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McDonald's heiress donates \$25 million to University of San Diego

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SAN DIEGO (AP) -- McDonald's heiress and former San Diego Padres owner Joan Kroc has donated \$25 million to the University of San Diego for a peace studies center.

Kroc's gift will fund the Mohandas K. Gandhi Institute for Peace and Justice at the USD campus, university officials said Tuesday.

"I am so thrilled to be able to give this gift to the University of San Diego," said Mrs. Kroc, widow of McDonald's hamburger chain co-founder Ray Kroc. "The Peace Institute can be an inspiration to young and old the world over."

Plans for the institute began in January when Mrs. Kroc started working with USD President Alice B. Hayes on the center's mission, design and location.

The institute will include an international peace studies curriculum with several disciplines and host international conferences with world leaders, Hayes said.

"The timing of this is just astounding," Hayes said. "We will begin a new millennium with a new institute that combines so many of USD's initiatives: our internationalization of the curriculum and our efforts to build on cultural diversity with an ecumenical commitment to peace and justice."

Mrs. Kroc, who lives in the affluent San Diego community of Rancho Santa Fe, served on the university Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1981. She received an honorary degree from the university in 1988.

In 1996, she donated \$3 million to the university, which was invested in the school's "Student No-Interest Loan Trust."

That same year, Fortune magazine ranked her 11th among the nation's top 25 philanthropists, estimating her donations at \$33 million to causes ranging from local theater to cancer research.

Mrs. Kroc was dubbed the "Angel of Grand Forks" last year after she donated \$15 million to flood victims in North Dakota. She made the donation anonymously but her identity was eventually uncovered.

Kroc died in 1984, leaving his wife the hamburger chain and the San Diego Padres baseball team, which she sold in 1990. Forbes estimates Mrs. Kroc's net worth at \$1.7 billion, making her one of the richest people in the United States.

Kroc gives \$25 million to USD

Donation for peace institute sets record for local universities

By Jeff Ristine, STAFF WRITER

Philanthropist Joan B. Kroc has advanced her vision of a University of San Diego institute for world peace and social justice with the largest individual contribution for higher education in local history: \$25 million.

"We're very pleased," USD President Alice Hayes said in a telephone interview after the amount of Kroc's donation was made public yesterday. "This is something that is just fundamental to our mission (and) our interests in peace and justice."

"To have Mrs. Kroc's generous gift is going to make it possible for us to really do something significant," said Hayes, who was on a tour of Israel with a group of community leaders, academicians and others.

Kroc, a resident of Rancho Santa Fe who generally prefers a low or even anonymous profile after offering sizable charitable contributions, did not make herself available for an interview yesterday. An assistant said she was out of town.

The one-time owner of the San Diego Padres and widow of McDonald's Corp. founder Ray Kroc, Kroc



Joan Kroc:
"The Peace Institute can be an inspiration to young and old the world over."

is a former USD trustee who is deeply committed to issues of peace and nuclear disarmament.

In an announcement released by the university, Kroc said: "I am so thrilled to be able to give this gift to the University of San Diego. The Peace Institute can be an inspiration to young and old the world over."

No site or architect has been selected for the institute building, although Hayes was quick to confirm it will be on campus and will match the Spanish Renaissance style of the Roman Catholic-affiliated private university.

Taking symbolic advantage of USD's perch in Linda Vista, some sites under consideration would offer a view across the ocean toward the Pacific Rim.

It is tentatively named the Mohandas K. Gandhi Institute for Peace and Justice. An ascetic and leader of India's movement for independence from British

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\$25 million gift to USD largest in local history

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rule, Gandhi was revered for his philosophy of passive resistance and civil disobedience, only to be assassinated by a Hindu fanatic in 1948.

Plans for the institute emerged in January and February, before a firm price tag was associated with the Kroc gift.

As previously disclosed, it will become home to a major undergraduate curriculum in peace studies.

"We'll be able," Hayes said, "to develop some of the programs that we already have that are oriented toward both peace and justice, to provide some really thoughtful, reflective and practical classes in this area."

A master's program could come later, she said.

The institute will serve as a center for important international conferences and lectures, symposiums and seminars.

Guest lists could include heads of state, "leaders, thinkers (and) diplomats," Hayes said.

Hayes said the twin themes of peace and justice will be closely intertwined at the institute.

Higher education, higher giving

Joan B. Kroc's \$25 million donation for an Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego is the largest single gift ever made to higher education in San Diego. Here are some other local one-time education donations (in millions):

■ **Joan B. Kroc**, Mohandas K. Gandhi Institute for Peace and Justice, University of San Diego, 1998.

\$25

■ **Audrey Geisel**, endowment for library at University of California San Diego, 1995.

\$20

■ **Irwin M. and Joan Jacobs**, endowment for UCSD School of Engineering, 1998.

\$15

■ **Sid and Jenny Craig**, sports pavilion at USD, 1996.

\$10

■ **John Moores**, athletic administration building at San Diego State University, 1997.

■ **Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation**, aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, 1986.

\$6

■ **John and Carolyn Ahlers** estate, Center for International Business at USD, 1994.

■ **John M. and Sally B. Thornton**, UCSD's Thornton Hospital, 1989.

\$5

■ **John Moores**, Tony Gwynn Stadium, SDSU, 1996.

\$4

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"There's a significant body of Catholic literature and social teachings" on social justice, she said. "The direction of those teachings is

to bring people into just relationships with one another, and when those relationships are just, and are so perceived, there is less of an

incentive to violence and altercation between individuals.

"We see in San Diego, I think, and maybe before the rest of the country a growing diversity of people who come with different perspectives, with different views, and what we want to do is find a way to make those differences an opportunity for growth, as opposed to an opportunity for conflict."

Campus spokesman Jack Cannon said the university hopes to complete "preparatory work" on the project in the next six to eight months.

And without trying to lock USD into a date for a ribbon-cutting ceremony, Hayes said the university hopes to make the institute a reality by 2000.

"The timing of this is just astounding," Hayes said in a written statement issued by the university. "We will begin a new millennium with a new institute that combines so many of USD's initiatives: our internationalization of the curriculum and our efforts to build on cultural diversity with an ecumenical commitment to peace and justice."

With roots that began with the San Diego College for Women, founded in 1952 and merged with a men's college in 1972, USD is home to some 4,300 undergraduates and more than 2,000 graduate and professional students.

Plans for the peace institute come at a point when many USD leaders thought the university was

ready for a position on a national if not international stage, having successfully hosted a presidential debate in 1996.

Students, paying as much as \$15,680 a year for tuition alone, complain of occasional public confusion in identity prompted by the similarity — in name only — with UC San Diego a few miles north.

"There is a feeling at the university that this is an exercise in (its) long-term maturation," Cannon said. "I'm not sure that 10 years ago we would have been ready to do this."

But now, he said, leaders are "ready to take the potential of USD to new levels and new expectations. That's what we hope to do with this institute."

Kroc, whose philanthropy has extended from homeless families and flood victims to sick children and needy college students, founded a similar center at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Ind., with a \$6 million contribution in 1986.

A USD trustee from 1978 to 1981, Kroc first approached USD about establishing a peace institute last summer.

Hayes said USD hopes to incorporate Kroc's name into the center in some fashion. If Kroc does not wish to have her name on the actual building — as it is at Notre Dame — then it may wind up on a wing or recognized in the title of an academic program, Hayes said.

A helping hand

Over the years, Joan Kroc has donated more than \$200 million. Her gifts have helped tens of thousands of people, including sick kids, the dying, students struggling to pay for college and opera lovers. These are among her contributions:

- \$60 million in stock shares to 121 Ronald McDonald Houses
- \$50 million, Ronald McDonald Charities
- \$35 million toward the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse through the Joan B. Kroc Foundation's Operation Cork
- \$18 million, San Diego Hospice
- \$15 million for flood victims in Grand Forks, N.D.
- \$6 million, Notre Dame University, for a center on international peace studies
- \$3.3 million, San Diego Zoo
- \$3 million, St. Vincent de Paul Joan Kroc Center
- \$3 million, KPBS radio and TV stations
- \$3 million, USD for zero-interest loans to undergraduate students
- \$2 million, AIDS research
- \$2 million, Betty Ford Center, Rancho Mirage
- \$1 million, San Diego city scholarship fund
- \$1 million, San Diego Opera
- \$1 million, Special Olympics

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Catholic University Gets \$25 Million From Joan Kroc

By KIM PETERSON
San Diego Daily Transcript

Philanthropist Joan Kroc has given \$25 million to the University of San Diego to establish an institute dedicated to the study of peace and social justice.

The Mohandas K. Gandhi Institute for Peace and Justice likely will open by the year 2000, university President Alice Hayes said. The money will fund construction of the facility and the development of academic and public programs.

Kroc's gift is one of the largest single charitable donations in local history, but not her first to USD. In 1996 she gave \$3 million to the university, which was invested in the university's Student No-Interest Loan Trust. That money facilitated an additional \$3 million from the Weingart Foundation, which had established the loan trust.

Kroc served on the USD Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1981 and

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Catholic University Gets \$25 Million

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received an honorary degree from the institution in 1988.

"The Peace Institute can be an inspiration to young and old the world over," Kroc said in a written statement. "I have every confidence in the leadership of Dr. Alice Hayes and her loyal and dedicated staff. Their vision and mine are one."

University officials said the institute will concentrate on an international peace studies curriculum and hold international conferences showcasing the contributions of world leaders.

Born in 1869, Gandhi led India's campaign for independence from Britain. India was freed from 300 years of British rule in 1947, and Gandhi was assassinated one year later.

Kroc long has advocated for peace and justice studies. She made a \$6 million contribution to the University of Notre Dame in 1986 to fund the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies. Two years later, she gave the university another \$6 million to construct a building to house both the peace institute and the Kellogg Institute for International Studies.



University of San Diego President Alice Hayes, left, and philanthropist Joan Kroc.

She donated the money on condition the building be named after Father Theodore Hesburgh, a former UND president and a close friend of Kroc.

The institute selects about 20 undergraduates a year to go through a program focusing on issues of peace, violence and human rights. Most students receive tuition fellowships and

stipends for living expenses.

The institute also offers a master's degree program designed to help students prepare for careers in scholarly research, teaching, religious leadership, political organizing and social action. More than 235 alumni from 55 countries have attended the institute.

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Kroc's \$25-Million World Peace Offering

■ **Widow of McDonald's magnate gives start-up donation for institute at University of San Diego to be named after Mohandas Gandhi.**

By **TONY PERRY**
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SAN DIEGO—Philanthropist extraordinaire Joan B. Kroc, the widow of McDonald's restaurant magnate Ray Kroc, has given \$25 million to the University of San Diego to establish the Mohandas K. Gandhi Institute for Peace and Justice, the university announced Tuesday.

The money will be used for construction of the institute and program development, officials said. Planned for opening by 2000, the institute will focus on "San Diego's strategic importance to the Pacific Rim and Latin America" and include several academic disciplines and international conferences.

"Joan Kroc's gift, coming to us in the season of Lent, reflects her own desire to help achieve world peace," said university President Alice B. Hayes.

Kroc, 69, served on the board of trustees of the Catholic school from 1978 to 1981 and received an honorary degree in 1988. In 1996, she donated \$3 million to the university's no-interest loan fund for students.

Forbes magazine in 1996 ranked her 11th among the nation's top 25 philanthropists and estimated her donations in 1995 at \$33 million.

In April 1997, Kroc was identified as the anonymous donor who provided \$15 million to the people of flood-ravaged Grand Forks, N.D. The donation was enough to provide \$2,000 to every family in town.

Kroc, the former owner of the San Diego Padres, lives in exclusive Rancho Santa Fe but grew up in St. Paul, Minn. She



San Diego Union/Tribune

Joan Kroc

avoids publicity about her philanthropy.

Among her donations have been \$60 million to the Ronald McDonald houses for cancer-stricken children and their families; \$18.5 million to the San Diego Hospice; \$1 million to the Betty Ford Center for alcoholism; \$1 million to the San Diego Opera; and \$1 million to the Special Olympics.

She also gave \$6 million to the University of Notre Dame to open the Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, devoted to the promotion of human rights, nuclear disarmament, global economic growth and protection of the environment.

In San Diego, Kroc has been a major contributor to the St. Vincent de Paul Village, which provides assistance and training for the homeless.

"Mrs. Kroc is interested in what the world is going to look like for the next generation," said Msgr. Joe Carroll, the president of St. Vincent. "She decides what she wants to do—usually something humanitarian—and she just does it. She calls you—you don't call her."

The contribution to the University of San Diego is thought to be the largest individual gift to a San Diego college or university—topping the \$15 million given by Qualcomm founder Irwin M. Jacobs and his wife, Joan, to the school of engineering at the UC San Diego.

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Now that's a skybox; generous benefactors

● Listen up, City Council. Have we got a sky box offer for you! Denis Braun, a La Jolla consultant, wants to sell miniature vaults for cremated remains in the outfield wall of the Padres' new downtown ballpark. He figures the stadium could house the urns of up to 90,000 fans, thereby raising gobs of cash to help pay for the park. By now, everyone in San Diego knows our current council majority is short on business savvy and long on egos, as demonstrated by their vote this week to retain a catered sky box at Qualcomm Stadium as a personal perk. So how could the five council members possibly pass up a chance to be memorialized in perpetuity in the outfield wall — especially when they could claim it as just another perk for deserving officeholders?

● San Diegans often complain about what they see as a paucity of philantro-

py that benefits our region. But McDonald's heiress Joan Kroc has demonstrated once again that generous philanthropy is thriving in San Diego. Kroc's \$25 million contribution to the University of San Diego to establish a peace institute is only the latest in a string of large gifts to local universities. Just a few weeks ago, Qualcomm founder Irwin Jacobs and his wife, Joan, gave \$15 million to the UCSD School of Engineering. Last year, Padres owner John Moores gave \$6 million to SDSU for an athletic administration building, on top of \$4 million he gave the school in 1996 to pay for Tony Gwynn Stadium. A year before that, Audrey Geisel, the widow of Dr. Seuss creator Ted Geisel, contributed a \$20 million endowment for UCSD's library. These generous benefactors deserve praise for enriching San Diego in enduring ways — even if many San Diegans have failed to recognize it.

ART FACTS

Lamb's Players Announces Its 1998 Touring Season

JOLEY M. MESSINA
San Diego Daily Transcript

The Lamb's Players Educational Outreach unveiled its 1998 touring season. The company is composed of four members: Tracy Hughes, Paul Maley, Joseph Narducci and Kanani Titchen. The ensemble performs under the name SWAT (Slightly Wild Accessible Theater). Their performances are directed toward children in grades K through 12 throughout San Diego County.

The SWAT team will produce three productions this season. "Bash" utilizes percussion, sound and movement and addresses issues such as violence prevention, diversity, tolerance and cooperation. "Split" is a mini rock musical that deals with substance abuse. This production is geared toward elementary students and is based loosely on Robert Louis Stevenson's "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde."

"Real American Heroes" is a multicultural story that follows the lives of American men and women of Hispanic, Asian, European and African-American ancestry whose lives have shaped our country. This production is designed for all ages.

The cost for a school or community to book one performance is \$395 and \$295 for any additional performances on the same day in the same location. Call Vanda Egginton at 437-6050 to book a performance or for more information.

New Timken Directors

■ The Timken Museum of Art in Balboa Park has added three people to its board of directors, the first major change in the board in seven years.

The new members are Gary Meads, general manager and vice president of Philips-Ramsey advertising agency, Therese T. Whitcomb, professor emeritus of art history and former director of institutional design at the University of San Diego, and Kevin Munnellely, former endowment officer for the City of San Diego.

"The Timken is working to expand its efforts in the care and conservation of the Putnam collection, augment educational programming and create new partnerships with learning institutions to make art more

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meaningful and accessible to people of all ages," said John Petersen, executive director of the museum. "We believe Meads, Whitcomb and Munnellely, along with the rest of the board, will help us do that."

Rock 'N' Roll Marathon

■ The Suzuki Rock 'N' Roll Marathon is looking for adult community groups to volunteer at aid stations on the day of the race, Sunday, June 21. Duties will include distributing water and refreshments to 18,000 runners along the course. The groups also are welcome to conduct fund-raising at their individual stations. Volunteers will receive an official T-shirt. The race course will begin in Balboa Park and finish at Horton Plaza. The event will feature 26 bands performing at entertainment centers along each mile of the route as well as an evening headliner concert. For information on volunteer opportunities, call Elite Racing at (619) 450-6510.

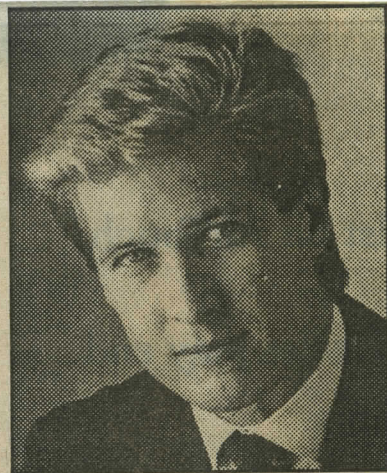
Malashock Performance

■ "Force Fields" a recent work by the Malashock Dance & Company will be aired on UCSD-TV on March 20 at 7 p.m. "Force Fields" combines movements from various fighting forms such as fencing, wrestling and martial arts with modern dance steps. The work was choreographed by John Malashock, artistic director of Malashock Dance & Company in collaboration with James Newcomb, a professional fight choreographer. The music for "Force Fields" was composed by Steven Schick of the University of California, San Diego faculty and is performed by percussionists Terry Longshore and Brett Reed of Skin and Bones. They are joined by David Shivley as a guest musician.

"Force Fields" opened at the Old Globe Theatre in Balboa Park last November. The program also included world premiere work of "Sketchbook: Song and Dance."

A second broadcast of "Force Fields" is scheduled for March 22 at 10 p.m. in select locations. UCSD-TV appears on the UHF channel 35, Southwestern Cable channel 18, Coronado Cable channel 16 and Cox Communications channel 76 in San Diego and channel 58 in the North County.

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Gary Meads



Kevin Munnellely



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San Diego's Economy Just Keeps On Humming Along, USD Index Says

By KIM PETERSON
San Diego Daily Transcript

San Diego County's economy improved slightly in January, but not as much as in previous months, according to a report issued Friday by economists at the University of San Diego.

The university's Index of Leading Economic Indicators posted a 0.4 percent gain for the month of January, reporting growth for the month in help-wanted advertising and consumer confidence but showing a slight drop in building permits. The index has not been as low as 0.4 percent since last July and in recent months has risen as high as 1.2 percent.

Still, USD economist Alan Gin said the index's gain continues to forecast solid growth in the local economy, especially in San Diego's labor market. The index has increased for 34 consecutive months.

"We were on a pace that would be difficult to sustain the month-to-month growth," Gin said.

San Diego County is hiring, but local employers say workers seem harder to find. At 4 percent, the unemployment rate for San Diego County remains lower than the rest of California or the nation as a whole.

The USD data backs up these

employer claims, showing that initial filings for unemployment insurance dropped significantly in January. This means job losses have slowed dramatically, Gin said.

In addition, help-wanted advertising in January rose 0.68 percent compared to the month before.

San Diego is in the middle of an economic domino effect, economists say. Companies increase hiring, which leads to more people making more money, which results in greater consumer confidence and purchases.

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Indeed, USD reported that consumer confidence in January rose 40 percent — on pace with the economic index. Gin said the growth is not surprising.

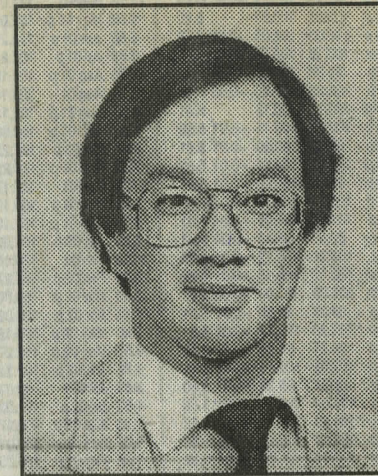
"That's what you're going to get whenever you have a lot of good news," Gin said. "People are going to feel more confident and they'll go out there and spend money."

