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*USD professors
push themselves to
the limit in pastimes
ranging from mountain
climbing to mountain
man living.*

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Seen in THE PARK



Poet **Jane Hirshfield** signed copies of her poetry collections April 13 after giving a reading sponsored by the Friends of the USD Libraries. Hirshfield has authored four poetry collections, and her work has been described as “radiant and passionate” by the *New York Times Book Review*.



College-circuit faves **Reel Big Fish** headlined an outdoor concert April 17 at West Point Field sponsored by the Associated Students. Hundreds of fans caught the Fish, as well as bands Goldfinger and Burning Groove.

Bulldozers were fired up May 5 to break ground for the 5,000-seat Jenny Craig Pavilion, which is expected to open by Fall 2000 and will be home to Torero basketball and volleyball teams. **Jenny Craig** was joined by her husband, **Sid Craig**, and 400 well-wishers at the earth-moving ceremony.



That collective sigh of relief heard around campus Memorial Day weekend came from the more than 1,400 undergraduate, graduate and law students who picked up their diplomas at the 1999 commencement ceremonies. The former prime minister of Ireland, **Albert Reynolds**, encouraged undergraduates to pursue their dreams, while Judge **John T. Noonan Jr.**, of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, spoke to law grads and **John Hope Franklin**, professor emeritus of history at Duke University, addressed graduate students.

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HELPING HANDS

STUDENTS, FACULTY AID COMMUNITY

She's been a fixture at the Linda Vista community health clinic for more than two years, but nurse Connie Curran still makes a concerted effort to win the trust of her patients.

The 1995 Philip Y. Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science graduate makes coffee and brings juice and breakfast snacks every Wednesday to make the center's visitors comfortable. It works.

"They'll come in if there's food," says Curran with a laugh. "Actually, we can tell it's working because right away they open up a little more and ask questions. Food puts people at ease."

Curran helps direct and teach a group of USD nursing students who volunteer at the Community Outreach Partnership Center just off campus on Comstock Street. Funded by a federal grant, the center provides, among other services, health care for Linda Vista, a neighborhood that abuts campus.

Curran and Mary Jo Clark, associate dean, help nursing students get practical experience at the clinic. The volunteers

give blood pressure checks, make health assessments and talk with visitors about any health concerns.

"I think we fill a real need," says Curran. "Some of these people might not otherwise get any medical help."

The Community Outreach Partnership Center, or COPC, provides a number of other services. Launched as an effort to strengthen USD's relationship with Linda Vista, COPC also provides residents with legal, business and educational help. School of Business Administration students meet with small business owners and offer help with taxes and marketing plans, while School of Education students developed early childhood education and English as a second language programs. They also help with the Bayside Kids Program, which gives Linda Vista parents and their children an after-school alternative. School of Law students mediate in landlord-tenant disputes and offer other kinds of legal advice.

COPC was started in 1997 through a \$400,000 Department of Housing and



Linda Vista residents undergo a health screening at the Community Outreach Partnership Center.

Urban Development grant. The program not only gets USD students involved, but helps Linda Vista residents take more active roles in their own community, says Anne Hendershott, associate professor of sociology and center adviser.

"We really want to help empower residents," says Hendershott, "especially those who had not formally been involved in such things. Our goal was to create a venue where their voices could be heard. And it's nice because it involves all of the different schools at USD."



(L to R) Jamie Munro '99, Chugger Adair '93, Tom Tate '95, Kevin Legg '95.

For a small group of former USD men's soccer players, championship seasons have become the norm since graduation.

Chugger Adair '93, Tom Tate '95 and Kevin Legg '95 were part of the 1992 West Coast Conference championship team at USD that made a spectacular run

USD SOCCER

through the NCAA playoffs before losing to top-ranked Virginia in the title game. Today, the trio is back together in an effort to lead the San Diego Flash professional minor league team to a second straight A-League Western Division crown.

"It's kind of amazing, really, that we're all together like this again," says Tate, a second-year goalie. "It says a lot about the level at USD."

Joining the trio with the Flash this year is Jamie Munro '99, a star defender. All four USD players have contributed mightily in several key wins, though only Legg and Munro start. The 6-foot-5 Adair provides an offensive boost off the bench and Tate has shared the goalie duties for a team that has limited opponents to just 1.5 goals a match.

Three USD alumni also play for Major League Soccer, the highest level of soccer in North America: Goalie Scott Garlick '94 and forward Guillermo Jara '96 play for the Tampa Bay Mutiny, and Leighton O'Brien '99 is with the San Jose Clash.

"We've had a top program for most of the '90s," says USD men's coach Seamus McFadden, when asked about the number of his former players in the pro ranks. "So in that sense, it's kind of natural. We've had a good run and we're attracting some top players."

Top players will appear in July in Torero Stadium, as Major League Soccer stages its annual All-Star Weekend in San Diego. MLS officials have reserved Torero Stadium for a Celebrity All-Star game July 14 that is open to the public,

Alumni Achievements Saluted

They were recognized for their success. They were lauded for their contributions to their fields. But perhaps most important, they were celebrated for taking the spiritual and academic knowledge they gained at USD and transforming their own corners of the world.

More than 500 people saluted the five recipients of the 1999 Author E. Hughes Career Achievement Awards May 1 in the San Diego Hyatt Regency, feting the winners with video and musical tributes for their work.



The traditional African welcome Djembe drum-call is performed for guests.

Honorees from the five schools included: Kimberlee Jubala '90, a fifth grade special education teacher at San Diego's Lafayette Elementary School; Daniel Gross '97, CEO of Sharp Memorial, Cabrillo,

Mary Birch and Mesa Vista hospitals in San Diego; Lorenzo Fertitta '91, director of Station Casinos, Inc., and CEO of Gordon Biersch Brewing Company; Monie Captan '85, '87, the minister of foreign affairs for the Republic of Liberia; and Michael Thorsnes '68, a partner in the San Diego law firm of Thorsnes, Bartolotta, McGuire & Padilla.

"Every September, when a new class of students begins, there is a blank canvas of choices to be made by Kim Jubala," Richard Seer, director of the Old Globe Theatre/USD master of fine arts program, told attendees.

"For Dan Gross when a new employee contract is about to be negotiated, for Lorenzo Fertitta when a new business plan has to be written, for Monie Captan when a new issue of trade arises for Liberia, and for Michael Thorsnes when



Above: Monie Captan '85, '87, foreign affairs minister of Liberia, acknowledges well-wishers. Left: Award recipient Kimberlee Jubala '90 gets a hug from an admirer.



a new case is taken on, a blank canvas of opportunities faces them."

The award was created five years ago in honor of USD President Emeritus Author E. Hughes. Recipients are selected through a nomination process that includes faculty, administrators and alumni.

NETS PRO SUCCESS

and a Skills Challenge July 16 open only to area youth groups. The 1999 MLS All-Star Game is 7 p.m., July 17, in Qualcomm Stadium.

San Diego and soccer officials hope the event will lead to the birth of a San Diego Major League Soccer franchise,



Former USD soccer players get their kicks with the San Diego Flash.

and Flash players hope theirs is that franchise team.

"Having the game in San Diego is a huge deal," says Adair. "But having the other events here at USD is even bigger for us. You cannot buy the kind of exposure and coverage that comes with it. It's great for the school."

In an effort to make the Flash more appealing for local soccer fans, team officials sought high-caliber players with San Diego backgrounds. Flash coach Papo Santos says USD is a natural place to look.

"They play some pretty good soccer up there," says Santos. "All the USD guys have not only played well, but they have come in and made a difference. Those are the kind of players we want."



Rock 'N' Soccer Celebrity Game at Torero Stadium, 7 p.m., July 14. Tickets for the game pitting notable San Diegans and MLS stars against each other are \$2 and available only at the gate on game day. Proceeds will benefit the Children's Hospital & Health Center of San Diego. Televised live on Cox Channel 4.

PARTY LIKE IT'S 1999

What's a 50th anniversary without a few parties?

A drag, that's what. So USD is hosting some major events this summer and fall to help celebrate the university's golden year.

And the best thing about these parties — you don't have to bring a gift.

50TH ANNIVERSARY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION, JULY 30-31

Nationally recognized Chicano comedy-theater troupe Culture Clash will perform in concert at 7:30 p.m., Friday, July 30, in Shiley Theatre. Also on the bill is the Asian-American comedy troupe 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors and the jazz of The Gilbert Castellanos Trio. Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 students, and are available at the Hahn University Center box office. The show repeats at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, July 31. For more information, call (619) 260-4650.

A free anniversary celebration featuring bands, food and entertainment kicks off at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 31, on West Point Field. The community is invited to hear swing band Big Time Operator, the U.S. Marine Corps Marching Band and other local bands. Storytellers for children, the Sea World trailer, vendors and other activities also will be available. For more information, call (619) 260-4659.

50TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION CELEBRATION, NOV. 12-14

An all-alumni reunion is the centerpiece of Homecoming Weekend, with parties for graduates from each of the decades slated for the evening of Saturday, Nov. 13. Events are still being planned, but some details include the alumni tailgate party at 11 a.m., Nov. 13, followed by the Homecoming football game between the Toreros and Wagner College at 1 p.m.

For updates on alumni events and more information, call (619) 260-4819.



Top 10 Bizarre Tour Questions

Remember those groups of prospective students and parents you'd run into when hurrying to class? You know, the ones that always seem to be in the foyer of Maher Hall, no matter when you're passing through.

Those curious college-bound students and their parents are shepherded around campus and through buildings by volunteer tour guides working for the admissions office. Cleverly named Toureros, the guides are USD students who are trained to be as professional as possible, especially when answering spontaneous questions from their tour group.

But sometimes the giggles are too hard to hold back. Chris White, senior admissions officer and adviser to the

Toureros, and the guides make a habit of writing down the wackiest queries. Here are 10 of the best.

