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VISTA

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One of the common denominators of college life almost anywhere is the reputation, sometimes deserved, sometimes not, of the cafeteria food. Lively debates arise each meal as to the degree of the food's putrescence, how many times it has been re-prepared, or whether a particular entree is animal, vegetable, or mineral.

USD is no different when it comes to this seemingly universal disenchantment with institutionalized meals. One never enters the cafeteria doors without hearing at least one culinary

deprecation before emerging into the world again. As you line up with your tray an exasperated mutter such as "Christ, spaghetti again?" issues forth from ahead. It seems that the logistics of trying to please 900 individual tastes at the same time often escapes us. They do not escape Jim Tubb, the head of USD's Food Service. Nor does he escape them.

"People just don't realize that you can't satisfy everyone at once," Tubb maintains. "I'll have one student come to me one night and say, 'Why isn't there anything good tonight?' Five minutes later another will come by and ask, 'Why do you have to serve all the good things at one meal?'"

Jim Tubb has been the head of Food Service since 1976, and he can more than sympathize with the students' point of view. "I decided to go into this business when I lost thirty pounds my freshman year in college. The food was that atrocious."

A dishwasher in school, Tubb learned to cook when he wasn't scrubbing plates, and when he graduated from UC Davis he landed a job as a cook at St. Mary's in Moraga. After two years he tried his hand in the kitchen of a restaurant chain, but found college food service more to his liking. He returned to the circles of academia as head of dormitory cooking at UC Riverside for three years before

coming to USD.

Here he inherited the many headaches of trying to run the main cafeteria as well as the other food service outlets on campus (faculty dining room, two snack bars, catered dinners). USD's problems are many in the dining room: overcrowdedness, poor placement of facilities, long waits in line, and of course the quality of the food. Tubb is painfully aware of all these things.

Many a student must have wondered if there isn't a more efficient way to set up the food lines and drink area. "The main problem with moving things around is that the

There's
No
Place
Like
Home . . .



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But
How Well
Does
Your Mom
Cook?

cafeteria is set up this way. This building was designed to feed 350 college girls, maximum. We are trying to feed over 900 with the same facilities," said Jim.

The food, of course is the chief cause of complaint. Often it's cold, or it's been reheated to many times; the entrees are the same day in and day out, the servings are never big enough, and the people who work in the cafeteria are sometimes rude. But it helps to look behind the scenes to understand some of these problems.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the Privacy Act, any USD student — undergraduate or graduate wishing to REMOVE his/her name from the 78-79 "Dial", USD's student directory, can do so beginning today, Friday September 22, at the following locations: Dean of Students Office, Business School, and Registrar's Office.

This period will last 2 weeks, ending Friday, October 10.

"If you're on the 19-meal plan," Jim explains, "Food Service has \$3.67 a day to feed you three meals. If you're on a 10-meal plan person, that figure is \$2.70. Most schools in the east budget between five and six dollars a day for food. With this in mind, economizing becomes essential."

"The average percentage of operating costs budgeted expressly for food in college service is 45%. Here at USD it's 55%. I feel that food is more important than service. When you are working with a fixed amount of money it becomes a matter of priorities."

"The food isn't that bad," said Molly Gills, a freshman. Sophomore Kathy Baxter agreed. "It's just the thing to run down cafeteria food anywhere you go."

"I've eaten at many other college cafeterias," said Bridget Brennan, a sophomore, "and, comparatively, USD's food is great." Other students with the similar experience agree. "I mean, you have to keep in mind that it's cafeteria food," one said. "You can't expect a seven-course dinner every time."

You can expect, however, a rotating menu of one hundred and ten entrees. Most schools serve two entrees a meal. USD serves three. But even this many entrees can only go so far. "Later in the semester students become bored with the food and this leads to gripes," Tubb admitted. "But we're always on the look-out for new items." This semester has seen the advent of five new entrees and six new side dishes.

The problems remain, but Jim has some advice for avoiding the crunch of lines. "Don't show up during the peak periods if you can avoid it," he advises. "The food's just as good after the rush. We stay open what we feel is a reasonable time for all students to get in here and get served."

When students experience problems or when they have suggestions, Tubb

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Write of Way

EDITORIAL



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IMMACULATA

A Mass Exodus

Brothers and Sisters of USD:

On Tuesday, September 12, at 11:30 A.M. in the Immaculata, we celebrated the official opening of the school year with the Mass of the Holy Spirit. The principal concelebrant of the Mass was Bishop Leo Maher. Priests from the University and Seminary faculty joined him as concelebrants. Your fellow students served as lector, musicians, singers, acolytes and usherettes.

But where were you? Why did you stay away? I really am anxious to know. Wasn't the Mass sufficiently publicized (there were 100 posters around campus)? Didn't your teachers remind you or encourage you to attend? Wasn't the time convenient (it was at 11:30, generally a free period)? Didn't you feel the need to ask the Lord's blessing on this year?

