuit raised a political question inappropriate for the courts to decide.

"A judicial declaration invalidating NAFTA would clearly risk international embarrassment of both the executive and legislative branches," Bush administration lawyers told the court.

NAFTA, which took effect in 1994, eliminates trade barriers between America, Mexico and Canada gradually over 15 years.
State Medical Board reports more patient complaints

KATHY ROBERTSON / STAFF WRITER

The number of complaints involving local doctors rose 20 percent in the year ended June 30, according to new figures from the state agency that regulates and disciplines physicians. Meanwhile, the number of serious complaints filed by local hospitals against doctors almost tripled.

There were 567 complaints about doctors in the four-county Sacramento area filed with the Medical Board of California in the 2000-01 fiscal year, up from 478 the year before. Filed by consumers, hospitals, malpractice insurance companies and others, complaints ranged from unprofessional conduct to fraud and negligence.

The number of serious complaints filed against doctors by the 15 Sacramento-area hospitals was 22, compared to eight reported in fiscal 2000.

It's too early to talk about a trend, said Dave Thornton, chief of enforcement at the Medical Board. The numbers tend to rise and fall. Observers need more than one year of numbers to figure out if doctors are doing a worse job than before, if people are getting fed up and complaining more, or if publicity about medical errors has raised awareness and reporting.

"It looks like the numbers were in Yolo County and Sacramento County, but honestly, there's no rhyme or reason for that," he said. "Yolo County more than doubled, from 22 to 52, but there's been no indication from staff that there's a problem there."

Statewide, total complaints against doctors rose 4 percent in fiscal 2001, to 10,899 from 10,445 in fiscal 2000. Disciplinary actions reported by hospitals rose more than 20 percent, to 135 from 112 in 2000.

More than 109,000 physicians are licensed to practice medicine in California. The Medical Board's job includes protecting and promoting patient safety and licensing and disciplining doctors. New initiatives include hiring an Internet-crimes investigator to track the rapid growth of Internet commerce, and a pilot education program for doctors who need remedial training.

Statewide complaints steady: While the local numbers are up significantly, total complaints have been in the 10,000 range for at least three years.

"Most of the complaints people make to the Medical Board don't turn out to be violations of the medical practice act," said Bill Sandberg, executive director of the Sierra Sacramento Valley Medical Society. "They can be misunderstood billing issues, attitudes, customer-service or phone problems like 'I couldn't get through to cancel an appointment, and they charged me.'"

A total of 288 doctors statewide were punished in response to more than 10,000 complaints. The top offense was negligence (100 doctors), followed by unprofessional conduct (40 doctors), use of drugs or alcohol (36), fraud (33) and inappropriate prescribing (26).

The most common punishment was license probation, applied to 91 doctors. Fifty doctors received a public reprimand. 49 doctors gave up their license to practice, and 39 had their licenses revoked.

"Our priorities, obviously, are the incompetent practitioners," Thornton said. "Those who practice while impaired, whether drugs or alcohol or both, present the most danger to the public. And practitioners who commit sexual misconduct with their patients are always a priority."

The number of disciplined doctors is down more than 21 percent from a year ago, when the board punished 366 physicians. That raises a red flag for some. The Medical Board reported 451 disciplinary actions in fiscal 1998 and 425 in fiscal 1999.

"That may be a temporary blip, as the Medical Board describes it," said Julia D'Angelo-Fellmeth, from the University of San Diego's Center for Public Interest Law. "But it's way off from levels three or four years ago."

New law compels reports: State law requires all hospitals to tell the Medical Board when they have revoked or restricted a doctor's staff privileges for disciplinary reasons. Known as "805" reports, the state received 135 in fiscal 2001.

Doctors hate them, because the publicity can hurt or even end a career.

"805 reports over the last 10 years have gone up and down," said Sandra Bressler, of the California Medical Association. "Ideally, what you'd have is zero ... but we are not there yet."

Consumer advocates who believe hospitals underreport the numbers got new ammunition in 1999 when the Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine in Washington, D.C., reported that medical errors kill as many as 98,000 Americans a year — more than from highway accidents, breast cancer or AIDS.

That report, which deals with all kinds of medical errors by all kinds of providers, not just doctors, became a clarion call for reform. One aspect is beefed-up enforcement of 805 reporting. A new law signed by Gov. Gray Davis on Oct. 8 significantly increases penalties against hospitals for failure to file 805 reports on members of their medical staffs, effective Jan. 1, 2002.

Senate Bill 16 by Sen. Liz Figueroa, a Fremont Democrat, ups the fine for willful failure to report to $100,000 from $10,000. The fine against hospitals where there's no proven intent to deceive is increased to $50,000 from $5,000.

"I hope this makes a difference," said D'Angelo-Fellmeth. "We worked very hard to get a substantial increase."

Thornton hopes the new law helps.

"I've already received calls from lawyers asking for clarification of what should or should not be reported," he said.

"At $5,000, it's considered the cost of doing business," Thornton said. Like a traffic ticket, people think they can get away with driving 80 miles per hour. Occasionally, they get caught, pay a fine and slow down for a while. The enhanced penalties can hurt."
The California Department of Consumer Affairs is considering whether to give consumers greater access to complaints filed against doctors, druggists, funeral homes and scores of other licensed professionals.

But the new policy would still keep thousands of complaints secret, watchdogs say. And trade groups are vowing to fight the release of any information.

Regulators, watchdogs and industry representatives plan to debate the proposal at a hearing today in Sacramento.

Currently, the Department of Consumer Affairs and most state licensing boards generally tell consumers about an allegation only if the government revokes someone's license or takes other disciplinary action -- something critics complain can take years, if it happens at all.

The new policy, however, would order agencies to make summaries of complaints public immediately after a supervisor determines that a law probably has been broken or the public could be harmed if the information were kept secret.

"We think consumers ought to get as much information up front if licensees are in trouble," said Kathleen Hamilton, director of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

Hamilton said the policy would be directly binding only on bureaus under her control, which regulate everything from auto mechanics to security guards, but she hoped that independent licensing boards, like the Medical Board, would use it as a model for their own rules.

Reaction so far is mixed. Some consumer advocates said the changes would be a significant improvement.

"The boards have been pretty secretive," said Linda Sherry of Consumer Action in San Francisco. "The more disclosure that we can give people is a step in the right direction."

Still, watchdogs worry that agencies could still keep complaints secret by refusing to investigate them thoroughly.

"Many of these agencies are controlled by the very trade or profession being regulated and enforcement is not a high priority," said Julianne D'Angelo Fellmeth, administrative director of the Center for Public Interest Law in San Diego.

But the policy is certain to face opposition from industry groups, who say releasing complaints could tarnish companies or individuals' reputations.

"It's like sending out a scarlet letter," said Bob McElderry, a lobbyist for the California Medical Association. "We want to see due process ... prior to any information going forward that could be very damaging to a physician's practice."

Yet other attorneys contend state agencies already are required to make all complaints public under the state Public Records Act. The state's business and professions code also refers to complaints as "public."

"The law requires agencies to divulge complaint information," said Rachel Matteo-Boehm,
San Francisco lawyer retained by The Chronicle.

The Medical Board, however, has repeatedly turned down The Chronicle's requests for complaints against doctors -- including those who oversee the board.

The Medical Board initially said it was concerned about protecting patient confidentiality, but later said it would not divulge the records even if the patient's name, address and phone numbers were stripped out.

Medical Board Executive Director Ron Joseph said he interprets the law differently and believes the agency has the option to keep the information private.

But Joseph said he did not know the reason why the Medical Board wants to keep complaints private. He said the board set the policy years ago, before his tenure began, and said all the board members have been replaced since then.

The Chronicle has asked the new board members to consider reversing the policy.

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ABA’s Ross Student Writing Contest Honors Law Review Articles

The Ross Student Writing Contest is one of the most lucrative legal writing competitions in the United States, with a prize of at least $7,500 annually and a trip to the ABA annual meeting. It is co-sponsored by the ABA Journal Board of Editors and the ABA Section of Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

The 2000 and 2001 contest winners were honored during an ABAJSD reception at the ABA annual meeting in August. Alistair Newbern, a graduate of the University of California-Berkeley School of Law, was the 2001 winner. Her paper, "Good Cop, Bad Cop: Federal Prosecution of State-Legalized Medical Marijuana Use After United States v. Lopez," was published in the California Law Review. David LaSpaluto, a graduate of the University of San Diego School of Law, was the 2000 recipient. His paper, "'Strikingly Anomalous,' 'Anachronistic Fiction': Off-Reservation Sovereign Immunity for Indian Tribal Commercial Enterprises," was published in the San Diego Law Review.

The contest is open to students or recent graduates who were in good standing at ABA-approved law schools when their articles were published. Eligible articles must have appeared in a law review sponsored by an ABA-approved school and carry a publication date between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2001.

Law schools may submit only one entry from each law review they sponsor. It is up to the law deans and review editors to decide which article to submit; entries from individual students will not be accepted.

Contest entry packages are being mailed to all ABA-approved law schools. Entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2002, and they must include three copies of the article being submitted.

For further information about the Ross Student Writing Contest, visit www.abajournal.com or e-mail Chris Zombory at czombory@staff.abanet.org.

Alistair Newbern and David LaSpaluto display the awards they received in the Ross Student Writing Contest. They also received cash prizes and a trip to the ABA annual meeting.
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The San Diego Union-Tribune
A champion of the environment

WHO AND WHERE: Susan J. Crane, Sudbury, Mass.

BONA FIDES: University of San Diego School of Law, 1986. Admitted 1987 (Massachusetts, California).

TYPE OF PRACTICE: Crane’s practice focuses primarily on hazardous waste. Many of her clients are owners of contaminated properties who need help with legal compliance during the cleanup, assistance with insurance coverage claims and advice on liability issues.

GETTING STARTED: After eight years of practice in the environmental departments of major national and international law firms, Crane decided to "strike out on my own to attempt to find a better balance of life, family and work." To help ease the transition during her first three years as a solo, Crane rented space from a small firm near her home so that she could share office equipment and support staff. Two years ago, Crane moved to an in-home office, where she “could not be happier.”

KEY MEANS OF GETTING BUSINESS: Lawyer and environmental consultant referrals and social contacts. Crane also found that chairing a bar association committee has given her “exposure and credibility and [has] led to new clients.”

GROSS REVENUES: Crane says that “you can’t put a price on lifestyle.” She bills her clients by the hour, although she has worked for a flat fee on a few projects. About one third of her time is spent volunteering or doing pro bono work.

START-UP TIP: First, “get experience by practicing law with others and find a mentor,” she says. Second, maintain close contacts with other lawyers in the field and in other practice areas. “Be available for consultations with your colleagues when they call you for advice,” she advises, “and they will gladly return the favor.” Finally, “follow your passion and do volunteer work.”

SUPPORT EMPLOYEES: When necessary, she retains contract lawyers and other support staff such as a bookkeeper. But she does advise her clients, when appropriate, to retain other specialized lawyers.

KEY RESEARCH TOOLS: The Social Law Library (an online law library), Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly, the Boston Globe, local newspapers and environmental newsletters. Crane frequently attends environmental law seminars and finds that materials distributed at those events are “useful, inexpensive additions” to her library.


SQUARE FOOTAGE OF OFFICE: 195 square feet, in her home.

HARDWARE/SOFTWARE: HP Pavilion 7850; Gateway 2000 monitor; LaserJet 2100 printer; Canon PC 795 copier; Canon fax L775 with dedicated fax line; two-line telephone; voice mail; DSL line. Software includes Microsoft Word 2000, PowerPoint, Timeslips Deluxe, Quick Books Pro, Outlook Express, Explorer.

FAMILY PROFILE: Crane has “two fabulous boys,” Daniel, 10, and Ben, 12, and a “wonderfully supportive husband,” Tom. They have a loyal dog, Milo, a Newfoundland mix.
SHINING MOMENT: Crane says that “it was just exhilarating to open my own comfortable office a few miles from my home, to bring in my first new client very shortly afterwards and to find that interesting and challenging business from both small and large clients kept coming in.” When she can assist clients in understanding and ultimately resolving “seemingly insurmountable environmental problems on their own properties, their personal expressions of genuine gratitude are extremely meaningful” to her.

HAD IT TO DO OVER? “Without question, and probably a lot sooner than after eight years in the fast lane,” says Crane. When she works in her home office, she is happily kept company by her classical music, her dog and an active bird feeder that sits just outside of her window.

—Dawn S. Markowitz
Program will train professionals in other fields to become nurses

Responding to the nursing shortage in San Diego and the rest of the country, the University of San Diego is starting a program for professionals in other fields seeking a new career in nursing.

"It may also be an attractive choice for people leaving the military and looking to start a second career," said Sharp CEO Dan Gross. "Nurses from this program will be extremely valuable during this nursing shortage. USD's creativity is essential in ensuring that our community's health care delivery needs are met."

The program is expected to admit 30 students in the first year. The first class will begin in June of next year. Salaries for nurses with master's degrees generally range between $50,000 and $80,000 a year, Rodgers said.

