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# AlcaláView

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#### Great Picnic Pics!

Hope you had a jammin' good time at this year's employee picnic, mon. To see the pictures, see page 2.



# Jammin' Jamaica Employee Picnic

f you let the sultry rhythm of steel drums catch hold of your imagination, you could almost feel warm turquoise water lapping at your bare toes, which were almost certainly tapping along to the infectious island beat. The illusion was heightened when succulent smells drifted by: jerk chicken, dirty rice, stuffed squash and pineapple/jicama coleslaw among them. And wait, was that woman actually wearing a towering hat made of fruit?

The essence of the Caribbean was most certainly evoked at the 22nd Annual Employee Recognition Picnic, which was held June 2, on the Copley Library Lawn. "I love reggae music," said DJ "Harmonica" John Frazer of instructional tech services, who delved into his collection of Steel Pulse, Ziggy Marley, Maxi Priest and Toots and the Maytals.

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**Mad Hatter:** Lacy Wells (left), winner of the Carmen Miranda hat contest, poses with Maria Lopez and Carol Norman.

# Wanted: Feedback

Does your heart soar when you spot the newest copy of the *Alcalá View* in your in-box? Perhaps you'd prefer a monthly e-mail or online newsletter. Or maybe you sometimes wonder whether USD needs an employee newsletter at all. Marketing and Creative Services is in the process of evaluating possible options for the future of the *Alcalá View*, and we need your help. E-mail your unvarnished, candid opinion to alcalaview@sandiego.edu. We'll let you know what the campus consensus is in the next few months. And thanks for reading.

# **Industry Honors Administrator's Dedication to Financial Aid**

Sister **Dale Brown**, USD's associate director of financial aid, who passed away on April 10, 2005, recently was recognized by the industry for her many contributions in the area of financial aid.



Sister Dale Brown

The Western
Association of
Student Financial
Aid Administrators
recently renamed
its summer institute
the Sister Dale
Brown Summer
Institute in her
honor. Sister Brown

served USD for more than 25 years and also served as a member of the WASFAA summer institute's faculty.

"Since she had served as a high school teacher for many years before joining the USD Office of Financial Aid in 1979, Sister Dale recognized the importance of providing structured training opportunities for new employees in the area of financial aid," says Judith Lewis-Logue, director of financial aid. "Through her service in that capacity she was widely known and respected throughout the financial aid profession. Those of us who knew of her many contributions are delighted that WASFAA chose to name its summer institute in her memory."

The 2006 Sister Dale Brown Summer Institute was held in June at the University of California, Los Angeles. The curriculum is for financial aid administrators who either have fewer than four years of experience in the

field or who want a thorough review of the basics. The faculty is comprised of practicing financial aid administrators from campuses or organizations from throughout the western United States.

Lewis-Logue says prior to Sister Brown's passing, she told her of the university's intention to name a scholarship in her honor.

"Sister Dale had taught marine science at University of San Diego High School and she knew well the importance of need-based scholarships," Lewis-Logue says. "She told me she would like the recipients to be USD students, studying marine science, who have at least a 3.0 GPA and a documented need."

#### **Employee picnic**

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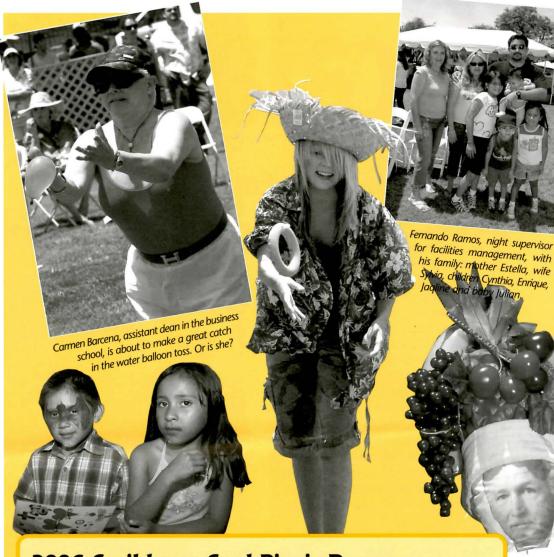
Smooth talking master of ceremonies **Kirk Bennett** kept the day's events moving with relaxed precision. He succeeded admirably, whether eliciting applause for those competing in the Carmen Miranda hat contest — won by the counseling center's **Lacey Wells** — rousing audience applause for brave souls participating in the water balloon toss, or congratulating **Stephanie Reighley** of University Relations, proud winner of the scavenger hunt.

Reighley confessed that she was so eager to win the hunt that she'd arrived at the doors of human resources at 6:15 a.m. the morning of June 1 to claim her prize, a reserved table at the picnic along with a restaurant gift certificate.