The number of residential units authorized by building permits in the county in January fell 0.71 percent compared to the month before, according to the USD index. Gin said the number of permits issued in previous months were exceptionally high.

The national economy reported no change in January compared to the month before, according to data from The Conference Board. But the absence of change doesn't mean the economy is stagnant, Gin said, it only means the economy isn't changing for better or for worse.

Gin compared the national economy to a car going 65 miles per hour on the highway. It is continuing a fast pace with no acceleration or deceleration, he said.

The national economy may have taken a hit from the Asian economic crisis, and the lack of



Alan Gin

growth here may signal delayed fallout from events in those countries, Gin said. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan recently told Congress, however, he doesn't think the full effects of the Asian crisis will materialize until spring.

Corporate faith in the national economy is high as well, especially in the Western states, according to a recent report by the Institute of Management Accountants. Executives in the West report a confidence index of 75 compared to the national average of 73.9, researchers report.

Employment in the West is

growing faster than the rest of the country, and companies in the region reported they expect a 4.3 percent job growth increase by June. That rate is down from the 6.9 percent growth seen in the region for the same period last year.

The average national job growth rate is 3.5 percent, down from 5.3 percent during the same period last year, according to the institute.

Western companies said they plan to increase capital spending by 7.8 percent, higher than the projected average increase of 6 percent nationally.

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In a snap: Good news, better news

Employment figures are revised upward

According to new state data, San Diego employment grew almost twice as fast last year as most economists imagined.

In fact, some still don't believe the employment revisions revealed this week by the Employment Development Department (EDD).

If the new numbers are believable, then the San Diego economy is growing faster than anyone believed.

Until Monday, the EDD was saying that county nonfarm employment grew by 22,700, or 2.3 percent last year. On Monday, the numbers were suddenly and starkly revised upward, without fanfare, to a 43,100 jobs gain, or a very robust 4.3 percent.

The revisions came after, as is normal, statisticians compared monthly employer surveys with yearly unemployment insurance data. Every firm with even one employee has to pay into the unemployment insurance program, and that provides statistical fodder in revising employment data.

The new numbers suggest that the monthly employer survey was missing new, smaller companies; therefore, San Diego small business may be booming more than anyone thought. That heretofore unobserved 1997 growth has certainly carried over into 1998, despite some Asian-related problems.

"There has been tremendous growth in the county," says Cheryl Mason, EDD labor market analyst here. "It took many of us by surprise."

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And how. "These are not revisions; this is a joke," says Marney Cox, senior regional economist for the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). "How can you tell what is going on when numbers double in size?"

He believes the revised numbers are probably correct — and suggest San Diego has a labor shortage that can only be cured by in-migration. "If we had jobs growth similar to what they say we had in 1997, it will be difficult to fill jobs; employment-related in-migration will have to pick up," whether from the U.S. or foreign countries, he says.

Alan Gin, University of San Diego economist, also believes that if the numbers are valid, San Diego may have to import labor. According to EDD data, the civilian labor force (those available to work) only increased by

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Employment figures suddenly look better

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13,000 from January of 1997 to January of this year, he says. With unemployment below 4 percent, there is a small supply of available labor, he says.

However, "I have to believe there is something odd in the data here," he says.

Kelly Cunningham, economist for the Chamber of Commerce's Economic Research Bureau, had said earlier this year that 1997 nonfarm jobs growth was 22,000. This year, it would rise to 23,500, he predicted — and other local economists were in that ballpark. Now he will

revise both numbers upward — and also his forecast for growth of the total economy.

Last year's newly discovered local job gains were largely in business services (which includes temporary help, as well as computers and software) and engineering and management, which is concentrated in telecommunications, high tech and biotech, according to Ross.

Cox had earlier forecast jobs growth of 25,000 this year; he is now inclined to double that. Howard Roth, Bank of America senior economist, had earlier looked for 30,000, then a very optimistic view; he is raising that to between 36,000 and 37,000, which would be below last year's gain.

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Economy Continues to Rise in San Diego

San Diego's economy continued to rise, according to the USD Index of Leading Economic Indicators, which showed a 0.6 percent rise for December.

The index, made up of five separate measurements, registered solid gains in the number of unemployment claims filed (fewer claims are reported as a gain), local stock prices, and tourism.

Other measurements showing gains were building permits and help wanted classified advertising. Only the national index of monthly economic indicators, which remained unchanged from November, remained flat.

With December's gain, the index has risen for 33 consecutive months.

Alan Gin, the USD economics professor who compiles the index, said while the December increase was not as great as the two previous months, it was still significant and portends a continued positive outlook for the coming year.

On the Move



Lynne Duke



Randy Caldwell



Leticia Iniguez-Smith



Alan Gin

Banking/Investment

Grossmont Bank has recently promoted **Lynne Duke** to vice president, BankCard manager.

Randy Caldwell and **Reyonda Jackson** have recently been promoted to senior vice presidents at North County Bank.

Leticia Iniguez-Smith has been promoted to a loan officer at Palomar Savings and Loan, Escondido.

Marie Newton has been named leading loan officer at BankAmerica Mortgage.

Kedest Berhanu has been promoted to operations officer for Peninsula Bank of San Diego's La Jolla office.

Katherine Gandolfo has joined Grossmont Bank as vice president/private banking.

Business services

Kristin Kirby has joined Re: Sources Connection, a subsidiary of Deloitte & Touche, as a client service manager.

Communications

Tracy Morter has joined the sales department of XETV Fox Channel 6, San Diego.

Judy McNutt has joined MAGIC 95.7 KMCG-FM as program director.

Education *

Alan Gin has been named director of communications for the John M. Ahlers Center for International Business at the University of San Diego's School of Business Administration. Gin is an associate professor of economics at the school.

Jose Rosal has been named administrative assistant to the manager of the UCSD Extension North County in Rancho Bernardo.

Larry Bevins has joined Oster & Associates as the new creative director.

Miscellaneous

George Coles, president of Coles Carpets, **James C. Jessop**, president and owner of George Carter Jessop & Company and **Michael A. Morton**, president of The Brigantine Restaurant Corp. have been added as directors to the San Diego Better Business Bureau.

Technology

Rob Henretta has been named director of North American Sales for Overland Data Inc.

Professional services

Kenneth Roldan has joined Wesley, Brown & Bartle as the national executive search firm's associate managing director.

Real estate

Bob Freund and **Brian D. Gallagher** have joined EYKL as senior managers in the corporate real estate group.

Renee Nickerson has been named community sales manager for Bella Lago, a gated community overlooking Batiquitos Lagoon in Carlsbad.

Mike Bingham has been named director of forward planning for UDC Homes, Inc.

Sean R. Dyer and **John Wright** have been hired by Presley Homes as director of land acquisition and assistant controller, respectively.

Industrial

Win Westfall has been appointed vice president and regional manager of Willdan Associates Northern California Region.



MBA Advances & Advantages

Financing Your MBA

Ways to pay for a degree that will jump-start your career

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BY EILENE ZIMMERMAN

Every once in a while you find a reason other than the weather for living in San Diego. One such reason is the cost of an MBA. At San Diego State University, for instance, executive MBA students pay about \$25,000 for two years of study, says Candace Williams, director of the school's executive management programs. If those students lived in Boston and wanted to get an MBA at say, Harvard, the degree could cost as much as four times that amount. And although Harvard isn't exactly the average, it's not unusual for the cost of a two-year MBA to exceed \$40,000.

Most business graduate programs in the region fall below the average in terms of cost, but financing an MBA can still be tricky. Although the typical student is gainfully employed, trying to come up with even an extra \$10,000 each year can be daunting. Fortunately, several options exist to pay the tuition.

"There are many different sources for financing an MBA. Probably the most common are federal government loans, called Stafford Loans, which are either subsidized by the government or unsubsidized, depending on a student's financial need," says Tina

Moncada, director of financial aid at United States International University.

Stafford Loans are considered financial aid, even though they are not grants or fellowships. Prospective students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid — FAFSA — a form to determine if they are eligible for subsidized loans, and for what amount. FAFSA forms are available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, says Moncada, and completing the form online is faster and more accurate than using the



Judy Myers is associate dean of admissions, San Diego Regional Center of the University of Redlands.

Greg Lambert

hard copy, because the applicant cannot move forward until each question has been fully answered.

A subsidized loan, says Kathy Cannon, senior vice president of the national student lending group for Bank of America, is one for which the federal government pays the interest while a student is in school. "For unsubsidized loans, the interest rate is the same but it accrues while the student is in school," she says. There is generally a six-month grace period after graduation before students begin the payback.

"For graduate students, the maximum amount of loans that can be taken depends very much on a student's dependency status," says Cannon. "Independent students are eligible for a total annual borrowing — subsidized and unsubsidized — of \$18,500 per year." Interest rates on Stafford Loans usually match the T-Bill rate plus between 3 and 5 percent. "Rates are determined based on origination or guarantee fees up front. Bank of America charges T-Bill plus 3 percent and a 9 percent origination and guarantee fee," says Cannon. That 9 percent fee is charged because the bank winds up lending money to many students who do not have an income. If there is a loan co-signer, the charge is dropped to 5 percent.

Bank of America also has an independent graduate student program where students can borrow the cost of their education less any other financial aid, as long as their credit record is acceptable. Other banks, such as Citibank, also offer student loans for graduate study. Cannon says most big lenders in California offer private loans.

Although Stafford Loans are considered financial aid, true financial aid — in the form of grants — are not common for graduate study, especially in MBA programs.

Free Money's String

One exception is the California Student Aid Commission's Graduate Fellowship, basically free money with a big string attached. The grant, which can be anywhere from \$800 to \$6,000 depending on the institution, is given to graduates who wish to teach at the college or university level. In considering the grants, a variety of factors are considered, including FAFSA information, GRE or GMAT test scores, the applicant's GPA and information about their parents. The 300 grants awarded annually are geared heavily toward those who come from a disadvantaged background.

Financial aid information also can be accessed via the Internet, at the Financial Aid Information Page (www.finaid.org), says USIU's Moncada. "When you bring that page up you will see so much information about grants and scholarships it will blow you away," she says. Moncada suggests clicking on the "fastweb" icon to build a profile of yourself that the service checks against its database, trying to match prospective recipients with more than \$780 million in available aid.

At USIU, a program called BITAP — Business and Industry Tuition Assistance Program — is available to students whose education is being partially funded by their employers. "The university will provide up to 25 percent of tuition costs, used to fill the gap between the amount of employer funding and the cost of the MBA. It works out especially well with our military students because the military

will often fund 75 percent of the student's education and we can make up the difference," says Moncada.

Chuck Teplitz, director of graduate programs at University of San Diego's School of Business, says the Navy

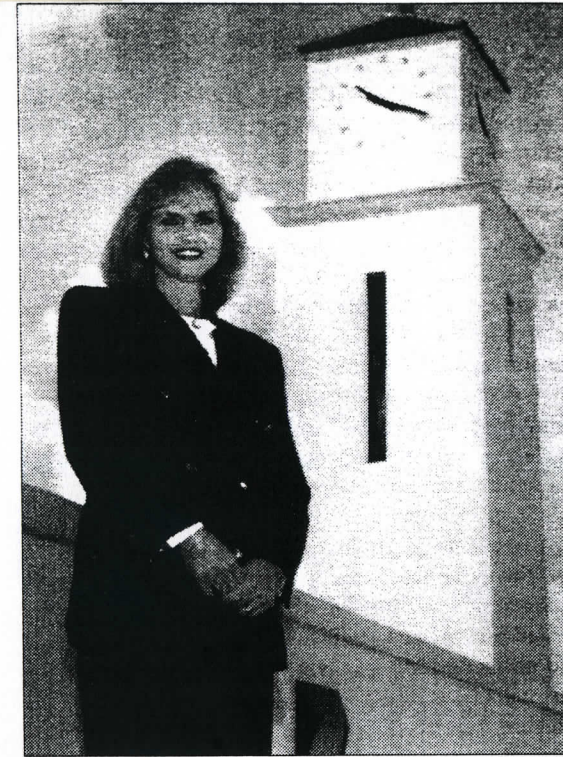
helps pay the tuition of certain officers in USD's MBA program. "There are only 15 business graduate schools in the country approved by the Navy for this," says Teplitz.

USD also provides a limited number of fellowships for full or part-time students. "Fellowship recipients work about four hours per week for a professor and in exchange they receive a waiver for \$1,300 of tuition each semester. Awards are based on scholastic ability," says Teplitz.

Bucks From The Boss

Employer funding — something the public often associates with getting an MBA — is available but not prevalent. SDSU's Williams says 31 percent of the school's executive MBA students receive some corporate sponsorship, with 23 percent of them paying a portion of the costs themselves. Forty-six percent of executive MBA students are self-funded.

Obtaining an executive MBA at UC Irvine costs about \$60,000, reports Marty Bell, financial aid director at UCI's Graduate School of Management. About 60 percent of executive degree program students have some employer funding but, says Bell, "it's minimal. It doesn't come close to covering the tuition costs. Only about 5



Candace Williams is director of SDSU's executive management programs.

Greg Lambert

percent are fully funded." Most students take out federal or private loans and the school has a direct loan program — which is the same as the Stafford Loan program. "But instead of going through an outside bank to get the loan, they go through the school's financial aid office," says Bell. "Since we're able to control the funding source we can get the money to a student more quickly."

At the San Diego Regional Center of the University of Redlands, the total cost of a 25-month MBA program is \$19,000, says Judy Myers, associate dean of admissions. The university's employer-funding stats buck the norm:

at its five regional centers (the San Diego center is located in Mission Valley) about 50 percent of students receive some employer-funding.

The university recently began a program that allows MBA students to pay on a per-class basis, says Myers, reducing the financial impact. "For people who have to pay it all on their own but can't come up with four or five thousand dollars at the start of each semester, this allows them to pay as they go."

California State University San Marcos has a pay-as-you-go policy that about 30 percent of its MBA students use, says Kiera Friedrich, MBA program coordinator at the school. Friedrich says about 30 percent of students receive financial aid, which includes federal loans. "Close to 40 percent pay for it on their own. If they can afford to, that's what they do," she says. Depending on a student's previous education, an MBA at CSU costs between \$11,171 and \$16,600 for the two-year program.

The University of Phoenix has a scholarship search program that matches students with graduate scholarships. "We have students fill out an application and we conduct the search for them, to save them time. We then give the student a list of scholarships for which they qualify," says Andrew Clark, vice president and director of University of Phoenix San Diego campus. State Farm Insurance Co. also makes scholarships available to University of Phoenix graduate students.

Craig Collins, marketing director at DAOU Systems Inc. and a 1997 graduate of SDSU's executive MBA program, used unsubsidized Stafford Loans to pay for his graduate work. "I took less than the maximum and I found I had enough money. It cost me \$22,000 and some change and I just funded the whole thing myself," he says. Collins never worried about paying his loans back. In fact, he paid off the entire debt in January, 1998. "I made an assumption that with an MBA I could increase my annual salary by \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year," he says.

Lori Lascola, a 1987 graduate of USIU's program, took out \$10,000 in Stafford Loans to earn her MBA degree. "The interest rate then was 6 percent so it wasn't hard to manage the payments after school. I just paid it off

last year. I would encourage others to take advantage of that loan program," she says.

Lascola is now regional director of hotel sales development for Radelow/Gittins Real Property Management. "Getting the MBA made a 100 percent difference for me career-wise. I'm now a corporate officer in my company and without a master's degree I don't think I would be here," she says.

Of course, what is borrowed must be repaid. For example, a \$20,000 Stafford loan at today's interest rate would be paid back over 10 years in \$245-a-month payments.

Mathew Levine, financial aid director at National University, advises prospective students to budget themselves. "When you are taking loans for graduate work, \$30,000 or \$40,000 may not seem like that much, but in repayment over 10 years, it is."

Bell at UC Irvine agrees. "A lot of students borrow greater than what they need for tuition and they shouldn't," he says. "It's not necessary to borrow everything you can get your hands on."

Because MBA students usually have work — and world — experience, Cannon at Bank of America says they tend to have a better understanding of loan programs and are able to administer their debt very effectively. "These students usually have had financial obligations in the past and know what they can handle," she says.

Finally, Friedrich at CSU San Marcos says students should keep the debt they incur in perspective. "Look at it this way: nationally the average salary increase for an MBA is \$8,000 the first year. And that doesn't include all the people who start their own businesses, or who exceed that average. There's a definite payoff. Many of our former students are doing well." ♦

A Wealth Of Financing Information

When investigating a school's MBA program, one of the first stops should be at the institution's financial aid office. Available there will be comprehensive packages that explain what a degree will cost and financing options. For example, the USD Admissions and Financial Aid Office provides prospective students with a variety of brochures, workbooks and even software, including:

- The "Fundamentals of Student Loan Repayment" profile from Educaid.
- "Good Credit: Its Impact on Receiving Education Loans," a brochure by the Access Group.
- "Access Advisor," a debt management diskette.
- Citibank's "A Credit Guide: Budgeting and Financial Planning for Graduate School" workbook.
- The "Financial Aid Guide" from Wells Fargo Bank.
- "Fund Your Future" workbook by the California Student Aid Commission.
- USD's Student Financial Aid Handbook and brochure of Frequently Asked Questions.

Other schools will provide similar literature.

A number of Web sites also provide financial aid information. Among them are:

- Wells Fargo — www.wells-fargo.com
- California Student Aid Commission sites — www.csac.ca.gov; www.mapping-your-future.org
- The Federal Student Aid Information Center — www.ed.gov/offices/OPE
- Educaid — www.educaid.com

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We need water from waste — not a waste of water

By Robert Simmons

The recent decision by the San Diego City Council to delay its repurified waste-water project for 10 months will result in a waste of 6.6 trillion gallons of expensively treated waste water that could have been recycled and used. Instead, this water (about 12 percent of the total indoor water used by 2.7 million of us in metro San Diego) will be discharged into the ocean and wasted.

Through the fog of political rhetoric, scary sound bites and cynical distortions, the following facts are plain to see for those who want to look:

■ Before the delay, the North City Reclamation Plant was expected to send 22 million gallons per day of drinkable water to the San Vicente reservoir by 2001 — to be mixed with raw water and treated a second time to drinking standards. Now, because of the delay, this large supplement to our increasingly scarce water supply will not begin until 2002.

■ During each day throughout the 10 months of delay, the new North City Plant will produce 22 million gallons of high-quality reclaimed waste water that will not be used. So, the water will have to be piped to the Point Loma treatment plant, treated yet again, then dumped into the ocean.

■ Even if the city wanted to obey its critics, it is not free to cease operations at the North City Plant, for three compelling reasons: (1) the facility is required by a federal court order, (2) it is also required by a federal statute (The Ocean Pollution Reduction Act, which has saved San Diego ratepayers several billion dollars) and (3) it is required under a contract with the Environmental Protection Administration, which funded a substantial part of the plant's cost.

This is a far more important issue than whether a new sports stadium or an expanded convention center is built. As water gives life to the human body, so adequate water gives life to a regional economy. Let us not be deceived — nor the council intimidated — by bogus health threats from those who want to kill the project.

The North City Plant's recycled water will be treated to drinking purity, twice, before it reaches our taps. It will have a higher level of purity than the recycled water the Challenger astronauts are drinking and has been certified as safe by the state Department of Health Services.

Let us reduce our dependence on imported water by recognizing that — like once-used beer cans — waste water is a resource that should be recycled and reused, not thrown away and wasted.

SIMMONS, emeritus professor of law at the University of San Diego, is a long-time advocate for water reclamation in San Diego.

It Costs

How San Diego's law schools are coping

by Kenneth S. Klein

There is an old saying in academia that "education is the only product in America where people want less for their money." Sixty thousand dollars is the approximate cost of a three-year legal education in San Diego. With the number of law school applications declining significantly nationwide, *San Diego Lawyer* decided to take a look at what our three local law schools — University of San Diego, California Western

and Thomas Jefferson — are offering (besides great weather and nice beaches) to entice students to pursue their legal education here.