My concern is tempered by my conviction that no insult or ill-will was intended. Perhaps you simply forgot. But we as a University community failed to honor our Bishop and neglected to seek divine guidance. Tell me: why didn't you come?

--Father Larry Dolan

Can't Xerox a Corn Dog, Either

To the Editor:

Just what is going on? I don't know; maybe you can tell me. This is my first year

at USD. I paid \$95 dollars a unit for my classes. I paid over \$900 for room and board. With all this cost, I and other students are treated like this school is going bankrupt.

Like in the cafeteria. I go through the line and wait for twenty minutes for my food. I ask for two hot dogs at once. I ask for two corn dogs at once. Will they give them to me? No. I am forced to take them one at a time, and double my time in the long lines. Then I read little cards on the tables that say when I rip off the cafeteria, I'm ripping off myself. All I know is that I am paying nearly \$1000 for room and board, and that's true whether I'm a good boy and do everything right or whether I waste food and smuggle it out of the cafeteria. Who's really ripping off who here?

And it's the same way with the secretaries. I write a paper that I would like to Xerox off a copy, so I ask a secretary if I can run off one copy on the machine. She says it's for school use only, and if I want my one copy I have to go to the library and pay for it, like I paid my \$1500 for tuition and \$1000 for room and board. All the secretaries are like that.

Now I ask you, why is this school such a tightwad? They're really packing in the students way beyond what most facilities on campus can handle, and they must be making a bundle. Why then do they continue this petty practice of being so tightfisted?

--Alex T. McElroy

What's Left When The Glitter's Gone?

At first, strange impressions, recollections of past experiences come to mind. The sorrow and tears preserved from the frostbite of time fall upon us as if a dam had broken inside our brain. Looking at others and through them at ourselves; what a depressing sight! And behind the mirror-faces what is there to see? Neither good nor evil; just a presence haunting a deceitful body.

It is true we like to play and the games we choose put us in a merciless light; how horribly revealing it is to know what people think of you. As slowly as possible our minds come in contact with the cold facts. Here in a cocoon like school everyone is padded with superficial attitudes and only those tags are free. We are scared to go beyond them; we'd rather define and know what we are perceived as instead of facing the disturbing immensity of our true selves.

The oppressing morals of our miniature world force us to be conformists and make marginality a dreaded state of being. Creativity is reprobated since it is unconventional; originality causes gossip. In the minds of the fortunate ones essential questions never arouse existential anguish and the system purposely preserves this state of ignorance. We poor innocents need not worry about the world we will be left with; mommy and daddy will take care of everything. Well, for a few there are still ideals and ethics by which to live. For them the present imperfections shouldn't be carried on in the future just so that we can have our petty fun.

Unfortunately we just want to run madly after our beloved selves in a mind-narrowing little circle. The quest for meanings has been given up for selfish enjoyment; what are we doing with our lives?

--Jean-Philippe Gay

At the start of every new academic year the parking spaces which have, for the most part, basked empty in the summer sun, begin to be filled and the perennial cry goes up, "Where am I supposed to park?" Many students' mute response to this question is the myriad of illegally parked cars. They seem to say, "I'll park where I damn well please, and risk getting a ticket. Chances are I won't anyway."

And indeed, chances are they won't. The ticketing forays of the Security force have been so sporadic as to suggest that there is really no rhyme nor reason to their traffic control. There is, in fact, a schedule for the security officers to follow; when to patrol and in what areas. In perhaps an overly trusting assumption, I believe the officers have not been shirking their duties.

But this assumption does not reconcile itself with the string of cars between Serra Hall and the Chancery which sits all day long, unticketed and annoyingly in the way. It is belied by the two vehicles parked illegally last Friday morning behind the Immaculata and still sitting pretty, sans tickets, in the afternoon. Are our security men, after all falling down on their jobs?

That is a rather rhetorical question, for I have observed evidence to the contrary also, even to the point of suggesting that our men in khaki may be fulfilling their responsibilities over-zealously. I worked ten hours a week in the Associated Student Office, and the number of people coming in on a slow burn over what they feel are unjustified citations to inquire about appealing their case has amazed me. And it's not a case of a lot of people trying to get out of paying two or five dollars. Some are genuinely upset. We all know the feeling of being crushed under the vast machineations of some impersonal force, and the frustration that comes from having nothing or no one on whom to vent our anger. Others are even apologetic, as if they hate to bother with the whole thing, but they feel they have been wronged and that they can't let it go unchallenged.

These deplorable citations range from everything to being parked where there is room but no marked parking space to parking at a curb that was red, but had been changed to blue and recently painted grey with bits of yellow showing through the other shades.