"Sharp Healthcare is exceedingly pleased with USD's innovative new nursing program," said Sharp CEO Dan Gross. "Nurses from this program will be extremely valuable during this nursing shortage. USD's creativity is essential in ensuring that our community's health care delivery needs are met."

The first year of the program is demanding, as it provides the student with a general foundation in nursing, however K. Sue Hoyt, MEPN Coordinator, said students in similar programs have had a very high passage rate of nearly 98 percent on the registered nursing license exam. "These students tend to be very disciplined and motivated," she said.

The remaining two years are spent preparing the graduate student for a master's degree in a specialty area. Graduates of the program will be positioned to assume roles in both acute care and ambulatory care settings.

To qualify for the program, entrants must have a non-nursing bachelor's degree from an accredited school. The application deadline is Nov. 15. Please call (619) 260-4548 for more information or visit the program's website at http://www.sandiego.edu/nursing/mepin.html.

The program will train professionals in other fields to become nurses.
OTHER USD RELATED ARTICLES
Jennings TV panel tackles media coverage during war

By David E. Graham
STAFF WRITER

San Diegans and journalists appearing on a live TV show here last night struggled to decipher the sometimes-elusive code for how the media cover news in time of war.

In a 90-minute telecast on KGTV-Channel 10 that was moderated by ABC News anchor Peter Jennings and billed as a town meeting, some questioned whether news reports about military developments might harm U.S. forces and whether the media are too critical of military policy.

Others questioning the panel of seven journalists wondered whether the coverage of terrorist attacks traumatizes the public and even stigmatizes Islamic people.

The event, in an auditorium at the University of San Diego, featured six representatives of local newspapers, television stations and a radio station, along with Jennings.

The others on the media panel were Hal Clement, Channel 10 anchor; Kimberly Hunt, also a Channel 10 anchor; Kelly Thornton, a reporter for the San Diego Union-Tribune; Channel 17 news director Lourdes Sandoval; Roger Hedgecock, talk-show host on KOGO-AM; and Kent Davy, editor of the North County Times.

"We don't want to alarm you. We want to inform you," said Clement, when asked whether reporting on potential attacks and threats from anthrax frightens people while encouraging terrorists.

Thornton, who has written extensively about the backgrounds of Sept. 11 attackers who lived in the San Diego area, said she believes it is important to give people information and trust them to decide how to use it.

Mohamad Nasser, president of the Muslim American Society chapter here, decried media reports that might incite hatred against Islamic Americans who had nothing to do with the Sept. 11 attacks. He specifically singled out Hedgecock's radio program.

Hedgecock acknowledged that his radio program had addressed the question of how many other people were here "to murder Americans."

"You know that discussion could not be suppressed."

Thornton said an important part of her reporting has come from the Muslim community, and that more information from federal investigators would help separate the Muslim community from the terrorists.

On covering the military battle abroad, Clement said he would not report troop movements in advance that might expose American soldiers to harm or death. Jennings noted how tightly the U.S. government has controlled the information about the fighting that it releases.
Diane Bell

A half-built house gets full exposure via national TV

Peter Jennings' advance team was looking for a backdrop for his ABC evening newscast yesterday with a great view of downtown San Diego and the harbor. They found it at the Point Loma home-to-be of Sandy and Kathy Purdon. Jennings and his crew got up on the second floor of the house, which is still being framed. He taped the news segment in the afternoon, then headed to his 6:30 p.m. Town Hall telecast at USD.

Taxpayers lose Barnett

After seven years as head of the non-profit San Diego County Taxpayers Association, Scott Barnett is leaving next month. He's been hired to take the new post of president and CEO of the Lincoln Club, which promotes pro-business Republicans for public office. Under Barnett's leadership the taxpayer group inaugurated its trademark annual Golden Fleece/Watchdog awards and weighed in on several controversial local issues. Barnett, who calls this an exciting new challenge, announced his decision at yesterday's SDCTA board meeting where his mother, Pat Barnett, 75, was a guest. “Mom, I'm finally fulfilling your dream. I'm going to be president,” Barnett told...
ABC News anchor Peter Jennings hosts a San Diego town meeting at the USD campus. Channel 10's Hal Clement and Kimberly Hunt, The Union-Tribune's Kelly Thornton and KOGO radio's Roger Hedgecock are among the panelists.
ON THE MOVE

On the Move is a feature noting personnel changes at local companies. Mail them to: Darlene M. Alilain, On the Move, The San Diego Union-Tribune, P.O. Box 120191, San Diego, CA 92112-0191 or e-mail them to darlene.alilain@union-trib.com.

Architecture and Engineering
Paul Nieto has been named president and chief executive officer of ProjectDesign Consultants.

Banking/Investments
Edward Jones Investments has added investment representatives Phil Curson in Del Mar and Scott Schoettlin in Sabre Springs.
Greg Klima has joined Comerica Bank as vice president of residential development project analysis.

Biotechnology
Vical has named David J. Pyrce vice president of business development.

Construction
Louise Fern has been named company comptroller at Sully-Jones Roofing Co.
Greg Gardner has joined Keeton Construction as an estimator.

Education
San Diego State University has hired Steven C. Collins as manager of government and community relations in the university's marketing and communications department in the division of university advancement.
University of San Diego has appointed Gwendolyn S. Lytle associate vice president for human resources.

Health Care
Scripps Health has appointed Victor Buzachero senior vice president of human resources.
Mark Batten has been promoted to principal at Burkett & Wong Engineers.
Daniel H. Petree has been added to the board of directors for Quorex Pharmaceuticals.
Robert S. Stefanovich has been appointed vice president and chief financial officer for Aethlon Medical.
David R. Webb has been named vice president of drug discovery for Syrrx Inc.
Jack Kelly has been appointed director of alumni relations for the University of San Diego.
Kevin W. Alexander, Keith C. Cramer and Kenneth S. Perri have been named partners in the firm of Gordon & Rees.

Ray Acosta has been appointed to the San Diego District attorney-in-charge for State Compensation Insurance Fund.
Marilee Rice Bankert has been named marketing director for the NTC Foundation.
Bill Carney has joined the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation as vice president of corporate services.

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LEGAL SECRETARIES

Research Workshop FRONT PAGE Gives Investors a Competitive Edge

BY VALERIE A. RAILEY SPECIAL TO SAN DIEGO COMMERCE

Investors have been riding a roller-coaster wave of insecurity since Sept. 11. New guidelines for understanding the marketplace are in demand. San Diego Law Libraries Association tailored its annual fall workshop to meet the demand for real-time, competitive-edge financial research knowledge.

The workshop, entitled "Going for the Gold: Winning the Race for Competitive Intelligence," was held at the San Diego County Bar Association on Nov. 2. Going for the Gold provided a storehouse of data to assist professional researchers in gaining a competitive edge. Five presenters spoke on the topic of competitive intelligence.

The speakers were representatives from Shamel Information Services, LexisNexis, Dialog, USD Copley Library and TIAA-CREF. Attendees learned that competitive intelligence is a systematic program for gathering and analyzing information about competitor activities and general business trends. This data is retrieved to further company and investor goals of maintaining long-term solvency and fiscal security.

Cynthia Shamel, president of Shamel Information Services, offered tips on conducting research through the Internet and fee-based online databases. Shamel explained the scope of competitive intelligence, the four steps in the CI process and the value of CI. She provided resources to locate information for end users who wanted to try her tips in their home institutions.

Julie Webster-Matthews the LexisNexis Librarian Relations Consultant for California, Colorado, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming, highlighted many of the sources on LexisNexis. In-depth insight was provided on how to use Company Dossier and SmartLinx services. Strategies for acquiring information on companies, markets and industries were incorporated into the dynamic one hour presentation.

Kathleen Moll, account executive for Dialog, discussed a new Web product launched by Dialog called Dialog 1. Dialog 1 gives users the power of Dialog made simple. Moll demonstrated that through Dialog 1 a researcher can locate company profiles that are easy to use and comprehensive. The broad coverage of Dialog 1 is impressive. Company information included industry rankings, corporate hierarchy, biographical data on corporate officers, information about law suits and claims as well as relevant news and journal articles. Dialog 1 proved to be a great source for one stop shopping when seeking competitive data.

Tony A. Harvell, business reference librarian at USD’s Copley library, centered his presentation on specialized business and financial search engines that one may access through the Internet. Several useful business Web sites were shared. Go to www.business.com to find more than 400,000 listings within 25,000 industry and product service subcategories.

Obtain company annual reports by linking to www.annualreporst service.com. Initial Public Offerings, corporate filings, new product announcements and finance related stories can be gathered from the Internet Intelligence Index at www.fuld.com/13. The Internet index site will prove critical to researchers seeking competitive intelligence information. Harvell’s pick of Web sites taught all in attendance that maintaining a competitive edge in business can be actualized with a computer and an online service provider.

Denise Carter an individual consultant from TIAA-CREF, provided practical strategies for successful investing. She referenced the source “A Random Walk Down Wall Street,” by Burton Malkiel, as recommended reading for novice investors. The term “random walk” refers to the impossibility of predicting tomorrow’s stock prices today. The premise of “A Random Walk” is that over periods of time few investors consistently outperform the markets. This includes astute financial economists with all their charts and ratios. They are no better equipped at picking stock that the layperson. So what’s a prudent investor supposed to do during the war when the market is fairing poorly? Buy mutual funds and hold them for the long term. Carter gave three tips to test the solvency of mutual fund companies:

1. Examine how strong the company itself is by seeing who runs it and determining assets
2. Do a self examination of the investor’s personal goals and pick funds tailored to the individual’s life cycle
3. Review the performance of the individual funds. Although past performance doesn’t determine future returns, past performance is one indicator of fund strength.

The SANDALL Fall Workshop served as vehicle to strengthen the research savvy of law librarians. Lawyers who utilize the professional expertise of savvy law librarians will maximize their bottom line and leverage performance in their legal environments. The skills learned in the workshop will result in profitability and improved performance for the institutions that employ the librarians who attended.
By Vicky Reed

Nowadays, we are constantly bombarded with visual images. Sometimes we forget how important listening is. These Gold Award-winners are great ways to introduce children to ancient wisdom, contemporary humor and the power of words to stimulate the imagination.

Preschool

Inside-Out Sleep Game, Patti Teel; Buena Vista Records, 2001; $12.95 CD; www.disney.com, 888-992-4200; ages 3 to 7.

Patti Teel combines music, nature sounds and her soothing spoken words to gently guide children through techniques and songs for winding down and relaxing their bodies.

Early Elementary

Brain Bloomers, Imagination Development Group, 2000; $15.95 CD; www.brainbloomers.com, 800-546-4440; ages 5 to 7.

From the first note of a sensational sound track, this engaging and creative recording will have young listeners making “mind movies” of Amy and Chris as they discover a time machine and begin their journeys back in time. Their adventures with Captain Cook and Amelia Earhart are enriched by accurate historical information.

Feathers in the Wind and Other Jewish Tales as Told by Susan Stone, Susan Stone, 2001; $15 CD; www.storynet.org, 847-328-8159; ages 5 to 10.

Storyteller Susan Stone has thoughtfully chosen eight Jewish stories for this beautifully crafted collection. Then she’s lovingly adapted them for young ears, sprinkling in just the right amount of wordplay in the form of rhyme, rhythm and alliteration. Her voice is expressive and her pacing and tone are perfectly matched to each tale.

Junie B. Jones Collection, Lana Quintal; Listening Library, 2001; $18 (two cassettes); www.listeninglibrary.com, 800-243-4504; ages 5 to 7.

Listeners will delight in this rollicking collection of four stories from Barbara Park’s popular series about that spunky little kindergartner, Junie B. Jones. Everyday experiences become extraordinary when seen through the eyes of this 5-year-old. Lana Quintal captures the voice and personality of Junie B. perfectly. Nothing short of hilarious!

Upper Elementary

Adventures of Huckleberry Finn, St. Charles Players; Monterey Sound Works, 2000; $16.95 (two cassettes); www.montreymedia.com, 800-424-2593; ages 9 to 12.

The adventures of Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer fill the air in this well-told radio theater-style adaptation of Mark Twain’s classic novel. The St. Charles Players, a marvelous cast of actors, bring this abridged version of the story and all the characters to life right before your ears. A perfect tape for bringing the classics alive for a child.

Celtic Treasures, Jim Weiss; Greathall Productions, 2001; $18.95 cassette, $14.95 CD; www.greathall.com, 800-477-6234; ages 7 to 12.

This is, indeed, a treasure trove of green and gold shimmering stories. Storyteller Jim Weiss deftly takes us back to ancient Ireland to share Celtic lore in a land of legendary
bards, warriors and star-crossed lovers. Accented with delightful traditional music, this recording will leave listeners richer indeed.

**Understood Betsy**, Jeanne Reynolds; Chinaberry Sound Production, 2001; $19.95 cassette; www.chinaberry.com, 800-776-2242; ages 6 to 11.

This is a fabulous unabridged reading of Dorothy Canfield Fisher's heartwarming novel. Jeanne Reynolds has given each character the perfect voice to bring them into focus in the listener's imagination. Set in early 19th-century rural Vermont, this is the story of how Betsy learns to break free from her overprotected childhood and become a confident and resourceful young girl.