The Choices

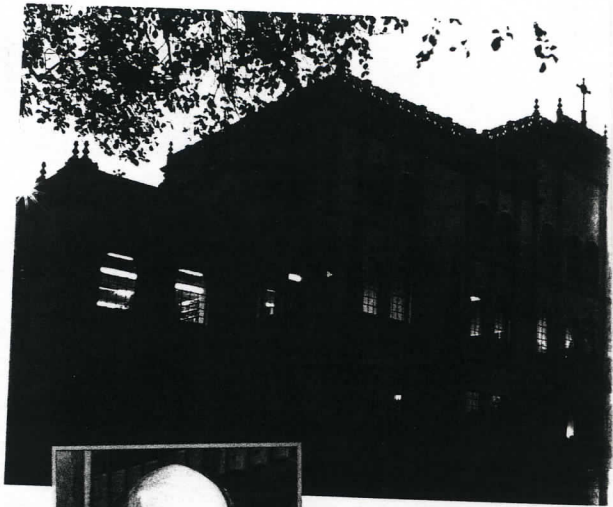
Steven Smith, currently in his first year as dean of California Western School of Law recalls that when he was considering moving from a dean's job in Cleveland the school sent him the "usual box of budgets and literature about the school." One item, however, jumped out at him — the mission statement: "To educate lawyers who are creative problem solvers."

The faculty is now retooling virtually every course syllabus to include a problem solving component.

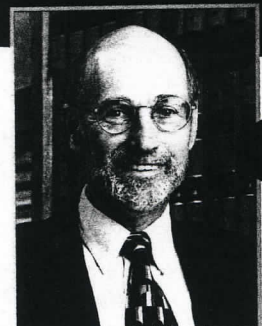
This focus, an innovation in legal education, strives to train lawyers who will find solutions to clients' problems whether or not it involves legal advocacy. The largest single grant in the school's history is funding the Center For Creative Problem Solving. In addition to its creative curriculum, California Western can currently boast the highest bar passage rate of the three San Diego schools.

Grant Morris, acting dean of the University of San Diego School of Law, says USD is at a crossroads. Two years ago the faculty set the goal of having a school "generally recognized within the top 20% of law schools nationally." Since then the school has struggled to define how aggressively that goal will be pursued. For the first time in nine years, USD is seeking a new dean. That selection will influence how far USD will go beyond its comfortable local niche in an attempt to increase its national reputation.

In the meantime, Morris has taken advantage of his interim stewardship of the school to increase the focus on classroom



Dean Steven Smith
California Western
School of Law



Acting dean Grant Morris
University of San Diego
School of Law



Number of local law school graduates who are members of the San Diego County Bar Association
(Eff. January 16, 1998.)

CALIFORNIA WESTERN: 557
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO: 1,188
THOMAS JEFFERSON/WESTERN STATE: 510

WHAT?!

with rising costs and declining enrollments

teaching and the school's support of faculty scholarship, and to highlight the school's focus on public interest law. In consideration of the high cost of tuition, he is also encouraging his school to raise sufficient money to make more tuition grants and in larger amounts.

Advertisers say "you don't sell the steak, you sell the sizzle." If "sizzle" means generating excitement about a product, then it's an apt analogy for Dean Ken Vandavelde's vision for selling Thomas Jefferson School of Law. In Vandavelde's three-plus years at the helm of Thomas Jefferson he has captained "a law school that's on the move."

First, he led the school through its successful ABA accreditation in 1996. Then he began taking steps to attract out of state students. There has been a definite move towards broadening the faculty base with significantly stronger academic credentials.

Vandavelde boasts that the school's classes are smaller (first year classes capped at 60 students), its tuition is lower (\$17,887 per year), and its schedule more flexible (night, summer, part-time, and a December entering class). In addition, its course schedule is loaded with practical skills training, offering more than 11 courses focusing on various real-life lawyering skills. The strategy has paid off. In 1997, applications from California residents tripled, out-of-state applications quadrupled, and there was an increase in both diversity and LSAT entry scores.

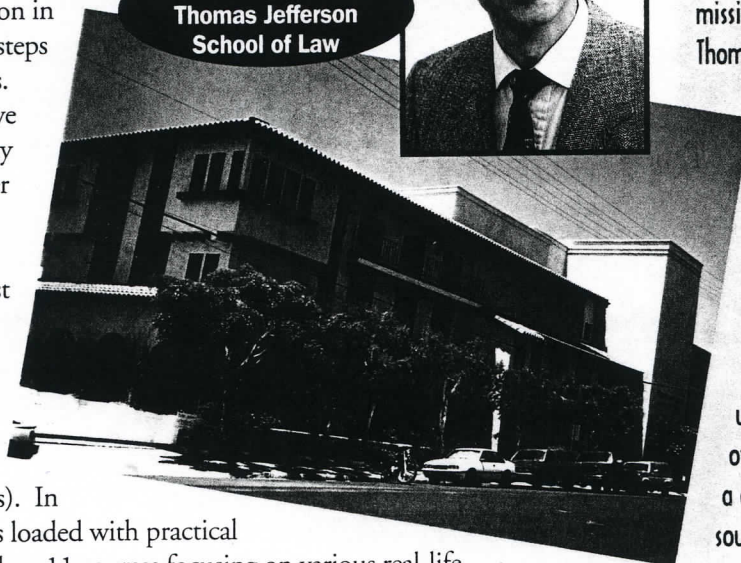
Who Are The Students?

Today, law schools, like law firms, must pay attention to what they market, who their customer is and what their customer wants.

For Thomas Jefferson's Vandavelde, the answer to this question is clear; the school sells a service, and the primary customer is

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Dean Ken Vandavelde
Thomas Jefferson
School of Law



Architectural Contrasts

Each of San Diego's three major law schools is about a five minute drive from the other. But in style and teaching philosophies, they are worlds apart. USD School of Law sits on the hill overlooking lower Mission Valley, apropos to its beautiful whitewashed Spanish mission architecture and Catholic affiliation.

Thomas Jefferson School of Law (formerly known as Western State University School of Law) is definitely freeway close. It looms over Interstate 5 in a large neo-Old Town stucco office building overlooking the airport and harbor. Cal Western is the epitome of a vibrant downtown law school. The staid main building has been remodeled and updated throughout, with a colorful new office building across the street built with a distinctive and appealing nouveau southwest look.

The Ups and Downs of law school applications

According to Carl Egging, Dean of Admissions at USD, the applicant pool for law schools nationwide has dropped by about a third since its high in the early 1990s. On the local front, two schools are part of the trend, while Thomas Jefferson's applications more than doubled after receiving provisional ABA accreditation in 1996.

	1995	1996	1997
CALIFORNIA WESTERN			
Number of fall applications	2,262	1,934	1,779
Number enrolled	283	247	292
UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO			
Number of fall applications	3,320	2,932	2,786
Number enrolled	330	310	326
THOMAS JEFFERSON			
Number of fall applications	643	593	1,260
Number enrolled	189	222	257

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the student. For example, at Thomas Jefferson, students "not only have the home phone numbers of many faculty, they have their cell phone numbers," Vandeveld said. Likewise, a first year student is not handed a schedule, but rather can pick and choose preferred time slots for each required course and scheduling is set to accommodate the students needs to the fullest extent possible. The school recently experimented with a class held, tested and graded entirely via the Internet.

On the other hand, California Western aims to appeal to a very broad customer base. According to Dean Smith, in addition to offering instruction to law students, the Center For Creative Problem Solving will offer continuing legal education courses and mediation training to the legal community, dispute resolution training for youth, and other services reaching out into the San Diego community at large.

While USD's Morris acknowledges that the school has "more than one audience," he is urging his faculty to be attentive to the needs of students. For instance, in Dean Morris' office is a small board. Written on it is a poignant reminder — "\$19,980" — the cost of tuition. Dean Morris encourages his faculty to keep this figure in mind whenever a student asks a question or seeks advice.

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Job Prospects

After spending \$60,000, what are the chances students will get a job as a lawyer? Unfortunately, the law school deans were unanimous in their guarded opinions regarding the current job market for recent graduates. However, they also agreed that the market in 1997 was better than in 1996, and so are hopeful that 1998 will be better still. And it is still true that like law firms, there will always be work for the best trained and most highly motivated of the law school graduating classes. ⚖️



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Lawyer's life is no longer a trial

Running, exercise put Levine on the road to professional success

The son of a taxi driver, the son of a woman who attended night school to move her family out of Brooklyn poverty, Harvey Levine was living in San Antonio, attending law school.

Never again did he want to wake up cold, too poor to turn on the heat. But between studying and enduring the emotional roller coaster of a romantic relationship, Levine reached a point during law school when he was tense. Sleeping was strained. He was having difficulty focusing on law school, his dream, his escape.

So one day he went running with a friend. "For the first time," said Levine, "I slept well that night."

Ever since then, Levine, 53, has been running and lifting and playing tennis. His commitment to fitness has played a pivotal role in his professional success.

By 29, he had earned three law degrees, was teaching at USD and was one of the youngest law professors in the country. He is a published author. He's a senior partner in the firm Levine, Steinberg & Miller and is a well-known trial lawyer in San Diego.

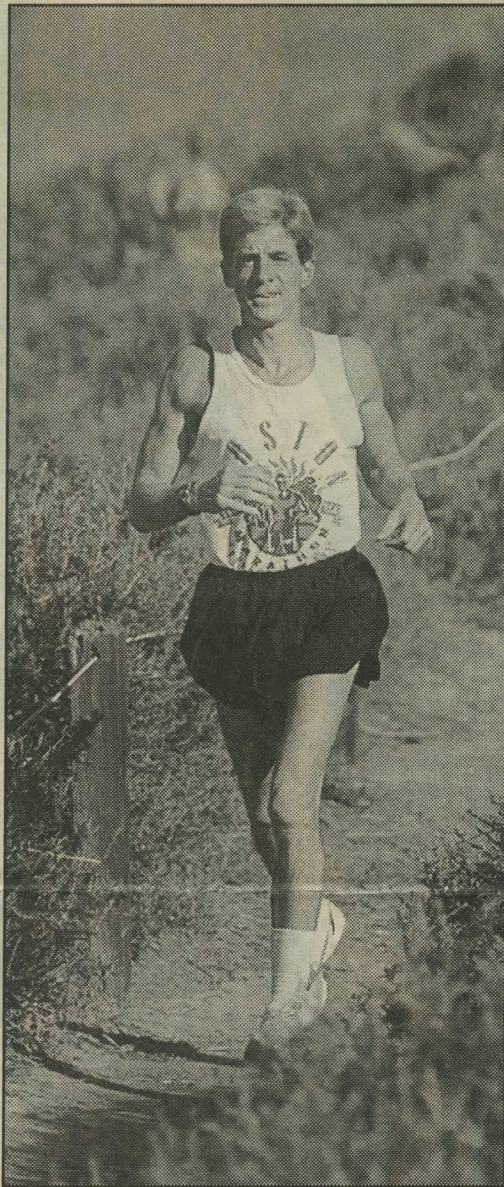
"The reason I can do as much as I do is because of the energy that's unleashed as a consequence of exercise," says Levine, seated at his downtown office overlooking San Diego Bay. "That's what ignites me."

Running first affected Levine at 15. He remembers digging deep inside near the end of a 40-yard sprint at a track meet, leaning and winning the race by one step.

Levine earned a medal that day. When preparing for a difficult trial, Levine sometimes wears the medal around his neck. He has felt the medal flapping against his chest during marathons.

"Trial work requires a lot of stamina," he says. "Sometimes I'll feel tired and need to take that extra step. I'll reflect to when I was 15 and won that race. It has served as an incredible symbol."

Running led Levine to settling in San Diego. He was 27 and looking for a job as a law



DON KOHLBAUER / Union-Tribune

Trails and trials: Marathoner and attorney Harvey Levine trains for Boston at Torrey Pines State Reserve.

professor. He flew to San Diego to interview at USD. It was February.

"The sun just sort of bounced off my shoulders," he said. "That ocean. The blue sky. Things started lining up right, saying, 'Here's where you ought to be.'"

At 33, Levine's love affair with running was nearly stolen from him by a drunken driver. A car accident left Levine with a concussion and fractured kneecap.

A "chubby" intern noticed Levine's sinewy legs and asked him if he was a runner. Levine told him he was.

"I've got bad news for you," said the intern. "You're never going to run again."

The intern wanted to perform immediate surgery, removing the kneecap. Levine opted for a cast. Weeks after the surgery, Levine hobbled the length of the La Jolla High football field. He remembers working up to one lap, half a mile, three laps, then crying when he ran a mile.

Levine would write the intern a letter, thanking him for inspiring him to take his running to a new level, competing at road races. Levine has run more than 20 marathons. (His PR is 3:29:52 at the St. George Marathon in Utah.) Next month's Boston Marathon will be his third.

"I have made some of my greatest friendships literally in the midst of marathons," said Levine.

He remembers running with an African-American man for miles during the 1995 Big Sur Marathon.

"We talked about how there's a melting of differences in a marathon," said Levine. "You share this common journey or adventure, and it naturally causes you to feel similar with a human being rather than different."

A year later at the Palos Verdes Marathon, the same man ran up behind Levine and said, "C'mon San Diego, you're going to do it!"

Twenty-one miles into last November's New York City Marathon, Levine remembers church choirs singing as lightning bolted from the sky, thunder cracked, and the runners and fans became drenched in a down-pour.

"Not one runner quit," said Levine. "Thousands of people were lining the street, cheering."

Typically, Levine lifts weights four or five times a weeks for 30 minutes. He runs four or five times weekly. One workout is typically six one-mile repeats. The 5-foot-9, 138-pound lawyer likes running hills so two of his runs are 6- to 8-mile hilly workouts. He does one 18- to 22-mile run a week, plus an easy 5-miler.

How fit is Levine?

His body fat has been measured at 3.9 percent. He keeps the white printout sheet in his wallet. It's not uncommon for him to rest after a 20-mile run, then head to the club for tennis.

Levine still is stressed at times. But unlike 30 years ago when the pressure of law school strained him, he knows how to deal with it now.

"When I run, I literally feel the tension lifting out of me. That," said the lawyer, "is the most exhilarating feeling."

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"I am confident that Alan will bring the same level of commitment and professionalism to his new job heading the San Diego school district (that he did to the U.S. Attorney's Office)."

U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL JANET RENO



"I was never a local superintendent, so it would be a little hypocritical to say that you need to have all this expertise to do this job. Smart people with good life experiences and good instincts can make good changes."

CALIFORNIA SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION DELAINE EASTIN

Bersin will lead S.D. schools

Public's desire for major reforms had become clear

By Steve Schmidt
STAFF WRITER

The decision to hire noneducator Alan Bersin to run San Diego city schools may come as a jolt to some, but not to those who have kept close watch on the mammoth district in recent years.

Indeed, especially in the aftermath of a teachers' strike two years ago, the San Diego Unified School District gave the impression it was ripe for bold changes.

One small but telling sign of the desire for change came during the five-day strike, in early 1996.

At media briefings, district administrators spoke about the teachers' contract and other issues tied to the strike but rarely talked passionately about the tens of thousands of affected children.



JOHN GASTALDO / Union-Tribune

Changing times: Alan Bersin received congratulations from current Superintendent Bertha Pendleton, who will retire in June.

U.S. attorney called a consensus builder

By Maureen Magee, STAFF WRITER

The rumors that swirled around the education community and San Diego proper for weeks have been confirmed.

U.S. Attorney Alan Bersin yesterday accepted the city's top education post, and will assume command of the San Diego Unified School District on July 1.

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So what can the state's second-largest school district expect with this non-traditional and somewhat radical choice for a schools chief?

Controversy, for sure, but also big pressure to improve student test scores and a demand that teachers and principals are held accountable for their job performance.

Just ask Linda Harris, a Seattle school board member who helped hire a retired general to run that city's school district.

"The idea of having a nontraditional person regardless of race and ethnicity really seems to be a lightning

Alan D. Bersin

Career:

■ U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of California since 1993

■ Southwest "border czar" for the past three years

■ Briefly was a visiting professor, University of San Diego School of Law

■ 17 years with the Los Angeles law firm of Munger, Tolles & Olson.

Education:

■ Law degree, Yale Law School, 1974

■ Rhodes scholar, Oxford University, 1969-71

■ A.B. in government, Harvard University, 1968

Personal: 51; married to Lisa Foster; three daughters, ages 19, 5 and 3

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Many have advocated school district overhaul

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Their measured and clinical approach left the impression with some that the district of 133,000-plus students was run by bureaucrats who had become numb to the public.

At the same time, the public has clearly grown anxious for major reforms in education.

"I think that's true in most of the big cities and increasingly in suburban districts," said Boston Public Schools chief Thomas Payzant, superintendent of San Diego city schools from 1982 to 1993. "No matter how well a school district may think it's doing, there are increasing pressures to raise expectations and improve results."

Public anxiety over schools began to build after a national commission deplored the state of public education in a landmark 1983 report called "A Nation at Risk."

Challenging school administrators and teachers, many parents and others have engaged in a lively debate over the best ways to teach math, reading and other subjects.

Organizations such as San Diego's Center for Parent Involvement in Education have emerged, while some communities have pushed for development of charter schools.

Following the teachers' strike, a coalition of parent groups complained that San Diego schools and administrators needed to be more accountable for student achievement. Some parents believe progress has been made, while others say it's not enough.

In late 1996, three school board candidates stressed the importance of seeking the right leader to succeed Superintendent Bertha Pendleton. All three — Ed Lopez, Ron Ottinger and Frances O'Neill Zimmerman — were elected.

"In a big city, it has been rare that you wouldn't hire a superintendent or assistant superintendent from another big-city school district," Ottinger said last year.

"But when you're trying to focus on results, you want to look at folks who have been successful, whether it's in business, the nonprofit sector — there are some big nonprofits out there — and other branches of government, like the military. If they can motivate in one field, they can motivate in another."

Indeed, the push to shake up the district's massive bureaucracy, perhaps with a fresh face at the top, has been a major theme of many community leaders.

And perhaps no organization has been more vocal about it than the Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce and its Business Roundtable for Education.

For several years, the chamber has aggressively lobbied for the sort of change that the appointment of Bersin, the U.S. attorney for San Diego and Imperial counties, represents.

Wading into school district politics for the first time, the chamber endorsed Ottinger, Lopez and Zimmerman in the November 1996 election. The trio supported the chamber's education agenda, which included longer school hours, tougher student performance standards and annual reviews of teachers and administrators.

The organization also plans to back candidates in this year's school board races.

The chamber also wrote a "white paper" outlining the skills it thought the new superintendent should have and discussing the value of

possibly hiring a noneducator to bring a fresh perspective to public education.

Echoing the views of many parents, the chamber and other organizations wanted someone with a strong administrative track record who would hold administrators and schools more accountable.

"I think Alan Bersin meets that profile from top to bottom," said Mel Katz, former chairman of the chamber's Business Roundtable and member of the residents committee that listed the key characteristics expected in the new superintendent.

But some civic leaders say the chamber has become too powerful in school affairs.

"The chamber needs now to go back into the closet and stay there," said the Rev. George Walker Smith of Christ United Presbyterian Church. "We didn't elect them to run the school district. Their job is to improve the economic life of the community."

Smith, who supports Bersin's selection, yesterday said he was disturbed by the chamber's role in the superintendent search, along with the drafting of the white paper.

But Katz dismissed charges of meddling by the chamber.

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Ron Ottinger, San Diego Unified School District board president

of the board," he said yesterday. "It only has to do with making sure there are people on the board who believe in the key fundamentals of rigorous standards, curriculum and teacher training to carry out those standards, testing before and after the school year for every child, and accountability."

He added that the chamber was just one of many community organizations, including labor groups, represented on a superintendent search committee.

The chamber created its Business Roundtable for Education five years ago because of widespread dissatisfaction among business leaders with the state of public education and with the skills of those leaving classrooms to enter the work force.

But efforts by the chamber and others to bring reforms to the district have been slowed by the sheer scope of the task.

Superintendent Pendleton and the school board have launched initiatives to improve the district, but they have not gone as far as some civic leaders have wanted.

And Pendleton herself, though widely respected and liked, is a creature of the bureaucracy. She was named to the post in 1993, 35 years after joining the district.

Pendleton was a finalist last year for the top school job in Dallas, and news of her candidacy strained relations between her and many school board members.