1. Does USD have laundry service or does my son have to wash his own clothes?
2. Do they train you guys to walk backwards?
3. What's the name of that tree in front of Founders Hall?
4. Who are the three most famous alumni?
5. Can you drink the water here?
6. What's the average age of the teachers?
7. What does "Loma" mean?
8. (Asked by a first grader) Where are the teachers' desks?
9. What's inside the blue dome?
10. (Asked by a fourth grader) Do you have fertilities and sororities here?

Those Who Made a Difference

Most of us are familiar with the legacy left by USD's founders, Mother Rosalie Hill and Bishop Francis Buddy. Without their vision and dedication, Alcalá Park likely would not exist today.

But what about others whose contributions — whether in front of a classroom, on the playing field, in the community or behind a broom — made a difference at USD? Who are the people or the things that make this place special?

Send us a brief description of your nominees (either a person, place, or thing).



We'll also do our own research, and come up with a list for the Fall 1999 issue of USD Magazine, which will celebrate the university's golden anniversary.

Send your nominees, and why you think they're special, to: Editor, USD Magazine, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA, 92110; via e-mail to Sherold@acusd.edu; or fax to (619) 260-6820.

From Japan to Iowa,
Mike DiMuro's home is
behind the plate.



Playing Hardball

Strike two. Mike DiMuro had just made the call on the now-furious batter, when out of the corner of his eye, he caught a flurry of movement. Four players were charging hard from the dugout and headed his way behind home plate. From the opposite side of the field, the third-base coach was barreling down on him.

DiMuro was too stunned to move.

"Their coach grabbed my arm, and the batter hit me in the chest," recalls DiMuro, a 1990 communications studies graduate who is entering his ninth year officiating professional baseball. "Luckily for me, Leo Gomez from the (Chicago) Cubs was playing in the league, and he got in there and got me out to safety."

DiMuro wasn't umpiring a game in some Brooklyn schoolyard. He was officiating in a packed major league stadium in Japan, a goodwill ambassador bringing the art of Major League Baseball officiating to a nation that takes its baseball seriously. Too seriously, it turned out, for DiMuro, whose infamous call that day in 1997 landed him on ESPN, network news and, ultimately, in the annals of baseball history as the lead guinea pig in a failed experiment on Japanese-American baseball relations.

"I was supposed to go to Japan for a year, but I left after three months," DiMuro, 31, says. "In Japan, age and experience are important, so the manager controls the game, and the ump is on the bottom of the hierarchy. The sport is sacred to them, and there is an acceptance of violence against umpires."

Despite the incident — in which no one was fined or penalized — DiMuro doesn't regret the experience. In fact, it enhanced his perspective on life behind the plate, which began for him on the dusty lots of San Diego-area high schools while he attended USD. After graduation, he headed to umpire school in Arizona and spent a few seasons officiating rookie ball, eventually working his way up to Triple A ball in towns like Des Moines, Vancouver and Tucson.

"You're on the road six months, every four days in a different city," says DiMuro, who has two children, Megan, 7, and Ryan, 6 months, with wife Elizabeth. "It gets tough sometimes, being away from your family, but it helps that my dad did it."

DiMuro's father, Lou DiMuro, officiated in the American League for 20 years. As a kid growing up in Buffalo, N.Y., young Mike's heroes weren't Yankees or Mets players. They were the men in blue who called balls and strikes.

"It was hard to look up to players as role models because they were the ones hollering at my dad," he says. "My dad would go out there each game and do a good job, yet the fans would be screaming at him."

But DiMuro never got to show his father how well he learned the sport. After officiating a Texas Rangers game, his father was walking from the stadium when he was hit by a car and killed. DiMuro was only a teenager.

"In a lot of ways it makes it tougher to follow in your dad's footsteps," he says. "You're always wondering if you are as good as he was."

If his climb through officiating is any indication, he is. The American League bought his option in 1997, and he worked 10 games in the majors that year.

"I was a little nervous that first game in Kansas City. The players know you're new, and they'll try to test a young umpire,"

DiMuro says. So far this year, DiMuro has been called up to officiate an Anaheim Angels game.

Breaking in full time in the majors is notoriously difficult, since there are only 60 umpires and they rarely quit. DiMuro's brother officiated for 10 years in the minors before giving up, opting to spend more time with his family. It is a decision DiMuro says he may well have to make in the next two years.

"You can survive in Triple A ball, but you can't really make it a lifelong career," DiMuro says, noting that veteran MLB umpires make \$275,000 a year. "My goal is to make it in the majors, and I'm about as close as they come now."



— Susan Herold



Chemistry Habit

The search for a leukemia cure and spiritual peace is one nun's legacy

When Sister Patricia Shaffer hears the “thud, tap, thud, thud,” it can mean only one thing: dance recital. Not good, when your office is directly under the wooden stage of Shiley Theatre.

Orchestra recital, well, that's a different story.

“The symphony is so beautiful to hear,” says Sister Shaffer from behind her office desk, which occupies the former trunk storage room of USD's predecessor, the San Diego College for Women. “Being under the stage, music is pretty much a part of our life here in the chemistry department.”

You probably wouldn't think of chemists calculating to the strains of Beethoven, but then again, you probably wouldn't think of a nun in full habit firing up Bunsen burners. And you likely wouldn't believe a university professor at age 70 would be a techno-wizard, quizzing her students with palm-held computers, snapping their photos with a digital camera for a computerized seating chart and using the latest high-profile crime cases to explain the complexities of DNA.

“I don't think the word ‘can't’ is in her vocabulary,” says Sharon Joan Simpson '96, who learned about DNA from Sister Shaffer's general chemistry class, and about compassion from her work with USD's Founders Club, a service organization that ties USD alumni to the Association of the Sacred Heart.

“She's a great role model, so giving,” Simpson says. “No matter how much you take on, she's always willing to take on more.”

Although she's retiring this summer after 40 years of teaching at USD, Sister Shaffer is still taking on more. Her research into cloning a gene that would provide another source of asparaginase, the treatment for childhood leukemia, isn't complete. The work that possessed her the past 10 years, and which helped dozens of student chemists learn research techniques, will continue, even if means borrowing lab time or handing off her work to other scientists.

She also will assist in fund-raising efforts for the proposed USD Center for Science Education and Outreach, creating a database of chemistry alumni and working with local bio-tech companies to create internship programs and joint-research projects.

And there's a few other things to do.

“I'm an avid cyclist and I haven't been able to do much of that lately. I'd love to get back on my bicycle,” she says, her eyes brightening. “And I'll have more time for prayer. When you're under the pressure of working every day, you have little time to reflect.”

When she began teaching college in 1959, women chemists were rare. Even rarer were chemists in floor-length habits, the required dress at the time for the Religious of the Sacred Heart.

“Here was this nun with a long habit, to be called mother, and working in a research lab,” Sister Shaffer says of her doctoral work in the late 1960s with Ted Abbott at San Diego State University. “He nearly flipped. Everyone was bowing and scraping. He sat me down and said, ‘Be just like everyone else.’”

She took that advice to heart, serving as a teacher, mentor, spiritual adviser and friend to hundreds of students. Some she counseled on chemistry. Others the religious life.

“A few ask me about the sisterhood each year,” she says. “Now, there are so many more choices for women than when I began.”

Sister Shaffer first considered a religious vocation while in high school in her native Los Angeles, and was nudged into attending the San Francisco College for Women by her mother. At a retreat, she considered joining the Religious of the Sacred Heart, but first had to receive a clean bill of health. During the examination, she was diagnosed with Lupus. She decided to make a novena to St. Philippine Duchesne. A short time later, a doctor told her the Lupus had disappeared.

“Much later a doctor told me it was probably a poor diagnosis, but I thought it was a sign where I should go, Religious of the Sacred Heart,” she says.

She taught for five years at the Sacred Heart Academy in Menlo Park, Calif., before joining the faculty at the San Diego College for Women. She went

on to earn her doctorate in chemistry, oversee research projects, work with Pro-



Upper left: Sister Shaffer circa 1960s
Above: Sister Shaffer reviews lab work with students, 1990s
Left: Sister Shaffer today



ject SEED — which put area high school students in USD labs with her and her students — and advise the Founders Club. She counts among her former students physicians, scientists, researchers and missionaries.

“At my retirement party ... I really reflected on the fact that teaching, for me, develops your heart,” Sister Shaffer says, “and I think that's a good thing.”

— Susan Herold



a worldly experience

Fish tacos, flip-flops and football games may be familiar to most students, but they can be a perplexing lot for the one out of every 20 USD students who hails from another country. Yet experiencing the things that make Southern California and Alcalá Park unique is exactly what entices them.

BY JILL WAGNER '91

When Carlos Dominguez walked into his first class at USD, he couldn't believe his eyes. Men settled into desks wearing shorts and sandals, ballcaps pulled low over their foreheads. Women sipped sodas as they opened notebooks. And the professor casually sat on the corner of the desk, chatting with a student.

In Caracas, Venezuela, where Dominguez grew up, dressing down, eating or talking in class were considered signs of disrespect. Stunned, the 24-year-old engineering student took a seat. Within minutes, though, he realized he wasn't in a class run amok. He was simply undergoing a small bout of culture shock.

"Here, the interaction with teachers is like with your peers," Dominguez says. "Almost everybody walks in with sodas and chips, then starts eating. I thought, 'What is going on here?'"

Dominguez' experience isn't unique. One of every 20 students enrolled at USD hails from another country, with 62 nations in all represented. While they adjust to different styles in the classroom, students must also grapple with starting a life in a country where everything from the language to food is foreign. Yet exactly those

things that can drive them mad — trying to understand English slang or biting into their first fish taco — draw them to an American education.

"They take advantage of things you or I wouldn't because we've lived here so long," says Yvette Fontaine, director of international resources, the office that guides foreign students in everything from finding an apartment to dealing with homesickness. "They want to see and experience everything."

And they end up at USD for many of the same reasons that lure any student: Small class sizes, peaceful campus, an assortment of student activities and the Southern California climate.