**Family**


With a catchy song about Aesop, storyteller Diane Ferlatte opens this masterfully crafted collection of fables for young and old alike. The accompanying music is an ideal match for Ferlatte's dynamic rhythmic style as she brings forth each story and song with its strong underlying messages, morals and ancient wisdom.

**The Champion of Hot Peppers**, Greg Harris; Gungywamp Productions, 2001; $15 CD; www.storyplace.net, 541-752-3226; ages 6 and up.

Greg Harris has gathered a notable collection of Jewish tales from around the world, which he tells from the heart with a strong clear voice. This is a feast of worthwhile messages about truth, strength and courage, containing words of wisdom to be savored by the whole family.

**Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire**, Jim Dale; Listening Library, 2000; $39.95 (12 cassettes), $69.95 CD; www.listeninglibrary.com, 800-243-4504; ages 8 and up.

Jim Dale brings to life J.K. Rowling's fourth Harry Potter tale. Bursting with an unusual array of characters and creatures, this thrilling, action-packed — and sometimes dark — tale stretches over 20 hours. It's perfect for long car trips or story times when the whole family can sit back and be immersed in the power of the spoken word.

Vicky Reed, M.A., is active in the Storytellers of San Diego, and for the past 13 years has coordinated storytelling and children's literature courses for the Department of Continuing Education at the University of San Diego.
“It’s amazing, man,” says surf superstar Rob Machado, shaking his trademark ‘fro. “You’re gonna see thousands of people screaming for him, singing his songs. Then you’re gonna see me looking on in disbelief, saying, ‘That’s Jack? The guy I’ve known since I was 16?’”

Jack is Jack Johnson, pro surfer turned rocker. He’s performing tonight at the University of San Diego. And right now, his pal Machado is more gassed about the upcoming show than about defending his Pipe Masters crown next month in Hawaii. Fact is, Machado spends a fair amount of time bragging on his boarding buds: Kelly Slater’s Jordan-like status around the world; the brothers Malloy—Emmet and Brendan—who have directed three top-10 TRL videos and the soon-to-be-released Caddyshack-meets-snowboards feature Out Cold. And, of course, Johnson, whose folksy Brushfire Fairytales has sold 62,000 copies and cracked Amazon’s top 100, reaching No. 56.

“In our own way, we’re all artists,” says Machado, 28, who has a CD of his own, The Surfers. “We’ve pushed each other since we were kids—in surf, film, music, whatever.” He hooks up with fellow surfers Saxon Boucher and Kahea Hart and their girlfriends as the lights dim. Soon, the students-only crowd of 4,000 is going wild as Johnson rips into “F-Stop Blues.” Machado too. “I’m getting goose bumps,” he says. “It’s like the Beatles.”

Swept up in the moment, Boucher gives Rob a bear hug—and a sobering thought: “Next thing you know, Jack’s gonna be in mink, riding in limos, pretending he doesn’t know us.” But Machado defends his pal. “No way. I can’t see Jack not wearing flip-flops,” He’s probably right. Dressed in black sweats, a green T-shirt and, yes, flip-flops. Johnson sings: Lightning striking seasickness some way from here. “That’s about me,” Machado says. “He wrote that in Australia, playing me to sleep after I’d thrown up. We’d been on a boat shooting a video all day.”

When the music dies, the posse slips backstage. Johnson is signing autographs, giving fans a unique drawing with each one. (“Very Picasso-ey,” says one college gal.) Frankly, he finds it hard to believe his friends see him as any kind of star. “We’re all friends, doing our stuff together,” he says, peeking over at Machado, who’s strumming a guitar he found in the corner. “Maybe some day we’ll look back and be like, ‘We had a cool thing going there.’”

-Darryl Howerton
### COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

#### Ranked by fall 2000 total enrollment

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<td>20,212</td>
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# General Contractors

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<td>$206,000,000</td>
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<td>Sains Endosure San Diego Convention Center, San Diego Water Park buildings, SDSU Residential Suites, UCSD parking structures, West View High School.</td>
<td>Douglas E Barnhart, CEO; Arthur L (Tok) Barnhart, COO William R. Sharp, President</td>
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<td>Ball Pharmaceuticals, Sweetwater Union High School District, University of California at San Diego, University of San Diego, R.W. Johnson, IDEC Pharmaceuticals.</td>
<td>Allen Rudolph, President; James P. Evans, CFO; Dennis R. Giles, Executive VP, COO</td>
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<td>SOLPAC INC dba Soho Pacific</td>
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<td>Construction of bachelor's enlisted quarters at Miramar Marine Corps Air Station.</td>
<td>Stephen W Thompson, President and CEO; Larry A. Rich, VP and CFO; John S. Myres, VP and COO</td>
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<td>3127 Jefferson St., San Diego, CA 92110</td>
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<td>Sharp Memorial Hospital Ambulatory Care, Sharp Memorial Hospital Parking Structure, The Bluffs, Alvarado Water Filtration Plant, Upgrade and Expansion, Ph II, Carlsbad Company Store, Ph III.</td>
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<td>Renaissance, Salvation Army, Ray and Joan Kroc Community Center, Qualcomm, Four Seasons Resort, Angra Resort Club Timeshare, Bridgewinds Hilton.</td>
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<td>City Lights, Mission City, Waterford Place, Acaiita@Santa Rose, Shadow Hills.</td>
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<td>California Western School of Law, New Library, Rancho Del Rey Middle School, Syco Foods in Poway, Carlsbad Library, San Diego State University parking structure, Best Buy Stores, Target Stores, Mervyn's Stores.</td>
<td>Jim Frager, Division President</td>
<td>Taylor Ball Inc.</td>
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There will be an informational FREE seminar about careers in the event management industry on January 15, 2002 from 6:00 - 7:00pm at the University of San Diego, Division of Continuing Education. To RSVP, please call (619) 260-5986.

La Jolla's La Valencia Hotel is celebrating its 75th anniversary this December! Rates per night thru Dec. 20th start at $250 and includes breakfast. Reservations can be made at (800) 451-0772 or online at www.lavalencia.com.
ATHLETICS
Knowing opponent aids USD in road win

By Dan Mooney
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

PORTLAND, Ore. — Portland State had the University of San Diego's attention, no doubt.

PSU was coming off an overtime road win against Arizona State. A Big Sky Conference team beating a Pac-10 team, on the road no less? You bet.

With its focus squarely on PSU, USD defeated the Vikings 74-59 last night in a nonconference game.

USD improved to 2-1. The Toreros will continue their Oregon road trip tomorrow when they play at Oregon State, a team they defeated 82-71 last year.

"Their win over Arizona State definitely put us on alert," said USD coach Brad Holland. "We knew they were a team to be reckoned with. I thought their first win of the year on the road against Boise State was just as impressive."

The Toreros used a high-intensity effort in the second half to pull away from the Vikings (2-1). PSU pulled to within five at 59-54 with 6:03 left to play. Two free throws and a spinning layup by freshman Mike McGrain staked USD to a 67-57 lead with 2:48 remaining.

USD forced the Vikings into nine second-half turnovers, while the Toreros had just four turnovers in the final 20 minutes. The Toreros also outrebounded PSU 16-12 in the second half.

"I didn't think our energy level in the first half was that great," said Holland. "That wasn't a problem in the second half, we really turned up the intensity."

The Toreros all but took PSU star forward Anthony Lackey out of the game in the second half. Lackey, who came in averaging 20.5 points a game, scored 12 points, but only three in the second half before fouling out with 2:43 remaining.

USD led 32-26 at halftime.

USD jumped to a 7-0 lead as Portland State missed its first five shots. An Andre Laws three-pointer gave USD a 12-2 lead. The Toreros led by as much as 10 points several times, the last being at 31-21 with 2:37 left. Laws had 12 first-half points, including nine on three three-point shots.

The Toreros first-half advantage was built largely on three-point shooting. USD hit five of 12 three-point attempts, while the Vikings hit just one of five three-point tries.

Laws led all scorers with 24 points. Tom Lippold scored 14 for USD, 10 in the second half. Seamus Boxley and Aaron Fitzgerald led PSU with 13 each.

"We just fought real hard for this victory," said Laws. "We had a lot of hustle points. It's a great win for us."
Aztecs at New Mexico State

Site/Time: Pan American Center (Las Cruces), 6:05 PST.
Records: SDSU 2-1, New Mexico State 2-0.
Radio: XTRA (690 AM).
Series: NMSU leads 2-1.
Outlook: SDSU coaches have whispered about this game for several days now, wary of how improved the Aggies appear from the group that lost by 15 in Cox Arena last year. SDSU senior Al Faux, suspended for game action until now, made the trip, but coach Steve Fisher has not decided whether the guard will play. Junior center Mike Mackell (groin, knee, ankle) is banged up and will be pushed by New Mexico State's Chris Jackson (14 ppg, 6.5 rpg). Junior Chris Watton made his first career start in place of Mackell against Norfolk State on Wednesday. Said New Mexico State coach Lou Henson: "I think that of all the games we play this season, this will be by far the toughest one we will have. (Fisher) is an outstanding coach."

Matchup to watch: SDSU's Tony Bland against New Mexico State's Eric Channing. Each is a big guard at 6-foot-4 and each is capable of carrying his team. Bland is averaging team highs in scoring (24.0) and assists (6.1), while Channing is much better than his 38 percent shooting suggests. He has scored in double figures in 29 of his last 30 games dating to last season.

Toreros at Portland State

Site/Time: Portland, 7.
Records: USD 1-1, Portland 2-0.
Radio: KCBO (1170 AM).
Internet: www.usdtoreros.com or www.KCBO.com
Series: USD leads 3-1.
Outlook: First of two games in Oregon in three days on USD's first trip of the season. The Toreros will be at Oregon State on Monday. USD bounced back from a season-opening loss to BYU a week ago with an 89-62 victory over UCSD on Tuesday. Andre Laws led the Toreros with 26 points and Kevin Hanson had 11 rebounds. Portland State opened its season with a 60-53 win at Boise State, ending a 10-game road losing streak, then made it two straight on the road with a 79-69 overtime win against Arizona State on Tuesday. The Vikings were 1-15 away from home while going 9-18 last season. One of those road losses was 74-60 to USD on Dec. 13, a game in which returnees Laws and Sam Adamo contributed 12 and 11 points, respectively. Portland State has been led by 6-5 senior forward Anthony Lackey, who is averaging 20.5 points.

Matchup to watch: Lackey vs. Adamo at small forward. The Toreros held Lackey to 15 points last season, just under his average then, but he has shown how dangerous he can be if the defense gives him some room.

- ED GRANEY
- HANK WESCH
Toreros boost confidence at the expense of Tritons

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

The category, from the home office in Alcala Park, is: Top Two Things USD's basketball program has to say to UCSD's after last night's 89-62 Toreros victory.

No. 2 - Where have you been the past 22 years?
No. 1 - Y'all come back now, y'hear?

Needing a confidence-builder after losses to Division II Cal Poly Pomona in their final exhibition and BYU in Saturday's home opener, the Toreros got a nice one before 1,504 at the Jenny Craig Pavilion in the first meeting between the two nearby schools since the 1978-79 season.

Senior guard Andre Laws scored 26 points, two shy of his career high, senior center Kevin Hanson had a career-high 11 rebounds — topping his previous best of seven with 10 in the first half — and the Toreros (1-1) had 12 players make contributions of some sort.

Laws was 11-for-22 from the field and 2-for-3 from three-point range. Against BYU, the corresponding numbers were

The Tritons fought admirably to stay in the game, hitting six of their first seven three-point shots. But the pace and USD's size advantage eventually took its toll. The Toreros put together bursts of 7-0 and 18-4 duration to pull away to a 51-34 lead at halftime.

Then, lest there be any question of the outcome, USD scored the first 10 points of the second half, then went about team camaraderie-building and stat-building for most of the final 15:48.

"What we were really lacking — and we need to find it somewhere — was we had no defensive leadership," said UCSD coach Greg Lanthier.

"Individuals played hard in stretches, but as a team we didn't play hard enough. Not to compete against a Division I level team."

"For the Division I school, that's a risk. If they come and beat you, it makes you look bad," said USD coach Brad Holland. "But when I thought about it, this game made a lot of sense."

UCSD's Jody Woods (24) guards USD's Sam Adamo in crosstown encounter at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. Eurnie Grafton / Union-Tribune

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UCSD grittiness just not enough against Toreros

2-0-for-10 and 0-for-3.

"I had a good time out there," Laws said. "After the BYU game a couple of teammates took me aside and said I looked nervous out there. I had to relax, not think too much and just have fun."

UCSD got 16 points from sophomore Kyle Moyneur, a San Pasqual High alum, and gamely tried to keep up with its NCAA Division II only last year, were stepping up from Division III and Division II only last year, were outmanned and overmatched. The most telling stat was that the Toreros' rebounding total was nearly double that of the Tritons, 43-22.

UCSD came in with a problem, missing starting point guard Cameron Jackson (broken finger) and the Toreros did their best to make it worse by pressing from the outset. USD reaped four turnovers in the first five minutes and converted them to seven points while building a 17-11 lead.
Kevin Hanson spent his summer working on his body conditioning and his post moves. He reported for USD's preseason practices with 10 extra pounds on his 6-foot-10 frame and with a new personal record in the bench press of 265 pounds, which is right around what he weighs.

