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EDWARD JAME OLMOS TO SPEAK AT "BRIDGES & BARRIERS OF IMMIGRATION"

Actor Edward James Olmos will deliver the keynote speech at "The Bridges & Barriers of Immigration," USD's 1993-94 Social Issues conference, on March 22-26 in the Hahn University Center.

Olmos will speak Thursday, March 24, at 8:00 p.m. As an actor, Olmos is best known for his portrayal of educator Jaime Escalante in the movie *Stand and Deliver*. As a humanitarian and a spokesman for the U.S. Latino community, he won high praise for his peacemaking efforts in the aftermath of the Los Angeles riots.

Sen. Alan Simpson is tentatively scheduled to wrap up the conference with an address on immigration on Saturday, March 26, at 10:00 a.m. A U.S. Senator from Wyoming since 1978, Simpson co-authored the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986.

Two other guest speakers who will deliver luncheon addresses in Solomon Lecture Hall inside USD's Maher Hall are:

-- Tijuana Mayor Hector Osuna Jaime, who will speak Friday, March 25, at 12:30 p.m.

-- Alan Bersin, U.S. Attorney for San Diego and Imperial Counties, who will speak Thursday, March 24, at 11:30 a.m.

Topics for the conference plenary sessions, all free and open to the public, will include:

- "Through the Eyes of an Immigrant"
- "Media Portrayals of the Border: A Cross Cultural Critique"
- "Immigration and the Political Debate"
- "The Impact of Immigration on Health Care Delivery in San Diego"
- "Cross Cultural Perspectives"

- "West European Perspectives"
- "The Business of Immigration"
- "Human Rights and Justice"
- "Crossing the School House Border"
- "Community Resources: Meeting Human Needs"
- "International Borders and Immigration"

"The Bridges & Barriers of Immigration" is sponsored by the USD Social Issues Committee and the Associated Students Social Issues Committee, with funding from The James Irvine Foundation. Co-sponsors are: the SDSU Africa and Middle East Studies Committee; the Ecumenical Council; the USD Graduate Student Association in International Relations; the SDSU Institute for International Security and Conflict Resolution; the San Diego City Club; San Diego City Schools; the United Way; and the World Affairs Council.

"This forum will examine several aspects of a very complicated and emotional issue," said conference chair Randy Willoughby. "We have invited a wide range of experts and several artists, and we look forward to a lively and meaningful exchange."

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