Joerg Ineichen, a junior from Lucern, Switzerland, knew he wanted an undergraduate and master's degree from a United States university, and he was interested in a small West Coast school. Born and raised Catholic, he immediately focused on Pepperdine and USD after learning about the schools from a Zurich agency.

"USD felt warmer than Pepperdine," says Ineichen, who visited the campuses after being accepted to both schools. "And the city of San Diego is much nicer than Los Angeles."



Carlos Dominguez
 Age: 24
 Major: Engineering
 Country: Venezuela

Dominguez spent the past four summers in San Diego working for telecommunications giant Qualcomm. When he decided to leave a Venezuelan engineering college to earn a degree in the United States, it was only a matter of which university in San Diego. That's when fate stepped in. Overhearing two women in a San Diego taco shop talking about a small, Catholic campus, Dominguez politely made his way into the conversation, only to discover they were discussing USD. Everything fell into place.

"The beach is right here, just like home, even though it's too cold for me," he says, shuddering as if he can feel the chilly Southern California waters.

While religious affiliation is a comforting factor for many students, the spectrum of international students means there are a rainbow of spiritual traditions. Prospective international students understand they have the freedom to practice any religion, and Saudi Arabian, Indonesian, Japanese and Kenyan students are often drawn to USD by the reputation for a quality education and personal attention from professors and staff.

Danya Alhamrani, a 25-year-old graduate student from Saudi Arabia, witnessed that personal attention firsthand. When searching for a quiet prayer space for her daily Muslim prayers, Alhamrani was accommodated by Fontaine, who let her use her office.

"We are responsible for their well-being," says Fontaine, explaining the philosophy adopted by the international resources staff. "This is their home away from home."

INTEREST ON THE RISE

As USD steadily builds a national reputation, word is also spreading in the international community about the university that focuses on teaching and community service. Due in large part to word of mouth, enrollment of international students has tripled since 1985, reaching 363 this year.

Prospective international students undergo the same application process as domestic students, with the exception of testing. They submit scores on the TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language), which gauges their English abilities, instead of the SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test). International students arrive in the United States on a student visa and maintain that status for a year after graduation. It is not uncommon for international students to use that extra year to work in internship positions.

Some scholarship money is available, primarily to international student-athletes who compete for funding alongside other athletes. The university currently boasts 25 international athletes, two of them standout Toreros for the 1998-99 season: Petia Yanchulova, a volleyball player from Bulgaria, and Czech Republic native Zuzana Lesenarova, the No. 1 ranked collegiate tennis player in the United States.

Scholarship winners are rare, though. Of the total tuition paid by the more than 300 foreign students, 81 percent is paid with personal funds. Ineichen, for example, continues to work as a buyer for his family's chain of 71 retail stores in Switzerland, which helps pay tuition and living expenses. Dominguez sold his car to finance his move to California and works on campus as a lab assistant.



Joerg Ineichen

Age: 24

Major: Business

Country:

Switzerland

EASING INTO AMERICAN LIFE

Ineichen lives near the beach in a small house he rents alone, which suits the quiet, shy student just fine. But he always has room for visitors from home. It's difficult to go too long without homemade jam from mom, who makes the preserves for her son whenever she visits. Dominguez, who transferred to USD in January and lives on campus, already has enjoyed a visit from his mother. The South American's blues eyes shine when he describes a homemade bread baked with a special kind of flour his mom carried across international borders in her suitcase.

Before starting school at USD, Alhamrani was lucky enough to spend several months in San Diego with her family. Adjusting to a new city with her loved ones near did little, though, to ease the pain of watching her parents and siblings board a plane to return to Saudi Arabia without her.

"I went from the airport straight into Orientation Week," Alhamrani says. "It's a good thing I was thrown into all that activity."

After 15 years as director of international resources, Fontaine knows exactly how a good orientation program can ease the transition for overseas students. She initiated a team of volunteers several years ago specifically to work with incoming international students. This year, Ineichen, Dominguez and Alhamrani are Orientation Week team members who will run seminars about everything from campus life to finding an apartment to obtaining medical insurance. Brochures and a Web site guide international students on how to buy a car, activate gas and electricity and open a bank account.





A small, bright-colored pamphlet even warns beach-goers about protecting themselves from a sunburn.

But when it comes to preparing international students for cultural differences, brochures and seminars can't anticipate every situation.



Dominguez was teased good-naturedly for weeks after he kissed a female friend as a form of greeting, not knowing that casual “hellos” aren’t as affectionate in the United States as in his homeland. Ineichen is still perplexed by a jaywalking ticket he received. “Back home you just walk wherever you need to go,” he says. And Alhamrani just can’t get used to the strict time schedules adhered to in the United States. In her country, life progresses according to the sun and plans are made for general time periods, such as after sunset or before noon prayers.

“If I’ve learned anything, it’s that no matter how much people are alike, I have to be aware there are cultural differences,” says Alhamrani, who studies counseling in the School of Education.

TAKING IT ALL IN

International students are veteran travelers, speak at least two languages and have a zest for learning that gives the campus a certain flare. Yet, none of it would be palpable if the international students didn’t take it upon themselves to get involved.

“The dean of my high school used to tell us, ‘Don’t just go to school, let school go through you,’” says Dominguez.

The translation may be rough, but the idea is clear: Absorb all that school has to offer by experiencing things outside the classroom. The three Orientation Week volunteers also work on community service projects and participate in university ministry retreats, and Ineichen serves as a drill teacher for German classes.

“I’ve changed a lot the last two years,” he says. “I approach people differently and I am more open to them.”

Dominguez has, too. After that first shocking day in the classroom, he quickly settled in, asking questions during lectures and debating fellow students. Every once in a while, he even brings a cold drink to class. As for the shorts and sandals, Dominguez just grins: He can’t yet bring himself to try on that bit of American culture.

Fontaine smiles when she reflects on students like Ineichen, Dominguez and Alhamrani, and how much they learn about themselves and a new culture by the end of their stay in the United States. For Fontaine — a political refugee from Cuba who came to America in 1973 — her work is guided by a passion for helping students.

“I am in love with my profession, really,” Fontaine says. “People who come here from all over the world have so much to give.”

Top Majors of International Students (undergraduate)

1.	Business Administration	102
2.	Psychology	11
3.	Communication	9
4.	Biology	8
5.	International Relations	7

Countries with Most Students Attending USD

1.	Mexico	40
2.	Canada	28
3.	Germany	21
4.	France	20
5.	Japan	20
6.	Switzerland	19
7.	Taiwan	15
8.	Indonesia	15
9.	Kuwait	13
10.	Sweden	10



A BUMPER CROP

Record Applications, Limited Class Size Create Admissions Crunch

BY MICHAEL R. HASKINS

For almost as long as she can remember, Xoua Vang dreamed of becoming a University of San Diego student. The 17-year-old lives just a few miles up the road from campus. Her older sister attended school here, and Vang would hang on her every word when she described university life. Vang even mapped out her career — after earning a teaching certificate, she plans to return to her neighborhood elementary school and work in the classroom.

Despite a 3.8 grade point average and a host of impressive credentials — including leader in her high school student body, historian for the community service-oriented California Scholarship Federation, volunteer for the Boys and Girls Club and member of the Future Educators organization, which awarded her a merit scholarship — Vang discovered her dream of attending USD was tough to realize.

“Some of my friends thought USD was a pretty easy school to get into, but I can tell them now that it was not very easy,” says Vang. “I didn’t score as well as I wanted to on my SATs, and I was asked to provide additional information and even talk about why attending USD was important to me.”

It’s no surprise Vang faced stiff competition for a spot in the fall freshman class. Interest in USD has grown at an astounding rate in recent years, with inquiries from prospective freshman and transfer students topping 77,000 per year and applications growing by about 10 percent annually to reach 7,200 this spring. The skyrocketing demand and limited class size means that almost half of those who apply won’t be accepted.

“It’s safe to say that few schools have had the sustained development in admissions that has occurred here,” says War-

ren Muller, director of undergraduate admissions for 15 years. "We're a first-choice school for many students now, and the degree of competition among applicants is exceptional."

When she was accepted to USD this spring, Vang could hardly believe her good fortune. At the same time, this practical young woman knows how much hard work she put in to earn her letter of acceptance.

"Going to USD is a goal I set for myself a long time ago," she says with a smile. "I've been told that USD is like a family; people look out for each other. That's the kind of place where I want to be."

BOOMING NUMBERS

Since the mid-90s, an increasing number of high school seniors have decided Alcalá Park is the place they want to be, too. But USD isn't the only school to be overwhelmed by prospective freshmen — San Diego State University this year received more than 20,000 applications for fewer than 4,000 spots, and admissions offices throughout Southern California are bulging with applications.

All signs point to a continuation of the trend. Over the next eight years, the number of high school graduates is expected to increase to an all-time high of 3.2 million, with California high school graduates soaring to almost 400,000 students by 2008, 38 percent more than in 1996, according to a study by the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education. The so-called "Tidal Wave II," as the kids of the baby boom generation are known in California, means that USD will need to balance the demand with the desire to maintain one of the campus's most attractive features, its small student to faculty ratio.

"This year alone we had 20 percent more students apply, and the percentage of students accepted has dropped from around 80 percent as recently as four years ago to just over 50 percent this year," says Academic Vice President and Provost Frank Lazarus. "We're having to turn away students this year who would have been accepted last year.

"It's a source of pride to us that so many excellent students apply," he adds, "but it's painful to reject students who want to come here."

There are no plans to increase the size of the incoming freshman classes, Lazarus says. Small class size and personal attention from professors is precisely what many students want from USD, and the university is not likely to tinker with the formula it has followed since its founding 50 years ago.

"We have to balance access, or who gets in, with the quality of education they experience when they get here," Lazarus says.

MATCH GAME

With so many students eager to come to the university, admissions officers struggle to stay true to the philosophy that acceptance to USD is based not just on numbers, but on a full understanding of the whole person. That way, students like Vang don't slip through the cracks.