He opened some teammates' eyes with an expanded offensive repertoire. But the true measure of what Hanson didn't accomplish over the summer will be taken during the course of a Toreros season that continues tonight against UCSD at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

For Hanson, a senior from Huntington Beach who has spent the past three seasons as a backup, it's show time.

"The reality is we're inexperienced at the center position," said USD coach Brad Holland. "What experience we have, Kevin gives us, and we'll be counting on him.

"He has been a backup center his whole career and now it's his time to be a starting center and play; if he can, 25 minutes of good basketball at the low post for us."

Twenty-five minutes a game would be almost double what Hanson averaged last year and more than double the 12.2 he has averaged in 82 games over the past three seasons, all but five of those games in a reserve role.

And the extra time is going to have to result in extra productivity beyond the 2.9-point and 2.3-rebound averages thus far for the big man or the Toreros will be at risk of being dominated on the front line in a lot of games.

"I'm a little bit nervous, but also excited about it," Hanson said of his situation. "I'm ready for this.

"I came in this fall in really good shape and I'd like to average 25-30 minutes. I've worked on my offense and I think that if I get the ball in position, I'll score."

As a backup at the center spot for three seasons, the past two behind Tyler Field — who transferred to USD from UCSD and is now playing professionally in Argentina — Hanson showed potential as a shot blocker and had good success, for a big man, at the foul line.

He led the team in blocks as a freshman and sophomore, combining for 26 in those seasons, and was a 73 percent free-throw shooter last season.

"He has climbed the staircase (of improvement)," Holland said. "Maybe he hasn't taken as many steps as you'd have liked, but he has progressed up the staircase. There were games the past few years where Tyler Field got in foul trouble and Kevin went in and responded well.

"Now he'll be in there from the start. If he can respond to the situation, be productive and give us some senior leadership, it will mean a lot."

One additional benefit that Hanson gained over the summer, which was not of his own doing, was the addition of a practice partner. Jason Keep, a 6-11, 270-pounder, transferred from Oklahoma State.

"Nobody that we play is going to be as big or as strong as him," Hanson said. "He gives me a difficult challenge every day in practice."
Foul shots are downfall as Toreros lose to BYU

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

The final score, 70-59, reflected what the game was, a solid thumping of USD by BYU in the season opener for both basketball teams last night at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

But a thumping that, all things considered, the Toreros figure they can live with and learn from.

"I liked how our team was tonight," said USD coach Brad Holland. "Our attitude, our approach, the way we stuck to a game plan. But what it really came down to was we missed close-in shots and we shot horribly (54 percent) from the foul line.

"And, yeah, missing close-in and open shots, and missing from the foul line is fixable."

The game boiled down to the fact that the Cougars were bigger at virtually every position and had experienced players matched against inexperienced USD ones at several key positions. And at every crucial point, BYU was able to use either its size or experience to get baskets or defensive stops and keep the Toreros arms length away or more.

Travis Hansen, a 6-6 junior

SEE Toreros, C13
First-night jitters seen in both teams

guard who played a supporting role on the Cougars' conference champions last season, scored 21 points and hauled in eight rebounds to lead BYU. Senior point guard Matt Montague's contribution was 11 points, all in the second half, most on 7-for-8 free throw shooting.

USD was led by junior transfer Jason Blair, who had 15 points and four rebounds wearing the Torero uniform for the first time. Senior Sam Adamo had 11 points but they came on 5-for-15 shooting overall, and Tom Lippold had 10 points on 3-for-9 shooting from the field, all of them from close range.

The Toreros shot 34.6 percent (18-of-52) for the contest.

"It's not like we played our best and still got beat."

USD forward Tom Lippold

"We know we're a better shooting team than that," Lippold said. "The encouraging thing, strange as it sounds, is that it's on us. It's not like we played our best and still got beat."

Both teams exhibited first-game jitters and both were probably content to go to halftime with the score 27-23 in favor of BYU.

The Cougars were pleased to have the lead after playing with leading scorer Mark Bigelow on the bench for 11 minutes with foul trouble. Bigelow, returning from a two-year Mormon mission, had scored 41 points in two exhibition games but accounted for only four at halftime and finished the game with 9.

His replacement, sophomore Daniel Bobik, scored 10 and triggered a 7-0 early run that put USD in a hole, then hit a three-pointer to break a 12-12 tie and start another 7-0 run that put the Cougars in front to stay.

The Toreros were thankful to be down only four at the break after shooting just 24 percent overall and 1-for-11 from three-point range in the first 20 minutes. The only three-pointer cashed was by Matt Delzell, on the only one he took.

BYU's solid play in the second half gave the Toreros no great opportunity to come back, and the Toreros squandered most of the opportunities they made for themselves by going 9-for-20 at the line in the second half.

"It's deflating, when our guys are doing a really good job of getting to the foul line. Because one of our goals is always to shoot more foul shots than our opponent. But then to make 54 percent of them ... I really think this was a winnable game had we made our open shots and our free throws."

BYU outrebounded USD 37-31 and had eight on the offense end to four for USD.

USD cut the Cougars' lead to five points on two occasions in the second half, the last being 47-42 with seven minutes to play.
Senior guard
Andre Laws,
watching at
a recent
exhibition
vs. Cal Poly
Pomona,
says
returning
teammates
have learned
from last
year's
swoon after
a 7-1 start
and national
poll votes.
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With feel for floor,
team expects better

 Thoughts of instant gratification of last year have turned to hopes of one-year delayed gratification if the implausible happens.

Laws, the Toreros' leading scorer, the past two seasons and an All-WCC honorable mention selection both years, is one of four seniors on a 16-man roster that includes three juniors with USD experience, three true freshmen, one redshirt freshman, one major college transfer and four walk-ons. That's a lot of newness to deal with, but... 

"This might be the best talent we've had in my four years here," Laws said. "But some of it is young and we've got to find a way to put it all together."

He hopes that means wins against major conference representatives such as BYU, Oregon State, Washington, San Diego State and nationally ranked USC leading up to WCC play.

The good news for the Toreros is that the BYU, Washington, SDSU and USC games are all at the JCP. And unlike last year, when the Toreros didn't have full access for practices until partway through the season, they've gotten a real feel for the home floor.

"It's definitely a tough (preconference) schedule, but as a senior that's something you want, to play against the best you can," Laws said. "When the opportunity to play against major conference schools presents itself, especially here at our gym, you've got to take it and do the best you can."

The Toreros are preseason picks for fifth place in the eight-team WCC. Which is fine with Laws.

"It's better for us," Laws said. "We're not expected to do much, and that's when you surprise people."
Rebound, defend, and USD might win

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

When USD's basketball team breaks the huddle at the end of a stoppage of play, the one-word statement spoken in unison is much more likely to be "DEFENSE" or "REBOUND" than "WIN."

Because rebounding and playing defense — not exclusively, but to a great extent the province of the front court — is a cornerstone of coach Brad Holland's philosophy. Rebound and play good enough defense, the theory goes, and winning generally follows.

So it's not surprising that the major questions regarding the 2001-02 Toreros, which Holland matter-of-factly recites, regard the front court and its major areas of responsibility.

"Can we establish any kind of low-post game offensively and defensively?" Holland said. "Are we going to rebound the way we have the last couple of years?"

Two years ago USD ranked among the top 10 in the country in rebounding margin. Last season the Toreros were the top team in the West Coast Conference in rebounding defense.

How the Toreros, who open the season tomorrow at home against BYU, fare in the front-line battles could determine both their style of play and success.

"If we can rebound and establish some kind of low-blocks presence, we'll be a fairly balanced team from the inside-outside perspective," Holland said. "But it's no secret that right now our guards are our strength and, at least initially, we'll be perimeter-oriented."

The Toreros have players of experience and some accomplishment at both small forward (Sam Adamo, Scott Boardman) and power forward (Tom Lippold, Jason Blair). At center they'll be looking for a final-season statement from 6-foot-10 senior Kevin Hanson, or the emergence of 6-10 freshman Ryan Hegarty.
The sideline is not the perspective from which Roy Morris would have preferred to watch USD's basketball practices for the past month. But, while a broken foot heals, that has been the junior from Bonita Vista High's place for the buildup to a season that begins Nov. 17 against BYU at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Morris has watched the various drills and made mental notes of the offensive and defensive schemes. He has dutifully kept up with the rehab, sometimes riding a stationary bike on the sideline while monitoring what went on out on the floor. He has worked on his dribbling and shot free throws and set shots.

The view from the outside looking in hasn't been bad, but Morris is sure he'll like it better from the inside. Sometime around the second or third week of the season if projections are correct, he'll be back to full strength and ready to be called to duty at a point guard spot where he's shown promise but inconsistency as a backup the last two years.

"It has been all right, but it needs to be a lot better," Morris said of his USD career. "I need to play a lot better. As a team we need to play a lot better."

First, the 6-foot-2, 180-pounder needs to get physically better, this time for real.

Morris broke a bone on the outside edge of his left foot in a pickup game last spring when, accelerating to get downcourt on a fast break, he stepped on the foot of Dana White — USD's point guard for the last three seasons and the man Morris is looking to replace.

Surgery that included insertion of a pin was apparently successful. At least Morris thought so until he went in for follow-up X-rays at the end of July. "They showed that the (break) was that far apart," said Morris, indicating a quarter-inch gap with his thumb and forefinger. Corrective surgery was performed in September.

Monis has been able to do conditioning work and straight-ahead running for a while, but hasn't been able to make cuts and maneuver as he'll need to do.

When he's ready, Morris will join a team he projects to have as much talent and potential as the 20-9 and 16-13 teams he has played on the past two years.

"I think we have weapons that people don't know about," Morris said. "It will be a matter of showing up and playing well as a team. We can't have any off nights. If we play our game, we can surprise people."

There have been changes in the offensive philosophy and scheme after a 2000-2001 season that didn't approach high preseason expectations and ended with a second-round loss to Gonzaga in the WCC Tournament on the Toreros' home floor.

"Our offense is better," Morris said. "It's a lot more reads and less structured. We're a run-and-gun team. Last year we tried to be run-and-gun, but we didn't do it very often. This year we are a run-and-gun team."

There are lessons from last season to be learned and applied.

"We don't want to sell ourselves short. We don't want to feel the way we did after the second game of the (WCC) Tournament," Morris said.

"Last season was a lot of woulda ... shoulda ... maybe ... didn't. We don't want to deal with that again."
College Basketball Report

Toreros accomplish their goals

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

Leave the analyzing and agonizing for some other time.
USC's men's basketball team got out and played somebody last night, the EA Sports West All-Stars, in an exhibition game at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. The Toreros beat that somebody, 97-87. And no one got hurt in the process.

That was more than sufficient for the Toreros.

"It was good to get our feet wet," said USD coach Brad Holland. "I'm sure the kids were glad to be playing someone else rather than beating up on each other. I know I was sick of seeing them beat up on each other."

"I didn't care about the (margin of victory) or any of that stuff. I didn't think we played very good defense at times, but we were aggressive on offense. It served some purpose."

Sam Adamo scored 25 points, transfer Jason Blair 17, Andre Laws 16 and freshman Mike McGrain 10 as USD did some preliminary blending of the old and newcomers.

The Toreros reacted rather predictably to the opportunity to play against someone other than teammates for the first time of the season. In both halves they came out strong in the first 10 minutes, then went through a somewhat lax period.

They closed out the first half well to go to the locker room with a 52-38 lead. They were hit by a hail of three-pointers in the final minutes of the game as EA Sports made the final score respectable.

"You've got to give them credit, at the end they got on fire with the threes," said Blair. "We're young, but we're improving."

Holland used eight players most of the game — six returnees plus Blair and McGrain. Employing highly regarded freshmen Nick Lewis and Corey Belser would have closed the door on possibly redshirting one or both, and that's a door that Holland wants to keep open for the time being.

The Toreros have one more free-to-the-public exhibition game, a week from tonight against Cal Poly Pomona. Their regular-season opener is Nov. 17 against BYU at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Elsewhere

■ Duke and Maryland are 1-2 in the AP preseason college basketball poll, just the second time two teams from the same conference have held the top spots. The other time also involved two schools from the Atlantic Coast Conference, when Georgia Tech and North Carolina were 1-2 before the 1985-86 season. Duke, the defending national champion, was the runaway No. 1 choice by the national media panel. The Blue Devils received 61 first-place votes.

■ Fresno State point guard Chris Sandy has been declared academically ineligible until the spring semester unless the NCAA issues a waiver allowing him to play.

■ Billy Tubbs said this will be his last season coaching at TCU, and possibly his last in college basketball. Tubbs, beginning his 28th season as a head coach and eighth with the Horned Frogs, said he will coach again only if the right opportunity arises.

■ A Texas Tech player who was on a club team in France may be forced to sit out some games. The NCAA is looking into whether Pawel Storozynski played with professional players or in a pro league before joining a Division I school. Storozynski, who was born in Poland and raised in France, played on a club team in France at age 16.
Holland's seniors no longer in Dutch

By Hank Wesch
STAFF WRITER

Improvement being gladly accepted in any form and measure during the preseason, USD basketball coach Brad Holland is feeling better now than he did a week ago.