Bringing in a noneducator, on the other hand, represents a fresh start for the urban district. Some see Bersin as a fresh face poised to accelerate the public's deep desire for reform.

Bersin

U.S. attorney takes schools chief post

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rod for controversy," said Harris, noting that it took 18 months for the controversy to die down.

"Humor can sometimes help you through the hard times. We had plenty of jokes about saluting the new superintendent," she said.

After finalizing a four-year contract, the school board met yesterday to introduce the new superintendent, a federal prosecutor and so-called "border czar" with no experience in education.

"Why Alan Bersin? He is the superintendent of the 21st century," said school board President Ron Ottinger. "He is everything we were looking for — a consensus builder and a leader who can help us improve student achievement."

Bersin, 51, will continue as U.S. attorney until assuming the superintendent's post July 1 with an annual salary of \$165,000. Meanwhile, he plans to work closely with Superintendent Bertha Pendleton until she retires in June.

"This is the challenge of a lifetime that I will devote all of my heart, soul and spirit to," Bersin said. "This is a deep emotional and intellectual commitment to public education."

The school district launched its search for a new schools chief nine months ago when Pendleton announced her retirement. A school board-appointed committee and a Los Angeles consultant contacted more than 100 prospects and reviewed 34 resumes before interviewing eight candidates.

As Bersin's name surfaced in the community weeks ago as the front-runner for the job, so did controversy. Some minority groups have argued that Bersin's tough law-and-order stance on illegal immigration could find its way into classrooms.

"Frankly, we're astonished that a fellow lawyer with no proven interest in education could be named to head the second-largest school district in California," said Esther Sanchez, president of the La Raza Lawyers Association, a local group that advocates for minorities.

"It appears to have been a result-oriented selection process in which politics, not qualifications, played a major role," she said in a prepared statement.

However, Ray Chavez of the Chicano Federation reluctantly extended an olive branch to the school board yesterday.

"We welcome Mr. Bersin, but with reservations," he told school trustees yesterday before they voted to hire Bersin. "We don't want to come back next March 9 to see that this experiment has failed."

Although school trustees had hoped to hire their education chief with a unanimous decision, board member Frances O'Neill Zimmerman abstained from voting yesterday.

"I am deeply troubled by the narrow, hurried, pressured and secretive process that the board experienced in making its final decision," Zimmerman said. "For me, an informed and thoughtful judgment on this most crucial matter was made impossible under such circumstances."

The complete pool of would-be superintendents was never revealed to the school board. On Friday, school trustees learned the identity of the two finalists and interviewed both during a marathon 10-hour, closed-door meeting.

Initially, during the closed-door deliberations over the weekend, both John DeBeck and Zimmerman

had given their support to an unnamed second finalist, a superintendent at a large urban school district.

But DeBeck said he eventually changed his mind to give the board decision more unity.

"It was a very close call," said DeBeck. "Alan Bersin was not my first choice, but I am committed to working with him."

While Bersin will be paid \$165,000 a year as the city's schools chief, his contract contains performance incentives that if met would give him hefty bonuses of at least \$10,000 a year.

Financial incentives for improving student performance will be set by the school board and would be available to other staff members and employees, such as principals. Bersin's bonuses would range from at least \$10,000 to \$25,000, which would be available after his fourth year as superintendent.

The U.S. attorney for San Diego and Imperial counties since 1993, Bersin was tapped in 1995 by Attorney General Janet Reno to be her point person along the Southwest border, a position that gained him the "border czar" title.

"What is constant in both jobs is a reverence in the rule of the law," Bersin said. "There is a 180-degree difference in some areas. As an educator I will ensure that every child — whether they are undocumented or not — would have the right to attend public schools."

After learning of Bersin's pending career change, Reno released a statement yesterday saying "the citizens and schoolchildren of San Diego are fortunate to get" Bersin as their superintendent.

"Alan Bersin has played a significant role in restoring the rule of law to our border," she stated. "He has done a superb job as U.S. attorney for the Southern District of California and as my special representative for the Southwest border.

"I am confident that Alan will bring the same level of commit-

ment and professionalism to his new job heading the San Diego school district," Reno said in her statement.

Born in Brooklyn, N.Y., Bersin attended public schools. He is a graduate of Harvard University, he was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University and later earned a law degree at Yale.

Bersin and his wife, lawyer Lisa Foster, have two young daughters, one of whom will start kindergarten next year at Cabrillo Elementary School near the family's Point Loma home. Bersin's oldest daughter from a prior marriage is a product of private schools. She is now a freshman at Harvard.

Although Bersin is headed for a drastic career change, this is not the first time he has taken a job without experience. Five years ago he went from civil litigator to U.S. attorney.

In his new job, Bersin will oversee nearly 12,000 full-time employees, including 7,300 teachers and other certificated personnel, and an \$810 million annual budget.

More than 137,000 students attend the San Diego Unified School District.

To help prepare for his new role, the new schools chief has already created a transition team, which will be led by Robert Ross, director of health and human services for San Diego County, and Augustine Gallego, chancellor of the San Diego Community College District.

The panel of education and community leaders will assist Bersin in getting to know everything from bilingual education policies to the needs of the district's aging schools.

Pendleton congratulated Bersin on his job in what she called a premier school district, saying she will work closely with him.

"This is a day we've all awaited — it feels good," she said. "I don't quite feel relieved yet; I still have a lot of work to do."

Del Eastin, California's superintendent of public instruction, said San Diego has set a precedent in hiring Bersin. The fact that Bersin comes to the job without a traditional background may not be a handicap, she said.

"I was never a local superintendent, so it would be a little hypocritical to say that you need to have all this expertise to do this job," she said. "Smart people with good life experiences and good instincts can make good changes."

Following the lead of a handful of other large urban school districts in the country, the San Diego school board decided early that it would open up the job hunt to candidates outside of education.

Seattle, Washington, D.C., Milwaukee and Minneapolis are among other cities that have experimented recently with nontraditional superintendents.

Tom Giugni, executive director of the Association of California School Administrators, believes the micro-trend could be a sign of frustration with the existing public education system.

"I think he (Bersin) will face a steep learning curve — so much of the job is very stressful," he said. "He's going to have to rely on his staff."

Bersin and the school district, however, believe that the bold decision will be worth the controversy.

A few years ago, the Seattle Public School District hired John Henry Stanford, a retired general, to manage its schools.

Since Stanford took over as superintendent, the district has raised student test scores by two points in math, reading and language arts.

Michael Casserly, executive director for the Council of Great City Schools, which represents the nation's 50 largest urban school districts, said districts that hire non-traditional superintendents are usually looking for drastic changes or improvements in their schools.

Finding the superintendent: a community effort

A nationwide hunt for the next city schools chief ended at home with the selection of U.S. Attorney Alan Bersin. The search began with the appointment of a five-member panel which was assisted by Korn/Ferry International, a firm that has worked on 25 national searches for superintendents. And before the cross-country search was launched, a 28-member group representing a cross-section

of the community assisted in formulating 15 sought-after characteristics it expected in the candidate who will head the state's second largest school district. This weekend, city school trustees made the final selection of the man who will lead San Diego Unified into the next century.

The key players:

The search committee:



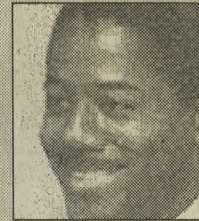
Richard Collato
■ 54, president and chief executive officer of the YMCA of San Diego County; chair of the five-member search committee.



Malin Burnham
■ 70, chairman of the board of John Burnham and Co., and a director of the First National Bank.



Alice Hayes
■ 60, president of the University of San Diego with more than 30 years in higher education.



William Jones
■ 42, a former San Diego city councilman and president and chief executive officer of CityLink Investment Corp.



Ralph Ocampo
■ 67, a local physician and immediate past president of the California Medical Association.

The trustees:



Sue Braun
■ 62, is serving her second four-year term which expires this year. Braun and her husband, who live in Del Cerro, have three grown children.



John DeBeck
■ 68, a former teacher and counselor, is in the final year of his second four-year term. He was educated in the city schools and worked as a teacher and counselor for 36 years. He and his wife, who live in Bay Park, have seven children.



Ed Lopez
■ 41, elected to the board in 1996, was educated in the city schools, received a law degree at Berkeley and works as director of student retention at UCSD. He and his wife live in North Bay Terraces.



Ron Ottinger
■ 41, board president, elected to a second term in 1996; associate director of AVID Center, which helps prepare low-income students for college. His two children attend city schools.



Francis O'Neill Zimmerman
■ 59, elected to the board in 1996. She has worked as a writer, adult school teacher and substitute English and history teacher in San Diego high schools. Her two daughters are graduates of the city schools.

Schenk Officially Launches Bid for Attorney General

By DAN MORAIN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO—San Diego attorney Lynn Schenk, a former Democratic member of Congress, opened her campaign for attorney general Wednesday with a vow to reinvigorate the office's pursuit of consumer fraud and white-collar crime.

Schenk, 53, spent one term in Congress beginning in 1992 before being defeated by Rep. Brian Bilbray (R-Imperial Beach). She is the only woman seeking the state's top law enforcement post, and the only Democratic candidate who has served as a deputy state attorney general, having worked in the office in 1971 and 1972.

"I will aggressively enforce laws on consumer protection, fraud against our elderly, environmental crime, personal privacy and antitrust policy," Schenk said.

Schenk said she would take "second seat to no one" fighting traditional crime. She would be the "worst night-



Associated Press

Lynn Schenk says "crime takes in a broader definition than street crime."

mare" of the "scum who dare to sell drugs" to children, she said. Schenk also touted her support of the death penalty, as do all the major candidates for the office of attorney general, which represents county prosecutors in seeking to defeat appeals of death sentences.

But pointing to fraud schemes aimed at bilking the elderly, Schenk said:

"Crime takes in a broader definition
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than street crime." She pledged to enforce food safety laws, combat corruption by public officials, and, identifying a favorite target of candidates this year, take aim at health care corporations that "place profits ahead of well-being."

Schenk's rivals for the Democratic nomination are state Sens. Bill Lockyer (D-Hayward) and Charles Calderon (D-Whittier). Both began the year with far more money than Schenk's meager \$78,000, campaign finance reports show. But Schenk, who is special counsel to a major law firm, says she will have enough money to air television spots statewide.

The Republican candidates are Orange County Dist. Atty. Michael Capizzi and David Stirling, chief deputy to Atty. Gen. Dan Lungren, who is running for governor.

On the Democratic side, Calderon believes Latino voters will help propel him to the nomination. Lockyer, former Senate president pro tem, is counting on vastly outspending his rivals and calling on support from allies he has acquired over the years. Schenk intends to portray herself as a

relative outsider, compared to Sacramento insiders Lockyer and Calderon.

More important, Schenk believes that her gender will help her chances and that having Rep. Jane Harman (D-Torrance) in the primary election race for governor will boost her candidacy by attracting more women to the polls. Schenk would be California's first woman attorney general, a post that has been a steppingstone to the governor's office.

Noting that her old congressional district had more Republicans than Democrats, Schenk says she can attract votes from the GOP. That could prove important given that, for the first time, the state will have an open primary in June, allowing voters to select the candidate of their choice without regard to party affiliation.

In her formal campaign kickoff, Schenk chastised Lungren for failing to join other states sooner in suing the tobacco industry to recoup state costs of caring for victims of tobacco-related illnesses.

She also criticized Lungren over the state Department of Justice's investigation into deaths of inmates at Corcoran

State Prison. Lungren's attorneys failed to bring any charges, while federal authorities investigated a separate aspect—the prison yard shooting death of an inmate—and brought criminal civil rights charges last week against a prison lieutenant, two sergeants and five officers.

During her brief tenure in Congress, Schenk generally was viewed as a moderate. She now works for the San Diego office of the San Francisco-based law firm Baker & McKenzie, a large international firm. Her practice involves representing large foreign and domestic companies.

Before her election to Congress, Schenk served as secretary of business, transportation and housing under Gov. Edmund G. "Jerry" Brown Jr. Earlier, she worked as in-house counsel for San Diego Gas & Electric, and she has been a significant Democratic fund-raiser.

Schenk is the daughter of Hungarian immigrants. Her father is a Holocaust survivor, and a grandfather was killed during the Holocaust. She has been married for 25 years to Hugh Friedman, a law professor at the University of San Diego, her alma mater.

FOREIGN STUDENTS SEE US AS SOFTIES

Schooling is stricter back home, they say

By Jeff Ristine
STAFF WRITER

Two or three hours of homework every evening with a double load on weekends. Four-hour history tests, every question requiring an essay answer. Physics in the fifth grade.

They may sound like elements of a school kid's worst nightmare.

But as President Clinton convenes a panel of educators and elected officials today to ponder the dismal academic performance of America's high-school seniors, the group might do well to look to the approaches taken in nations that are doing better.

In many ways, say foreign students studying in the United States, high expectations are backed up by an educational experience much more rigorous than that here, with fewer options to sidestep difficult material.

"In France, we pay so much attention to culture and general knowledge," says Cyril Duport, who is earning a graduate degree at United States International University in Scripps Ranch.

"You have to know stuff," he said. "They just teach you stuff all the time, all day long."

The latest round of hand-wringing over American students' performance erupted last month, when U.S. 12th-graders were found far down the list in the results from an international math and science test.

U.S. seniors finished 18th out of 21 in math and science literacy, beating only Lithuania, Cyprus and South Africa. They were 16th out of 17 in advanced mathematics and dead last in physics.

As education reformers have repeatedly noted over the years, students in many high-performing European and Asian nations have longer school days and longer school years than in America.

Accounting for prowess

Talk to the students, however, and you'll find any number of additional explanations for the differences in academic prowess.

Duport and three other USIU students from Sweden, Germany and Russia say they grew up with a more demanding approach to education than that endured by most

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Education

Foreign students in U.S. cite differences

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American public-school students, especially at higher grade levels.

And in some cases, they said, the teachers tend to be better prepared in the subject matter they're imparting than are their American counterparts.

The USIU students literally laughed out loud at the concept of "multiple-choice" exams as a means of assessing what high-schoolers have learned.

"Always, always, essay," said Mia Carlberg, 26, of Sweden, where the 12th-graders were second from the top in physics and math and science literacy. "They don't teach you so you're going to go in and take the test and then forget. They teach you so you remember."

France's Duport, whose home country was tops in advanced mathematics, concurs.

"We had a three- or four-hour test in history; it's like six pages," said the 25-year-old, who is studying marketing.

"You just write for four hours. And in math, it's the same thing. We had demonstrations to do, exercises, not multiple choice. Most of the time they don't even ask for the formulas — they give them to you."

It's probably unwise to generalize about a whole nation's educational system based on a handful of random interviews, particularly from students who come from the upper social classes of their respective countries.

* Edward DeRoche, dean of the School of Education at the University of San Diego, noted the nations scoring high on the math and science test tend to have relatively homogenous populations compared to the United States, where schools are much more multicultural.

Another important distinction, he said, is that many European countries (including Sweden and Germany) use a system that splits college-bound students and vocationally oriented students into separate tracks after the ninth grade.

The ones who decide to focus on a trade may never learn advanced math or science.

"But that doesn't take away the fact that the (U.S.) scores are really poor," DeRoche said.

Mexico did not take part in the international test and therefore was not ranked in the study.

Rodrigo Gutierrez, chancellor of the Tijuana campus of CETYS, a private university, said that if the test had been applied in Mexico, "I think we would have done OK. . . . In our educational system, at that level, there's a lot of emphasis in the sciences and in math."

Course work in Mexican high schools tends to be heavily work-oriented, however, which Gutierrez said illustrates another danger in trying to make comparisons in how the students of different nations performed on the test.

"Educational systems in different countries have different objectives," he said.

While the test may measure how well different nations teach math or science, he added, it is important to consider whether that makes them a "better" system.

Whatever the answer, USIU student Markus Nitschke, 28, said those differences brought his momentum in math to an abrupt halt when he transferred to an "Americanized" high school in Ecuador.

"What I learned in Germany till the 10th grade kept me in the (Americanized) high school through 11th and 12th grade without adding anything new," he said dejectedly.

Konstantin Sheiko, 26, from Moscow, said he began learning physics in the fifth grade.

"When I came here as an undergrad, I had to take introduction to physical science," he said, "and I did the stuff back in the Soviet Union when I was 11."

In Sweden, Carlberg said, the concepts started a bit later, with physics introduced around eighth grade — but still years ahead of most American students.

Carlberg also is astounded by the notion of elementary-school classrooms with 30 or more children in them.

(The problem is being addressed in California through a class-size reduction program championed by Gov. Pete Wilson, state Superintendent of Public Instruction Delaine Eastin and others, but it has had at least a short-term effect of giving tens of thousands of pupils underprepared teachers who don't hold credentials and may not last long on the job.)

"There is no way that one teacher can teach 38 kids and get their attention," said Carlberg, who is studying strategic management. "There will always be the kid falling behind, and then how will they catch up?"

The students say they also benefited from a very prescribed course of study.

"From the first grade, I knew for 10 years that I was going to learn English," said Russia's Sheiko, earning a master's degree in international relations and security studies.

Said Nitschke, who studies strategic management at USIU: "I guess it sounds very German, but there was discipline missing" in the Americanized school.

"You can take difficult classes if you want to, but you don't have to. You can take shop if you want to. I thought that compounded the problem, because students are just too young to make those kinds of decisions."

Duport said France also gives its students a narrow menu.

"You don't have to worry about what you're going to take. . . . You just go to school from 8 to 5, and that's it. You just stay in the same (room) and the teachers change.

"You just sit there," he said, "and learn as much as you can."

USD's DeRoche agreed that the United States does have lessons to learn from differences with other nations in classroom practices, curriculum and teacher preparation.

But he said the reverse also is true, and he suggests looking at education from a wider perspective.

"You've got to go one more level. . . . What happens at the college level in science and math?" he said. "We have more and better recognized scientists and mathematicians come out of this country. You look at all the prizes in both of those fields, and most of them come out of the United States.

"Our kids blow them off the map."

Lungren cites view of church

Says it supports the death penalty

By Bill Ainsworth
STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — Attorney General Dan Lungren, a devout Catholic, said yesterday that his support for the death penalty is consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

"The world-wide catechism states specifically that the death penalty's been recognized as an expression of self-defense for the last 2,000 years," Lungren said yesterday.



Dan Lungren

But the updated Universal Catechism issued last year by the Vatican came out against the death penalty except in situations "very rare, if not practically nonexistent." And a religious scholar said the Catholic Church has long been opposed to capital punishment.

Unlike other candidates, Lungren, the likely Republican nominee for governor, has made a point of explaining some of his policy positions in a religious context. Frequently, he has cited his deeply held Catholic views as a reason for his strong opposition to abortion.

At his campaign kickoff last month, Lungren surprised many political experts by calling for a new discussion of religious values in society, saying it would be a "healthy debate." In his official ballot statement, Lungren also makes reference to his Catholic faith.



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Meeting with reporters yesterday, however, Lungren bristled when asked about the religious basis for his support of the death penalty.

Devout Catholics, Lungren said, could easily oppose abortion and

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Lungren

Says church teachings support death penalty

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support the death penalty without being inconsistent. Abortion takes the lives of innocent unborn children, he said, while the death penalty is imposed against only those who have taken a life.

"If you don't understand the difference between innocent life and noninnocent life then you have missed a fundamental proposition of not only the teachings of the Catholic Church, but the fundamentals of American democracy and the democratic process that we have incorporated into the criminal justice system," Lungren said.

He also said the Catholic Church's opposition to abortion is an "actual teaching" of the church and is thus stronger than its dislike of the death penalty, which he called "a recommendation by some of the leaders."

Lungren said it was "absolutely wrong" that the Catholic Church was against the death penalty.

To back up his claim, he cited a section in the church's catechism — a document that explains church beliefs. The section gave authorities the right to punish criminals with "penalties commensurate with the gravity of the crime, not excluding, in cases of extreme gravity, the death penalty."

But the updated catechism, issued last year, limits the death penalty further, saying it could be used only in "very rare, if not practically nonexistent" circumstances.

* The Rev. Ron Pachence, director of the Institute of Christian Ministries at the University of San Diego, said the Catholic Church has long opposed the death penalty as part of its "seamless garment" doctrine, which holds that all life is sacred.