"The application files are mighty thick, with transcripts, two- to three-page essays, letters of recommendation and other supporting materials," says admissions officer Minh Ha Hoang '96, waving at an eight-inch-high pile of applications on her desk. "We read every file cover to cover, though, because the numbers don't tell the whole story. We want to know about the human qualities of each one of these students."

The understanding of what exactly USD's values are is

easy to come by in the admissions office, in part because several admissions officers are themselves USD alumni. When they take USD on the road to college fairs, they are not primarily concerned with numbers and rankings. Instead, they say the best way to find students who will flourish at Alcalá Park is to explain what people at USD value, and how the university values each individual.

"It's more important to me to convey the ideas of holistic education, the support that students get here and the atmosphere of the campus," says Holly Jones '95, an admissions officer who says that recognition of USD is growing fast in regions like the Midwest and the East Coast.

Jones also keeps her eyes open for students who will complement that atmosphere. Those interested in being an active part of their own education are ideal for a campus where classroom attendance is considered vital, and the many opportunities for volunteer work and leadership attract students who are involved in their communities. Admissions officers are tasked with finding an ethnically diverse student body, and are sensitive to family legacies as well as students from the Catholic parishes

and families that contributed to the construction of the campus.

Jones finds herself doing a lot of explaining to high school counselors, parents and alumni with college-age children who are surprised that a relatively small, young university can ask so much from its applicants.

"I tell them that I'm a little amazed myself at the sheer numbers of well-rounded, involved and highly qualified students who know about USD and want to come to school here," she says. "But we've put a lot of effort into showing people what USD is all about, and now we're feeling the ramifications of those efforts."

Most of those efforts have centered around improving communication with potential students and counselors. The admissions marketing effort has combined high-tech recruit-

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-PROVOST FRANK LAZARUS



ment through e-mail, World Wide Web and other developing technologies with plain, old-fashioned personal communication.

"Other admissions people can't believe it when I tell them that USD does no direct mail marketing, while some universities send out hundreds of thousands of pieces of unsolicited mail," says Muller. "We're not out to get only those students with the highest GPA or SAT score. Our efforts are focused on making the best possible match, and our challenge is to provide the kind of personal and human interaction that represents USD's values while dealing with the tens of thousands of inquiries we receive every year."

STRIKING A BALANCE

The message is getting out. At San Diego's Francis Parker School — a private school where on average one out of five graduates applies to USD as their first-choice university — college counselor Bonnie Laughlin sits down with students and parents to talk about what it takes to be accepted to USD.

"If a student wants to attend USD, they need to realize it isn't necessarily a sure thing, in fact it's more likely to be a reach school," says Laughlin, adding that 10 of the 20 Francis Parker students who applied to USD this year were accepted, while three were put on a waiting list. "At the same time, USD looks at the whole student. While some universities rely almost solely on numbers, I know that USD considers the essay, the curriculum and other extenuating circumstances."

With other local universities turning away record numbers of students based on numerical standards — this year's University of California, San Diego, freshman class has an average grade point average that exceeds 4.0 — USD could make undergraduate admissions requirements tougher than they already are. But such a dramatic hike is doubtful.

"We want to strike a balance, to enroll students who are strong academically but who also can contribute to the campus and benefit from the values USD holds important," says Muller.

The number of students applying is not the only reason USD has moved from what college ranking gurus would call a "selective" to a "very selective" university. At the same time applications are up, university administrators and professors continually improve academics to keep pace with the expectations of more sophisticated high school students. It isn't a chicken or egg situation, where interest in the school drives up academic standards or vice-versa; it's more an evolution of both trends together.

"As USD matures and our alumni help spread the word about the university's reputation, we've become a desirable destination for top students," says Lazarus. "Our selectivity doesn't mean that we turn our backs on our core constituencies. While keeping in mind issues such as legacies and diversity, the goal is to raise the academic profile of USD every year and intellectually challenge the students."

To ensure the admissions office continues to welcome the right mix of students, this year a faculty committee examined admissions. The committee reviewed policies and discussed how the faculty can best respond to the expectations of students in the future. No significant changes were recommended to admissions procedures, but a series of faculty forums are planned for the fall to discuss admissions issues and how they impact the classroom. One hot topic is sure to be the need to recognize what students and professors can and should expect from each other.

"Our students challenge us to innovate, try new methods and to push them to succeed, so we need to push ourselves," says chemistry professor and committee member Mitch Malachowski. "At the same time, we will continue to take care of our students, to give them that personal attention we're known for. The profile of our students may have changed somewhat, but the values of the institution have not."

READY FOR THE FUTURE

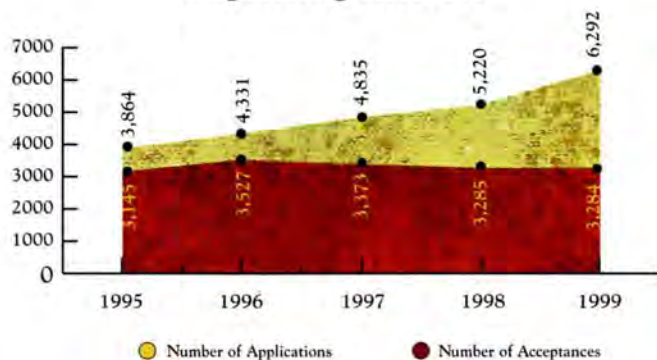
Although USD will not likely expand its freshman classes in the near term, university officials recognize the need to

Freshman Academic Profile, 1995-1999

Class Year	Average High School GPA	Average SAT Verbal	Average SAT Math	Average SAT Total	Percent with 4.0 GPA
1995	3.40	490	550	1040	12.1%
1996	3.39	550	560	1110	12.8%
1997	3.52	567	571	1138	16%
1998	3.61	566	583	1149	27%
1999*	3.71	579	592	1160	27%

*All numbers are based on enrolled class, except 1999 based on projected class.

Expanding Interest



respond to the growing number of students clamoring for a place at Alcalá Park. The search is under way for a new director of undergraduate admissions, who will free up Muller to move into the position of director of enrollment management, where he'll grapple with the question of class sizes, fine tune the admissions procedures of the university, steer the course for financial aid and graduate admissions, and address retention issues. He'll also work with the faculty to ensure the quality of the student meshes with the academic direction of the professors. The challenges, he says, are welcome.

"I came to USD because I believed there was no more exciting admissions position anywhere in the United States," Muller says. "I have not been wrong."

In the meantime, Muller stares at a file cart loaded to the brim with applications that need to be read and re-read to make sure that every folder gets the personal attention he says it deserves. There are no pictures on the folders, but Muller knows there is a hopeful face to go along with each name.

"USD has reached a level where we can be comfortable with the academic preparation of our students. We know we admit good students, so we can focus as well on the personal qualities that make them stand out," he says as he prepares to plow into the stack. "Those leadership abilities, community service experiences and special talents are what make them the best match for USD, and making that match is what we do."

What Does It Take?

Each year, the Office of Undergraduate Admissions staff reads thousands of applications. The trick, they say, is not necessarily to find the best students academically, but to admit students who will be successful at USD and contribute to the values, mission, intellect and life of the campus. The combination of variables is almost infinite, but here's a short list of what they consider.

Academic Record. The rule still holds: The most important indicator of future potential is past success. Beyond SATs and GPAs, however, applicants are evaluated on the difficulty of the courses they take and the reputation of the school they attended. One bad year doesn't necessarily ruin the transcript either, as trends in the academic record are taken into consideration.

Application. It's usually clear how much time and effort a student takes with the application form, and the care used on a neat, presentable and professional-looking application can't help but make an impression on the reader.

Talents. Students with extraordinary abilities often have an edge. Athletic, artistic and musical prowess are just the starting point, as USD in the past has welcomed competitive skiers, accomplished equestrians, gifted writers and poets, science wizards, even a champion hula dancer.

Values. In keeping with USD's mission to provide an education in values as well as academics, admissions officers consider volunteer activities, community participation and leadership in student government and other organizations.

Personal Experience. Rather than give students a choice of two or three essay topics on the application, USD asks each applicant to describe the time in their life when they learned something of the greatest value. The answers are often moving accounts that reveal much about priorities and values.

Diversity. Recognizing that a diverse campus means a broader range of experiences for students, the university strives for a diverse student body in terms of ethnicity, background and life experience.

Legacies. USD is a tradition in many families, and admissions officers take note of students whose parents, siblings and other relatives attended the university. University administrators also point out that those who helped build the school with their contributions need to be remembered.



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BY JOHN TITCHEN

In mid-stride on a morning run one day last year, Kathy James realized something was missing. The Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science professor had taken a daily run for almost 16 years. It was enjoyable, good exercise. But there was no fire, no edge. In a word — no passion.

James needed something to get her blood boiling. So she tossed aside her worries about her stamina, freed herself from those nagging voices in her head (*Run 26 miles in one stretch? You're 45 years old!*) and toed the starting line of the biggest marathon in the world.

"The Boston Marathon is the ultimate experience," says James, explaining her rather impulsive decision. "You've got people lining the streets the entire way. It's unbelievable. And it was just what I needed."

A USD professor for four years, James is the first to admit she's not a "thrill seeker" or "adrenaline junkie," terms first used by psychologists to describe those who seek the high induced by risky behavior. What she wanted, needed, she says of

her marathon run, was simply to push herself, test the limits, dance up to the edge.

It's a desire James shares with dozens of her USD colleagues. On any given day — after grading papers, of course — faculty test themselves by jumping from planes (with chute), climbing glaciers, or taking to the woods and living off the land.

Sometimes their hobbies lend themselves to the classroom. Anthropology professor Gage Skinner, whose passion is re-enacting frontier life as a mountain man, helps his students re-live the era with him. Other times, students think their professors' passions are just odd.

"Students ask me if I'm still doing that thing, you know, that crazy bike riding thing," says engineering professor Susan Lord of her yen for bicycling hundreds of miles in a day, often through winter storms or desert heat.