"The players are starting to understand what we want to do offensively," said Holland.

In Saturday's second formal intrasquad scrimmage, guard Andre Laws scored 32 points and had four assists while fellow seniors Kevin Hanson (15 points, six rebounds) and Tom Lippold (13 points) also contributed solidly in an officiated affair in which the "White" team led by assistant coach Steve Flint outpointed David Fizdale's "Blue" squad 81-70.

Holland had been critical of Laws and Hanson after the first scrimmage on Oct. 20 in which the Blue team, heavily weighted with newcomers, soundly defeated the White. The same rosters were kept for both scrimmages.

"Andre played much better," Holland said. "He was much more aggressive than in the first scrimmage and did a much better job of getting to the (free throw) line."

Jason Blair and Ryan Hegarty scrimmaged after having missed most of the week's practices because of knee problems. Hegarty, a 6-foot-8 center, blocked three shots.

"Blair and Hegarty were both a little rusty but got in some good work," said Holland. "As a team we've got a long way to go, but we have to take some baby steps before we take giant steps, and the important thing was we took some positive steps in the scrimmage."

The Toreros will scrimmage again Saturday, with their first public exhibition set Monday night against the California All-Stars at the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

The agenda for the coming week has been established.

"We'll concentrate on forming up the starting group and the (substitution) rotations — who's first off the bench at the positions," Holland said.

Holland realizes that establishing a starting five and having it remain unchanged through the season is rare at the Division I level.

"The players are a lot more concerned with who's starting than the coaches are," Holland said. "We've rarely seen (an enduring starting lineup) in the program since I've been here. If we find one and it becomes established, so be it. But it's not something we feel has to happen."

With junior two-year letterman Roy Morris, the projected starter, still recovering from a broken foot, Holland has two main options at the point: Move returning all-conference selection Laws, a natural shooting guard, to the point, or turn the running of the team over to freshman Mike McGrain, who has been both poised and productive in the preseason.

At power forward, senior three-year letterman Lippold (6-5, 215) and transfer Blair (6-7, 235) bring different dimensions to the position.
Toreros vs. A Sports West All-Stars

Site/Time: Jenny Craig Pavilion / 7
TV/Radio: None

Outlook: Brad Holland's eighth USD team plays the first of two free-to-the-public preseason exhibitions, this one against a team of former college standouts. Nine players will be putting on a USD uniform for the first time and Holland will do plenty of mixing and matching of them with six able-bodied returning lettermen. The newcomers include three true freshmen (guard Mike McGrain, guard/forward Corey Belser and forward/center Nick Lewis), redshirt freshman center Ryan Hegarty and transfer forward Jason Blair. Guards Andre Laws and Sam Adams, forward Tom Lippold and center Kevin Hanson are the senior returnees from last season's 16-13 team. Matt Delzell and Scott Boardman are underclassmen with experience, two years' worth in Delzell's case.

Matchup to watch: Any one involving USD's true freshmen, who will be getting their first taste of what it's like beyond high school and against someone other than your teammates.

-HANK WESCH
Georgetown at USD

Site: Torero Stadium.
Time: 7.
Radio: Webcast on www.usdtoreros.com
Records: USD 5-2, Georgetown 2-5.
Series: First meeting between these teams.
Outlook: Last week, the visiting Toreros defeated Valparaiso 20-17 in USD’s final Pioneer Football League game of the season. The Toreros finished 2-2 in league, good enough to tie for second with Butler in the North Division. The Toreros will rely on sophomore quarterback Eric Rasmussen, who is 118-of-201 passing for 1,609 yards and 14 touchdowns. He’s thrown six interceptions. Rasmussen’s top receiver is Dylan Mora with 28 catches for 420 yards and two touchdowns. Mora, who also handles the punting and place-kicking, was named PFL Special Teams Player of the Week for his efforts against Valparaiso. Mora leads the league with a 42.5-yard punting average. He kicked field goals from 42 and 34 yards against Valparaiso. On defense, invert Brian Luman leads USD with 45 tackles, followed by linebacker Andy Guzenski (44). Georgetown has struggled this season in the Patriot League. The Hoyas are coming off a 38-35 overtime loss to Marist. Georgetown has been able to average just 76 yards rushing per game.

— RICHARD J. MARCUS
USD Spotlight: Backcourt

First of two position-by-position analyses.

The Toreros were in good hands with Dana White at point guard the last three years. He led the team in assists and steals and was either third or fourth in scoring each season while earning all-conference honors as a senior. White’s athletic abilities were further evidenced this fall when he went out for football and contributed as a wide receiver.

White will be missed. But in Andre Laws and Roy Morris, the Toreros return players who played alongside, backed up or filled in for White when he was injured or slumping those last three years. Coach Brad Holland figures to do some juggling and experimenting in the backcourt until Morris returns from injury. Even then, establishing a permanent starting duo and backup rotation is not a priority. The Toreros appear to have sufficient depth and experience to hold their own in a guard-oriented West Coast Conference.

STARTERS

Andre Laws, 6-1, 180, Sr.: Three years ago, Holland called Laws the most poised, and best, freshman guard he’d ever coached. Laws has progressed but not become the force he was projected to be. Nothing wrong with last season’s team-leading scoring (10.5) and steals (1.3) totals or the 2.63 assists per game, second only to White. But, as is always the case in a senior season, more will be expected. Laws’ strength is that he can play both the point and off guard, the position for which he’s probably more suited. Laws was honorable mention All-WCC the last two seasons.

Mike McGrain, 6-3, 210, Fr.: An option quarterback in football and point guard in basketball at Jesuit High in Portland, McGrain has a body and way of movement more prototypical QB than PG. But his poise, presence, willingness to learn and solid but unspectacular play have been impressive. The ball just gets from his hand to the place where it needs to be. “Mike has shown he will give us some productive minutes,” Holland said. “He’s a very heady freshman. He picks things up quickly, asks great questions. He’s got a high basketball IQ.”

BACKUPS

Roy Morris, 6-2, 180, Jr.: A foot injury has put the expected ascension to point starter on hold. Return to physically-able-to-perform status is projected for late this month or early December. McGrain’s development will determine the urgency of need for Morris. The Bonita Vista High grad averaged 16 minutes, 4.7 points, 2.3 rebounds and 2.0 assists as a freshman and appeared to have a breakthrough game with a 20-point outburst in a win over Oregon State on Dec. 2. Things went downhill from there, however, and he wasn’t much of a factor in the WCC season.

Matt Delzell, 6-2, 180, Jr.: Walked on as a freshman, earned a starting role and held it for 25 of 29 games while earning the team’s Defensive Player of the Year award. A tender knee limited lateral movement and his effectiveness somewhat last season. But he still made the tie-breaking three-pointer, the game-winning defensive stop and the two free throws with nine seconds left in the Toreros’ 55-52 victory over San Diego State and contributed on several other occasions. Delzell does the kinds of things coaches love and is a two-time WCC All-Academic selection.

— HANK WESCH
Men's overview

2000-01 record: 16-13 overall, 7-7 West Coast Conference.

Coach: Brad Holland (110-86, 7 seasons; 133-117 overall).

Assistant: David Fizdale, Steve Flint, Sam Scholl, James Borrego.

Predicted WCC finish: Fifth.

Key games: Dec. 5 vs SDSU; Dec. 20 vs. USC; Jan. 13 at Gonzaga; Feb. 9 vs. Gonzaga; March 2-4 WCC Tournament at Jenny Craig Pavilion.

Projected starting lineup: Mike McGrain, Fr., guard; Andre Laws, Sr., guard; Sam Adamo, Sr., forward; Tom Lippold, Sr., forward; Kevin Hanson, Jr., center.

Key reserves: Roy Morris, Jr., G (potential starter when back from foot injury); Scott Boardman, Jr., guard; Matt Deizell, Jr., guard; Jason Blair, Jr., forward; Ryan Hegarty, Fr., center; Corey Belser, Fr., guard; Nick Lewis, Fr., forward.

Returning leaders: Scoring (Laws, 10.3); rebounding (Laws, Lippold, 3.1); assists (Laws, 2.5).

Best-case scenario: Newcomers play well and complement corps of returnees. Toreros weather inevitable early setbacks, chalk them up to "growing pains," improve and exploit home court advantage at WCC Tournament.

Worst-case scenario: An ambitious pre-conference schedule turns out to be confidence depleting and the Toreros can't get up for the WCC challenge.

Quoting Holland: "I like the direction that the program is going, having averaged 18 wins a year for the last three years. We're trying to put together back-to-back recruiting classes that are going to help us get to the point where we're competitive with the best team in the league, and right now that's Gonzaga. I think we've done that."
Toreros vs. UCSD

Site/Time: Jenny Craig Pavilion/7
Records: UCSD 1-0; USD 0-1
Radio: KCBO (1170)
Internet: www.usdtoreros.com or www.KCBO.com
Series: 14-1 USD

Outlook: A cross-Interstate 5 rivalry is renewed after a 22-year lapse. The Tritons, who went 4-23 moving up from NCAA Division III to Division II last season, come in off a 104-44 rout of Redlands Saturday in their season opener. That same evening, USD lost its home and season opener 70-59 to BYU.

UCSD was led by Ryan Swed (6-5, So., F, 16 pts., 7 reb.) and Nick Christensen (6-2, Sr., G, 15 pts.). Swed was 5-for-6 on three-point attempts as the Tritons hit 14-of-29 from behind the arc. Christensen was 7-for-11 overall. USD shot poorly from the field (18-for-52) and free-throw line (19-for-35) in falling to BYU. Transfer Jason Blair (6-7, Jr., F) came off the bench to score 15 points while Tom Lippold (6-5, Sr., F.) had 10 and Sam Adamo (6-4, Sr., G) 11.

USD note: Letters of intent have been received from Carlsbad High's Derek Stockalper (6-5, G) and Travis Smith (6-3, G) of Santa Margarita High in Rancho Santa Margarita. Both had announced oral commitments last month. The fall early-signing period began last Wednesday.

Matchup to watch: UCSD's specialty, three-point shooting, vs. USD's perimeter defense. UCSD's interior defense against the Toreros' taller centers, 6-10 senior Kevin Hanson and 6-10 freshman Ryan Hegarty.

-HANK WESCH
This time last year the outlook for USD football was a bit hazy after a disappointing 4-6 season. Now, the future looks much brighter for the Toreros.

Upstart USD finished 6-3 overall and 2-2 in the Northern Division of the Pioneer Football League, good for a second-place tie with Butler. USD, a charter member of the PFL, finished fourth in league play in the 1999 and 2000 seasons.

“We were very healthy all season,” USD coach Kevin McGarry said. “In the last three years, 1998 through 2000, we had nothing but injuries.” Although USD will lose 22 seniors, it retains some crucial players on both offense and defense for next season.

“There are a lot of seniors that will be hard to replace,” McGarry said, “but I think that we have a good nucleus of kids coming back.”

Offensively, USD will have more certainty in the 2002 training camp than it had this year. The quarterback position will be in the capable hands of Eric Rasmussen, who will be a junior.

“I was pleased with the year,” Rasmussen said. “At the same time there are a lot of things that I can work on to get better.”

Rasmussen finished with a 58 percent completion ratio for 2,035 yards, with 15 touchdown passes and nine interceptions. He also ran for two scores.

“Sometimes Eric was a young QB trying to do too much,” McGarry said. “He’s got that experience now under his belt.”

Junior fullback Kenny Villalobos, who led the team with 592 rushing yards and 11 scores, will return to anchor the backfield. Two of the five offensive linemen will return, as well as a bevy of capable receivers and tight ends.

Defensively, it will be hard to replace departing safety Kyle Slusser, Lineman Anthony Banovac and linebacker Brian Luman. With seven of the 11 starters graduating, next season’s defense will be younger and less experienced.

Also, the Toreros will need to find a replacement for graduating kicker/punter Dylan Mora (42-yard average).

“We are moving in the right direction,” McGarry said. “As far as developing our program, we improved. I think that we took some steps forward, regardless of our wins and losses.”

Next season, in addition to playing the four Northern Division PFL foes, USD will travel east in September to play Yale, and will host Jacksonville State, the PFL Southern Division champ, in October.
USD women win first, advance to title game

SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

NEW YORK — USD used a 16-point halftime cushion to catapult itself to its first victory of the season yesterday, defeating Fordham 73-63 in the first round of the St. John's Tournament.

The Toreros (1-2) will play Hofstra, a 61-34 winner over St. John's, for the tournament title today.

USD's Cassidy Blaine, a freshman forward from Boise, Idaho, scored 21 points and hit all four of her three-point shots. Junior guard Kerri Nakamoto added 18 points and three steals, and senior forward Robyn Fortney (Rancho Bernardo High) came off the bench to score 14 points, including nine from the foul line.