This doctrine is the basis for the Catholic Church's opposition to

abortion, the death penalty and assisted suicide.

"Life is given by God," he said. "We attest to the sanctity of life."

Pachence said the passage Lungren cites provides "wiggle room" only for the most extremely limited use of the death penalty, and not in cases when other penalties, like life in prison without the possibility of parole, would protect society just as well.

"In California and the United States the death penalty is not extraordinarily rare. It's business as usual," he said.

There are more than 450 convicted murderers on death row in California. Lungren, a strong supporter of the death penalty, has worked for years to speed the execution of condemned inmates. He argues that the death penalty serves society by punishing killings and deterring other criminals.

Religion typically doesn't enter into the gubernatorial race.

Two of the three Democrats in the race, multimillionaire Al Checchi and Lt. Gov. Gray Davis, are Catholics.

Unlike Lungren, neither of them has cited their religion as a basis for their public policy positions. Both support the death penalty and abortion rights.

After Lungren's group interview yesterday, his campaign aide Sara Brown said the attorney general was angry to be asked about his religion. She initially accused those asking the questions of being "religious bigots."

Four years ago, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Kathleen Brown brought her Catholic upbringing into her campaign against Gov. Pete Wilson by saying it was the basis for her opposition to the death penalty. Brown, however, parted company with the church by supporting abortion rights.

Former New York Gov. Mario Cuomo, a nationally prominent Democrat, said his Catholicism led him to personally oppose abortion. But because of his belief in the separation of church and state, he said, he opposed efforts to outlaw the practice.

USD Contingent Inspired by L.A. Religious Ed Congress

By ELIZABETH HIMCHAK

Special to *The Southern Cross*

ALCALA PARK — When most college students plan a trip to Anaheim they have one thing on their minds, Disneyland. But that was not the case on Feb. 20-22 when 34 USD students and eight university ministers made the trip north. They went to Anaheim to expand and enhance their faith at the L.A. Religious Education Congress.

This was the second time university ministry brought a group of sophomore through senior students to the Congress. According to Mike McIntyre, associate university minister, the students were selected for two reasons.

"We [wanted] to recognize them for their leadership and give them an opportunity to develop skills and increase their knowledge so they can continue to improve in their leadership," McIntyre said.

Students were able to attend eight workshops of their choice, listen to keynote speakers and participate in modes of celebrating the Mass, such as Jazz, African-American and Caribbean.

"The purpose is to stretch students into areas they normally wouldn't go," McIntyre said. "We didn't want to go to a conference that caters to [the 18-22] age group. This one caters to older individuals. That's one of the values of it."



USD AT CONGRESS: Several students from the University of San Diego attended the Los Angeles Archdiocese's Religious Education Congress, Feb. 19 - 22 in Anaheim.

"The students certainly gained affirmation of their faith because they got together with 20,000 other people committed to the same thing," McIntyre said. "They were also stretched in terms of their own understanding of who God is, what the Church is and what ministry is."

Last year, 19 students attended; 10 of those returned again this year. Most of the first time participants wanted to attend because of what they heard from last year's participants.

Senior Colleen Roach said it was good that participants could choose their workshops.

You could get out [of them] what you wanted," Roach said. "I liked them all because I took away something from each one."

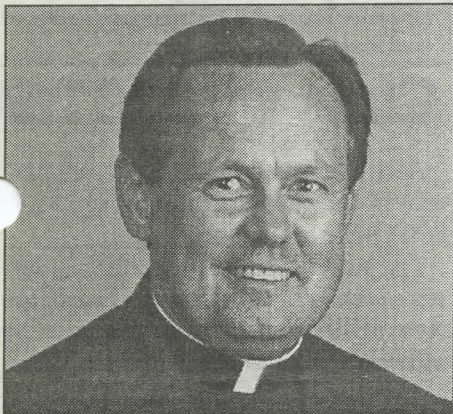
One of the aspects of the congress that all of USD's participants enjoyed was the variety of Masses offered.

Roach said the various cultures emphasized to her the Church's universality. While she did not come with any expectations, she said the Congress exceeded any she might have had.

Msgr. Daniel Dillabough to Be USD Vice President; Father Steven Callahan Becomes New Chancellor

Special to The Southern Cross

ALCALA PARK — In response to the request of Dr. Alice Hayes, president of the University of San Diego, Bishop Robert Brom has made Msgr. Daniel Dillabough available for appointment by Dr. Hayes to serve as vice president for Mission and Ministry at USD. Msgr. Dillabough will conclude his ministry as chancellor of the Diocese of San Diego and pastor of The Immaculata Parish before assuming his new ministry at the university this summer.



MSGR. DANIEL DILLABOUGH

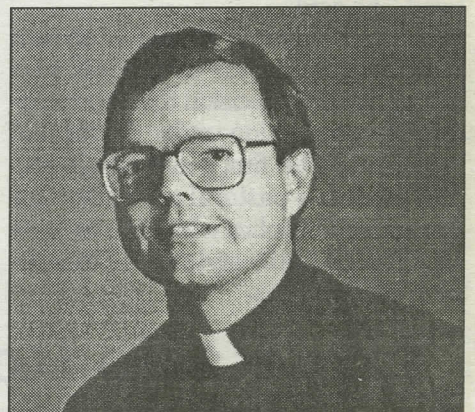
Msgr. Dillabough was ordained a priest for the Diocese of San Diego on June 27, 1974. After several brief assignments as an associate pastor, Msgr. Dillabough became secretary to Bishop Leo T. Maher from 1977 to 1982, during which time he also served as director of vocations. From 1982 to 1987, Msgr. Dillabough was on the faculty of the North American College, a theology-level seminary in Rome for students from the United States. During his time in Rome, Msgr. Dillabough earned a doctorate in moral theology and a licentiate in canon law. Upon returning from Rome, Msgr. Dillabough was appointed judicial vicar of the diocesan tribunal and in 1988, he was made a prelate of honor to the Holy Father with the title of monsignor.

As coadjutor bishop of San Diego, Bishop Robert Brom nominated Msgr. Dillabough to serve as chancellor of the Diocese of San Diego, to which position he was appointed by Bishop Maher on June 1, 1990 and subsequently reappointed several times by Bishop Brom. Since 1992, Msgr. Dillabough has also served as rector and pastor of The Immaculata.

In releasing Msgr. Dillabough for service to the University of San Diego, Bishop Brom in a statement to his pastoral staff said, "I am extremely grateful to Msgr. Dillabough for his excellent work and assistance to me in diocesan administration and for his pastoral leadership at The Immaculata." In the same communication, Bishop Brom announced his appointment of Father Steven Callahan as chancellor of the Diocese of San Diego effective June 1, 1998.

Father Callahan was ordained a priest of the Diocese of San Diego on July 11, 1987 by Bishop Maher. After three years as associate pastor of Guardian Angels Parish in Santee, Father Callahan served for five years as assistant to Bishop Brom. During this time he was also on the staff at St. Francis Seminary, an associate pastor at The Immaculata, served as vice chancellor and earned a licentiate degree in canon law at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. For the past three years, Father Callahan has been rector of St. Francis Seminary, which position he will continue to hold.

As vice president for Mission and Ministry at the University of San Diego, Msgr. Dillabough will be succeeding Msgr. I. Brent Eagen, the first priest



FATHER STEVEN CALLAHAN

of the Diocese of San Diego to hold that position from 1993 until his death in October of 1997. Dr. Hayes said, "Msgr. Dillabough has been a valued member of the USD community for many years through his service on the USD Board of Trustees and his chairmanship of the Catholic Awareness Committee. He is widely respected in the University community, and we look forward to welcoming him as Vice President for Mission and Ministry."

Making the Church Young Adult-Friendly

Workshop imagines building a Church in which young adults participate in the whole range of ministries

BY LIZ SWAIN

The Southern Cross

PASTORAL CENTER — "Build A Church" read the message on the sheets of white paper taped to columns at the March 12 workshop sponsored by the Diocesan Commission of the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. With that directive in mind, parishioners from Good Shepherd, St. Thomas More and Church of the Nativity "constructed" a church by attaching yellow sticky notes to the white paper.

The paper church building was one of the exercises at the "How to Make Church Young Adult-Friendly" workshop at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. The workshop aimed at Catholics between the ages of 18 and 35 drew about 50 people from 19 parishes, according to the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

Participants wrote the names of various parish ministries on the yellow notes. Once attached to the "Build A Church" poster, groups reviewed ministries in terms of young adult participation. Ministries involving few or no young adults were removed.

Ministries such as lector, eucharistic minister, religious education and music

remained on "Build A Church" posters. Those removed included Legion of Mary, finance council, bereavement ministry and the Knights of Columbus.

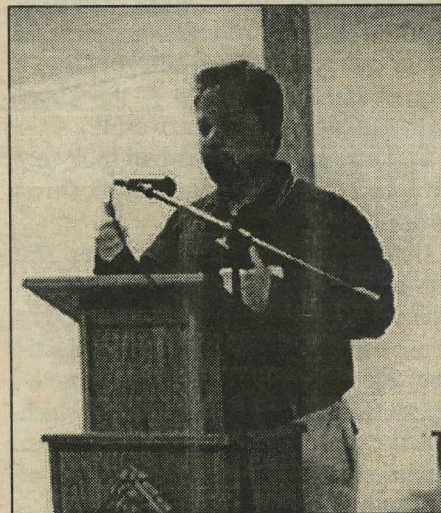
The exercise continued with a discussion of how parishes could better include young adults. Suggestions included holding a biblical-theme potluck or having young adults cook for Cursillo weekends.

Furthermore, participants discussed how to make young adults feel welcome in the Church. One document that provides guidance in this area is "Sons and Daughters of the Light," a pastoral plan developed by the U.S. Bishops.

"We can't just assume they'll (young adults will) come back when they marry. We have to be more pro-active, more creative," said Monique Muther, diocesan director of the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry.

She said the diocesan commission spent months discussing how to make the document "come alive." Commissioners gave presentations on several of the plan's goals at the workshop.

The goals were to connect young adults with Jesus, with the Church, with the mission of the Church in the world, and



Brother Thomas Thing

with a peer community.

Father Wayne Negrete, SJ, associate pastor at Christ the King parish, talked about connecting young adults with the Church.

Go to coffee shops, malls, the beach and other places where young adults gather,

he said. Father Negrete told the group that a welcoming attitude is vital when reaching out. "We're not bringing Jesus to them, Christ is already there," he said.

Franciscan Brother Thomas Thing spoke of his ministry at the University of San Diego when he discussed the goal of connecting young adults with the Church in the world. He told the group that he and 32 USD students had just returned from ministering to the poor in Tijuana. Such actions are living lessons in Catholic social teaching, said Brother Thing.

Mike James, pastoral associate at Church of the Nativity, discussed the goal of connecting young adults with their peers. One connecting technique that James uses is to invite young adults to serve as youth leaders.

Workshop participants received a poster containing 101 ideas for including young people in the Church, a resource drawn from the bishops' plan.

For information about young adult-friendly materials, call the Office for Youth and Young Adult Ministry at (619) 490-8260.

WCC TOURNAMENT

San Diego Delivers Knockout Blow Against Pepperdine, 56-54

By ROB FERNAS
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SANTA CLARA—Pepperdine made it interesting with a second-half comeback, but missed chances in the final minute allowed San Diego to escape with a 56-54 upset in the first round of the West Coast Conference tournament Saturday night at Toso Pavilion.

After rallying from a nine-point deficit to take the lead, the Waves gave up a three-point play to San Diego's Ryan Williams to fall behind by two with 1:16 to play and failed to convert on their last two possessions.

Pepperdine's season ended when Kelvin Gibbs missed a 10-foot jump shot in the key with three seconds left and the rebound rolled out of bounds.

"We had a pretty good shot," Pepperdine Coach Lorenzo Romar said. "It just didn't fall."

It was a disappointing loss for the second-seeded Waves (17-10), who entered the tournament after winning their final four regular-season games, including a victory at Gonzaga, the WCC champion.

But seventh-seeded San Diego (14-13) was confident it could compete with the Waves after beating them, 78-70, three weeks ago at San Diego.

"The pressure was on them," Torero forward Brian Miles said.

Playing tough defense, San Diego limited Pepperdine to 20-of-52 shooting (38.5%) and forced 16 turnovers.

"What we saw was a great battle between two of the hottest teams in the league," said San Diego Coach Brad Holland, whose team has won five of its last seven games. "We grinded it out on defense. We knew Pepperdine was going to make a run in the second half."

San Diego took its biggest lead, 39-30, early in the second half before Pepperdine rallied behind Gerald Brown. The senior guard made successive three-point baskets to ignite a 12-2 run that put the Waves ahead, 45-43, with 9:12 to play.

Brown, who scored 21 points, gave Pepperdine its final lead,

Gonzaga Escapes Loyola Upset With Overtime Buzzer-Beater

By ROB FERNAS
TIMES STAFF WRITER

SANTA CLARA—Loyola Marymount, which has made a habit of turning the West Coast Conference tournament on its head, nearly left another top-seeded team dazed and confused in the first round Saturday.

The eighth-seeded Lions staggered Gonzaga by taking a 17-point lead in the second half, but they couldn't deliver a knockout. The Bulldogs rallied and pulled out a 79-78 victory on Matt Santangelo's three-point basket as time expired in overtime.

Santangelo's game-winner came after Loyola Marymount had taken a 78-76 lead on an eight-foot jump shot by Haywood Eaddy with five seconds left in overtime.

"In every league loss, I had a shot at the buzzer and I hadn't made any of them," said Santangelo, whose team won the WCC regular-season title with a 10-4 record. "I missed a lot of them. One was bound to go in."

Gonzaga (22-8) will play San Diego (14-13) in a semifinal game at 6 tonight.

Loyola Marymount (7-20), which lost twice to Gonzaga in conference play by an average of 27 points, was trying to upset a top-seeded team in the first round for the third time in four years. The Lions beat Santa Clara last season and in 1995.

After Loyola Marymount took its biggest lead, 51-34, three minutes into the second half, Gonzaga chipped away at the deficit behind forward Bakari Hendrix, who had game-high totals of 26 points and 14 rebounds.

Loyola Marymount was scoreless for the last 2:30 of regulation.

Gonzaga forced overtime after two three-point baskets by reserve guard Quentin Hall, the second one with 45 seconds left.

"My initial reaction is, I really feel for Loyola," Gonzaga Coach Dan Monson said. "I told my kids after the game that we finally won a game we didn't deserve to win. I give [Loyola Marymount] a lot of credit. That team played its heart out."

54-53, on a three-point basket with 1:52 to play.

On the game-winning play, the Waves trapped Miles near the baseline with a double team, but he found Williams cutting to the basket. Williams made a layup and was fouled by Bryan Hill before making the free throw, finishing with a game-high 23 points.

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In other first-round games:
San Francisco 83, St. Mary's 66—Reserve guard M.J. Nodilo scored 18 of his 21 points in the

second half and fifth-seeded San Francisco got 20 offensive rebounds.

San Francisco (17-10) has won four consecutive games by an average margin of 25 points.

David Sivulich scored a game-high 22 points for fourth-seeded St. Mary's (12-15).

Santa Clara 74, Portland 53—Sophomore guard Brian Jones, from Wilmington Banning High, scored 22 points to help the Broncos (18-9) end a four-year losing streak in the first round.

Toreros pull an upset in WCC tournament

By Bill Center
STAFF WRITER

SANTA CLARA — Brian Miles is not known for his passing.

And Ryan Williams is much better working inside one-on-one than driving to the basket.

Toreros 56

Pepperdine 54

But with the University of San Diego's season on the line last night, Miles made a great pass as Williams cut to the basket.

Williams' ensuing lay-in and free throw with 75 seconds to play gave the seventh-seeded Toreros a 56-54 upset of Pepperdine in the quarterfinals of the West Coast Conference Tournament at Toso Pavilion.

USD will play regular-season champion Gonzaga — which rallied

from a 17-point second half deficit to defeat Loyola Marymount in overtime — tonight at 6 in the opening semifinal.

San Francisco meets host Santa Clara in the second semi.

After Williams' three-point play rallied USD from a one-point deficit, the Toreros twice stymied the offense that had carried the second-seeded Waves to four straight wins.

"We just grinded it out defensively," said USD coach Brad Holland.

"That game was so typical of our season . . . nip-and-tuck down to the last shot."

The only problem during the 13-13 regular season was that USD was usually the victim being nipped-and-tucked.

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USD

Toreros upset Waves, face Gonzaga in semis

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Not last night.

USD played solidly throughout against a 17-10 Pepperdine team that was rated as the most talented in the WCC.

Offensively, forwards Williams (a game-high 23) and Miles (15) combined for 38 points off efficient feeds from the perimeter — USD's ball-handling trio of Brock Jacobsen, Lamont Smith and Dana White had only five turnovers against 11 assists.

Defensively, the Toreros, alternating between man-to-man and a matchup zone, held the Waves to 38.5 percent from the floor.

At no time in the game did the Toreros play stronger defense than during Pepperdine's last two possessions.

Pepperdine's first possession after Williams' game-winner ended with Gerald Brown taking a wild three-point attempt from the left baseline as the shot clock struck one. Jacobsen rebounded the miss.

Here the Toreros made one of their few mistakes.

They regained possession with only 39 seconds on the clock. But Williams missed a baseline jumper with 16 seconds remaining to give Pepperdine a final opportunity.

"When they missed that shot, I thought we had a chance," said Pepperdine coach Lorenzo Romar. "I thought we might get up court before their defense."

He had reason to believe that. The transition game is Pepperdine's strength. But USD beat the Waves to the other end of the floor.

Brown — who had shot Pepperdine back into the game with 17 of his 21 points (including four

threes) in the second half — Tommie Prince and Jelani Gardner all found their path to the basket blocked.

The ball finally wound up in the hands of Kelvin Gibbs. The freshman, who was 1-for-3 from the floor at the time, missed an off-balance shot . . . the gun sounding as the ball ricocheted out of bounds.

For the third straight year, USD has advanced to the WCC semifinals. And the Toreros are 2-0 at Santa Clara's bubble-dome this season.

"We like shooting here," said Miles. "It's an unusual background, but we feel at home."

GONZAGA 79, LMU 78 (OT)

All-WCC guard **Matt Santangelo** sank a desperation three-pointer at the overtime buzzer to prevent Gonzaga from being the fourth straight No. 1 seed to lose in the first round. The eighth-seeded Lions had taken a 78-76 lead with four seconds to play on a 10-foot jumper by 5-foot-4 guard **Haywood Eaddy**. But Santangelo raced the length of the floor and launched a 21-footer as the horn sounded. Up 16-5 after five minutes, the WCC champs were outscored 42-15 over the next 16 minutes — then fought back behind WCC Player of the Year **Bakari Hendrix** (26 points, 14 rebounds).

USF 83, SAINT MARY'S 66

The fifth-seeded Dons held Saint Mary's to 38.6 percent from the floor and outrebounded the Gaels 43-26. USF wing guard **M.J. Nodilo** went 5-of-6 from three-point range and scored 18 of his 21 in the second half. Five Dons (17-10) finished in double figures. Saint Mary's (12-15), which played the entire WCC season without 7-foot-3, 345-pound center **Brad Millard**, gave up 20 offensive rebounds.

SANTA CLARA 74, PORTLAND 53

Led by **Brian Jones'** 22 points, the host and third-seeded Broncos (18-9) cruised past the sixth-seed Pilots (14-13). **Alex Lopez** added 13 for the Broncos, who substituted liberally in the second half. Portland's **Chivo Anderson** scored 17 of his team's 25 first-half points and finished with 22.

Can't go to Paris? Try USD

The U.S. men's national soccer team, in town to play Paraguay on Saturday at Qualcomm Stadium, will open its practice to the public tonight at 6 at the University of San Diego's stadium.

The practice will last about an hour, followed by an informal autograph session. It is a rare opportunity to see the team train up close and personal, because most practices in the run-up to the 1998 World Cup have been closed to the public.

Nineteen members of the team's 20-man roster are expected to be at the workout, including the three players with local ties: Marcelo Balboa (San Diego State), Eric Wynalda (SDSU) and Frankie Hejduk (San Dieguito High). The team will practice at the ARCO Training Center in Chula Vista for the remainder of the week.