Occasionally, even the deans think their teachers are a little touched.

"I try not to get too involved in the personal lives of the professors over here," says Pat Drinan, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, half in jest and half seriously. "It's probably better that way."

THE WILD FRONTIER

Several times a year, anthropology professor Gage Skinner packs his buckskin, grabs a flint-lock rifle and heads for the West of the 1840s. He gets there, however, by Ford Thunderbird, not mustang.

Skinner's passion is the "Mountain Man Rendezvous," re-enactments of Rocky Mountain fur trade rendezvous, a staple of the West from 1825-1840. At these gatherings, fur trappers, Native Americans and traders came together to socialize and trade for goods like beaver furs. The gatherings today require superior outdoor survival skills — orienteering, back-packing, camping, hunting and fishing.

"You learn pretty quickly what it was like to live in those conditions," says Skinner, 57, of the gatherings, which are staged in Oregon, Utah, Wyoming and California. "These were frontiersmen, people who got out and explored, lived with the land.

Rendezvous participants come from a variety of backgrounds. A few are accomplished scholars and professors, but many are just blue collar workers with an interest in the fur trade.

The trappers dress in period garb, work as blacksmiths, practice their hatchet throws and archery, and generally live as the true frontiersmen did. Several rendezvous are quite involved — 10 to 20 days or more — and require serious survival skills.

The re-enactments also include demonstrations of hunting with the weapon of choice at the time — the flint-lock rifle. Oddly enough, Skinner considers himself a "pacifist" and doesn't believe in hunting animals, although he proudly wears pelts and a necklace of bear claws.

Skinner is no stranger to the outdoors. The 1960 Grossmont High graduate joined the Peace Corps after graduating from San Diego State in 1964 and spent two years in Chile. He eventually moved into a regional director's position and explored Colombia. In 1971, he joined the Oklahoma State Parks system and then landed a job with the National Parks Service in 1975.

After detouring into a federal investigator's job with the Department of Defense in 1984, then opening an antique store in Idaho in 1993, he returned to what he loves and does best: Studying and teaching. Every once in a while, however, he returns to the woods.

"It's an outlet, I guess," Skinner says. "It's something I really enjoy and take a great interest in."



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WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

It took Dennis Briscoe two weeks to climb the highest mountain in South America, yet once he reached the summit, he stayed only a few minutes. Strong winds, thin oxygen and searing sunlight could mean death on top of the mountain.

"There is a satisfaction that comes with pushing yourself to your physical limits," Briscoe says. "But it's funny in a way because you're up there for five minutes and you have to turn around."

The 54-year-old School of Business professor last year tackled Mt. Aconcagua, elevation 22,834 feet, in the Andes near the Argentina-Chile border. Using a path that allows climbers to make a relatively gradual ascent and avoid altitude sickness, Briscoe carried all his gear to 21,000 feet before tackling the day-long hike to the top.

A veteran of 25 marathons, Briscoe began climbing mountains in an effort to spend more time with wife Georgia, a former USD law librarian who lives in Colorado, where she works for the University of Colorado-Boulder. They spend much of their summers together climbing peaks in the Rocky Mountains, and have climbed three of the so-called "Seven High Peaks" — Aconcagua, Kilimanjaro (19,340 feet) and Mt. El'brus (18,481 feet) in the Caucasus.

Mountain climbers must be in supreme condition. While a few of the peaks have well-marked paths through fields of rock or snow (the hike up Mt. Kilimanjaro, for example, features a number of huts where climbers can stay overnight) most high peaks require climbers carry their tents, clothes and food through dangerous passes. High winds and plunging temperatures are a constant threat, and an unforeseen storm can mean death.

The sport's unpredictability was grimly illustrated for Briscoe when his hiking party stumbled across a body at the base of a Mt. Aconcagua glacier.

"There's risk in this," says Briscoe, a USD professor for 21 years. "People die on these mountains every year. You have to be prepared. You have to have high-altitude gear, good parkas, low-temperature sleeping bags, and special tents — things like that. Every ounce makes a difference at 21,000 feet."

Briscoe says climbing a 21,000-foot peak is like running three or four marathons back-to-back, so it's easy to understand his half-joking lament: "Sometimes I would just as soon walk around a mountain as climb it."

He most likely will not strive for all seven of the high peaks — a trek up Mt. Everest can be costly and deadly — but he has contemplated North America's highest peak, Mt. Whitney. His wife is preparing to climb it soon, but Briscoe may wait until retirement before tackling such serious climbs.

"I love the outdoors, the mountains, the foreign experience," says Briscoe. "And there is a satisfaction in saying you've done something not a lot of people in the world have done."

"What's the alternative?"

To go 180 miles and then quit that close to the finish?"

-Susan Lord



TWO FOR THE ROAD

Engineering professor Susan Lord is such an extreme cyclist, her nine-mile bike commute to USD from her Tierrasanta home barely gets her heart pounding.

Several times a year, Lord climbs on a tandem bike with husband Victor Chang and pedals 200 miles over some of the bleakest stretches of highway in the state. In one day.

"It's a challenge," says Lord, 33. "You really have to rely on each other for that great a distance."

Called "double centuries," the long rides require teamwork and supreme conditioning. Eleven are staged in California each year, and while there are a few tandem teams, most entrants are single riders. Riders who complete three of the 200-mile races join the prestigious "Triple Crown Club" and are looked upon with awe by neophyte racers. Last year, Lord and Chang completed five.

"I set out wanting to do only one," says Lord, "but Victor said if we do three, we can join the Triple Crown. Well, after we had done three, he said if we do just two more, we can join the 1,000 Mile Club."

Rides are staged through hilly terrain in the Sierras, on burning desert stretches of asphalt and along slick coastal highways. Lord has pedaled through scorching temperatures in Hemet in August and through biting cold winds in Death Valley in February. They set out at 5:30 a.m., stopping only for lunch and a brief break at rest stations every 35 miles. They average about 14 mph, with their best finish coming in at 15 hours.

Lord says the rides are a toll both physically and mentally. The back rider can't always see bumps and turns. The riders must communicate constantly with each other about road and weather conditions. Climbing back on the bike after each rest stop becomes a sheer test of will.

"It's much better if the weather is cooperative," says Lord, who first rode a tandem bike with Victor in 1994. "If you're riding through rain for 100 miles, it can be pretty discouraging."

Lord admits her favorite pastime is a "little nuts," and considering she hadn't done much cycling before she met Victor, her accomplishments are all the more staggering.

"I had an old Sears bike when we got married," says Lord with a laugh. "They say tandem makes or breaks a relationship — it's easy to blame each other if things are going wrong."

Lord has shared stories of her adventures with her students and says the most common reaction is disbelief: *How could you pedal that long for fun?* Several times, she admits, she has wondered that herself.

"In the end, though, you have to keep going and push yourself to your physical limits," says Lord. "What's the alternative? To go 180 miles and then quit that close to the finish?"



GOING THE DISTANCE

After a respectable 4:45.00 finish in April's Boston Marathon, Kathy James is back running mortal distances. There are more marathons in her future, though.

"I just wanted to see what marathons were all about," says James, who hopes to run annually in Boston. "Mentally, it was very stimulating."

James started running years ago in an effort to lose weight and stay in shape. She lost nearly 60 pounds, and now runs three to four times a week, watching her endurance build. Twice she ran the Carlsbad (Calif.) 5000, but the environment was nothing like that of the Boston race, which featured 15,000 runners and requires a qualifying time of 3:55:00 in James' age group (she narrowly missed qualifying but gained entry by running for charity and is working on lowering her time.)

"There are a handful of us in each department who do extreme things," says James, smiling. "It makes for some interesting conversation."

James lost a half-dozen pounds by the end of the marathon, finishing in the middle of the pack — well behind the winning time of 2:23.30 — but far ahead of some younger regulars. She started to feel the effects of the long race on her knees with several miles to go, but other than that, reports no physical problems.

The professor often talks about the marathon experience with her nursing students, who at first reacted with disbelief and now think it's "pretty awesome." An action photo of her pinned to a bulletin board in the Hahn School of Nursing attracted some attention, and now James finds herself talking with colleagues who have a similar need to push themselves to their physical limits.

"There are a handful of us in each department who do extreme things," says James, smiling. "It makes for some interesting conversation."

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1953

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Therese (Truitt) Whitcomb,
Honorary Chair

1954

45-Year Reunion Celebration
Nov. 12-14, 1999

CLASS CHAIR

Katite (McGonigle) Murtha

1955

CLASS CHAIR

Mary Scott

1956

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Marilynn (Mayer) Neville retired from teaching in the Los Angeles Archdiocese and lives at the beach, but is substitute teaching because she "misses the children." Marilyn and her husband, Tom, enjoy traveling and their 12 grandchildren.

1958

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1959

40-Year Reunion Celebration
Nov. 12-14, 1999

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Angel (Kraemer) Kleinbub

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Mary Lou (Spalding) Cashin recently cruised through the Panama Canal with her family, which includes daughters Julie and Linda and son Brent.

1960

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Martha (Fiorino) Dowell has joined the ranks of proud grandparents with the birth of her first granddaughter, Cassidy Ann Boyes, on Jan. 19. ... **Anita (Chapman) Pine** continues to enjoy retirement, traveling to Canada, France and Iceland last year with her husband, Harvey. They are still outdoor enthusiasts, but skiing has been replaced by walking the golf course.

1962

CLASS CHAIRS

Janet (Halla) Trily
Ned Wilson

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Maria (Aldrete) Levy is director of artistic operations for the Pittsburgh Opera. Maria has two sons, Sean and Sebastian.

1963

CLASS CHAIRS

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Penny (Nutting) Guthrie

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1964

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Peter Beres has had a 34-year career in San Diego as a probation officer. Peter and his wife, Sheila, have been married 36 years and have two sons, David, 35, and Daniel, 30. ... **Jose Cachuella Jr.** is a consultant in education tech-

nology and media and is retired from the military. Jose, a founding father of the Phi Kappa Theta fraternity, lives in Honolulu, Hawaii, with wife Cindy. ... **Eva (Brown) Emrich** is in her 18th year as owner of World Famous Travel in San Diego and would like to hear from fellow classmates.