Fordham (0-3) was paced by forward Mobolaji Akiode's 15 points. The Rams outrebounded the Toreros 45-32 but were 0 for 9 from the free-throw line.
Rhode Island’s Yatar Kuyateh looks for a teammate to pass to as Connecticut players swarm around. Bob Child / Associated Press

Women’s Basketball
Toreros edged in New York tourney final
FROM STAFF AND U-T NEWS SERVICES

Megan Scott’s jumper with 1:17 remaining gave Hofstra the lead for good as the Pride beat USD 57-52 last night in the championship game of the St. John’s Tournament in New York.

Scott’s basket made it 51-50 and Jen Brickey added a layup for 47 seconds left to seal the victory, dropping USD to 1-3.

Both defenses dominated in the first half as neither team reached double digits until 5:54 left. Hofstra led 27-24 at halftme but fell behind 47-40 as USD opened the second half with a 23-13 run.

USD’s Marta Menuez led all scorers with 17 points, while Robyn Fortney added 13 points and Kerri Nakamoto 11. Cassidy Blaine had a game-high 11 rebounds. Brickey, named tournament MVP, led Hofstra with 15 points.
Robyn Fortney, a starter last season for USD, will be the Toreros’ sixth woman this season. Jim Baird / Union-Tribune

Depleted but determined

By Nicole Vargas
STAFF WRITER

With USD having only nine healthy players to open the women’s basketball season this weekend, it may be hard to see the silver lining in the dark cloud hanging over the Jenny Craig Pavilion.

First came the dismissal for an unspecified violation of team rules of senior center Amber Jansen, one of the West Coast Conference’s top returning players, and Erin Epperson. Then came injuries to Erin Malich (broken finger) and Marie Plocher and Polly Dong (broken foot each).

In the middle of it all, the Toreros were picked to finish seventh in the eight-team WCC.

The Toreros are not about to write their season off, though. They have a blend of experience and youth and a goal of keeping their games fast-paced and up-tempo, much like the team of two seasons ago that won the WCC Tournament title and went to the NCAA Tournament.

“We’ve changed our style (this year),” coach Kathy Marpe said. “We are going to run a four-guard offense with a single post. We’re also trying to offset the size of the other players by changing our defensive style and being more aggressive on the ball.”

Two seasons ago senior Jessica Gray was the lone presence in the middle in an offense that relied heavily on its guards. When defenses shifted to close down USD’s capable three-point shooters on the perimeter, Gray was wide-open in the key.

“The group of girls we have fits very well together,” said guard Kerri Nakamoto, a freshman two years ago. “Our chemistry is good this year and we have a bunch of hard workers.”

In the center of the offense is 6-foot-1 sophomore Marta Menuez, currently the only healthy true post player. Malich is expected to be out at least 2-3 more weeks.

“If we can keep her out of foul trouble, keep her healthy and keep her on the floor, we’ll be in good shape,” Marpe said of Menuez, who had 31 points and 13 rebounds in a scrimmage against UCSD.

Nakamoto, an All-WCC honorable mention pick who started all 26 games last season, is joined in the backcourt by point guard Melissa Glazebrook, who overcame a stress fracture and mononucleosis to start this season healthy.

Rancho Bernardo High alum Robyn Fortney, who was a starter last season, will return to her role as first player off the bench this season.

“This is better for us,” said Marpe, who praises Fortney’s ability to make big plays when needed. “She is back to the role she had on the NCAA team, and she will probably get more playing time than when she started. Her attitude about this is tremendous. She’s willing to make a personal sacrifice for the team.”

Freshman Cassidy Blaine steps into Fortney’s role, and sophomore Melissa Padgett rounds out the starting five. Padgett adds another perimeter threat and, at 6-1, can move inside.

Two local players, senior Janee Arendsen (Rancho Buena Vista) and freshman Brandi Collato (Santa Fe Christian), will come off the bench, as will junior Jen Wedo.

Plocher, a guard, should return by conference play. A decision on Dong, who had surgery last Saturday and has the option of redshirting, will be made later in the season.
BOULDER, Colo. — Tera Bjorklund had 19 points and 13 rebounds and Eisha Bohman added 14 points to lead No. 14 No. 14 Colo. 83 Toreros (w) 44 Colorado to an 83-44 rout of short-handed USD last night in nonconference women's basketball.

Marta Menuez had 12 points for USD (1-2), which dressed only nine players. The Toreros shot only 27 percent. USD missed its first seven shots and turned the ball over six times before Menuez's lay-up ended the drought nearly eight minutes into the game.
Balanced Golden Bears beat Aztecs

Four of Cal's five starters scored in double figures and Kiki Williams came off the bench to score 15 points in 15 minutes as the Golden Bears beat San Diego State 74-60 yesterday in a women's basketball game before 604 at Haas Pavilion in Berkeley.

Cal forward Leigh Gregory scored 15, guard Kristin Iwanaga 13. Center Ami Forney added 11 points and guard LaTasha O'Keith had 10.

The Aztecs, who trailed 29-21 at halftime, were paced by Claire Swinbank and Atim Otií, who scored 15 and 14, respectively. Jamey Cox had 13 points. SDSU hurt itself with 26 turnovers.

SDSU's record fell to 1-1. This was Cal's first game of the season.

Toreros tumble

Junior guard Kerri Nakamoto scored a career-high 24 points, but USD's women's basketball team lost to host Denver 67-66 in the Toreros' season opener.

USD fell behind early but came back to take a 37-33 half-time lead. Denver, owner of a 15-game home winning streak dating to last season, opened the second half with a 10-1 run to go up 43-38 and then held off a late rally by the Toreros.

Melissa Padgett, who hit a three-pointer in the final seconds for the game's last points, had seven points and 11 rebounds for USD. Teammate Marta Menuez had 11 points and six rebounds.

USD continues its four-game road trip tomorrow night at Colorado.
TONIGHT'S GAME

Women: Toreros (0-1) at No. 12 Colorado (2-1)

Site/Time: Boulder/6 p.m.
Webcast: www.usdtoreros.com
Series: Colorado leads 3-0.
Outlook: The Toreros, who play the second game of a four-game road trip, are coming off a 67-66 loss to Denver. Junior guard Kerri Nakamoto led USD with a career-best 24 points, which included making 5-of-7 three-pointers. The Toreros converted 10-of-23 treys and outrebounded the taller Pioneers, 43-34. This will be very important against Colorado, which fell in the semifinals of the WNIT to No. 3 Vanderbilt, 72-51.
Tera Bjorklund, a 6-5 sophomore center, led the Buffaloes with 25 points. This game also pits USD guard Janeene Arendsen against former Rancho Buena Vista teammate Eisha Bohman, a 5-10 forward for Colorado.

— NICOLE VARGAS
TODAY'S GAMES

Women: Toreros (0-2) vs. Fordham (0-2)
Site/Time: St. John's University/1 p.m. PST
Webcast: none
Series: Tied 1-1.
Outlook: After the Toreros' one-point loss to Denver in their season opener, the last thing they needed against No. 12 Colorado was a scoring drought. But they got one, falling behind 11-0 en route to an 83-44 loss. USD shot only 27 percent and was outrebounded 50-37. Fordham, USD's opponent in the first round of the St. John's Tournament in New York, lost its first two games by a combined 19 points. The Rams are led by 5-foot-10 guard/forward Patty Williams and 5-11 forward Mobolaji Akiode. Akiode leads the team in rebounds at 6.5 per game. The winner of this game plays the winner of the St. John's-Hofstra game for the championship tomorrow.

Women: Aztecs (1-1) vs. UCSD (0-0)
Site/Time: Cox Arena/7:30
Webcast: www.goaztecs.com
Series: Tonight's game is the first in nearly 23 years between these teams. SDSU won the only previous meeting, 72-33, on Nov. 28, 1978.
Outlook: The Aztecs are shooting more accurately and rebounding better than they did last season, but they must cut down on their mistakes. They had 26 turnovers in a 74-60 loss to Cal. Senior Atim Otii leads the offense at 15 points per game, and juniors Ashonda Williams and Valencia Howard are pulling down 7.5 and 7 rebounds per game, respectively. This game serves as the season opener and the Division II debut for UCSD (15-12 last season in Division III). The Tritons return two starters and 10 letter-winners, including senior guard Maya Fok, who averaged 10.8 points and had 100 assists last season.

-NICOLE VARGAS
Women's overview

2000-01 Record: 10-16 overall, 5-9 West Coast Conference
Coach: Kathy Marpe (252-325 in 21 seasons)
Assistant: Erik Johnson, Dawn Baker, Shelley Sheetz
Predicted WCC finish: Seventh
Key games: Nov. 20 at Colorado; Dec. 5 vs. UCLA; Dec. 28, 30 at USD Tournament with Iowa, Auburn and Texas-San Antonio; Feb. 2 vs. St. Mary's; Feb. 21 vs. Pepperdine.
Returning starters: Robyn Fortney, Sr., guard; Melissa Glazebrook, Sr., guard; Kerri Nakamoto, Jr., guard.
Top newcomers: Cassidy Blaine, Fr., forward; Brandi Collato, Fr., guard; Polly Dong, Fr., guard.
Best-case scenario: Parallels to USD's NCAA season hold true and the Toreros again prove prognosticators wrong.
Worst-case scenario: Injuries keep USD's bench small, making it hard to play the fast-paced game they need.

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HOME GAMES: Jenny Craig Pavilion on USD campus.
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Four freshmen key USD’s return to NCAAs

By Nicole Vargas, STAFF WRITER

After USD missed out on the NCAA Women’s Volleyball Tournament last year for the first time in five seasons, coach Jennifer Petrie knew her crop of fresh-faced recruits would be the key to the Toreros’ return.

“Last year was a rough year,” said Petrie of her team’s 14-14 record in her second season as head coach. “It was so important for us to bring in a strong class this year. We definitely did that with the caliber of players we have.”

Four freshmen have been major contributors for the Toreros (21-8), who are in the NCAA Tournament once again with an opening match against UC Santa Barbara at 5:30 p.m. tomorrow at the Pyramid in Long Beach.

One freshman who wasted little time making her presence felt was outside hitter Devon Forster, who was voted West Coast Conference Freshman of the Year and was one of three Toreros on the All-WCC team, joining junior outside hitter Noel Frohman and senior middle hitter Lindsey Lampert.

“It was a big shock,” said Forster, a 6-foot-1 native of Boulder, Colo. “I knew there was such a thing, but I was not expecting it because there are so many other freshmen on our team and in the conference who were dominating.”

Along with Forster, defensive specialist Kalae Araujo, middle blocker Kristen Hurst and outside hitter Jocelyne Roy have played major roles on the Toreros as first-year players.

Araujo leads the WCC with .52 aces per game, and Hurst is among the conference leaders in blocks and aces. Roy’s 175 digs have strengthened USD’s defense.

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USD recruited itself back into NCAA tourney

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Tritons volleyball

The UCSD women’s team will compete in the NCAA Division II quarterfinals today. The Tritons (24-6) will play Lock Haven (Pa.) (28-12) in the Elite Eight, which is being hosted by Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Mich.

UCSD, champion of the Pacific Regional, has won eight straight matches.

The semifinals are tomorrow, with the championship Saturday.
USD set to battle the Bruins

USD's men's team will face UCLA tomorrow at 1 in the second round of the NCAA Division I soccer tournament at USD.

The 13th-ranked Toreros (12-3-1) received a first-round bye. UCLA (11-6-4) beat Loyola Marymount (9-7-2) 3-2 in double overtime last night at USD.

Tim Pierce scored twice for UCLA, including the winner in the 109th minute. The Bruins' Cliff McKinley scored with 43 seconds left in regulation to send the game into overtime.

Tickets for tomorrow's game are available between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. today and at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Jenny Craig Pavilion on the USD campus. For more information call (619) 260-7550.
USD awaits first-round NCAA winner

UCLA will play Loyola Marymount in the first round of the NCAA Division I men's soccer tournament tonight at 7 at USD's Torero Stadium. The winner will play USD in the second round Sunday at 1, also at Torero Stadium.

The Bruins (10-6-4) received an at-large bid, extending their streak to 19 consecutive NCAA tournament appearances. UCLA last won the national championship in 1997. The Lions (9-6-2) advanced for the first time. Loyola Marymount defeated UCLA 1-0 earlier this season.

The 16th-ranked Toreros (12-3-1) received a first-round bye. USD defeated UCLA 3-0 on Oct. 5, then defeated LMU 2-0 in West Coast Conference play on Oct. 26. This is the Toreros' fourth straight trip to the NCAA tournament.

UCLA and USD have met in the NCAA tournament each of the last two years. UCLA won 4-1 in 1999 and USD won 1-0 in overtime last year.

For ticket information, contact the USD athletic ticket office at (619) 260-7550.
USD will host first two rounds of NCAA men's soccer tourney

USD was chosen yesterday to host the first two rounds of the 2001 NCAA Division I men's soccer tournament this weekend.

The 16th-seeded Toreros (12-3-1) were given a first-round bye. They will play a second-round game at 1 p.m. Sunday against the winner of Friday's 7 p.m. game pitting UCLA (10-6-4) against Loyola Marymount (9-6-2).

This is USD's fourth consecutive trip to the tournament and the team's ninth trip since 1990. The Toreros, led by junior forward Ryan Coiner (12 goals), beat UCLA 3-0 on Oct. 5 and beat LMU 2-0 on Oct. 26. If USD wins, the Toreros would likely face top-seeded SMU (19-0) in the third round. The College Cup will be held Dec. 14-16 in Columbus, Ohio. UConn (15-4-2) is the defending champion.