I'm not suggesting that Security is out of line in citing these vehicles. But perhaps the ticketing should be concentrated on the cars that are the greatest nuisance. If these cars are cited regularly, I have no doubt the violators will thin out considerably. Parenthetically, the violations that bother me the most are cars parked in handicapped zones. The lack of consideration such cases exemplify is saddening. Let me add something to anyone parking in the two blue stalls directly outside the VISTA room. The staff is in the room much of the time, and as soon as the car is parked we will call Security and ask them to ticket the offending vehicle. It's just our little way of saying, "Thanks you for reading the editorial."

--Tim Ryland

EDITORIAL NOTE: The deadline for submission of copy for the VISTA is 2:00 pm Tuesday, for appearance in the issue on the following Friday. This deadline will be strictly adhered to, and those persons or organizations failing to meet it will be required to wait until the following week for consideration.

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They Said It Best . . .

"Those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

--George Santayana

"The men who make history, have not time to write it."

--Metternich

"History is a pact between the dead, the living, and the yet unborn."

--Edmund Burke

"History is the sum total of the things that could have been avoided."

--Konrad Adenauer

The School on the Hill

Sounds Like Bull to Me

The premiere event of a four tournament series to possess the Bull Award was held last Saturday as 12 teams competed in flag football under overcast skies. Six teams were fielded at the Sports Center for both men and women. After the early morning single elimination alternating men's and women's competition, three team finalists competed in a round robin to determine the winners for each division. Afternoon competition started at 1:15 with the women of Ducshene and Valley battling for a victory. Though Ducshene lost 7-0 they returned at 2:45 to beat the women of Founders 21-14. The championship game heralded Valley's team as they destroyed Founders 20-0 to win in the first annual tournament, henceforth entitled The Bull Perpetual.

The men's round robin began at 2:00 when DeSales 3rd Floor East faced the Padre Trails. The 3rd Floor East fell short of victory losing 21-15. Once again DeSales felt the agony of defeat as Valley slipped the victory with a single touchdown, 6-0 the following game. The final game of the day began at 5:00 P.M., 8 hours after the beginning kick-off at 9 A.M. Padre Trails faced Valley in what proved to be one of the toughest games of the day. With just a few minutes left on the clock, Padre Trails scored a touchdown winning 7-0 to possess the Bull Award for the men until the next dorm tournament forces them to prove their worthiness for this coveted trophy.

Innertube water polo, softball, and broom hockey are the three remaining tournaments in the annual Bull Perpetual. Signs around campus will post future dates and times. Commuters are encouraged to pull a team together for the next event and can compete as an independent housing division. For more information, contact Gary Becker or Bonnie Bass at the Sports Center, ext. 4272.

Olde Globe Plays Warm the Winter

The Olde Globe Theatre begins its winter repertoire of five plays starting October 3rd. The following is a list of those plays:

"Vanities," by Jack Heifner, which runs October 17th through November 5th.

"Heartbreak House," by George Bernard Shaw, running through November 14th to December 3rd.

"Toys in the Attic," by Lillian Helman, being presented January 9th through the 28th.

"The Front Page" by Hecht and MacArthur, February 6th through the 25th.

"Equus," by Peter Shaffer, opening on March 6th and continuing through the 25th.

After the successful sale of tickets to "Henry V," the Cultural Arts Board of USD would like to assess student interest in obtaining tickets to any or all of the above performances on Thursday or Sunday nights. Please sign up in the AS Office if interested or call 295-6501. You must respond by this Tuesday, September 26th.

If you are interested but don't bother to let the Cultural Arts Board know, these discount tickets will not be made available, so please voice your interest.



RALPH NADER

Crusader Nader to Speak Next Week

Ralph Nader, probably America's most famous - and most effective - social critic, will speak next Wednesday night in USD's Camino Theatre. He has been called everything from muckraker to consumer crusader to public defender. His documented criticisms of government and industry have had widespread effect on public awareness and bureaucratic power. He is, as *TIME* magazine noted, "the US's toughest customer."

The crusading attorney who first made headlines in 1965 with his book *Unsafe at Any Speed*, the scathing indictment that lambasted the auto industry for producing unsafe vehicles, has been responsible for at least six major federal consumer protection laws, for the recall of millions of defective motor vehicles, for many lives saved, and for countless other advances in the areas of safety, sanitation, pollution control, advertising credibility and politico/economic power. The *New York Times* said of him, "What sets Nader apart is that he has moved beyond social criticism to effective political action."

After years of struggles against corporate and governmental abuses, Ralph Nader has become the public citizen of American politics. Long ago he passed beyond simple concern with seat belts and hot dogs. He has built an effective national network of citizen action groups that have a

major impact in areas ranging from tax reform to nuclear energy. The ultimate goal of this movement is to give all citizens more rights and remedies for resolving their grievances and achieving a better society.