1965

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1966

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Lucy (Wilkins) Barnett is patient services volunteer coordinator for VNA & Home Hospice in Santa Rosa, Calif. Lucy is learning film production, and gardens, dances and hikes in her spare time.

1967

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1968

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1969

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Jan (Davidson) Tuomainen

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Thomas Briggs is vice president of Delmarva Millwork Corporation in Lancaster, Pa. Thomas and his wife, Marguerite, have two children: Carrie, who works with handicapped adults, and Kevin, a senior at Gannon University in Erie, Pa.

1970

CLASS CHAIRS

Rosemary (Masterson) Johnston
G. Vincent Reardon Jr.

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Nan (Baum) Bulish is an English as a second language teacher at Spokane Community College in

Spokane, Wash. Nan and husband Mike have a daughter, Julie, 28, who is an interpreter for the deaf, and a son, John, 20, a snowboard enthusiast. ... **Richard Brown** teaches drama at Taft Union High School in Taft, Calif., where his wife, Kathy, teaches biology. The couple have 4-year-old twin sons, Rick and Tim. ... **Regina (Bushard) Goss** is a Montessori teacher in San Diego. Regina's daughter, Emily, recently spent six months in Chile as an exchange student. ... **Louis Poulain** and his wife, Margo, celebrated the birth of their second grandchild, Thomas Poulain, in September. ... **Richard Rodriguez** is vice president of Southcoast Title Insurance in San Diego and has four children with his wife of 27 years, Joanne Marie. ... **Wilson Shepherd** retired from Solar Turbines Inc. in San Diego and now lives in Lexington, Va., with his wife, Lola.

1971
CLASS CHAIR
Steve Nasman

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lawrence Pickard
4906 New Castle Street
Riverside, CA 92509

1972
CLASS CHAIR
Roy Lechner

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI
Antonio Aldana Jr. is marketing resources manager for José Cuervo International, Inc., in San Antonio, Texas, where he lives with his wife, Marcella. ... **Hayes Thrower** is the activities director and alumni coordinator for Manual Arts High School in Los Angeles, and is also the vice president of the L.A. Association of Directors of Activities for all area high schools. Hayes and his wife, Bolivia, have a son, Brandt, 2. ... **Patricia (Williams) Utschig** has taught computers for 12 years at Our Lady of Grace School in El Cajon, Calif. Patricia and her husband, Thomas, have three children, Kelly, Kevin and Caitlin.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI
Mary Ann Hester (M.Ed.) is a special education resource teacher in the Dade County Public Schools in Miami, where she has authored several projects on learning disorders.

1974
25-Year Reunion Celebration
Nov. 12-14, 1999

CLASS CHAIRS
Victoria (Westervelt) Nasman
Doug Robert

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI
Deborah Cuyler Lambert recently completed a second master's degree in pastoral ministry from Loyola University in New Orleans. Deborah is a school administrator in Las Vegas. ... **Patricia**

(Gibb) **Maddox** and her husband, **Dan Maddox '73**, have four children ages 14 to 22. Patricia works as a guidance counselor at Claremont High School and Dan is a banker for Wells Fargo in Los Angeles.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI
George Elrod (M.Ed.) earned full professor of special education at Mississippi State University in 1993. George is writing a book on special education leadership, a large case study encapsulated into an informational novel. ... **Geraldine (Hall) McIntosh** (M.Ed.) and her husband, Wallace, have retired and moved back into their house in Glendora, Calif., the first house they lived in after getting married.

1975
CLASS CHAIR
Dennis Blair

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
William Uberti
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Miami, FL 33177

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI
Debra (King) Frank is a homemaker and has a son, Daniel, who attends UC Davis and studies agriculture and education.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI
Joanne Cully (M.Ed.) took a two-month trip to Germany, England, Italy and Spain. Joanne and her husband, **Laron Cully '76**, live in Poway, Calif. ... **Joseph Wilimek** (M.A.) is a district superintendent at Bret Harte Union High School District in Angels Camp, Calif. Joseph and his wife, Sandra, have a son, Joseph, who works for the Sacramento Kings in basketball operations.

1976
CLASS CHAIRS
Randy Klotz
Maureen Phalen

1977
CLASS CHAIR
Sam Dove

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Michael Aeling
48 Darlene Street
St. Paul, MN 55119-4908

1978
CLASS CHAIR
Stephen L. Plourd

1979
20-Year Reunion Celebration
Nov. 12-14, 1999

CLASS CHAIR
Kathy (George) Frisbie

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Dorothy Kettel-Kneski
20 Sandpiper Court
Westhampton, N.Y. 11977-1410

1980
CLASS CHAIR
Carrie (Galvin) Dern

1981
CLASS CHAIR
Hugh Swift

CLASS CORRESPONDENT
Lisa Sill
10720 Ohio Avenue, #12
Los Angeles, CA 90024

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI
Karen (Davidson) Barnett retired from General Medical Corp. in 1996 to be a stay-at-home mom to adopted son Michael, 2. Karen and her husband, Jerry, are trying to adopt a second child and would like to hear from other alumni in the Atlanta, Ga., area. ... **Tracy (Bushnell) Griffin** is attending the Stetson College of Law and expects to graduate in May 2000.

1982
CLASS CHAIR
Richard Huver

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI
Kerry Barnsley has his own law office in Concord, N.H. Kerry and his wife, Leslie, have two children, Kelton, 11, and Shannon, 9. ... **Scott Brown** is president of Medi-Dyn, Inc. Scott and his wife, Susan, have four children: Matt, Kelly, Madeline and Caroline. ... **Kevin Coleman** is an attorney in Larkspur, Calif., and reports that he and wife Lori recently moved into a bigger home to accommodate his children, Jake, 7, and Jamie, 4. ... **David Cook** is a sales representative for Ashworth, Inc., and has two children, Karissa, 7, and Brian, 6. ... **Julia DePew** teaches fourth grade in Poway, Calif., and has a 13-year-old daughter, Brittany Jo, with husband Charles. ... **Laurie Dolan** is a flight attendant for U.S. Airways and lives in North Carolina with her husband, Timothy, and three girls ages 8, 10 and 12. ... **Jeanine Deighan-Fagan** is a pharmaceutical sales representative in New Jersey and has three daughters, Caitlin, 10, Kelsey, 9, and Kara, 3, with husband John. ... **Carol (Mascari) Ferguson** is an elementary school teacher and has three daughters ages 14, 16 and 21. ... **Michele (de Boisblanc) Harter** and her husband, Jeffrey, have three children: Brian, 14, Rachel, 9, and Lindsey, 5. ... **Kelly Barnhill-Jackson** recently moved to Missouri with husband James and is a stay-at-home mom. ... **Matthew Korenaga** is coaching varsity football at his high school alma mater, Waianae High School in Hawaii, where he also surfs and golfs. Matthew and his wife, Dolores, have two daughters ages 4 and 6. ... **Michael Kruthers** is vice president of Dana Niguel Bank in Dana Point, Calif. Michael and his wife, Denise, have two children, Alexandra, 6, and Chelsea, 4. ... **David Lou** is a consultant in Portland, Ore., where he lives with his wife, Kathy, and their two sons, Alexander, 5, and Christian, 3. ... **Nancy (Knezic) Owen** retired from the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps in 1997 after nearly 25 years of service. Nancy is a school



Jim Peters '84

STAPLES OF SUCCESS

When Jim Peters '84 started his own business shortly after graduating from USD, it failed. Miserably.

The experience was a blessing in disguise, however. He quickly learned what not to do in the world of retail (such as opening a discount store in an upscale setting), and today, as president of U.S. operations of Staples, Inc., he helps run one of the most successful companies in the world, directing 750 office supply discount stores.

"If you had told me then that I would be running a \$10 billion operation, I would have said you were crazy," says Peters, the disbelief still fresh in his voice.

As a 21-year-old just graduated from Alcalá Park with a liberal arts degree, Peters took a management job with discount giant Price Club in 1984. After working nearly two years for a boss he was less than impressed with, he figured he could do better on his own.

With a friend, he opened his first business, a discount store in San Francisco modeled after Price Club with a "Macy's department store feel." Peters soon realized the idea was terrible. But he knew good colleagues when he saw them, and joined forces with two Bay area entrepreneurs, opening Office Club.

"I sort of fell into retail by chance," says Peters. "It wasn't something I set out to do. I can't say I had this grandiose plan to start a multimillion dollar business."

By 1991, though, that's exactly what

he had done. He and his partners sold Office Club, then a 56-store, \$300 million company, to the Office Depot chain. Peters accepted an executive position with the new outfit and was further refining his entrepreneurial skills when rumblings of a possible Office Depot-Staples, Inc. merger surfaced in 1996.

The Federal Trade Commission eventually ruled against the merger, citing fears that such a company would have too great a monopoly on the business supplies trade. During the talks, however, Peters became an important figure. He was offered the job at Staples in 1997 and jumped at the chance to lead the retail giant.

Peters likes to make trips to stores to keep abreast of trends, gaining a better understanding of consumer wants by talking with customers.

"I believe in staying in touch with the people who are shopping in my stores," says Peters. "It makes it that much easier to know which direction to move the company in."

And while his professional life is certainly headed in the right direction, so, too, is his personal life. The California native says he is happy calling the East Coast home — he and his wife, Rhonda, have two children, Lindsay, 6, and Maxwell, 5, and live in Sudbury, Mass.