Tickets are available at the Jenny Craig Pavilion from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and tomorrow and beginning at noon Friday and Saturday.

Admission is $8 for adults, $5 for students and children. For more information, call (619) 260-7550.
USD’s Justin Neerhof is a strong candidate to repeat as Goalkeeper of the Year in the West Coast Conference with seven shutouts this season. Don Kohlbauer / Union-Tribune
Justin Neerhof has been rock solid on USD’s NCAA playoff team

By Luis Bueno
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

Never has a soccer player been so aptly nicknamed as University of San Diego goalkeeper Justin Neerhof. Everybody knows him as “Juice.” And that is exactly what he provides the 16th-ranked Toreros.

Juice, as in a power surge providing electricity to the Toreros, who compiled a 12-3-1 mark this season. Juice, as in power and rank over others, in this case the rest of the colleges in the West Coast Conference. And Juice, as in fluids which provide the building blocks of life, or for USD, the foundation for a national championship run.

USD was selected to host the first two rounds of the 2001 NCAA Men’s Soccer Championships, which begin Friday. USD has a bye for Friday’s first round and will play on Sunday at 1 at Torero Stadium against the winner of Friday’s 7 p.m. game between UCLA (10-6-4) and Loyola Marymount (9-6-2).

Neerhof earned his nickname in third grade from some camp counselors and it followed him onto the field.

“How he goes is how we go,” USD coach Seamus McFadden said. “If he keeps the ball out of the net, he gives us the opportunity to win any game... That’s the one thing I look for from goalkeepers is to give us an opportunity to win it.”

Neerhof, though, does not just give his team opportunities to win. He snags victories as easily as he plucks opposing crosses in the center of the penalty area. On several occasions, Neerhof has come up big for USD and has all but won the game from the goal line.

There was the Oct. 26 match against Loyola Marymount, when Neerhof, in a scoreless tie, coolly stopped a penalty kick by LMU star forward Arturo Torres. USD rebounded for a 2-0 victory.

Then, on Nov. 2 against WCC rival Saint Mary’s, the Toreros held a shaky 2-1 second-half lead. A volley got through the Toreros' defense but Neerhof spotted it, leaped and grabbed it just before it went into the corner of the net. The save preserved USD’s lead and the defense made it stand.

“That’s really been his trademark,” McFadden said. “He’s been very good at making the big save, the timely save.”

Despite his role on the team, Neerhof said he does not feel burdened to make highlight-reel saves every match.

“I don’t really feel any pressure. The team we have now — if a couple of guys have a bad game, the rest of team is able to pick up the slack. Even if I have a bad game, the team in front of me is so good we could still get a win,” he said.

Since his days with the Colorado Rush, a youth club team, Neerhof has stood out. (Neerhof didn’t play high school soccer.) McFadden recruited the 6-foot-3 Neerhof out of Denver. Neerhof, then a lanky ‘keeper with a huge upside, paid immediate dividends.

In the middle of his freshman season, Neerhof beat out USD’s regular ‘keeper, Naron Akins. The team went on to claim the WCC title with a 12-8 record. Since then, McFadden said that Neerhof has learned the finer points of goalkeeping under the tutelage of assistant coach Tommy Tate.

“He was all arms and legs but he was maturing and I knew that,” McFadden said. “To an extent, you take chances on kids, hoping they’ll materialize.”

A year ago, the conference took notice of USD’s standout goalkeeper. Neerhof was named WCC Goalkeeper of the Year. This season, McFadden said his ‘keeper deserves the title again. Neerhof, 22, has seven shutouts and has allowed just 12 goals in 16 matches, and of the few shots that did get by Neerhof, McFadden said “I could only fault him on a couple of goals all year.”

Aside from his performance on the pitch, Neerhof is a team leader and a well-respected teammate off it. He’s the life of the team party, always joking, always looking out for his younger teammates. Recently, a rat made its way inside the team’s locker room at USD. Instead of panicking or stocking up on rat poison, Neerhof kept the moment light.

“We started making bets on what rat traps would work the best,” he said.

The camaraderie the team shares is the reason behind its strength, Neerhof said, and even though he is seen as the leader, team comes first.

“The key is how close the team is as a group of friends,” he said. “Anybody on the team is willing to do anything for another player, and every single weekend we’re all hanging out together. That has a lot to do with our success.”
Aztecs duo battles to indoor final

An unseeded San Diego State duo of Oliver Maiberger and Ryan Redondo battled last night into the men's doubles final of the Omni Hotels National Intercollegiate Indoor Tennis Championships in Farmers Branch, Texas.

The Aztecs defeated the Baylor pairing of Marcus Hornung-Reiner Neurohr 8-5. In the final, the Maiberger-Redondo amalgam is to oppose the SMU team of Johan Brunstrom-Eric Cohn.

Soccer

Ryan Coiner scored his ninth and 10th goals to lead No. 19 USD (10-3-1, 3-2-1) to a 2-0 West Coast Conference victory over visiting USF (7-8-1, 0-4)... Ashley Jacobsen scored at 38:55 to break a 1-1 tie and give the host USD women (13-6) a 2-1 WCC victory over UC Irvine (10-9).

Volleyball

Stacy Dunsmore (17 kills) and Kathleen Hentz 13 kills) led UCSD (21-6, 1-4 CCAA) to a sweep of UC Davis (14-13, 10-11) 3-0... SDSU (15-9, 9-4) upset Utah (18-5, 10-3) 3-2 in a MWC match as Katie Magnusson had 14 kills.
College Soccer

Toreros have little room for error against Huskies

By Bill Dickens

USD makes its third consecutive appearance in the NCAA Division I women's soccer tournament today in Portland, where the Toreros are decisive underdogs against No. 17-ranked Washington.

The Huskies (12-4-2) are favorites because they have Hope — goalkeeper Hope Solo, the Pac-10 Player of the Year. Solo, who has made seven appearances with the U.S. national team, is a candidate for the Hermann Trophy, soccer's equivalent of the Heisman.

“We have to be patient, almost perfect to get a chance to score on Washington,” said USD coach John Cossaboon. “We have to work to get behind the defense. Perfect service. Perfect timing. There won't be many second chances.”

Midfielder Gina Poltl (San Marcos High), an All-West Coast Conference first-team selection, has produced 15 points, including three game-winning goals, for the Toreros (14-6). Second-team All-WCC pick Casey Loveland (Granite Hills High) leads the Toreros with six goals and 17 points. Stephanie Barnier has four winning goals.

USD goalkeeper Leila Duren, an All-WCC second-team pick, has six shutouts, a 1.13 goals-against average and has notched a school-record 14 wins this season. A four-year starter, she leads USD in career wins (49).

USD men win

Midfielder Eric Wunderle scored late in the first half and forward Ryan Corner scored late in the second as 16th-ranked USD beat Cal State Northridge 2-0 at USD. Goalkeeper Justin Neerhof had three saves for USD (11-3-1). CSUN is 9-7-2.

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Area Colleges  BILL DICKENS

Tritons push for soccer repeat

UCSD likes to view it as an encore performance. Others in Division II women's soccer would like to reduce the Tritons to one-hit wonders.

A perennial Division III powerhouse, the Tritons took Division II by storm in their inaugural voyage a year ago, closing the campaign with 18 consecutive victories and the national championship. They were the first team in any NCAA sport to win back-to-back championships while moving up a division.

This year, UCSD (16-2) has compiled the top record in the California Collegiate Athletic Association for the second straight season, falling two goals shy of finishing undefeated. The Tritons posted 10 shutouts and led the 12-team CCAA in offense, convincing veteran coach Brian McManus that his squad is primed for another championship run.

"We always set our sights high," McManus said. "We play in the toughest Division II conference in the nation — no blowouts and lots of OT games. Our girls know every game is a championship game for us, because everybody wants to beat the defending champions."

UCSD began its postseason push last night, as Erika Alfredson scored three goals and added an assist to spearhead a 5-1 victory over UC Davis (12-7) in the semifinals of the CCAA Tournament at Triton Stadium. The win sends the Tritons into tomorrow's title match at noon against Cal Poly Pomona (15-2-2), which edged Cal State Dominguez Hills 2-0.

"This year's tournament is going to be a bit tougher," McManus said. "We split two OT games with Cal Poly, losing to them just last week."

Alfredson, Kristin Jones (Oceanside High) and Julia Cuder played key roles in last year's title drive. Alfredson (12 goals, 30 points) is the top scorer in UCSD's balanced attack this season. Jones has 21 points and leads the team in assists. Cuder is the cornerstone of a defense that includes a quality 'keeper in Kami Poma. Sophomore midfielder Megan Mendosa (eight goals, 21 points) has also been a welcome surprise.

Championship encounters

- COMETS TALE: Palomar College (6-1, 2-0) can take a giant step toward locking up the Mission Conference's Central Division football championship today when the Comets host second-place Saddleback (5-2, 2-0) at Escondido High at 1. The showdown features the conference's top two passers in the Comets' Andy Goodenough and the Gauchos' Jason Whieldon, the 1999 Orange County High School Player of the Year. The duo generates nearly 600 yards per game between them. Nine Saddleback players have San Diego ties, including 28-year-old defensive end Gary Griffin, a 1991 graduate of Rancho Buena Vista High.

- CRUSADERS CORNER: PLNU (27-1, 16-1) hosts Fresno Pacific (25-3, 16-1) for the GSAC women's volleyball championship tonight at 7. The Crusaders, No. 3 in the NAIA ratings, beat the sixth-ranked Sundries in five games in the first-round meeting. PLNU swept The Master's 3-0 last night as sola Del Rio logged 50 assists.

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Alliant defeated in NAIA soccer

If Rodrigo Souza's header had been a few inches lower yesterday, Alliant International University and Oklahoma Christian might still be playing their first-round match of the NAIA men's soccer championships at Bowling Green, Ky.

But the ball smacked the crossbar in the 71st minute and Oklahoma Christian (17-3-1) hung on for a 1-0 win, advancing to today's quarterfinals and sending AIU home.

"We had the run of the play," AIU coach Lance Thompson said. "It's a single-elimination tournament, and these things happen."

Oklahoma Christian got the lone goal in the 43rd minute from Tom Odhiambo.

AIU (14-6-2), making its first appearance at the NAIA tournament, was Oklahoma Christian's sixth shutout victim this year.

More soccer

Jaime Carstensen and Tina Frimpong scored to help Washington defeat USD 2-0 in the first round of the NCAA Women's Soccer Tournament in Portland. Washington (13-4-2) outshot the Toreros (14-7) 13-5.

Water polo

Matthew Ustaszewski, Jonathan Samuels, Jonathan Hopkins and Clark Peterson scored two goals each to help UCSD to a 12-6 win over La Verne in the first round of the Western Water Polo Association Championships at Loyola Marymount.

Volleyball

UCSD's women's team swept Western Washington 30-27, 30-21, 30-16 behind 13 kills from Keathleen Hentz in the NCAA Division II Pacific Regional semifinals in San Bernardino. The Tritons will play the winner of today's Cal State San Bernardino vs. Hawaii-Pacific match for the title at a site to be determined.
Local Colleges

Soccer Aztecs lose lead to UNLV, beaten in shootout

The San Diego State men's soccer team let a 3-0 lead get away and was eliminated from the Mountain Sports Federation Championship in a shootout after a 3-3 tie with UNLV yesterday at Fresno State.

UNLV advanced to today's semifinals against New Mexico by winning the shootout 4-1. Junior defender Tyler Tinling (Vista High) was the only SDSU player to score in the shootout.

Sophomore midfielder/forward Kevin Sapanli (La Jolla) had two of the three Aztecs (7-8-4) scores in regulation, with Adam Kulpa scoring the other goal.

College golf

USD is in 11th place with a score of 611 after two rounds of play in the 49er Collegiate Classic at Industry Hills. UCLA leads at 574. With a two-round score of 134 on the par-71 Zaharias Golf Course, Toledo's Alan Murray is five strokes ahead of his nearest competitor, Long Beach State's Tyler Mays. USD's Mark Hepler is tied for 14th at 147.

Volleyball

Behind 45 assists and three aces by setter Sola Del Rio, PLNU swept visiting Azusa Pacific 30-28, 30-25, 30-18 in a conference match. The Crusaders are 29-2, 18-2 GSAC; APU is 22-8, 13-7.
Perl finishes climb at the top of tennis ladder

By Giao Thien
SPECIAL TO THE UNION-TRIBUNE

Lauren Perl quickly put on a USD sweat shirt following her final match in high school tennis. Next she would like to maintain the type of progress that led her to finish her prep career as the CIF-San Diego Section girls champion.

The Torrey Pines senior defeated teammate Carol Erickson 6-4, 6-1 for the title yesterday at the Barnes Tennis Center to complete a three-year climb in the top ranks of the CIF individual tournament.

In doubles, the top-seeded team of Lisa Shih and Jenny McGrory of La Jolla won the championship with a 6-2, 6-1 victory over the second-seeded Torrey Pines duo of Sue Chan and Esther Cheng.