Other big names on the roster are Thomas Dooley, Cobi Jones, Alexi Lalas and Preki. A late — and intriguing — addition is goalkeeper Ian Feuer, who replaces the injured Mark Dodd (broken hand). Feuer, 26, is from Los Angeles and plays for Luton Town of the English second division.

Saturday's noon match is one of about a half-dozen remaining for Team USA before the World Cup, which it opens against Germany on June 15 in Paris. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets; the stadium box office opens Wednesday.

The first 10,000 fans will receive Nike caps with the U.S. Soccer logo on the crest.

— MARK ZEIGLER

Wright's single keys Toreros' win over Santa Clara

Sophomore left fielder David Wright's two-out, two-run single in the sixth inning gave USD a 4-3 lead and helped the Toreros to a 5-3 victory over Santa Clara in West Coast Conference baseball before 476 yesterday at Cunningham Stadium.

Wright singled off reliever David Battigin to drive in Jeff Powers and Sean Skinner. The Toreros (12-16 overall, 3-3 WCC) added an insurance run in the seventh when Marty Hayes scored on Skinner's sacrifice fly.

Santa Clara (13-11, 4-5) scored

LOCAL COLLEGES

three in the sixth on an RBI triple by Todd Hughes, a sacrifice fly by Eliot Wheeler and an RBI triple by Ryan Hinn.

More baseball

Ken Fluharty singled twice and doubled for UCSD, but the Tritons (7-12) lost to **Occidental** 11-6 on the final day of the California Classic at Pomona. UCSD was defeated

by **Pomona-Pitzer** 13-8 earlier in the day.

Softball

Senior catcher Anne Marie Risquez singled home Tami Simpson with one out in the eighth to give **San Diego State** a 6-5 win over visiting **Nevada-Las Vegas** in the second game of a Western Athletic Conference doubleheader. In the opener, freshman Tara Atkins (3-9) struck out eight and helped the Aztecs (10-19, 5-5) to a 1-0 victory. Atkins allowed five hits and did not

walk a batter. UNLV fell to 10-9 and 5-5.

Women's tennis

Virginia Commonwealth won at Nos. 1 and 2 doubles to beat **USD** 6-3 in the championship match of the University of San Diego Women's Tennis Classic.

Men's tennis

Wichita State won 2-of-3 doubles matches for one point and 4-of-6 singles matches to defeat **USD** 5-2 in the USD Challenge at the San Diego Tennis & Racquet Club.

USD's Hayes KO's Gophers in 10th

Sophomore first baseman Marty Hayes singled home pitcher Kevin Reese with one out in the 10th inning to give USD a 4-3 victory over Minnesota in a non-conference baseball game in front of 278 yesterday at Cunningham Stadium.

Brian Mazone sparked the rally with a one-out pinch single to right field. David Lembo pinch ran for Mazone and advanced to third on catcher Tony Betancourt's double to right-center.

Minnesota reliever Brad Pautz intentionally walked Reese to load the bases. Hayes then hit a shot into right-center to win it.

Reese (1-1) pitched two perfect innings in relief to earn the victory for the Toreros (7-10). Starter Mark Vallecorsa allowed two earned runs on nine hits and one walk with seven strikeouts over eight innings.

Third baseman Tony LoPresti led USD offensively with three hits, scored a run and drove in another. Second baseman Sean Skinner drove in two runs.

Center fielder Mike Arit and left fielder/third baseman Robb Quinlan each had two hits for the Golden Gophers (7-2), who have dropped two straight to the Toreros.

The teams will conclude their four-game series at 1 p.m. today at Cunningham Stadium.

COLLEGE REPORT

More baseball

San Diego State scored once in the seventh inning and twice in the ninth but could not catch **Rice** and was defeated by the visiting Owls 5-4 in a Western Athletic Conference game before 309 at Tony Gwynn Stadium. Center fielder Jason Pacheco and shortstop Adrian Mora combined for six hits in nine at-bats to provide half the offense for the Aztecs (4-8). Pacheco also scored twice and drove in a run, and Mora scored once. Rice (11-6) led 5-0 by the fourth inning.

■ First baseman Eric Pangelinan singled, doubled and scored three times and catcher Jess Warrington went 2-for-4 with a run and three

RBI to help **UCSD** (5-6) to an 8-6 win over visiting **Concordia** (4-7).

■ **Azusa Pacific** scored five runs in the sixth en route to a 6-3 victory over host **Point Loma Nazarene** in the first game of a Golden State Athletic Conference doubleheader. Scott Stewart was 3-for-4 with a homer and two RBI, and Brent Baum went 4-for-4 for PLNC. Azusa (8-2) won the second game 2-1 for a sweep. Dustin Engel and Marques Esquerra each had two hits for the Crusaders (8-6).

Softball

Tara Kelly's three-run homer and Sumer McMahon's three hits keyed host **Point Loma Nazarene's** 12-0 win in the opener, and Coreena Castanon's bases-loaded triple capped an eight-run fourth in a 13-1 win in the second game as PLNC (7-1) swept **Biola** (0-2).

Toreros snowed under in Gonzaga avalanche

By Bill Center, STAFF WRITER

SANTA CLARA — Throughout the season, the University of San Diego's basketball team blew hot and cold.

Last night it blew away.

Gonzaga 74

Toreros 59

Twenty-four hours after one of USD's best efforts ousted second-seeded Pepperdine from the West Coast Conference Tournament, the Toreros were humbled by regular-season champion Gonzaga.

The final score was Gonzaga 74, USD 59. But it was far worse than that.

The Bulldogs held a 35-11 lead with 3:45 left to play in the first half and never trailed by fewer than the final margin after intermission.

Gonzaga (23-8) will play San Francisco (19-10), an 85-83 winner over Santa Clara (19-10), at 9 tonight for the WCC championship (ESPN).

During the regular season, USD gained a home-and-home split with Gonzaga in a pair of down-to-the-last-shot games.

The seventh-seeded Toreros quickly jumped ahead 4-0 on a pair of inside baskets by the forward tandem of Brian Miles and

Ryan Williams.

But USD's last lead was at 7-6 on a layin by guard Lamont Smith with 3:20 elapsed.

Gonzaga scored the next 12 points and went on a 27-4 run in which USD scored only two baskets in 13½ minutes.

The problems, however, went beyond offense.

"When we play well, our defense fuels our offense," said USD coach Brad Holland. "We didn't play great defense and they hit every shot. And since we couldn't stop them, we were hurried and scattered on the other end of the floor. It was a snowball effect."

Gonzaga hit 55 percent of its shots in the first half while USD was going 9-of-27. For the game, the Toreros shot a season-low 34.5 percent and were 4-of-17 from three-point range.

Nosa Obasohan, whom the Toreros count on for outside shooting support, was 2-of-12 overall and 0-of-7 from three-point range last night after playing a key role in Saturday's 56-54 win over Pepperdine.

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USD

Toreros' season ends in semis of WCC Tournament

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"We knew they were going to come out hard," said Miles. "They got off to a great start and we didn't."

WCC Player of the Year Bakari Hendrix paced Gonzaga with 22 points and 10 rebounds, giving the 6-foot-8 forward 48 points and 16 rebounds in two tourney games. Santangelo backed him with 21 points.

"We haven't faced a better offensive team than that outside of Stanford," said Holland of Gonzaga, which shot 49.2 percent for the game.

This was the third straight year that USD lost in the WCC semifinals.

"But I'm proud of this team," said Holland. "We went through a lot of injuries and a suspension (Alex Parker) and we stormed back (from a 1-7 start in conference) to finish strong."

USD had won five of its previous seven games and finished at 14-14.

USF beats Santa Clara

Jamal Cobbs sank two free throws with six seconds to play to break an 83-83 tie and give the fifth-seeded Dons an upset of host Santa Clara. The Broncos had tied the game with 13 seconds to play on an off-balance three-pointer by Craig Johnson.

Broncos win women's tournament

Host and regular-season champion Santa Clara defeated Saint Mary's 65-50 to win the women's WCC Tournament. Although she scored only 11 points in the championship game, the Broncos' Lisa Sacco was named the tournament's MVP.

USD's Holland is calling all guards

By Bill Center
STAFF WRITER

The season ended less than a week ago, but University of San Diego basketball coach Brad Holland already has thrown down the challenge for 1998-99.

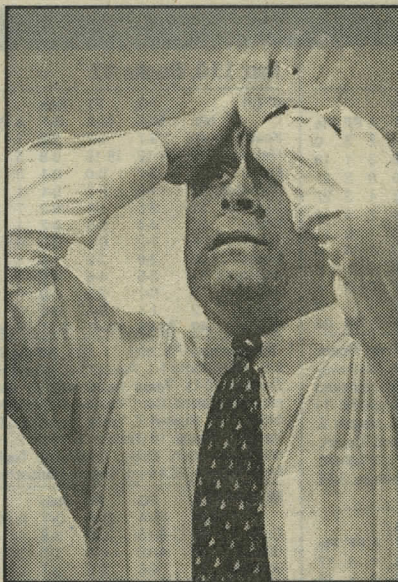
"We have some players returning who need to dramatically improve their game," said Holland as he prepared to go recruiting.

Top priority for the 14-14 Toreros in the annual talent hunt are quick guards who can score.

Despite the loss of leading scorer and unanimous All-West Coast Conference pick Brian Miles (16.8 points and 6.0 rebounds per game), the Toreros have ample talent returning up front.

Ryan Williams (15.1 ppg, 6.3 rpg) already has cracked the top-25 list of all-time USD scoring leaders (he is No. 24 with 894 points) with a season to play.

The 6-foot-6 Williams will be joined up front next year by 7-foot center Jeff Knoll, 6-7 transfer Cameron Rigby (who averaged 6.4 ppg and started nine games as a freshman for Bradley in 1996-97), sophomore Michael Blackmon and red-shirt freshman Jason Powell, plus 6-10 Kevin Hanson, an incoming freshman who committed early out of Huntington Beach's Ocean View High.



JIM BAIRD / Union-Tribune

Brad Holland: USD looks strong up front next season.

Knoll, Powell and Hanson are all centers. Williams, Blackmon and Rigby are power forwards with Rigby also able to play the wing shooting forward that redshirt freshman Tom Lippold figures to fill.

The 6-6 Lippold was All-Orange County in '97 and figured to help the Toreros last season as a freshman. But he was eliminated because of a foot injury in the season opener and redshirted.

"Looking ahead, Tom has proved in practice that he'll be a fine college player," said Holland. "Rigby will be a key for us. Powell improved dramatically the last month in practice and Knoll needs to climb the ladder another rung."

The backcourt is more a concern. Alex Parker, who was suspended before he could complete his senior season, was the club's No. 3 scorer.

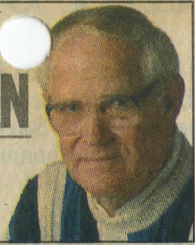
Dana White, who was a part-time starter as a freshman, is the club's only true point guard. Brock Jacobsen (7.3 ppg) and defensive specialist Lamont Smith also return at guard.

The key to next season could be Jacobsen, who hasn't improved as expected since being named the WCC's Freshman of the Year in 1996.

USD must replace three of its top four scorers — Miles, Parker and Nosa Obasohan — who combined accounted for 36 points a game last season.

Miles finished his three-season career with 1,187 points in his career — tying him with Gylan Dottin for eighth on USD's all-time list of scorers and fourth on the shorter Division I list. Miles also was the WCC's all-time leader in three-point accuracy (50 percent, 85-for-170).

**TOM
CUSHMAN**



Torero star more than street-wise

As was the case with many in his Oceanside neighborhood, life for young Buddy Brown was an obstacle course.

Buddy was short and round, a character for a Bill Cosby monologue. "I was so overweight people made fun of me," Brown recalls.

When Buddy attempted to indulge his interest in football by joining a Pop Warner league, coaches took note of his bloated torso and wrote him off as a minimum-downs player. What this means is that Buddy was allowed on the field for the number of plays guaranteed each youngster by Warner rules, and no more.

To protect himself from bullies, Buddy wrapped himself in the protective web of a gang. "I was kind of forced into it by circumstances," Brown says. "There was some security involved in being part of something. There also was fear of what might happen next."

While Buddy Brown was a freshman at El Camino High, a convergence of events began to reshape his existence. After he didn't receive shoes he'd wanted as a birthday gift, Buddy entered a Foot Locker store and stole a pair. He was caught, and when his mother, Rugena, took a call informing her of the incident, it was from a police station.

"When we got home, I got a whipping," says Brown, whose career as a criminal had peaked.

Through testing at El Camino, Buddy discovered that his reading level was fourth grade. Responding to urging from his parents and a girlfriend (who's now his fiancée), Brown began to recover the lost ground and establish himself as a student.

Ignoring the pleas of gang members who considered athletics an intrusion on street time, Buddy reported for varsity football and soon had discovered a far better brand of camaraderie.

Time to shape up

His presence didn't dazzle the coaches. Buddy that year stood 5-foot-4 and weighed 245.

Realizing that high school ball could become an extension of his Pop Warner experience, Buddy undertook a conditioning program. When he reappeared the next fall at 5-6 and 210, the head coach didn't recognize him.

Before that season ended, Buddy was told he was a gifted athlete. He'd certify that opinion by becoming a star on a team that in 1993 defeated San Pasqual 28-14 to win the CIF-San Diego Section Division II championship.

While teammates still were celebrating, Buddy and his father were at an area hospital showing a videotape of that game to his mother, who three days later would die of

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Cushman

Buddy Brown wins battles with weight, environment

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heart failure at age 44. Buddy's obstacle course kept adding hurdles.

Buddy, though, had created for himself an opportunity that four years earlier would have seemed inconceivable. "When I was a kid, attending college was just a dream," says Brown. And, youngsters he knew didn't dare dream. They were too busy learning to survive on mean streets. Some died trying.

Buddy's athletic options were limited. He'd also won a CIF discus championship, placed fifth in that event at a state meet, was a developing talent in the shot put and possibly could have attracted scholarship help from a school with a strong track program.

Buddy Brown, however, wanted to play football. And serious football schools did an automatic pass on 5-9 defensive linemen. Buddy considered Occidental, but eventually enrolled at USD, where he'd become a four-year starter and, ultimately, the team's defensive mainstay.

Football was the easy part. Buddy's commitment to high school studies had made him college eligible, but USD is not your average academic institution.

"In classrooms, I felt out of place — like I didn't belong," Brown admits. "The other students were at a different level. I'd hear words I didn't know. Later, I'd look them up in the dictionary."

An academic struggle

Buddy's freshman year was a constant academic struggle. The only four football games he missed at USD were ones played while he was at Mesa College doing makeup work.

Quitting didn't interest him. "When I'd tell friends in Oceanside that I was at USD, they say, 'Yeah, right,'" Brown remembers. "The reaction just made me want to try harder.

"All my life people had been telling me about things I couldn't do. I wanted to prove everyone wrong.

"I kept working, and there came a time when I began understanding what the



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Inspiration: *With Willie Jones Sr. in background, Buddy Brown wins award that honors Jones' slain son.*

teachers were saying. I'd always wanted to score a touchdown, and finally did (with an intercepted pass) against Cal Lutheran. Even that didn't feel as good as making it in the classroom. I'm coming out of college with a degree."

Buddy Brown will remain at USD another year to complete requirements for his degree in history and earn certification as a teacher. He plans to then return to Oceanside to help other young people who need a change of direction.

At a dinner Saturday night, Buddy will receive this year's Willie Jones Most Inspirational Player award from the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's local chapter.

That presentation will take place during what would have been Willie Jones' senior year at Colgate University, where that brilliant young man was to matriculate — had he not been accidentally gunned down in a gang-related incident (Jones was not a gang member).

"If I hadn't left my gang, I wouldn't be here talking to you," Buddy Brown said yesterday. "I'd probably be working in some minimum-wage job. If I was alive."

OBITUARIES

'Skip' Walsh, 49; counselor, lay minister at USD

By Jack Williams
STAFF WRITER

When the University of San Diego was a campus in crisis, either



Stanley M.
"Skip" Walsh

large or small, there was one man to call: Stanley M. "Skip" Walsh.

His titles were director of residence life and assistant dean of students. His roles ranged from welcoming new students to

dealing with deaths, discipline problems and accidents.

"Any time night or day, with a residence hall or safety problem, we contacted Skip first," said John Trifiletti, USD's director of alumni relations. "He was not only part of students' lives in a formal way, but part of their spiritual lives.

"He was an excellent example of a lay minister."

Mr. Walsh, 49, died of complications from diabetes Monday in his Mission Valley apartment.

During his 25 years at USD, Mr. Walsh saw the population of student residents mushroom from 450 to 2,000. He supervised a support staff of 48 and lived on campus until moving two years ago into a Mission Valley apartment as his health declined.

The USD Alumni Association honored Mr. Walsh in 1996 with its Mother Rosalie Hill Award, which is given to a graduate for extraordinary service to the school. Mr. Walsh had earned a master's degree in religious education at USD while employed on campus.

"He is a legend among our stu-

dents and alumni," USD President Alice Hayes said in presenting the award.

Mr. Walsh, a Boise, Idaho, native, earned a bachelor's degree from Regis College in Denver. Before coming to USD, he received a master's degree in counseling from Creighton University in Omaha.

At USD, he was a campus ministry volunteer for more than 15 years. He also formed the school's first Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program and attended many student retreats.

"He was always fair and straightforward with students," said Trifiletti, who worked as a student resident assistant under Mr. Walsh in 1975.

In recent years, Mr. Walsh lived with and cared for his ailing mother at his campus residence. She died in 1995.

A basketball player as a collegian, Mr. Walsh became known at USD for his knowledge of sports statistics — especially those of National Basketball Association and National Football League players. He also supported USD athletic teams.

He served on the board of trustees of the campus Catholic Awareness Program and was a member of the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators and the Association of College and University Housing Officers.

He is survived by a cousin and several aunts.

Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. today at Founders Chapel, University of San Diego.

Donations are suggested to the Stanley M. Walsh Memorial Fund, USD Office of Development, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110. Information: (619) 260-4819.

James C. Rothwell, 62; part-time attorney who enjoyed cycling tours

UNION-TRIBUNE

James C. Rothwell was in his early 50s when he decided that he would much rather be on a bicycle than in a courtroom or law office.

He abandoned his full-time practice as a criminal defense attorney in San Diego and took cycling tours through New England, Oregon, California and Mexico.



James C. Rothwell

Mr. Rothwell was regularly logging up to 200 miles a week on his 10-speed before being diagnosed with cancer two years ago.

He was 62 when he died Thursday at Sharp Memorial Hospital in Kearny Mesa.

Mr. Rothwell began his law career in 1966 as a prosecutor in the City Attorney's Office. He then switched to the other side of the aisle, joining attorney Denny Mulligan in 1967 in a criminal defense practice.

"He was very competent, very well qualified," Mulligan recalled. "We had a fair percentage of wins."

After a few years, Mr. Rothwell went into practice for himself but continued to share an office with Mulligan. In recent years, he practiced law part-time out of his Normal Heights home.

One of Mr. Rothwell's favorite

cycling events was the annual Tecate to Ensenada ride in Baja California. He took many overnight cycling trips over the years, often in the company of fellow San Diegans who shared his passion for the roads.

"He liked to fly to Oregon with another lawyer and bicycle back to San Diego," recalled his son, Christopher. "His cycling trips to Vermont took him through New Hampshire and into Maine."

For variety, Mr. Rothwell enjoyed deep-sea fishing.

Mr. Rothwell was born in Warrensburg, Mo., and grew up in Mission Hills. He graduated from San Diego High School.

While pursuing a bachelor's degree in sociology at San Diego State University, he played guard on the Aztecs basketball team. Although a modest 6 feet, 2 inches tall, he earned the moniker "Big Red" for his flaming hair.

At the suggestion of a friend, Mr. Rothwell enrolled at the University of San Diego to study law. He contributed to the *USD Law Review* and served as its book review editor in 1965, the year he received his law degree.

He is survived by two daughters, Jill Rothwell and Michelle Moreno, and a son, Christopher, all of San Diego; a sister, Joyce Rothwell of Yoncalla, Ore.; his companion, Suzie Greenleaf of San Diego; and five grandchildren.