"My wife is a Boston native and she's happy because she's got probably the only Californian who likes living back East," Peters says.

nurse at the Sacred Heart School in Coronado where she lives with her husband, Wayne. ... **Margarita Paláu** retired from the practice of law and lives in the Pasadena, Calif., area with her husband, Roland Hernández, and their three children, Scott, 11, Charlie, 10, and Katie, 7. ... **Maureen (Gavron) Partynski** is chairman and CEO of Hemlock Federal Bank in Oak Forest, Ill. Maureen and her husband, Jeffrey, have two children, Katlyn and Danny. ... **Kurt Pepper** is a teacher in the Poway Unified School District and has two sons, John, 8, and Kevin, 2, with wife Jenny. ... **Irtha (Vissepo) Pridemore** is a casualty adjuster in Dallas, and has two sons, Alex and David. ... **Shay Sayre** was promoted to full professor in 1998 in the communications department at California State University-Fullerton. ... **Virginia (Gibson) Stockus** has been teaching elementary school for 15 years and was recently chosen Elementary School Teacher of the Year in the Tustin Unified School District. Virginia has been married for five years to husband Rob. ... **Anita Kuykendall Stoll** is a student at Columbia University in New York City and has three children, Isaama, 6, Naomi, 4, and Malachi, 2, with husband Adam. ... **Svein Tyl-dum** lives in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and is vice president of J&H Marsh and McLennan. ... **Carmen Warner** was ordained a minister in 1995 and serves as a chaplain at the Vista Jail for women. Carmen and her husband, **John Robbins '63**, director of the Polinski Center, have a son, Ryan. ... **Susan (Blitch) Watson** is director of operations for a transportation group overseeing a cargo airline in Alaska and the Yellow Cab companies in San Diego. Susan and her husband, Steve, have two children, Jennifer, 10, and Stephen, 8.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Stephenson Dechant (M.B.A.) is chief financial officer for Brookside Farms West. Stephenson and his wife, **Kerri Dechant '92**, have two boys, Cameron, 5, and Mitchell, 2.

1983

CLASS CHAIR

Chris Pascale

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Maj. **Brad Baehr** works at the Army Space Command Battle Lab and has his own computer consulting business. Brad and his wife, Marie, have two sons. ... **Bonnie Brumley** works in marketing and accounting for Koch Pine Bend Refinery. Bonnie and her husband, Greg, have four children and live in Farmington, Minn. ... **Mark Chapman** received his M.B.A. from Golden Gate University and has four children with wife Mary. ... **Tania Cahill-de Jong** is a full-time mother to three children. Tania and her husband, Michael, live in Los Angeles. ... Father **Michael Durka** is pastor at St. George Church in

Olympia, Wash. Father Durka was ordained a priest in the Byzantine Catholic Church in April 1997 and welcomes USD alumni to visit his parish. ... **Anna (Ramirez) Grune** has her own architecture design firm, Grune Design, in Kailua, Hawaii. Anna and her husband, Randy, have two boys, Connor, 5, and Sutter, 3. ... **Gaylia (Wade) Hanson** is the charge nurse for the cath lab at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo, Mich. Gaylia and her husband, David, have two children, ages 9 and 11. ... **David Heppell** and his wife, Catherine, have two children, Christopher, 7, and Laura, 4. ... **Mark Killeen** is an account executive with Nautica and has two children, Christopher, 7, and Allison, 4, with wife Roselind. ... **Lea (Vance) Leuckel** and her husband, David, have two boys, Christopher, 3, and Connor, 5. ... **Rhonda Martin** is a nurse practitioner and abdominal organ transplantation consultant in renal therapies at UCSD Medical Center in San Diego and has spoken on her profession at several international conferences. Rhonda is married to Nathane Watne. ... **Nadine (Ridge) McKay** substitute teaches and parents her five children. Nadine and her husband, Michael, live in Ogden, Utah. ... **Julie (Anderson) Merkley** and her husband, Noel, have four children: Amanda, 9, Benjamin, 7, MacCoy, 5, and Dakota, 2. ... **Mary (Durka) O'Connor** lives in Hingham, Mass., and works part time as director of religious education at her parish. She has four children: Carlie, 7, Austin, 5, Sarah, 3, and Brendan, 1, with husband Austin. ... **Mary O'Connor** is a dentist in San Diego and has three children, Matthew and Patrick, 3, and Emily, 1, with husband John. ... **Susan (Santos) Paulson** is at home in Libertyville, Ill., raising her three children, Emily, 6, Benjamin, 4, and Abigail, 1, with husband Thomas. ... **Shelley (Greaves) Ridge** and her husband, Steve, have two children, Allison, 4, and Austin, 2. ... **Cmdr. Lynne (Kingson) Seibel** is a senior nurse at the Boone Branch Medical Clinic in Norfolk, Va. Lynne and her husband, John, have two children, Brooks, 18, and Lisa, 15. ... **Terese (Schiro) Sholander** is a stay-at-home mother who volunteers in her three children's classrooms, church and community. Terese and her husband, Richard, live in Lindsay, Calif. ... **Paul Sullivan** has two daughters, Shannon, 13, and Jennifer, 9, and will celebrate his 15th wedding anniversary this year with his wife, Claire. ... **Linda (Nelson) Trousdale** (M.Ed. '84) and her husband, Jay, have two children, Amy and Bradley. Linda works at Wegeforth Elementary in San Diego and as a resource specialist. ... **Robin Phelan-Tuggle** is the Year 2000 project manager for the second largest sporting goods retailer in the nation. Robin and her husband, Clifford, have two girls, Shannon, 13, and Ashley, 10. ... **Katherine Abriam-Yago** is an assistant professor at San Jose State University. Katherine and her husband, Jerry, have two children, Jason, 14, and Amy, 11. ... **Virginia (Stehly) Young** reports that "life is great being home with the children." Virginia and her husband, Daniel, have two sons. ... **Donald Zech** says his family is a bunch of "sportsaholics." Nick, 11, was at nationals for swimming; Sean,

9, played all-star basketball and baseball; Austin, 7, leads his basketball team; and Hayley, 5, is in pre-gymnastics. "Dad finds time to work sometimes," he writes.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Pamela Hoath (M.S.N.) received an M.B.A. in 1993 from Georgia State University and worked in administration at the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Medical University of South Carolina. Pamela now stays at home with her son, Jason, 6, and lives in Isle of Palms, S.C., with husband Craig. ... **Judy Stewart** (M.B.A.) recently left a 27-year career in banking to pursue her own business as a certified financial planner.

1984

15-Year Reunion Celebration
Nov. 12-14, 1999

CLASS CHAIR

Tim Huckaby

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

John Melican is director of sales for Nike, Inc., in Beaverton, Ore., and has two children, Molly and Jack, with his wife, Kathryn.

1985

CLASS CHAIR

Maggie Keller Hawblitzel

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Katie (O'Rourke) Delano
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Coalinga, CA 93210

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Steven Aquilino is vice president of operations for PAR 3 Corp., and will celebrate his 12th wedding anniversary this year with wife Michele. The couple have two children, Annamaria, 5, and Nicholas, 2. ... **Grant Bauer** owns Bauer Investigations, which has offices in 12 cities. Grant and his wife, Karroll, have a daughter, Gabriella, 6 months, and live in Albuquerque, N.M. ... **Stephen Bogard** and his wife, **Martha (Tabor) Bogard '86**, have three children, Michael, KatieMae and Andrew, and live in Huntington Beach, Calif. ... **Christopher De Santis** received his M.B.A. from Chapman University and recently opened a new restaurant in Orange, Calif. ... **Christine Galan** recently received a heart/liver transplant, the first transplant of its kind performed on the West Coast. Christine is campaigning for organ donor awareness and now lives in New York. ... **Rosemary (Boatright) Gallo** teaches Spanish and serves on the management team at Hamilton High School in Chandler, Ariz., where she lives with husband John. ... **Teresa (Markey) Gomez** is an account representative with the City of Oceanside. Teresa and her husband, Victor, have two children, Cody, 5, and Kelsie, 3. ... **Julie (Palmer) Konopasky** is

an accountant in Lake Forest, Calif., and has two daughters, Sarah and Jillian, with husband Paul. ... **D'arcy (Denos) Kine** and her husband, Bill, have three children, Jaymes, 11, Kaeline, 9, and B.J., 7. ... **Mark Lindsey** is director of sales and marketing in the western United States for Russell Stover/Whitman Candies. Mark and his wife, **Amy (Earley) Lindsey '87, '89**, have two children, Jack, 4, and Molly, 2. ... **Mary Markovinovic** is director of internal communications for the Navy Region Southwest, which includes managing the Navy's newspaper and their regional Web site. Mary says "hi" to Dee Dee, Spence and Phil. ... **Lawrence McDonald** is vice president of Wells Fargo Bank and has three children, Larry, Matt and Nina, with his wife, Clare White. ... **Martha (Flores) Morton** teaches people how to start and own their own home business. ... **Nancy (MacConnie) Pierce** stays at home caring for her two daughters, Brittany, 5, and Ciara, 2. Nancy and her husband, Douglas, live in Durham, N.C. ... **Lonna (Stolte) Perry** is a homemaker and has a son, Nicholas, 2. ... **Barbara (Elliot) Sanders** (M.Ed. '88) is a teacher in San Diego. Barbara and her husband, **Raleigh Sanders '94**, have a son, Brandon, a freshman at UC Santa Cruz. ... **Margret (Kastlunger) Yaptangco** works in operation planning for BF Goodrich Aerospace. Margret and her husband, Steven, have a daughter. ... **Katherine (Crafts) Young** recently passed her 2-year marker for colon cancer and writes "everything looks great." Katherine says her 9-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, and her friends and family made such a wonderful recovery possible.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Mary Anderson (M.B.A.) is a regional account manager for Pharmacia and Upjohn and has two sons with husband Virgil. ... **Susan Humason** (M.B.A.) owns Premier Image in San Diego and has a son, John Paul, 2. ... **Carol (Ramsden) Koppenheffer** (M.R.E.) is on the faculty of Orange Catechetical Institute, Diocese of Orange, Calif., and is a member of the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers. Carol and her husband, Daniel, have a son, Joseph, 6. ... **Jacqueline Romain** (M.B.A.) is an accountant with Perspectives, Inc., in Minnesota and has a daughter, Hannah, 2.

