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A NATIONAL CAMPAIGN BEGUN TO PROMOTE
A STUDENT DEVELOPMENT TRANSCRIPT PROGRAM

Tom Cosgrove, associate dean of students at the
University of San Diego, is heading a national campaign
to promote a Student Development Transcript Program.

Cosgrove got USD in on the ground floor of this program
in 1982, when he conducted a pilot study to evaluate
students participation in a mentoring/transcript process.

The results from this study, which Cosgrove presented
last March at the Association of College Union-International
national convention, proved that the program worked.
Students that participated in the program were more positive
in the areas of goal setting, decision making and problem
solving. A more positive attitude toward the university
and more involvement in activities at the university were
also apparent.

The National Leadership Development Committee, chaired
by Cosgrove, has sent out an evaluation survey to all
colleges and universities that are involved in a Student
Development Transcript Program. This survey will help
to expand the information at the Co-curricular Transcript
Library, making the ideas behind a Student Development
Transcript Program more accessible to all colleges and
universities.

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When the Student Development Transcript Program was conceived by Robert Brown at the University of Nebraska, there were three main elements.

1. Assessment process which presents the areas the student is interested in developing.

2. Mentoring component in which a volunteer (faculty, administration, or senior student), acts as a guide to present the areas, other than academic, that are available in college life.

3. A transcript which is a record of all activities the student has been involved in throughout his/her college career.

After three years, the program is still available at USD, offering freshmen students the opportunity to become more aware of their choices in academic and non-academic activities. The senior students, who serve as mentors for the program, also gain a positive experience.

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