Cremation was planned, with ashes to be scattered at sea. No services were scheduled.

OBITUARIES

Ray Speitel, 63; former law officer, athlete

By Jack Williams
STAFF WRITER

The "30" on Ray Speitel's well-worn football jersey often was streaked with mud and grass stains. The longer he played center and linebacker, the more soiled it would become.

And the more he played with his characteristic abandon, the more he endeared himself to Chula Vista High School loyalists.

"They called him 'Dirty 30,'" remembered Dolores Speitel, the high school sweetheart who became his wife.

Eventually, Mr. Speitel traded the football jerseys he wore at Chula Vista High, San Diego City College and the University of San Diego for a law enforcement badge.

Mr. Speitel, who served at various times as a San Diego police officer and San Diego County deputy



Ray
Speitel

ty sheriff, died of liver disease March 11 in a nursing center in Santee. He was 63.

Mr. Speitel resigned in 1982 after nearly 13 years with the county Sheriff's Department and worked a few years as a private security officer before retiring because of failing health.

As a deputy sheriff, he often patrolled the East County backcountry and taught off-road motorcycle safety.

"He and a partner would drive up in their motorcycles to our kids' ball games, and kids would come out of the stands and greet them," Dolores Speitel said. "He was very easy to talk to and nonjudgmental. He gave a lot of direction to youngsters, and they loved him."

Born in Pensacola, Fla., Mr.

Speitel settled with his family in Chula Vista at age 14. Two years later, he joined the National Guard by falsifying his age, his wife said.

Mr. Speitel excelled in football at Chula Vista High, earning all-Metropolitan League and defensive player of the year honors. He captained the USD Toreros football team in 1956 before being drafted into the Army.

During two years of active duty, he competed on the Army pistol team, developing a skill that later became a hobby.

Mr. Speitel joined the San Diego Police Department in 1959. He served as a patrolman and taught defense tactics before leaving the department in 1967.

Mr. Speitel worked two years as

a newspaper circulation manager. But law enforcement remained in his blood.

In his early 30s, he joined the county Sheriff's Department, a job that enabled him to indulge another favorite activity, motorcycle riding.

In 1966, Mr. Speitel moved to a remote area of El Cajon, with ample trails for motorcycling. He lived there until his death.

In addition to his wife of 41 years, he is survived by a daughter, Karla Speitel of El Cajon; two sons, Steve of Springdale, Ark., and Vincent of Pacific Beach; his mother, Dena Seale of Chula Vista; and two grandchildren.

Services were March 16 at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, El Cajon.

Donations are suggested to Kaiser Hospice.

News in Brief

Father McDonnell, Former USD Prof, Died March 9

Father Joseph McDonnell, a retired priest who taught for 25 years at the University of San Diego, died March 9 at the age of 78. His life was celebrated with a March 18 Mass at Nazareth House and a March 13 rosary and Funeral Mass in his hometown of Portland, Ore.

Father McDonnell graduated from Salesian High School in Richmond, Calif. and from the seminary at Don Bosco College in Newton, N.J. He was ordained to the Salesian order in 1950 and returned to his high school alma mater in 1953. He served for two years there as a teacher and administrator. He then ministered from 1955-1966 in those capacities at St. John Bosco High School in Bellflower, Calif.

Father McDonnell joined the USD faculty in 1966 and was incardinated into the San Diego Diocese in 1970.

In 1991, Father McDonnell was appointed senior priest at Blessed Sacrament parish. His ministries included serving as chaplain for the Knights of Columbus Blessed Sacrament Council. He also enjoyed visiting with seniors who met twice weekly in the parish hall, said former pastor William Mooney.

AROUND THE REGION

HARBOR ISLAND

Six aviation pioneers to be honored

The San Diego Aerospace Museum will induct six aviation pioneers into its International Aerospace Hall of Fame at a formal dinner ceremony today at the Sheraton Harbor Island Resort East.

The inductees are the Short Brothers — Horace, Eustace and Oswald — who began their careers by flying balloons in 1897 and whose Sunderland flying boats were used by the Allies in anti-submarine warfare during World War II; R. Brian Trubshaw and M. Andre Turcat, whose work culminated in the Concorde supersonic jetliner; and Richard T. Whitcomb, for his contributions to supersonic flight.

The keynote speaker is retired Vice Adm. Donald D. Engen, a naval aviator who played a key role in the Navy's transition from propeller-driven to jet aircraft.

CLAIREMONT

Pedestrian's injuries prove fatal

A woman was fatally injured trying to cross Balboa Avenue near Mount Everest Boulevard in Clairemont yesterday.

Tina Howell, 39, of San Diego, was struck about 10:50 a.m. and died at the scene half an hour later. The 78-year-old driver, who was eastbound on Balboa Avenue, was injured and hospitalized but later released. An investigation was continuing, and the driver had not been cited.

DOWNTOWN

Accident victim awarded \$8 million

A Pacific Beach woman who was partly paralyzed after an accident on Interstate 5 near Carmel Valley Road has been awarded more than \$8 million by a Superior Court jury.

In their verdict Thursday, jurors found a Los Angeles tow-truck company, Jacksons' Just For You, responsible for the July 8, 1996, accident that injured Pamela Henline, 53.

Henline was driving south on the freeway when she was cut off by a tow truck. Her car swerved, hitting concrete barriers placed along the road during construction, said her lawyer, Craig McClellan.

Henline, who was a research director for General Atomics, suffered damage to her spinal cord that affected all her limbs, McClellan said. She is unable to work, he said.

LINDA VISTA

USD to start student-run TV station

The University of San Diego will launch a student-run

television station Wednesday with a programming schedule that includes panel discussions, student and faculty profiles, news and comedy.

USDtv, as it is called, will be available only on campus through a closed-circuit system. UC San Diego uses similar technology for programming on six closed-circuit campus channels, not to be confused with the low-power UHF station carried on local cable systems.

The USD channel, operating Sundays through Fridays between 11 a.m. and midnight, is designed to give students experience in all phases of television production. It will be partly supported by advertising.

SANTEE

Blaze at feed store investigated

Authorities were trying to determine whether an arsonist ignited the flames that consumed \$10,000 worth of hay at a feed store Thursday.

The blaze at Moxley's Hay and Grain on Woodside Avenue was doused by two dozen firefighters in about 30 minutes after 100-foot flames were reported at 9 p.m., authorities said.

The fire originated in the area where hay and sacks of grain are stored and resulted in \$35,000 in damage to the building and its contents, said Deputy Fire Chief Phil Davis. Investigators were still not sure of the cause. No injuries were reported.

Marketwatch

Star Systems Inc. Names Executive Vice President

HEATHER MILNE
San Diego Daily Transcript

Nikki Waters has been promoted to executive vice president, marketing/communications for Star Systems Inc. She previously held the position of senior vice president. Waters will continue to lead all marketing, media, public relations and membership for the organization.

Big Bang Engineering

Mark Drozda has joined Big Bang Idea Engineering as a principal and director of client services. For the past eight years, Drozda was principal at Oxford & Drozda Advertising. He will be responsible for strategic planning of client advertising programs and new business development.

Television Move

Loren Nancarrow makes two members of the KFMB news team moving over to KGTV. Nancarrow will begin sharing weathercasting duties with 10News weather anchor **Mike Ambrose** as of June 1. KGTV announced the addition of **Hal Clements**, formerly with KFMB, as head of the North County Bureau in February.

Multimedia Specialist

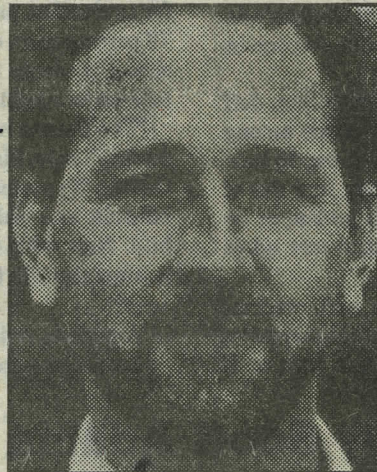
Ola Olsson is the new multimedia and systems specialist at LAK Advertising. Olsson will be responsible for designing and managing the full-service agency's Web design, interactive CD-ROM and multimedia presentation projects. He was formerly with Pixel Inc.

Closed-Circuit TV

The University of San Diego is



Nikki Waters



Ola Olsson

launching a closed-circuit television station March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Hahn University Center. The new student-run television station will broadcast news, entertainment and public service announcements Sunday through Friday at designated times from 11 a.m. to midnight. The Channel 9 station is geared to reach the USD's 6,900 students as well as the 2,500 faculty and staff.

Program Director

MAGIC 95.7 KMGF-FM announced the addition of **Judy McNutt** as program director. McNutt was named director of the year by *Billboard Magazine* in 1991 after taking charge of KRXQ-93 Rock in Sacramento. Her career has taken her to director positions from Nashville to Denver, Los Angeles and San Diego. Most recently, she was a consultant with Tuned In Broadcasting in Nashville.

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Book beat

General Electric CEO Jack Welch just purchased 500 copies of San Diegan Janet Lowe's new book, "Jack Welch Speaks" — proving, I guess, he puts his money where his mouth is. Welch's plan? To give the books to top execs before the annual spring meeting . . . Another author, Jetsun Pema ("Tibet: My Story"), will give a free lecture at USD's Manchester auditorium at 1:30 p.m. tomorrow. Pema is the Dalai Lama's sister. You may have seen her in the movie "Seven Years in Tibet," where she played the role of their mother.

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LECTURES/CLASSES

"Being Real: Young Women and Men Change the Face of Feminism" will be the topic of keynote speaker **Rebecca Walker** at a free public lecture at 7 p.m. today, at the University of San Diego, Hahn University Center, Forum A/B. The lecture is part of USD's salute to National Women's History Month. Walker, the daughter of author Alice Walker, is editing an anthology exploring the Third Wave of feminism. Information: (619) 260-4650.

Jim Bell, a local ecological designer and expert on sustainable development, will discuss and sign copies of his book, "Achieving Economic Security on Spaceship Earth," from 5 to 9 tonight, Sierra Club Bookstore, 3820 Ray St. Information: (619) 299-1797.

'Freedom' echoes at USD

By John Wilkens
STAFF WRITER

School was out. The place was empty. A brother and sister walked up the stairs of the atrium and let some papers fly, watching them tumble and float to the floor below.

It might have been a scene of childlike wonder, of innocent whimsy, of harmless fun.

Except that the place was Germany and the year was 1943 and the papers were leaflets that called Hitler a dilettante and a swindler.

The Gestapo was notified and the brother and sister were arrested. Four days later, they were brought before a judge and convicted of treason after a three-hour trial. They were sent to the guillotine that

DATEBOOK

White Rose lecture, exhibit

Franz Josef Muller and Jurgen Wittenstein, the two surviving members of the White Rose resistance in Germany, will give a talk at USD's Serra Hall, room 204, tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. An exhibition about the resistance will be displayed in USD's Copley Library through March 30.

night.

"Freedom," the sister wrote on the back of her formal indictment.

"Freedom," the brother shouted from the scaffolding.

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Exhibit

Echoes of resistance have message for today

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Fifty-five years later, that word echoes through an exhibition of photos and words now on display at the Copley Library at the University of San Diego.

The exhibition tells the story of the siblings — Hans and Sophie Scholl — and their compatriots in a resistance movement known as The White Rose.

The leaders were a group of five students and one professor from the University of Munich who objected to what the Nazis were doing. They spent hours talking and reading banned books and stewing.

For about eight months, beginning in the summer of 1942, they wrote and distributed leaflets throughout Germany, urging common folk to offer “passive resistance” to Hitler and his minions.

“We are trying to achieve a renewal from within of the severely wounded German spirit,” one of the leaflets said. “We will not be silent.”

James Jackson, an adjunct professor of history at USD who was instrumental in bringing the exhibit here, marvels at the courage of the protesters.

“You have to understand just how dangerous this kind of thing was at the time,” he said. “The people in Germany lived in constant fear for their lives. There was paranoia; even telling a joke about Hitler could get you thrown in jail.”

In this climate, the White Rose leaders sent out material that said

“Every word that comes from Hitler’s mouth is a lie” and “It has become a mathematical certainty that Hitler is leading the German people into the abyss.”

These were people who said, “Give me liberty or give me death,” and got death.

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Jackson, whose specialty is German history, was at Munich University last summer when he stumbled across a celebration of the White Rose movement.

The story of the resistance is well known to Germans, almost as precious to them as the lore of the Boston Tea Party or Paul Revere is to Americans.

On this day, the president of the country was bringing flowers to the atrium where the Scholls were arrested. Jackson went in and saw an exhibition commemorating the uprising.

Talking to a worker there, he learned that an English version of the exhibit was touring the United States. And before too long it was booked for a monthlong stay at USD that concludes March 30.

(In addition, the two surviving members of the resistance, Franz Josef Muller and Jurgen Wittenstein, will be on campus tomorrow for a public lecture.)

The exhibit is a series of 65 panels hung from walls throughout the library, arranged, for the most part, chronologically. The viewer learns about the rise of the Third Reich, the Hitler Youth and the seeds of dissent being planted at Munich University.

All that is prelude to the emergence of White Rose. Group leaders took the name from a Spanish

novel and because they thought a white rose was suggestive of purity. When the Nazis cracked down on White Rose, they indicted 29 people in all. A handful were acquitted, but most received sentences ranging from a few months in jail to death.

The exhibit includes profiles of the seven people executed for their involvement in the resistance. Their stories are adorned with black-and-white photos, mostly family snapshots. Hans Scholl on a bicycle. Sophie Scholl reading a book. Christoph Probst tossing his 1-year-old son in the air.

“One of the things I like about this exhibit is it makes the people human,” Jackson said, and not just faceless martyrs.

One of the more tragic tales involves Hans Leipelt, the last of the seven to be executed. The son of an engineer and a chemist, he never knew the others, but received a copy of the final White Rose leaflet, reproduced it and distributed it.

He then ran afoul of the authorities by helping to raise funds for the destitute family of Professor Kurt Huber, executed earlier in the crackdown on White Rose.

The exhibit also includes moving excerpts from letters and diaries of the main players. Here is Sophie Scholl describing the dream she had the night before she was executed:

It was a sunny day and I was carrying a child in a long, white dress to its baptism. The path to the church led up a steep mountain. But I was carrying the infant safely in my arms.

Suddenly a crevasse was gaping before me. I had just enough time to put the child safely down the other side, before I fell into the abyss.

That child is our idea. It will persevere despite all obstructions. We were permitted to pave the way, but we have to die for it first.

Here is Probst, writing a farewell letter to his mother:

I thank you for having given me life. When I think about it, it was but one way to God. I am leaving now, a step ahead of you, in order to prepare for you a glorious welcome.

To Jackson, the most poignant comments came from Huber, the professor, while on trial in April 1943:

What I had in mind was to arouse students, not through an organization, but with the simple word, arouse them not to commit acts of violence, but to awaken in them a moral awareness of severe flaws in our political life.

“What he was saying is that ideas are important,” Jackson said. “They can make a difference.”

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Students in the library are busy at computers, tapping into the Internet. No one, on this morning anyway, is reading the panels.

Is all this old news?

“There are lessons for all of us, even 50 years later,” Jackson said. Lessons about freedom.

Civil courage.

Eternal vigilance.

“For people to come and see this, it can be very inspirational,” Jackson said. “But it is also a reminder to think hard about the things we value as a civilization — to think as hard in our time as the people in White Rose did in theirs.”

A tell of White Rose resistance group

Survivors among anti-Nazi fighters speak to 200 at USD

By Caitlin Rother
STAFF WRITER

Most members of the White Rose didn't know what their group's name meant, but they all knew what they were fighting for.

Freedom.

Franz Josef Muller and Jurgen Wittenstein, two members of the White Rose resistance against the Nazis in Germany, lived to tell about it.

Muller, 73, and Wittenstein, 78, proudly explained the movement to a standing-room-only crowd of more than 200 people in a University of San Diego classroom last night. They said the members who knew what the group's name meant are dead.

For about eight months starting in the summer of 1942, the White Rose members distributed leaflets denouncing Adolf Hitler. Their acts could have gotten them and their families killed.

Yes, they were scared, Wittenstein said. But they felt compelled to carry on.

"Somebody had to do it," he said after the lecture.

The group never accomplished its intended purpose — to incite the German people to stand up and overthrow their government — but the two men agreed after some discussion that it did succeed in influencing thinking minds.

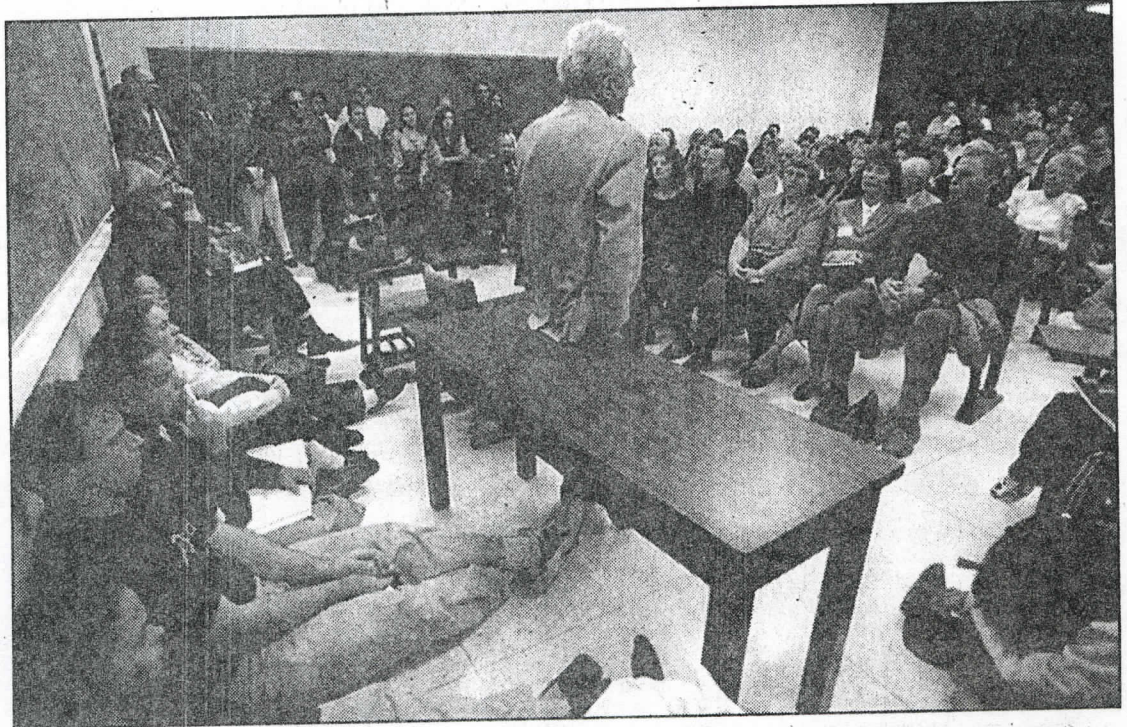
What made its members so angry was the way the Nazis saw the world, dividing it into the Aryan ruling class, the people fit to be slaves and the lowest group of Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals and others, all of whom the Nazis wanted eliminated.

The group did not start as a political organization. It was a very closely knit group, mostly of university students whose parents had strong feelings against the Nazi party.

They shared many of the same cultural interests and youth groups, and many were religious. They read books to each other and talked about philosophy.

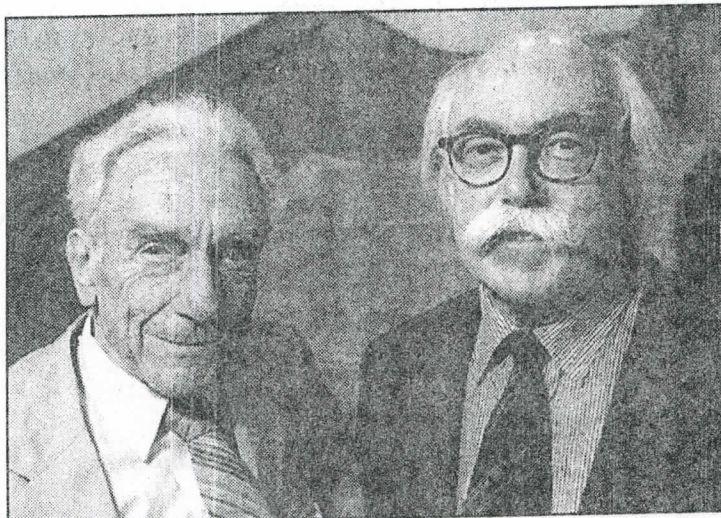
"They wanted nothing but their freedom and to live by nothing but their ideals," said Wittenstein.