At a time when many of his ideas - such as the need to reduce regulatory bureaucracy - are becoming widely accepted, there are newer ideas and proposals for citizen involvement. Nader looks the same as ever - conservative suits and ties, tousled hair - but is giving some extraordinary answers to people who inquire about the lessons of 12 years.

Today Nader speaks of the growing "imperialism" of multinational corporations and of a convergence of giant corporate and government powers that he says resembles the textbook definition of corporate socialism. Consumers, he believes, must begin to demand "economic self-determination." Nader is largely responsible for bringing American consumers to a recognition of where they can take alternative steps.

Nader contends, "Anthropologists tell us about some tribes who sit down and ask 'What kind of society do we want?' But we never sit down." Sit down for an evening with Ralph Nader and hear what the possibilities are for a safe, happy and just society.

Ralph Nader lectures on...

Corporate Power in America - The Workings of the Economic Governments

The Power to Pollute vs. The Right to Health.

Campus Notes

HOW LONG WILL DISCO ON?: Tonight in the Student Union, located in the rear of Serra Hall, the LARK will feature this year's first Disco Dance. Beginning at 8:30 P.M. and lasting until 1 A.M. or whenever your feet give out, whichever comes first, the dance will provide plenty of tunes to disco down. Bring your student ID, or you won't be able to get in for the admission price of free.

WAHTARAQUET: Anne Gorski, a 1973 and 1974 international doubles raquetball champion, will be instructing raquetball classes for USD on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9 and 10 A.M. The classes will be conducted at the Raquet-Time Courts located at 1704 San Diego Avenue, near Old Town. Sign up at class time or see John Martin in the Recreation Department.

HOW ABOUT SOME REYNOLDS RAP?: The Burt Reynolds movie, "Smokey and the Bandit" will be screened next Tuesday, September 26th at 7:30 P.M. in the Camino Theatre and again the next night, at the same time, in Soloman Lecture Hall.

THREE'S A CHARM: Don't forget tomorrow night's football game at the USD Stadium, our Toreros vs. Pomona. The USD team will be trying to break a two-game losing skein. Game time is 7:30 P.M.

POOL PICK UP THE TAB?: The USD Accounting Society is sponsoring a pool party tomorrow from 10 A.M. to 3 Q.M. at the Sports Center. All USD students are welcome, and lunch will be provided.

A Counting Society Makes Cents

As it begins its 9th year the USD Accounting Society continues to promote the personal interaction of accounting Students in both academic and community endeavors. The Accounting Society is open to all accounting majors with a G.P.A. of 2.0 or greater.

The Accounting Society is a very active and well-known organization on campus and sponsors a number of activities throughout the year. Upcoming events include a Pool Party, Disco Dance and a Spaghetti Dinner, as well as the traditional Halloween and Christmas parties. On the more serious side, the Accounting Society's tutoring lab is open daily during specified hours and is manned by Accounting Society members. It also sponsors a variety of speakers; conducts tours of C.P.A. firms, promotes membership in professional organizations, and sponsors an annual Spring Banquet at which time scholarships raised by Society members through donations from the business community and alumni are awarded.

The Society is currently in the process of becoming a chapter in Beta Alpha Psi, the national honor fraternity for accountants. It hopes to achieve this goal in the near future.

The Accounting Society Board of Directors, led by president Andy Kozlowski, would like to encourage you to join us this year in an organization which will provide you with many rewarding experiences.

Glued to the Boob Tube

The University of San Diego, in conjunction with KPBS, will sponsor a telecourse on the origins and development of religions entitled, "The Long Search: A study of religions."

The series, which is a BBC production, will air on channel 15 each Sunday for 13 weeks beginning September 17 from 7-8 P.M. It will be repeated on Mondays from 9-10 P.M.

Classes at the university will discuss the program in-depth. They are scheduled in Salomon Lecture Hall on Saturdays from 9:30-11:45 A.M. beginning September 23. The course will offer three units of upper division continuing education credit.

Tuition for the course is \$75. For more information call 291-6480, ext. 4318.

Frat'll be One Dollar, \$ir

A K Psi, USD's new coed professional business fraternity, has been preparing for its first full academic year. The frat has many events slated for this semester, including speakers, tours and parties. The first event this year is a car wash, which will take place tomorrow, September 23, behind DeSales Hall. The car wash will last from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M., and the price to drive away with your car gleaming is only one dollar.

The fraternity, which presently consists of 45 members, is rushing for more constituents, and its first pledge class begins next week. A K Psi is open to all Business majors, graduate and undergraduate alike. Information about the fraternity may be obtained by dropping by the School of Business, or better still, by bringing your car by the car wash.

A Crew, A Shell, and A Brisk Breeze Blowing

One of the most exciting things to happen on the USD campus last year was the inauguration of the USD Crew program for men and women.

