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ALUMNI CAREER DAY SET AT USD MARCH 4

"Career Day, March 4, will give students an inside view of what to look for in choosing a career, what courses to consider," states Jackson Muecke, Director of Alumni Relations at the University of San Diego.

Returning alumni will spend the morning on campus, outside of Serra and De Sales Halls, fielding questions from students inquiring about a wide range of occupations. Says Muecke: "They'll have a chance to ask the alums which courses helped, and which didn't."

10-12115 Co-sponsors are the USD Alumni Association and the Educational Development Center. USD career counselors Barbara Burke and Linda Scales will participate.

Coordinator of the Alumni Association's Career Committee is Judge Ernest Borunda, who completed his undergraduate work at USD in 1966, and then graduated from the Law School in 1969. Judge Borunda currently sits on the South Bay Municipal Court bench.

Among the prominent alumnae who will be returning to the USD campus on March 4 is San Diego City Councilwoman Lucy Killea, who earned an M.A. in Latin American History in 1966. Before her appointment to the Council in 1977, she

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was Director of Fronteras, an agency instrumental in U.S.-Mexican cultural and commercial liasions in the San Diego area.

"My advice to students interested in Latin America," says the Councilwoman, "would be not to narrow their fields of endeavor too much." She went on to say that history, economics, business, cultural anthropology, and foreign language courses aid careers in foreign relations.

"As for me," Killea recalls, "going back to school, breaking the ice again, was much easier at a small university like USD, with its warm feeling."

Also returning to campus for Career Day will be Mrs. Fran Adamski Galvin, who graduated in 1978 from USD's School of Education with an M.A. in Counselor Education.

Mrs. Galvin, now a counselor at the Newman Center at San Diego State University, feels that prospective counselors should assess themselves to see if they are "people-oriented, helper-types, capable of developing good listening techniques."

Of her present career, she says: "It's not an easy job, but the gratifying thing about this type of counseling, working with adults, is that frequently I can see the immediate results of the help I provide."

Walt Johnston, who received a B.A. in History from USD in 1968, has been an independent insurance broker for the past eight years.

"I didn't know at the time that I was going to go into insurance," he explains, "or I would have taken more business

and economics courses." Still, Johnston feels, his history studies provided a valuable background in overall communications skills.

Johnston advises students with an interest in insurance to acquire as much experience on their own as possible, such as finding summer jobs as interns with insurance agencies, or taking summer courses that deal with insurance.

"Many young people think of insurance brokerage as being akin to high-pressure, door-to-door salesmanship," states Johnston, "but that's not really the case. There are international aspects to insurance, mathematical aspects, and room for people with many different backgrounds."

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