He moved to the United States in 1948 to practice medicine and



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Resistance group: Jurgen Wittenstein told an audience about the White Rose in Germany.



Survivors: Jurgen Wittenstein (left) and Franz Josef Muller were with the White Rose in World War II.

For about eight months starting in the summer of 1942, the White Rose members distributed leaflets denouncing Hitler.

taught surgery at UCLA. Now retired, the cardiovascular-thoracic surgeon lives in Santa Barbara.

"We used the best values of our nation and other nations to give us power and courage," said Muller, who studied law in Bavaria after the war and went into local politics there. He now lives in Munich, where he founded the White Rose Foundation in 1986 to educate people about the movement and civil courage.

"What can American youth learn from the White Rose?" Wittenstein asked. "I think a lot."

"Don't follow blindly someone who is appealing to you," he said, giving the burning of banks to protest the Vietnam War during the 1960s as an example of "blind stupid following."

To give the flavor of the White Rose's philosophy, Wittenstein quoted the 19th-century philosopher Johann Gottlieb: "You should act in such a manner as if your fatherland depends upon your acts alone."

Muller got involved in the movement before entering college. He was 18 and was two months into his military training when he was arrested and taken as a political prisoner.

He lived in seven prisons in two years before he and his comrades were freed. American soldiers who came to their village on the Austrian border on April 25, 1945, had to take their word that they were political prisoners. But they soon became friends.

"We smoked the first Lucky Strike with them," he said. "It was very serious. They trusted us."

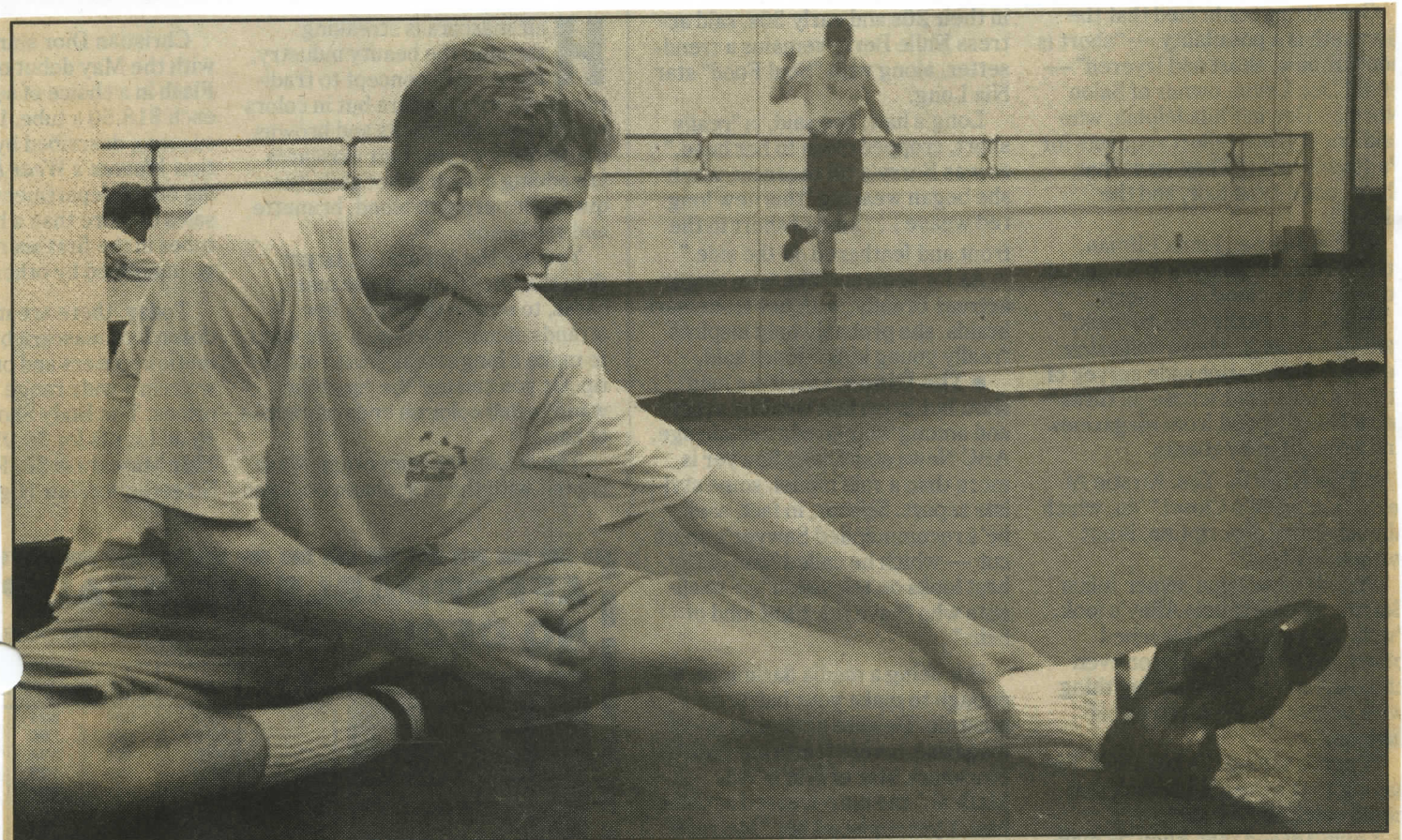
Wittenstein managed to escape becoming a political prisoner by getting moved to the Italian front, where the Gestapo had no jurisdiction.

*With energy and artistry,
Irish step dancers are
bound for championships*



Emerald thunder:
The dancers bring in the noise as their hard shoes hit the stage at a recent Lyceum Theatre show.

EMERALD GO LIGHTLY



Deeply devoted: *Matt Gergurich (stretching) and Bill O'Hara have both practiced their craft since early childhood.*

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STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

STORY BY GIL GRIFFIN,
STAFF WRITER

Don't dare interrupt Matt Gergurich.

He's a little busy defying gravity.

As the violins of a lively Irish reel flow through speakers, Gergurich is loping across a dance floor in long strides, chest up, arms rigid against his sides. Occasionally, he leaps into the air, with one leg fully extended, executing a step called a frozen jumpover.

The 6-foot-4, 18-year-old Irish step dancer appears to be flying, making you think Michael Jordan's got nothing on this kid.

On this St. Patrick's day, Gergurich and other members of the Liam Harney Irish Dance Company will celebrate their art, doing traditional Irish step dancing — jigs, reels and hornpipes — around San Diego County at schools and churches.

Gergurich, along with his younger sister, Beth, Callan White, Bill O'Hara and Michelle Malone — are all members of the company, based in Mission Valley. The five are such gifted dancers that next month they'll travel to Ennis, in Ireland's County Clare, to compete in the Irish step dance world championships, with their teacher, Harney, a two-time Irish step dance world champion.

A few thousand dancers compete in the event, which draws contestants from throughout the Irish diaspora — the United States, Canada, Ireland, England, Scotland, Australia, New Zealand and, in the past, as far away as Kenya, South Africa and Argentina.

"I've always said the children would dance me to Ireland," said Jill Gergurich, Beth and Matt's mother.

"It's been a wonderful experience. It's a family thing, and it's a great way to keep kids out of trouble."

With their devotion to mastering the cultural art form, trouble doesn't have much of a chance of luring Irish step dancers.

Harney and the five San Diego dancers going to Ireland have all been dancing since their early childhood. Harney, 32, who was raised in Walpole, Mass., has been dancing since age 4.

"It just snapped with me right away," Harney said. As it did with his mother and his three siblings.

But Harney was a cut above the rest.

DATEBOOK

Irish Step Dancing

The Liam Harney Irish Dance Company will perform at 7 p.m. Saturday as part of the San Diego Lodge No. 35 St. Patrick's Dinner Show, at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 1895 Camino Del Rio South. Tickets are \$15 per person. Call (619) 296-0660 for more information.

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Dancers

Local classes bring Irish culture to San Diego

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He created a freshness and originality in his dancing, which earned him five consecutive trips to the Irish step dance world championships, from 1983 to 1987. Harney won world titles in 1984 and 1987, finished in third place in 1983 and second place in 1985 and 1986.

After his run of world championship trips, he enrolled for a time at United States International University, then traveled the world as a dancer and choreographer. He choreographed a show, "Dancing at Lughnasa," that played at Balboa Park's Old Globe; appeared in the 1994 film, "Blown Away"; and when Michael Flatley left his lead role in the London performance of the hit stage production "Riverdance," the producers of the show tapped Harney to take his place.

Last fall in New York, Harney performed in the show "Flight From the Hungry Land," which commemorated Ireland's great famine in the 19th century. He also runs the Liam Harney Irish Dance Company, which has about 20 members.

Origins lost in history

On a recent weeknight, about 25 excited youngsters in tights and soft and hard shoes jammed Harney's Mission Valley studio for a rehearsal.

In fact, there is a handful of other local dance studios that specialize in Irish step dancing for children and adults. They include the Donna Means School of Irish Dancing in Escondido and the Carrickethan School in San Diego, which have children and adults enrolled.

Productions like "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance," Harney said, have helped make more people aware of the art form.

While the dance school Harney runs in Walpole has mostly Irish-American students, his Mission Valley school has a little more diversity.

"About 50 percent are non-Irish here," Harney said. "It's a cultural dance, but it's also an art form."

Irish dance patterns — including figure, group, set and step — and accompanying musical styles, such as jigs, reels, hornpipes and slip jigs, have a "genesis in obscurity," said Pat Bergin, president of one of the two San Diego divisions of the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Because many written documents were either destroyed or lost during wars and occupation, little is known of the exact origins of Irish step dancing.

"There's no record of it before the 1700s," said Seamus MacConn Uladh, chief executive of the Irish Dancing Commission, in a telephone interview from his Dublin home.

"Step dancing was taught by traveling teachers, called dancing masters. The teachers spent a month or so in a particular parish, and people in the area would come along and learn the various steps."

There are amusing legends about why Irish step dancers keep their arms at their sides while dancing, while their legs and feet are in perpetual motion.

"I've heard so many funny stories," Uladh said.

"Old Irish cottages had half-doors — where the top would be open and bottom would be closed — and that the reason people danced the way they did was that they didn't want to be seen dancing by a priest if he was walking by because he wouldn't approve."

What of 'Riverdance'?

Very recently, Irish step dancing has gotten worldwide exposure from the stage productions "Riverdance" and "Lord of the Dance," by Michael Flatley,

an Irish-American and former world champion Irish step dancer.

But while Flatley's shows gave Irish dancing greater worldwide exposure and were tremendous successes at the box office, some staunch Irish dance traditionalists — and some of Harney's students — have criticized Flatley for being too radical and flashy.

"(Flatley) is a total ham," Matt Gergurich said. "He's not representative of Irish dancing as a performer."

But Uladh, who since 1960 has been the Irish Dancing Commission's chief executive, said Flatley has helped Irish dancing.

"What's normally being done (in Flatley's shows) wouldn't be allowed in competition," Uladh said. "But in life, anything living can and should be changed and experimented with."

Costly avocation

Jill Gergurich — the mother of dancers Matt and Beth — will dance back to Ireland in spirit, not on the wide-body jet with her children.

That's partly because an Irish step



Shoe time: Two Irish step dancers prep their soft shoes before a recent performance.

dance family has a mountain of expenses. Forget for a moment the cost of airfare and lodging involved in sending two children to Ireland for a week. Or that keeping Matt, Beth and her two other children, Ben, 16, and Richard, 11, in the soft and hard shoes they dance in costs anywhere from about \$80 to \$110 a pair.

Think about this: Beth's solo costume for the world championships — a 6- to 8-pound full-circle skirt with pleats, lace collar and colorfully embroidered with patterns based on the art of the ancient Irish gospel, the Book of Kells — will cost about \$1,000 to \$1,200.

"No peasant ever wore a dress like that," Jill Gergurich quipped, thinking

about the rural farmers who danced centuries ago in their villages.

"The dancers aren't sponsored," Harney said. "And my parents sacrificed every year by paying for my trips to Ireland."

The world championships will be difficult for Harney's students to win.

Not because the five San Diego students — and the three from Harney's Walpole school — aren't talented.

It's that the dancers from Ireland, England and Scotland have long enjoyed an advantage.

"The Irish and English dancers have an edge because they're in the place where all the new styles and trends in Irish step dancing come from," Harney said. "American dancers have to fight fiercely."

The judges, called adjudicators, Harney said, have sometimes been inclined to favor Irish over American dancers.

At the judging

During the competition, the dancers dance in pairs, in divisions arranged by age bracket and gender. No two dancers from the same school dance together during 100 rounds of hard and soft shoe routines, which last about 2½ minutes.

Females wear elaborate costumes like the one Beth Gergurich has, while males can opt for wearing a kilt or long pants with a shirt. Neatness is of paramount importance and all dancers use rubber bands to keep their socks from falling down around their ankles.

Reels are performed in soft shoes and jigs and hornpipes are done with hard shoes. Only females perform a dance called a slip jig. The routines take about a

month to learn and perfect. Only half of the dancers in the initial round advance.

But the event is much more than heavy competition.

It's also a festive social gathering for thousands of young people to make new friends and reunite with old ones.

"I have too much fun over there," said Bill O'Hara, one of Harney's dancers who will be going to his fifth world championship next month. "The world championships are one big meeting place, and I also have cousins over there."

O'Hara, 18, who is originally from Chicago, is also a University of San Diego student. He said he'll rely on time management to be able to complete term papers and study for midterms before taking off to Ireland.

Clicks and soars

Harney's fab five were at it again. They were in the studio, dancing to reels, perfecting the routines they'll take with them overseas.

O'Hara moved in long, loping strides, sometimes shuffling his feet and doing clicks. When he and Matt Gergurich do their clicks in their soft shoes, they make a loud "Clack!" like the sound billiard balls make when they collide on a pool table.

Beth Gergurich and Callan White's movements are balletlike — lithe and graceful — as they soar across the floor and sometimes rock back and forth on their feet while standing. They rotate their ankles frequently in slip jigs and twist their feet in a part of the dance called "butterflies."

And, whoa, there goes Matt Gergurich again, defying gravity.

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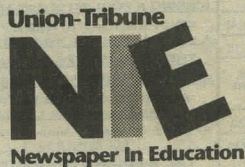
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USD Approves Anti-harassment Policy in Response to Student Nondiscrimination Proposal

Students Say, 'Not Good Enough'

by TIMOTHY P. HOLMBERG
Staff Reporter

The University of San Diego's (USD) board of trustees recently released a new anti-harassment policy that includes covering harassment based on sexual orientation. The new policy, however, does not address a student proposal that asked the board to amend the Catholic university's nondiscrimination policy to include sexual orientation.

Reaction from the Associated Students of USD, the campus student government responsible for forwarding the proposal, was

swift. Speaking for the Associated Students, Kimberly Ferris said, "The USD Associated Student president [Michael Corrales] and myself do not believe that the new policy concerning harassment is an adequate statement of protection." Ferris and other student representatives have scheduled a meeting with USD President Dr. Alice B. Hayes to discuss the matter. She declined to respond directly on the issue, referring all questions to the university's Public Relations Officer Jack Cannon.

In a telephone interview with the *Gay & Lesbian Times*, Cannon said: "The [new]

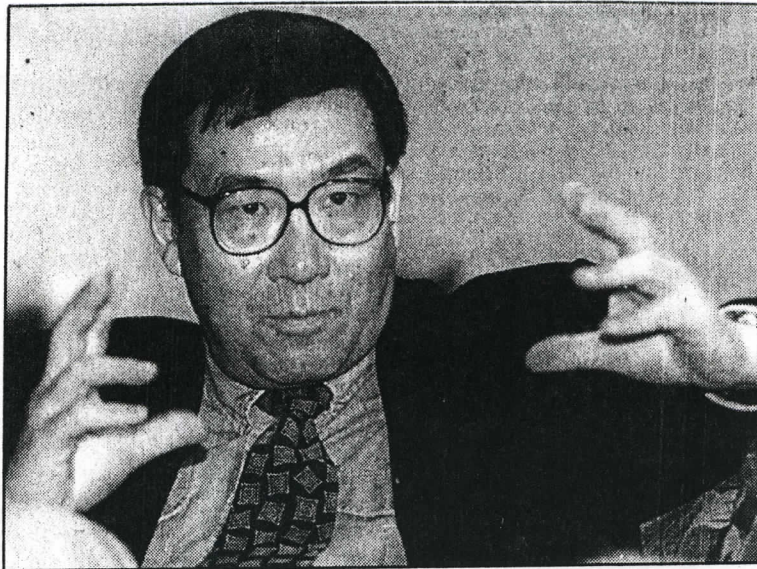
policy is clear and speaks for itself, [however], the nondiscrimination policy remains unchanged. The University has been and will remain compliant with all relevant California codes with respect to nondiscrimination. The trustees have decided not to go beyond California and federal guidelines."



potential responses. The Senate twice before had supported the student-led drive to change the nondiscrimination policy.

David Anglikowski, president of the campus' gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender student group SAESO (Student Alliance Embracing Sexual Orientation) said: "It's not over, they [the board] only went half way. Their action leaves the question of discrimination open. The issue will become a lot bigger." Anglikowski's last comment refers to a possible move by the group to raise the public visibility of the struggle by taking the issue to major media groups. In the meantime, Anglikowski indicated that students will be looking for additional allies in their efforts to change the nondiscrimination policy.

If you would like to express your opinion to USD contact Jack Cannon at (619) 260-4681.



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Tu Weiming: *Confucian scholar, professor of Chinese history and philosophy at Harvard will speak tonight at USD.*

Confucian scholar to speak on ethics at public lecture

By Sandi Dolbee
RELIGION & ETHICS EDITOR

Before Harvard professor Tu Weiming talks about Confucian ethics, he wants to talk about Confucian beliefs. "Learning, in the Confucian sense, is learning to be human," Tu is saying.

The 2,500-year-old Asian tradition focuses on the intersection of self and community and nature and heaven, says the noted Confucian scholar, who is settled into a chair in the faculty lounge at the University of San Diego.

Tu, 58, had come to USD as the guest speaker in the second annual "Ethics Across the Curriculum" workshop, which was held last week. At 7:30 tonight he will give a free public lecture on "Confucian Humanism as a Spiritual Resource for Global Ethics" in USD's Shiley Theatre.

Confucianism, founded by the Chinese sage Confucius, stresses that moral behavior and sound relationships are essential to harmony and social well-being.

"Until you know about life," Confucius said, "how can you know about death?"

So what would this ancient set of beliefs have to say about contemporary moral issues? Here are some thoughts from Tu:

Abortion: As with many beliefs, this is a tough call. Confucianism comes with a basic appreciation of life, and a birth is a cause for celebration, says Tu.

On the other hand, he adds, "there is no theological argument against abortion — but there is a very strong preference for life."

Human cloning: The real worry is the gap between science and side effects, says Tu, who urges caution until the consequences are known.

"The understanding of human life is so shallow," he says. "There is so much we need to learn."

Physician-assisted suicide: "That, I think, is quite acceptable," says Tu. "Especially if it's on a voluntary basis."

There is no dignity in prolonging a terminally ill life of pain and burden, he adds.

Homosexuality: While being gay is not considered "part of the ordinary way of life," Tu says it is not a major issue. "I would say it's probably one of benign neglect."

When Tu is asked how many followers of Confucius there are in America, he shrugs. Unlike Western faiths, "it's not a membership religion," he says.

As for the diversifying religious landscape in America, Tu, who was born in China and educated in Taiwan, says that the challenge is for this country to change from becoming one that teaches to one that learns.

"How to appreciate religions that are different is a real test to whether America can be a learning civilization," he adds.