Nearly 100 students tried out in the Fall with the result that for the Spring, 2 men's and 2 women's crews rowed competitively on Mission Bay, in San Francisco, Santa Cruz, Newport and Seattle, Washington.

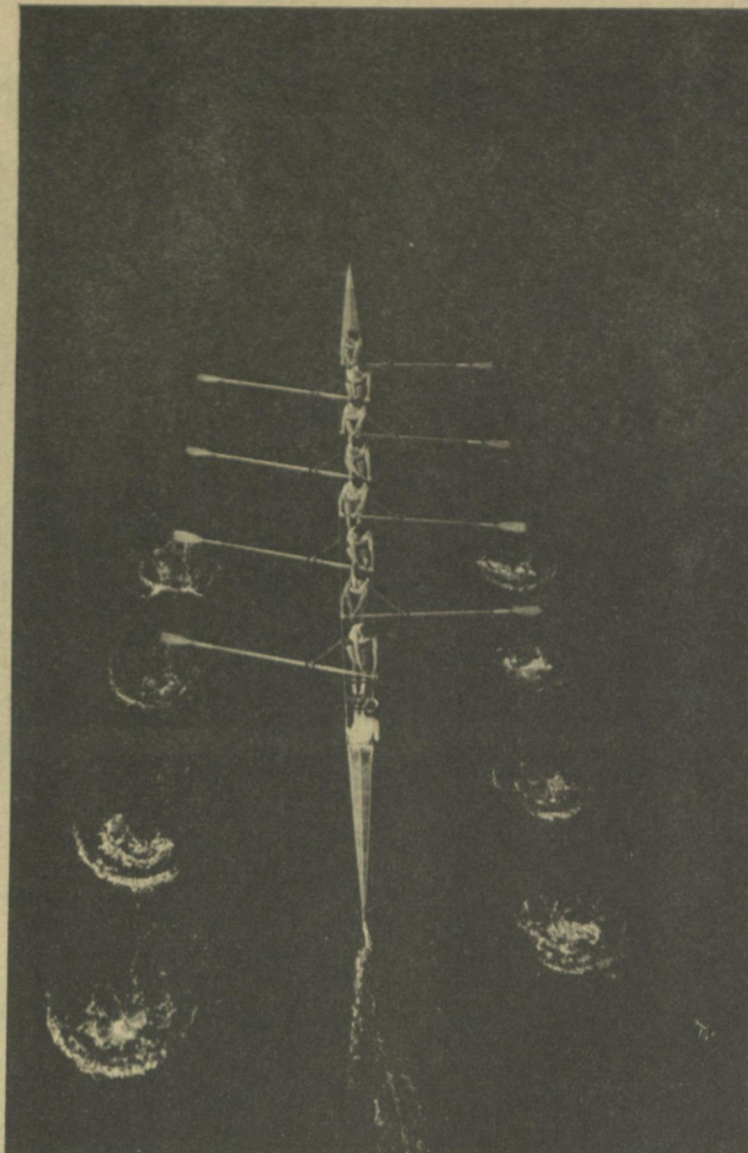
Three of the USD women went to the women's National Competitions in Seattle, Washington.

In the men's division, the JV8 finished fourth in the finals of the Western Sprints (the West Coast Championships), beating crews from Santa Barbara, Loyola, Humbolt, Long Beach, Stanford and other schools with a long tradition in rowing.

In May of this year, the University Board of Trustees approved the addition of Crew to the University's intercollegiate sports program.

Recruitment is now under way for this year's team. Unlike other intercollegiate sports, no previous experience is necessary in order to try out for the team.

As few high schools offer rowing, the first step in USD's Fall program is to offer instruction in the fundamentals of sweep rowing. Students interested take hour-long classes three times a week, beginning in the barge and moving into 8 man shells. A conditioning program consisting of weight training and running is offered on alternate days. Novice rowers continue with the program through December when they have the opportunity to row competitively in the Novice Regatta held on Mission Bay.



The competitive season begins in the second semester with regattas for men and women scheduled with UC Santa Barbara, Orange Coast College, USC, UCSD, SDSU and Long Beach. The Western Sprints (West Coast Men's Championships) are scheduled for May 19 at Los Gatos. The Women's Nationals will be held in Detroit, Michigan, in mid-June.

One of the highlights of the season is the San Diego Crew Classic, an event which brings the best of the East and West Coast crews to San Diego. Last year's participants included Harvard University, Brown University, Cornell University, Orange Coast, University of British Columbia, University of Washington, University of Pennsylvania, University of Wisconsin, University of California, Berkeley - a total of 30 crews racing on Mission Bay before a crowd of 16,000 spectators.