Perl reached the semifinals as a sophomore and then advanced to the finals as a junior before bowing to La Jolla Country Day senior Joslynn Burkett 6-3, 5-7, 4-6 in a grueling match that left her poise to prevail this year.

"I was so upset from last year that I was determined to win," the top-seeded Perl said. "And I wasn't going to let anything stop me from winning."

Erickson, a junior who was seeded third, sent notice about being the top contender for next year's singles crown with two strong outings over the past two weeks against Perl. In the Palomar League title match, Perl faced two tight sets in edging Erickson 7-6, 6-4.

"I beat her the last time but I knew she was going to be tough again," Perl said. "I had my work cut out for me. I played well, and I managed to pull through."

Perl needed to rebound in the first set after Erickson jumped to a 3-1 lead. In that stretch, Erickson won one game that went 16 points and then took another that lasted 18.

"I knew I could come back," Perl said. "I had to keep my game going by being focused."

Perl, who became progressively more dominant, closed out the match by winning the last five games.

"Lauren has shown steady growth in the last four years and she's playing very well now," Torrey Pines coach Anne Meigs said. "Also, she's continued to enjoy tennis. That's what I find impressive about her. She keeps a good attitude."

And, of course, Perl is already thinking about USD.

"I'm very excited about going there," she said. "Hopefully, my game will keep on improving, and the NCAA's are next."

Doubles

It was late in a long game in the second set when Shih hit a shot between the two Torrey Pines players. She excitedly pumped her fist in reaction to the point that helped McGrory and her keep control for a convincing victory.

"I'm always like that," the La Jolla sophomore said. "This wasn't any different."

Yes, except that Shih had looked forward to a return match against the Falcons' Cheng. A year ago, when both had a different partner, Cheng advanced to the title match with a victory in a semifinals match that included Shih.

"This was great, especially after last year," Shih said.

The Vikings shone in the finals with the strong net play of Shih, complemented by McGrory, a junior with steady ground strokes.

"I didn't even dream about doing this," McGrory said. "It's just amazing."

The defending doubles champions, Torrey Pines seniors Estee Bartell and Kelly Duncan, elected to bypass this year's tournament for personal reasons.

La Jolla closed out the match by winning the last four games. In the final game, Shih recorded her first service victory of the day by prevailing in straight points.

The longest game of the match was Perl's 16 points before the Vikings won on their sixth game point to break serve and take a 2-0 edge in the second set.
USD Hosts Second WCC Tournament

Last year's WCC Championship game was televised nationally on ESPN
The Jenny Craig Pavilion is considered one of the best basketball venues of its size in the nation.

The Jenny Craig Pavilion last March provided the University of San Diego with the chance to host its first West Coast Conference basketball championship tournament, and USD proved that it was the host with the most. Now the WCC wants to come back.

Conference officials were so impressed with USD's handling of the event that they made the unusual move of opting for a repeat performance in San Diego. Games are scheduled from Feb. 28 to March 4, and ticket packages for the general public are now on sale.

"Once we had the tournament here, everyone in the West Coast Conference — coaches, athletic directors and players — were so in awe that even during the tournament they were talking about coming back," says Tom Iannacone, USD's director of athletics.

"We are excited because it's an outstanding event that promotes Torero Basketball in the San Diego community and nationally.

USD did a tremendous job with all aspects of the tournament, according to Valerie Richardson, assistant commissioner and tournament director for the West Coast Conference, which includes Santa Clara, Portland, Gonzaga, University of San Francisco, Loyola Marymount, St. Mary's and Pepperdine.

"There was some hesitation going (to San Diego) for the first time," says Richardson. "We had no history in San Diego, and we didn't know what kind of community support to expect. Our staff was impressed with ticket sales, the facility and the hard work put in by everyone at USD."

For the athletic and pavilion staffs, the 2001 tournament was the ultimate crash course in crowd control and party planning.

They managed 16 men's and women's teams that played 14 games over five days in front of more than 21,000 fans.

Hosting the upcoming tournament this year will be a piece of cake compared to the inaugural year, says Associate Athletics Director Wendy Guthrie, USD's tournament director.

"Last time around we had no starting point," Guthrie says. "We had to build it from the ground up. But everything went well, the crowds were great, and there really weren't any glitches. This time we'll just be fine-tuning things."

Men's basketball coach Brad Holland and women's coach Kathy Marpe agree that the best part of having the WCC Tournament at Alcala Park is the home-court advantage for the Toreros.

"Our players can sleep in their own beds and play in front of their own fans," Marpe says. "There's nothing like a home crowd."

Ticket packages for the WCC Tournament are now on sale through the Jenny Craig Pavilion ticket office, (619)260-7550. Individual game tickets go on sale Feb. 25.
USD Toreros To Face Top-Ranked Teams

UCLA and USC To Visit Jenny Craig Pavilion

A half-dozen December home games against the nation’s top teams will test the mettle of the USD men’s basketball Toreros this year, while the USD women's team looks forward to playing five straight games in the Jenny Craig Pavilion leading up to the USD Tournament, Dec. 28-30.

The men's team, which has averaged 18 wins a season over the past three years, will play the major-ity of its non-conference games at home. December is highlighted by visits from the Pac-10 Washington Huskies on Dec. 1, crosstown rival San Diego State on Dec. 5 and the USC Trojans on Dec. 20.

"This is a great home schedule for our fans around the city,” says head coach Brad Holland, in his eighth year at USD. “The teams coming in are very good, but home is home, and we expect to play well here this year.”

The men's program has a new look after losing several starters from last year's 16-13 club, but the Toreros are counting on four seniors to lead the team – guards Andre Laws and Sam Adamo, forward Tom Lippold and center Kevin Hanson.

“We have a solid nucleus returning, and these four seniors give us some experience,” says Holland. "In the college game, your team changes every year, so you just have to adapt and adjust."

On the offensive side, the core consists of Laws (averaging 10.3 points per game), Adamo (9.2 ppg) and Lippold. Jason Blair, a 6-foot-7 forward who sat out last season after transferring from Southwest Texas State, will play a key role on offense and defense.

USD's incoming freshman class includes 6-foot-9 forward Nick Lewis (Phoenix), 6-foot-3 point guard Michael McGrain (Portland) and 6-foot-6 wing Corey Belser (Spanaway, Wash.).

"We'll be very young on our front line, but we're excited about these three freshmen,” Holland says. "We'll need help from them to be a good ball club this year."

The Toreros, who finished fourth in the West Coast Conference last year with a 7-7 conference record, were picked to finish fifth in the WCC coaches preseason poll. Gonzaga, a three-time WCC Tournament winner and the unanimous preseason pick for first place, comes to San Diego in February.

On the women's side, head coach Kathy Marpe welcomes back three starters and seven letter winners from last year's club, which has reached double digits in victories eight of the last 10 seasons.

"We'll make good use of the Jenny Craig Pavilion home-court advantage,” says Marpe, who in her 22nd year with the Toreros. "We're looking forward to having some great games here this season.”

The women Toreros' three returning starters are senior forward Robyn Fortney, senior point guard Melissa Glazebrook and junior guard Kerri Nakamoto (10.5 ppg). Additional experience will come from senior guard Janeene Arendsen, junior center Erin Malich and sophomores Melissa Padgett and Marta Menuez.

Marpe's freshman class could be the key to a successful Torero season, with the addition of guards Brandi Collato and Polly Dong, and forward Cassidy Blaine. Collato, from nearby Santa Fe Christian, ranks second on California's all-time high school scoring list.
USD Sports Venues Get Major Facelift

After USD’s 5,100-seat Jenny Craig Pavilion opened last year and instantly became the premier sports and entertainment venue in the West Coast Conference, the university launched a year-long upgrade project to make its remaining sports venues more comfortable and convenient for athletics fans.

Every USD sports facility — including Torero Stadium, the Sports Center, Cunningham Baseball Stadium and the Softball Complex — received a complete overhaul, making USD a more attractive destination for top athletes.

Most apparent to fans this fall were changes to Torero Stadium, home to USD’s football and soccer teams. In partnership with the San Diego Spirit pro women’s soccer team, which plays its home games at USD, the stadium was revamped and now has a seating capacity of 7,000. Along with the better seating, the stadium has a new sound system, turf and lighting. The Spirit plans to widen the field next year, increasing USD’s ability to host NCAA events, and will add 800 new seats and a video display scoreboard.

“Now when potential recruits come onto campus, we can showcase a facility that is as good or better than a lot of prestigious universities we recruit against,” says football head coach Kevin McGarry.

Many of the changes to Cunningham Baseball Stadium aren’t visible, but the upgrades make a big difference in quality of play — and in bringing the best baseball prospects to USD. The field has new drainage and irrigation systems, upgraded artificial turf in front of the dugouts and around home plate, lighted batting cages, an improved warning track and new turf. The stadium also will sport a right-field net to protect the new student residence hall under construction nearby.

The USD softball field received new outfield turf, new bullpens and a new warning track. The outfield fence was relocated to create intercollegiate dimensions — 210 feet on the lines, 225 feet in center field — and a new 28-foot electronic scoreboard was installed.

The Sports Center pool, where USD’s championship women’s swimming and diving team competes, is slated to receive a new scoreboard, a new shade pavilion and new fencing. The Sports Center was repainted, improvements were made to the interior gym ceiling and floor, and new lights and scoreboards were installed.

“We wanted to create first-class facilities for our athletes and our fans,” says Athletics Director Tony Iannacone.

“Whether it’s soccer, football, basketball, volleyball, baseball, softball or swimming, every field and venue at USD is now a great place to take in a game.”
When University of San Diego wide receiver Matt Maslowski stood on the field during opening day of the Los Angeles Rams' 1971 season, he was in great company. Among his teammates were future National Football League Hall of Fame players Deacon Jones, Merlin Olsen and Jack Youngblood. This year, Maslowski was recognized for his outstanding college and professional football career with election to USD's Chet and Marguerite Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame.

Maslowski, along with longtime USD tennis coach Ed Collins and women's basketball star Chris Enger, was inducted into the Hall of Fame during an October ceremony at the university's Jenny Craig Pavilion. The trio brings to 16 the number of players, coaches and administrators recognized with the university's highest athletic honor, including veteran NBA coach Bernie Bickerstaff, a 1968 graduate, and John Wathan, who graduated in 1971 and went on to a baseball career as a player and manager with the Kansas City Royals.

Maslowski was a standout receiver at USD in 1969 and 1970, when the football Toreros played as a club team and football expenses were covered by students and players.

"I answered questions during my time in the NFL about coming from a club program," says Maslowski, whose professional career also included a stint with the Chicago Bears, "but the players were just as tough and hit just as hard as any others."

For Ed Collins, his career as the university's men's tennis coach was more than a job. His achievements at Alcala Park were considerable — the team ranked among the nation's top 25 in 10 different seasons and earned two West Coast Conference championships while Collins compiled a career record of 350-190 for a .648 winning percentage. But the coach's fondest memories are of the players.

"A number of the players became very good friends, and the relationships have grown over the years," Collins says. "I've been in five weddings of guys I used to coach. There was so much more to my time at USD than winning and losing."

Chris Enger left an indelible mark in the record books of USD women's basketball. The university's all-time leader in several categories, including rebounds and blocked shots, her average of 3.88 blocked shots per game is the best in the history of NCAA Division I women's basketball.

Enger, a Vista High School alumna who three times was named a first-team All-WCC player, also was recognized for her prowess in the classroom. The English major was twice named to the WCC All-Academic team.

"I was recruited by a lot of schools and was seriously considering Oregon State as well as USD," Enger says. "In the end I decided I wanted the small-school environment, and it really worked out well, athletically and academically."

USD's Hall of Fame, housed in the foyer of the Jenny Craig Pavilion, was renamed in 2000 to honor Chester and Marguerite Pagni, longtime supporters of USD athletics.
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All games are broadcast on www.usdtoreros.com
It's never too soon to become a Torero, say coaches and athletes from the USD sports programs, who this fall are starting the Torero Kids Club to give those ages 5-13 a chance to be a part of Torero teams.

"This is a great opportunity for our student athletes to reach out to children in the community and serve as mentors and role models," says women's basketball Coach Kathy Marpe. "The kids involved in this program will learn a lot about sports, make new friends and have loads of fun."

Youngsters who sign up for the 2001-02 Kids Club will meet USD athletes and receive invitations to special club events. Each member will receive a T-shirt and free tickets to games in each of USD's Division I sports, including football, volleyball, men's and women's soccer, men's and women's basketball and baseball.

All club members will be matched up with a USD student-athlete pen pal, and receive letters or e-mails throughout the year. The Torero mascot will meet with the children at each of their events and send them greetings during the school year. Kids will get a chance to be a part of the half-time show and contests at Kids Club games and will be invited to an end-of-the-year party with games, contests, food and prizes.

"It's awesome, I got a letter from my football pen pal last week and he's a football player," says Sean Matthews, a new member of the Kids Club. "He was really nice and asked me all kinds of questions and even wants me to come watch him play!"

Annual membership in the Torero Kids Club is $15. For information or a membership brochure, contact the Torero Kids Club at (619)260-5916 or e-mail at wieber@sandiego.edu.
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