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SOLES Dean Anxious to Break Ground on New School Building

When Paula Cordeiro joined USD in 1998 as dean of what is now the School of Leadership and Education Sciences, the school had 15 faculty members and 500 students.

Back then, the school was housed in Harmon Hall, a building so small the overflow spilled into two portable trailers. But since drawings for a new school building were completed in 1985, Cordeiro thought the cramped conditions were only temporary.

Over the years, the school increased in size and added areas of focus and study. It created new centers and new ways to reach out to the community. It changed locations and even its name. Cordeiro and the faculty and students, who have doubled in number, were spread across campus — some in Alcalá West, some in the Institute for Peace & Justice, some in Serra Hall and, of course, some in those two portable trailers. So Cordeiro adapted. She got a golf cart to visit her colleagues. She scheduled meetings in the IPJ for the burgeoning faculty, she went to the San Diego County Office of Education whenever she needed to offer a distance-learning program, and she even began hosting monthly dinner-with-the-
Construction Corner

One project is on track and another project is about to break ground. Here's what to expect in April:

**Alcalá Vista Apartments:** Crews will be installing paper and wire on the exterior of the building and also will install drywalling to the interior of the building. Construction is scheduled to be completed in May and the final touches will be completed in June. The building is expected to open on July 1.

**SOLES Building:** Construction on the School of Leadership and Education Sciences building is expected to begin on April 3. The official groundbreaking ceremony will be held on April 24. Here's a brief overview of the construction schedule: Between April 3 and mid-June, crews will be removing soil and getting down to the building pad. After that, they will begin drilling 98 concrete piers on which the building will sit. In July crews will then lay out grade beams and start pouring concrete. From July through September, they will be working on the foundation and the 185-space underground parking structure. In September crews will begin erecting the steel structure of the two-story building. By December they are expected to install the roofing. Interior and exterior work is scheduled to be completed between December and June 2007. The building is expected to be completed by August 2007.

— Roger Manion
Assistant Vice President of Facilities Management

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Cordeiro's well-worn copy of the blueprints represent not just the potential of the new building, but the potential the school will have once the building is complete. On the first floor, the building opens onto a sala, or living room, with a moveable, raised platform where speakers can address a large forum. The first floor also features a 190-seat auditorium, a tiered classroom for 60 students, an executive training classroom, project rooms, a café overlooking San Diego Bay, a family room where students, many of whom are parents, can bring their children while they're working, studying or attending class and state-of-the-art classrooms — with the latest technology including interactive smart boards and opportunities for simulation and observation.

The second floor includes additional classrooms, office space for faculty, conference space and a reading room where the school's dissertations will be stored and where students can study and use their laptops.

This new building will allow the School of Leadership and Education Sciences to continue strengthening its four areas of focus — education, leadership, counseling and marriage and family therapy. It will allow the school to meet the needs of school districts, train people to be leaders in education, most often at the community college level. And it will allow the school to use technology to teach its students, reach out to the community and partner with local, national and international educators.

"This is recruitment season for new faculty," Cordeiro says. "After I talked to one person about what our plans are, she said, 'I can't believe everything you're doing. Elsewhere, schools of ed feel so last century, but this feels like the future.'"

The Day Has Come

Civic and business leaders will join the dean at the groundbreaking event for the School of Leadership and Education Sciences building at 11 a.m., April 24, at the site of the new building west of Copley Library.

SEA Snippets

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

- The SEA is planning four outings to see the Padres: April 21 vs. the Mets; May 5 vs. the Cubs; June 30 vs. the Giants and Aug. 22 vs. the Dodgers. Tickets are $16 each and are on sale at the Hahn University Center Box Office.

- Research and planning analyst Larry Gardepie, an administrative liaison to the SEA, discussed the strategic directions initiative. He reported that there are four areas of focus that teams from across campus are in the process of working on. They are: campus diversity and inclusion, internationalization, Catholic social thought and integrated learning. To read about the initiative or its timeline, or to check for updates in the process, go to www.sandiego.edu/administration/president/strategicdirections.

- Elections for the SEA leadership team will be held in November, but the association is starting now to recruit new members. The leadership team — including the president, vice president, secretary or treasurer — is chosen from among active representatives. If you are interested in becoming a representative, contact co-presidents Sheri Barzal at ext. 4648 or Penny Navarro at ext. 4585.