USD President Mary E. Lyons was effusive when it came to her remarks: "Thank you, thank you, thank you and gracias, gracias, gracias for everything you do," she said to the equally appreciative crowd, before introducing mail center systems manager Cheance Adair, who was recognized as the 2006 Administrator of the Year. Adair was described as one who "inspires those around her with her love for the job and contagious energy." This year's winner of the Manuel Hernandez Staff Employee of the Year was environment and safety specialist Barney Holland, who was called a "man of few words, who enjoys his work and derives great satisfaction from it."

As the afternoon wore on, merriment continued with events like relay races, the ever-popular jumpy-jumper for the kids, and, always a great crowd-pleaser, the rubber chicken toss. When asked to comment on the sentiments behind the picnic, the president paused before answering: "The picnic is a symbol, as well as a real expression of what we all aspire to be here as a community. It's a small but meaningful way to thank each other for the care and the collegial experience that we all aspire to give one another."

All that, and pineapple-upside down cake too. Yum.



# **2006 Caribbean Cool Picnic Donors**

A special thanks to DWS Scudder, TIAA-Cref and Valic for their generous donations to support our recognition efforts.

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# Praising the People Behind the Picnic

Cristina Ruffo, chair of the picnic committee, hoped everyone had a great time at this year's Caribbean Cool picnic and was grateful to members of the committee, who work hard each year to make the event a huge success.

"I sincerely appreciate all their hard work and creativity," she says. "A special thanks to Sandi Harrod, in the School of Business Administration, Nicole Karas in human resources, Madonna Moreno in human resources, Janey Middleton in the College of Arts and Sciences, Wendy Tankersley in the Naval ROTC, Mary Anne Timm in information management and Joan Wolf in budget and treasury for their wonderful work."



Members of the picnic committee worked behind the scenes to put on a jammin' Jamaica picnic.

Ruffo also sent a big thanks to **Kirk Bennett** and **John Frazer** for their expertise and technical skills and to DWS Scudder, TIAA-Cref and Valic for supporting USD's recognition efforts.

"Thank you again to the volunteers, contest judges and the HR staff," she says. "I would also like to thank the staff at the UC ticket office and **Thu Tran** from general services for their help."

## **Construction Corner**

Construction is booming on campus. Here's what to expect in July:

Alcalá Vista Apartments: Crews have finished construction and are scheduled to open the building this month.

Mission Apartments: Crews began working in June on rebuilding what were the Santa Anita Mission Apartments. This month they are razing the existing buildings and are in the process of grading. Previously, the Santa Anita Mission Apartments consisted of five buildings with 116 beds. The new Mission Apartments will be two larger buildings with 251 beds. The buildings are expected to be ready in Fall 2007.

SOLES Building: This month crews are finishing up digging the foundation for the School of Leadership and Education Sciences building and are getting ready to drill for its steel supports.



#### **Roger Manion**

Assistant Vice President for Facilities Management

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FOR SALE: 1989 Mercedes 4D 300E. 125,000 miles. Good condition, but may need some TLC. \$3,500. Contact Elaine Tagliaferri at ext. 2929.

#### MILESTONES

Elena McCollim, program officer at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, joyfully announces the adoption of her daughter, Ana Sofia Elizabeth. Ana Sofia Elizabeth was born on July 4, 2005, and arrived home on March 1.

Frances Santa Maloof, mother of **Susan E. Maloof**, unit leader in main dining, passed away on May 31.

Janice Holbrook, director of Banquets and Catering, passed away on May 15. She started working at USD in 2000.

Capt. Michael Bradler, beloved husband of **Emilia Moore-Bradler**, an administrative assistant in the special sessions office, passed away on May 5. He was a candidate in this year's Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults process at Founders Chapel.

Louis Reed, father of **Karen Reed**, director of information technology planning and policy, passed away on April 20.

Shirley Miller, mother of **Kathy James**, a professor in the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science, passed away on March 30.

Victor Wagner, father of Michael Wagner, a professor in the Department of Philosophy and father-in-law of Monica Wagner, an executive assistant in the anthropology and sociology departments, passed away on March 29.

**Bernard H. Siegan**, who joined the School of Law faculty in 1973 and was a fixture on campus, passed away on March 27.

Rita Parker, wife of professor **Irving Parker**, professor emeritus in the Department of English, passed away on March 26.

The Milestones section is meant to allow people to celebrate the big events in the lives of their co-workers, colleagues and friends — including the joy of marriages, births and major anniversaries, as well as the sorrows of death. Send such notices to alcalaview@sandiego.edu.

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