The first round of rowing classes began last week at Mission Bay Aquatic Center with over 60 USD students participating. A second set of classes will begin October 2 and 3rd. They will be offered at 7:00 A.M., 8:00 A.M., 1:30 P.M., 2:30 P.M., 3:30 P.M., 4:30 P.M., 5:30 P.M., and 6:30 P.M., Monday, Wednesday & Friday or Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday. (Saturday classes are offered in the morning and early afternoon).

Students who missed the announcement for the first set of classes and are interested in trying out for the team should sign up for their classes before September 28th in Serra Hall, Room 200. There will be a meeting September 28th at 12:15 P.M. in Solomon Lecture Hall for all those who plan to participate in this second round of classes. A film will be shown and other questions answered at that time.



PHOTO: MARK RYLAND

stresses the fact that he's here to help. "My biggest complaint about college students is that they don't come to us with their gripes."

The sixty-five to eighty-five students employed in the food service make up the bulwark of the force, but Tubb maintains he has one of the best core groups in the business. "John the Cook's been here ten years. Maria (who makes the salads) has been here sixteen years, and Guillermina twenty-three --ever since this place opened. I'll put my crew and USD's

food up against any school in the country."

There are problems that are innate in running a college cafeteria, but Jim hopes the students are aware of some of the difficulties involved in trying to keep things going smoothly. "If I could be granted one wish," he says, "it would be that every student could work for me just one day. I think they'd understand the situation then, and appreciate more what we're trying to do."

COMPOSER

This is where the sea ends.
Booming insistently to the contrary,
this is where the waves,
traveling so far for lost purpose,
come to their inevitable conclusion.
They do not go quietly.
With blast and spume they
trumpet their anger to blank hotel windows,
tiered balcony above balcony
along the sweep of hillside.

This is where children tumble by day,
sunlight contained in their sepia skin,
upon the mown lawns,
where lovers stroll by darkness, shy of windows,
grateful for the shelter of lilac bushes.
By night the street lamps glow amber,
haloed and set apart by ocean's mist.
And beyond them --
the lawn, the sidewalk,
the observation booths, disturbed palm trees,
rock and sand,
and ever beyond them all
is the sea, the sea.
By night it is black as a great sorrow.

It is here he strolls alone.
Recalling a bench, a post,
he pauses moments in recognition
of these and ghosts beside them.
His hand falls to his side and clutches air.
It is effect
and the voice of the waves tells him so.
He does not look their way.

Coaxing inspiration, he seeks
new ways of saying tired things.
Hearts can bleed for money
as easily as for love.
A sigh, and faces half-imagined, partially
remembered draw forth;
"Each lover was a prize.
I rolled over their laid out bodies
like a train across railroad ties."
He is satisfied.

It is now as he turns the landmarks lose
familiarity, cast aside
as inessential with his melancholia.
The constancy of the sea drowns its own meaning.
But it is angry. Waves shout upon the rocks
for hours behind him.

I Philosophize, Therefore I Am



DR. DENNIS ROHATYN

PHOTO: MARK RYLAND

Editor's Note: The VISTA has asked a faculty member to write on any subject he or she thinks worthy of public forum. It does not necessarily have to be a subject which would fall under the scope of the professor's discipline. This week Dr. Dennis Rohatyn, a member of USD's Philosophy Department, has chosen to write about philosophy.

ABOUT PHILOSOPHY

With the beginning of the school year, comes the professionally necessary if sometimes embarrassing task of explaining to my classes exactly what philosophy is. Embarrassing, because I must ask myself whether I really know anything more about it than my students do; necessary, because if I cannot make myself and my field intelligible in some way or other, then I am not entitled to lecture or lead discussion. I could of course profess ignorance, in the honored Socratic tradition, but this would immediately be perceived as an excuse--and rightly, since I am not Socrates. Were I a model of human conduct and a martyr, then perhaps evasiveness might be justified. In my case it is not. Moreover, I am an educator, not a teacher. The difference is significant. A teacher is one who, psychologically sensitive to the state of mind and emotion of his students, elicits from them the presuppositions of their own thought, in order that they may be carefully examined. This requires a painfully honest, one-to-one relationship such as is not found in most sectors of mass society, nor anywhere in higher education today. Nor could it be found, unless we were to effect it by creating the conditions for it through political and social transformation or through withdrawal to the proverbial desert island situation. An educator, by contrast, is a transmitter of knowledge and method who works within institutional limits of which, if he is good, he is acutely conscious. He does not pretend to wisdom, nor to dispensing it within the post-

industrial revolution setting in which we live, and work, apart from one another both morally and emotionally.