Casino Night is Sure to be a Hit

Do you TVo all the Texas Hold 'Em tournaments on television? Do you love to double-down, let it ride or go all in? Do you enjoy taking a gamble, but hate the drive to Vegas? Then come to the Torero Casino Night at USD. Coaches and players are hoping for a full house at the third annual Torero Casino Night, which will benefit the women's soccer program. The event will be held at 6 p.m., April 8, in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. Tickets for the evening, which include dinner, beverages and gaming chips, are $60. To RSVP call ext. 5917 or e-mail AthleticsRSVP@sandiego.edu.
Nathanson Lecture Series
The Nathanson Lecture Series will be held at 5:30 p.m., April 4, in the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice Theatre. Georg Ross, a professor of international law at International University Bremen in Germany and former judge of the European Court of Human Rights, will discuss “Property as a Human Right According to the European Conventions of Human Rights.” For information, call ext. 6848.

Center for Christian Spirituality
The Center for Christian Spirituality will host a Signs of the Times Dialogue called, “Evolution & Intelligent Design: What is Fundamentally at Stake?” from 7-9 p.m., April 4, in the Salomon Lecture Hall in Maher Hall. Tickets are $10 pre-registered; $15 at the door; half price for USD faculty and staff; and free to students with USD ID. For information, call ext. 4784.

Easter Baskets
The American Humanics Student Association will donate Easter baskets to students staying in group foster homes and at the Toussiant Teen Center. Donate $15 to send a child a basket. Each basket will contain toys, school supplies, or candy. For information, call ext. 4760.

Chapel Tour
A Founders Chapel Tour, which includes an explanation of the chapel's history art and symbols, will be held from 1-1:45 p.m., April 12, in Founders Chapel. RSVP to ext. 2263.

Spring Cleaning
Are you cleaning out your file cabinets and bookcases at work? What about your junk drawers and overloaded closets at home? If you're looking for something to do with your old DVDs, VHS tapes, games or puzzles, the Office of Summer Camps & Conferences, which often provides entertainment for children during youth and adult camps and conferences, is willing to take these types of gently used items off your hands. Call ext. 4623 to have your items picked up.

Kyoto Laureate Symposium
San Diego's Kyoto Laureate Symposium is a three-day celebration of the lives and works of those receiving the Kyoto Prize, an international lifetime achievement award honoring people who have contributed significantly in the areas of advanced technology, basic sciences and arts and philosophy. This year’s keynote address, “Beauty and Practice,” will be presented by Maestro Nikolaus Harnoncourt of Austria, the 2006 Kyoto laureate for arts and philosophy. The address, along with a musical rehearsal with the USD Symphony and the Sinfonica de Juvenile Tijuana, will be held at 4:30 p.m., April 20, in Shiley Theatre in Camino Hall. The event is free, but registration is required at www.kyotoprize.org.

Symphony Concert
The USD Symphony will hold a concert featuring selections from Shostakovich's Ballet Suite “The Golden Age,” film score “Hamlet” and Symphony No. 9 in Eb, Op. 70, at 8 p.m., April 28, in Shiley Theatre in Camino Hall. Tickets are $10 general admission; $8 students, seniors, USD faculty, staff and alumni; and $5 for students with USD ID. The event repeats at 2 p.m. on April 30. For information, call ext. 4171.

Faculty and Curriculum Development
A luncheon colloquium, on Biodiversity and the D Requirement, will be held from 12:30-2 p.m., April 6, in the Hahn University Center, Room 107, and will discuss whether the D Requirement, which focuses on diversity, should include the diversity of animal and plant species in addition to human cultural diversity. Another luncheon colloquium, on grade inflation, will be held from 12:30-2 p.m., April 20, in the Hahn University Center, Room 107, and will discuss whether grade inflation is a myth or reality, how USD's grade distribution compares with other universities, how grading patterns have changed over the last 20 or 30 years and how grades relate to course evaluations, academic freedom and external assessment of teaching. These events are free and open to all members of the USD community and their guests. For information, call ext. 4525.