So I come to class, aware of the task that lies before me, and aware, too, that my self-justification is a matter of pride and importance to me outside the classroom, in relations with my colleagues and academic peer group. It is therefore not adequate for me to resort to historical definitions of philosophy, such as "the science that studies first principles and causes" (Aristotle), "(analysis of) the conditions for the possibility of experience" (Kant), "(discovery of) the generic traits of existence" (Dewey), and so on. To begin with, these are matters of information only; they require theoretical grounding in someone's vision of the world in order to make sense. And then it is only that one philosopher's--not my own. Both Plato and Descartes, among others, have stressed the role of justification in philosophy; I would be remiss in accepting a proposition which I know is criticizable, and therefore I would be mistaken in claiming for any given philosopher's definition of philosophy a universality which, on inspection of another philosopher's thought, it is obvious does not exist. And so I begin to despair.

However, despair is not the final moment of my investigation. For when I begin to survey the course that philosophy has taken through the centuries, it occurs to me that a definition of it which cuts across party and factional lines is after all possible.

We may say that philosophy is the study of those questions which no one else--no other field of learning--is able or willing to take up at a given time.

Explications of causality, proofs of God's existence, demonstrations of free will, a consideration of the relation between minds and bodies, conceptualizations of such terms as "person," "time," "space," "relation," and "truth," to name a few--these are issues which tax the resources of the natural and social sciences, of mathematics, of literature and the arts. This is not to say that these fields do not make important contributions to our understanding of these and other topics; it is to say (1) that these fields do not arrogate to themselves exclusively the problematic, the unresolved, and even the in-principle irresolvable, matters of human debate and speculation for discussion; (2) that these topics involve, at crucial points, the consideration of concepts which are at one and the same time central to any human investigation of phenomena (or to any ordinary human undertaking, such as communication between individuals), and yet so difficult to define as to render any attempt at description generally unsatisfying, vague, and doubtful (or open to serious objections). It is only philosophy which saddles itself, as a matter of routine, with such unremovable burdens. Other fields may encounter them in the course of going about the "normal" business of explaining, edifying or entertaining, and, if they pose serious obstacles to the progress of these disciplines and activities an intelligent practitioner will stop and reflect on his procedure before going forward. This is the case in cosmology,

in psychiatry, and in political diplomancy--to name three widely different fields in which philosophical questions (the origin of the universe, the nature of the human animal, the relations between states and forms of desirable social intercourse) can arise.

What I am suggesting is not new--I would be shocked if it were. But it is worth repeating. Philosophy makes it its business to study ideas which underly or permeate human activities and branches of inquiry, yet which are taken for granted until such time as their foundational character is noticed and becomes an object of concern, if not to the human(s) involved in these pursuits then to the philosopher trying to understand them. If philosophy has failed to make itself fully accountable for its presence alongside other subjects, then it is high time that it began doing so, and it might profitably begin this task, not by arrogantly claiming to be the queen of the sciences, but by gently reminding us that one of its primary roles is to give an account of the ultimate issues, that is, matters of principle that go towards establishing the boundaries of what is knowable (or of what can be done) in those other subjects. In short, to the question 'what is philosophy?' we might best respond by pointing out that it is the enterprise which systematically asks that very question, both about itself and about everything else--including the most difficult question of all, what kind of creature is man who engages in these activities and asks this sort of question.

--Dennis Rohatyn

Sports



BONNIE BASS

PHOTO: MARK RYLAND

Torero Women's Basketball Sets to Sally Into the Fray

Maybe the recent surge in women's sports here at USD and across the country is one of the many repercussions of the feminist movement, but new women's basketball coach Bonnie Bass doesn't believe that this should mean automatic acceptance of the new girls' team.

"I don't expect students to come out and cheer us if we're not doing the job," she asserts. "We have to *earn* their respect if we expect their support. This team is going to be an exemplary one in terms of conditioning and discipline."

Bonnie has high hopes for women's basketball in this its first year with a full-time coach and a full-scheduled program. Although the team may be playing over its head against such powerhouses as Pepperdine and San Diego State, Bonnie feels USD will more than hold its own in most of the 16 confirmed games against nine colleges and universities. Some of the rivals against which the Torero women will be pitted include crosstown opponents UCSD, USIU and SDSU, Loyola Marymount, Pepperdine, Pt. Loma, University of Redlands, Cal Lutheran, and Cal State. "We will be a Division I team next year," she says, "and I want to have some experience against the caliber of teams we'll be facing in the future."

In this seminal season, Coach Bass is building her team around her only recruit, 6-foot Vicky Rayle, a freshman from Tucson. "We have five other girls on partial scholarship," Bonnie says, "but the rest of the team will have to be built from what talent we have at USD."

One way of coaxing that talent out will be the pre-season auditions to be held in the USD gymnasium today at 5 P.M. "These are auditions, not tryouts," Coach Bass emphasized. "We just want to get an idea of whom we have to work with." Girls interested in auditioning must be there at five sharp.

The holder of a master's in physical education, Bonnie has taught at Mira Costa and Palomar previously, and was a coach at UCSB and Arizona State before landing the coaching job here. "Some of the other candidates had more basketball experience, but I was hired on the strength of my coaching and administrative experience," Bonnie judges.