Summer Sports Camps
Spring Break is over and it's time to start thinking about summer. The summer camps office is offering 12 sport specific camps for youth, two all-sports camp sessions, two adult tennis camps and a master's swim camp. Employees receive 10 percent off any camp enrollment. For information, call ext. 2999.

Dancing the Day Away
The campus recreation program recently added a Flamenco dance class to its program, which includes more than 60 recreational classes each semester. Classes on the Flamenco dance, which originated in Spain, will be offered from noon-1 p.m., Mondays and Wednesdays, in the gym at the Sports Center. The Flamenco instructor is Rocio Carrera, who performs every Friday at Cafe Sevilla. The cost is $50 for 20 classes, which started March 13 and will run through May 10. The class is open to students, employees, alumni and anyone in the USD community. For information e-mail Mariann Sanchez at marianns@sandiego.edu or Amanda Ryan at ayrani@sandiego.edu.

It's A Date!
These Boots are Made for Walkin'
This month, students will use their feet to figure out how to accomplish what some might call a daring feat.

They will design, construct and race self-propelled buoyancy boots or shoes in the annual Walk On Water competition, held every year to promote the field of engineering and its importance in society. The goal of the event is to promote fundamental scientific and engineering design principles that are the core foundation of all engineers. Students must consider three important design considerations: buoyancy, stability, and propulsion. The entire process allows participants to gain experience at applying the engineering design process and ultimately, to solve open-ended engineering problems.

This year's competition will be held at 10 a.m., April 22, at the Sports Center pool. For information, go to www.sandiego.edu/engineering or e-mail laperry@sandiego.edu.
Graduation Gown
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same time. While it does have a few cricket holes that have required patching, it’s perfect to Mary Jo Clark, who as a USD nursing professor wears the gown every year as she participates in USD’s commencement program.

It was indeed rare for a woman to graduate college then, rarer still to go on to teach chemistry as Mueller did before marrying and raising 12 children. Clark remembers her grandmother talking about her college days in Texas when Clark was planning to get her master’s degree at a university not far from where her grandmother was educated. Later, Clark’s aunt gave her — the first of Mueller’s 32 grandchildren to earn an advanced degree — the gown. Another aunt gave her a picture of her grandmother wearing what is now a precious — and useful — heirloom.

But Clark always knew how proud her grandmother was to have raised three nurses. “She was also very proud when I went to nursing school,” says Clark, who cherishes wonderful memories of her grandmother, who lived to be 93.

Clark figures she’s worn the robe more than 30 times during her teaching career, including to 19 previous USD graduations. After she received her doctorate, Clark sewed black velvet on the robe to make it more the style of a doctoral gown. She also carefully sewed back in the original tag — now threadbare.

“It’s really neat,” Clark says, the emotion of the moment taking over. “It’s a piece of family history. Every time I wear it — cricket holes and all — I think of her.”

— Kelly Knufken

Marguerite Mueller graduated in the early 1900s.

The robe belonged to her grandmother, Marguerite Mueller, who wore it in 1905 or 1906 when she graduated at age 17 from the Kidd-Key Conservatory of Music.

“I think it represents a family commitment to education,” says Clark. “When I see the gown, I think of the commitment of my grandmother at the turn of the century, when women didn’t go to college in the first place. It’s very special to me.”

Coming Up in May
Here are some events next month:

Five-Year Service Awards
This year’s five-year service award ceremony will be held on May 9 to recognize employees who have completed five years of service and were hired between July 1, 2000, and June 30, 2001.

Alumni Honors
Join friends and alumni for this year’s Alumni Honors event scheduled for May 6 in the Jenny Craig Pavilion. For information call ext. 4819.

MILESTONES
Arlene Bennett, mother of John Bennett ’87, who worked for banquets and catering before starting at the mail center five years ago, passed away on March 19.

CLASSIFIEDS
FOR SALE: Two-bedroom townhome at 2059 Haller St. in the North Park neighborhood of San Diego. Recently remodeled. Includes vaulted ceilings, fireplace, custom-tiled bar, vibrantly painted rooms, remodeled bathroom, large attic, upgraded appliances and private backyard with deck and great landscaping. $375,000 to $395,000. E-mail jasweller@aol.com.