"We're going to work hard this year. I'm tired of the image of the female athlete as a big, busty girl who can't even run without getting winded. This team is going to be in great shape, and our primary goal is going to be to play up to our capabilities, and earn the respect we feel we deserve."

The season opens for the women cagers Friday, December 1st at 8 P.M. when they host Pepperdine University. The highlight of the season will be on March 3rd, when the Toreros will become the first women's college team to play in the sports Arena as the square off against SDSU. The game will be a preliminary to the State men's team tilt with Utah State.

"We'll develop solidarity this year. I'm not going to throw away this season building towards the future. We are going to bust our butts to have a professional program." If enthusiasm is a help to building that program, one would have to say the women's basketball team is off to a good start.

USD Last-minute Attempt Boots Away Game, 24-22

The University of San Diego football team came close to defeating the University of Redlands last Saturday night, before succumbing 24-22. A missed field goal with 20 seconds left on the clock was the decisive play of the game.

While the second close loss in as many games was a gristly piece of meat to chew, Toreros' head football coach Bill Williams says many improvements in his team's overall play. "Our offensive team improved tremendously, and while our running game still isn't nearly as productive as it will be, its improvement was very noticeable," said Williams.

The offensive line of Steve Danton (6'0, 212 lb., Senior), Gary Serna (5'11, 205 lb., Junior), Tom Strickland (6'0, 212 lb., Junior), Richard King (6'2, 212 lb., Freshman), and Rod Regalado (6'1, 215 lb., Junior) performed smoothly against a good Redlands defensive unit.

Tight ends Jeff Flanagan (6'1, 220 lb., Junior) and Ken Loughran (6'3, 200 lb., Sophomore) both played well, making key third down receptions and blocking well on running plays.

With receiver John Dudek (5'10, 180 lb., Junior) hauled in eight passes, one for a touchdown against the Bulldogs. Dudek leads the Toreros in receptions with 13 and two touchdown passes to his credit in two games.

Quarterback Jim Valenzuela (6'0, 180 lb., Senior) completed 16 of 24 passes and engineered a late fourth quarter drive that almost pulled the game out for the Toreros.

Nils Ericson and Dave Maynard ran well from the runningback posts, with Ericson scoring two touchdowns.

USD's special teams dominated Redlands kicking game, including punt returns of 32 and 27 yards, by Dave Maynard and John Green, a transfer from Menlo College. Jeff Flanagan, USD's punter and tight end, again booted the Toreros out of trouble several times with his kicks. USD's punt coverage unit has allowed only four yards returned in two games, to lead the nation in that category. The Toreros 18-yard punt return average also puts them high nationally after the opening two games.

Defensively, senior linebacker Greg Perkins (6'1, 208 lb.) was credited with ten tackles, seven assists, two quarterback sacks, and causing two Redlands turnovers.

This Saturday night, USD hosts Pomona College at 7:30 P.M. at USD Stadium. Pomona tied 10-10 in their opener with runningback Randy Boshala rushing for 130 yards. The Sagehens, under new coach Mike Steinhauer, are vastly improved over last year's team, but Coach Williams feels his team is on the verge of coalescing.

"Our players have the type of self-fortitude necessary to cast aside temporary setbacks and look ahead. Our first two games, and the experience we shared together in those contests, will make us a far better team in the long run," declared Williams.

From the Sideline..... Linebackers Jim Gonzales and Mike Healy are doubtful for the Pomona game because of injuries sustained in the Redlands game..... This season's football captains are Steve Danton (offensive guard), Jim Valenzuela (quarterback), Greg Perkins (linebacker), and Mike Taylor (nose-guard), along with Barney Rumps (linebacker). Junior defensive end Jack Mason (LACC) is USD's special teams captain..... Dave Westhem (Harvard Prep) and Joe Henry (Tustin HS) have contributed greatly to the Torero's special teams thus far..... Linebacker Chris Baer and fullback Ken Wright are off the injured list this week.....

Attention USD Football Fans

The Torero Cheering Section

has been moved east of the fifty-yard line.

(previously enemy territory)

USD Girls Get Into the Swim

Women's Swim Team held its first team meeting Wednesday, September 20th at 5:00 P.M. in the Sports Center team room. Coach Gary Becker is encouraging any girl interested in competitive swimming or with a swimming background to contact him at the Recreation Center and find out about this year's team.

Workouts will be divided into ability and conditioning levels to allow each girl to get into shape at her own pace. Workouts are scheduled from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. five days a week. This year's

emphasis will be placed on individual improvement beginning with times achieved at the first swim meet.

The season begins October 2nd and culminates with the women's National Championships in early March. The team will compete as an independent the first year which will allow the scheduling of teams at the same competitive level.

A new team means starting traditions, setting team records and building team spirit. This year promises to be fun and exciting.



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