1986

CLASS CHAIR

James Pierik

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Shannon Smith
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No. 12-B
New York, NY 10021
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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Katherine (Farrad) Anastasia has two sons, Michael, 4, and Tyler, 1, with her husband, Jack Anastasia, who attended USD from 1983 to 1986. Jack works in non-theatrical distribution for the Walt Disney Co. ... **Janine Mason Barone** and her husband, John, have a son, Alexander, 2. Janine works for the Fieldstone Foundation in

San Diego. ... **Joni (Iglinski) Benjamin** is owner of The Written Word in Pine Valley, Calif., and is a member of the lead faculty at the University of Phoenix. Joni has two sons, Jesse, 6, and K.C., 4, and three stepchildren, Brandon, 12, Tyler, 8, and Bryce, 5, with her husband, Scott Standard. ... **Sandra (Walker) Blessing** is a nurse trainer and teaches seminars on Medicare regulated assessments. Sandra and her husband of 20 years, Michael, have two sons, Joey, 17, and Ben, 11. ... **Jeanne (Helfrich) Bria** is a branch claims supervisor for Farmers Insurance in Carlsbad, Calif., and has two children, Molly, 4, and Michael, 2, with her husband, **Stephen Bria '95**. ... **Andrew Camacho** is owner of Camacho Music Studio and an adjunct professor of music at the University of Guam. ... **Annette Carlson** is a teacher in the Napa Valley Unified School District. Annette and her husband, Steve Riddle, have two children, Holley, 3, and Cameron, 18 months. ... **Stephen Cascioppo** is deputy director of human resources for the County of El Dorado in Placerville, Calif. Stephen and his wife, Karin, have three daughters, Corinne, 9, Kelli, 8, and Kylie, 4. ... **Whitley Collins** is a senior vice president for CB Richard Ellis in Los Angeles. Whitley and his wife, **Laurel (Brochtrup) Collins '88**, have two children, Matthew, 5, and Samantha, 2. ... **Steven Cossette** is a corporate accountant in Fergus Falls, Minn. Steven and his wife, Theresa, who attended USD from 1978 to 1982, have four children: Jason, 16, Andrew, 15, Amanda, 13, and Kelly, 8. ... **Maria (Capozzi) Cutri** stays at home with her children, J.D., 7, and Mia, 4. Maria and her husband, Joseph, live in La Jolla, Calif. ... **Maureen (Hempstead) Davis** and her husband, Larry, have three children, Travis, 7, Tressa, 5, and Tyler, 18 months. ... **Ricardo del Rio** is an assistant principal in the Sweetwater School District. Ricardo and his wife, Angela, have three children: **Esteban '95**, **'96 (M.Ed.)**, **Talina '98**, and Tavo, a junior at USD who is studying at St. Clare's University in Oxford, England. ... **Laura (Devere) Denué** is a creative producer with KVVU-TV in Henderson, Nev. Laura and her husband, Gregory, Denué have two children, Caroline, 4, and Peter, 2. ... **Elaine (Severson) Duncan** works from home where she cares for her two children, Danielle, 6, and Sean, 2, with her husband, Kenneth. ...

Edee Dunning has worked 13 years for St. Paul Insurance in Salt Lake City, Utah, and has a 9-year-old son with her husband, Joe. ... **William Dyer** is CEO of an insurance brokerage firm in Irvine, Calif. William recently married Carolina Sanguineti, a Chile native, and has three children from a previous marriage, Alex, 9, Simone, 7, and Andy, 4. ... **Monica (Nash) Ellins** is a third grade teacher in the Huntington Beach City School District. Monica and her husband, David, have three children, Casey, 8, Emily, 4, and Molly, 2. ... **Virginia (Kearns) Galindez** works for BC Stocking Distributing in Dixon, Calif. Virginia and her husband, Bill, have four children: Erin, 12, Laura, 10, Michael, 8, and Katie, 5. ... **Carole Goulding** works for a design firm that specializes in wine labels for clients in France, Spain and the United States. Carole recently married Douglas Herndon and moved to the Napa Valley. ... **Mark Hoekstra** is a partner in a commercial real estate firm in San Diego and serves on the board of directors of Junior Achievement of San Diego. Mark and his wife, Glynna, have two daughters, Amanda, 9, and Noelle, 7. ... **Nora (Hermsen) Middleton** is a landscape designer in Encinitas, Calif. Nora and her husband, Richard, have a son, Cole, 1. ... **Carla (Hoffman) Miramontes** is the Latin America business planner for Sony Electronics in San Diego. Carla and her husband, Marco, have three children, Natasha, 11, Anastasia, 6, and Marco, 5. ... **Shawn O'Hearn** ran for the San Francisco Board of Supervisors in 1998, garnering 18,000 votes. ... **James Pierik** is president of the Mission Valley Rotary and also serves as an assistant Scout master. James has a daughter, Audrey, 6, and is vice president of Financial Planning Consultants in San Diego. ... **Christina (Cutri) Rufo**, a senior purchasing agent for Abbott Labs in San Diego, has two children, Tinamarie, 3, and Anthony, 3 months, with husband John. ... **Marjorie (Lightenberg) Sullivan** and her husband, **Kevin Sullivan '86**, have two children, Connor, 5, and Collin, 2. ... **Diane (Romo) Thomas** is executive coordinator for Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C. Diane and her husband, Harry, have a 3-year-old son. ... **Elise (Eberhardt) Thompson** is a product manager for Eddie Bauer in Redmond, Wash., and has a 10-month-old son, Joshua, with her husband, Joseph. ... Maj. **Michael Turley** is deputy director of staff at the 41st Airlift Squadron at Pope Air Force Base in Pope, N.C. ... **Patrick von Tscharnier** is a vice president of sales and marketing for Convergent Capital Corp. Patrick and his wife, Meredith Ann, have a 4-year-old daughter, Emma, and twin 4-month-old boys, Matthew and Nicholas. ... **Lynne (Cummings) Velasco** manages a small hotel on Catalina Island with her husband, Peter. The couple have two daughters, Madison, 4, and Brianna, 1. ... **Maureen (Philpott) Webster** owns an insurance business with her husband, Ken. The couple have been married nine years and have two children, Daniel, 5, and Katherine, 2. ... **Spencer Webster** is a sales consulting man-

ager for Oracle in Costa Mesa, Calif. Spencer and his wife, **Denise (Ingwersen) Webster '85**, have a son, James Dylan, 1. ... **Laura Faraci Weible** and her husband, David, have a daughter, Victoria. The family lives in Valencia, Calif.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Stephanie (Brown) Garcia (M.B.A.) has spent 17 years working in aerospace finance and contracts. Stephanie and her husband, Markcos, have three boys, ages 6, 8, and 12. ... **Marsha (Orsolina) McDonald** (M.A.) is a counselor at Sweetwater Springs School in Spring Valley, Calif., where she also facilitates a support group for parents of children with attention deficit disorder. Marsha has two daughters and enjoys gardening, photography and walking.

1987

CLASS CHAIR

Philip Welp

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Niamh Foley Homan
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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Fumo Osvaldo is a partner in a Las Vegas firm after graduating from law school in 1995. He and wife Mimi live in Henderson, Nev. He writes that he has "three beautiful daughters and is still having a blast with my wife and best friend, Mimi."

1988

CLASS CHAIR

Jacki (Cepe) Lake

CLASS CORRESPONDENT

Joannie (Santoni) McLoughlin
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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Kevin Biernat works as a financial analyst at U.S. West. He and wife **Christine (Bugelli) Biernat '87** make their home in Englewood, Colo. and have four children: Katie, 7, Julie, 5, Erik, 4, and Jenny, 2. The couple report that "the kids keep Christine and Kevin on the run!" ... **Renee (Marra) Bosmans** is a client service consultant with Candant Mobility and lives in Aliso Viejo, Calif. with husband Tom and daughter Krystal. ... **Diane Durka** lives in Sherman Oaks, Calif., where she is director of member service for the Sports Club Company. ... **John Durka** has his own landscaping business and lives in Spokane, Wash., with his wife, Christine, and 6-month-old son Michael Anthony. ... **Amy (McDevitt) Earley** is a marketing manager with the Oracle Corporation in Redwood Shores, Calif. She makes her home in San Marcos, Calif., with husband Brian and daughters Mara Colleen, 2, and Shannon Kate, 6 months. ... **Thomas Foley** is a senior account manager with Solvay Engineered Polymers in Auburn Hills, Mich. He and wife Michelle have two children, Sara Marie

Have a Story To Tell?

If you have a major, new development in career or personal life, let us know (notes may be edited for space). Either write your class correspondent, send a note to Alumni Relations, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA 92110-2492; visit our Web site at <http://www.acusd.edu>, or E-mail us at alumni@acusd.edu.

and Ryan Patrick. ... **Frank Huck** is a loan consultant with Washington Mutual in Roseville, Calif., where he and wife Tiffany live. She's at home with the couple's two boys, 4-year-old James and 1-year-old Nathaniel. ... **Michael Kallas** (M.A. '88) is an adjunct instructor in the human development program at Hellenic College in Brookline, Mass. Michael and wife Katina make their home in Brookline. ... **Catherine (McQuillen) Johnson** is a paralegal with the San Diego firm McInnis, Fitzgerald, Rees. Catherine and husband John live in Temecula, Calif., with their 4-year-old daughter, Taylor Nicole. ... **Robert MacKay** recently relocated to Dallas after living in Mexico City for six years. He is the Latin America region controller for Frito-Lay International. He and wife **Aida Galindo '89** welcomed a second son, Christopher, on Jan. 4. Aida is exploring a start-up cosmetic business in Dallas. ... **Joanie McLoughlin** owns RJM Stamps & Novelties in San Diego. Joanie and husband Robert have three boys, Robert, 10, Ryan, 7, and Patrick, 1. ... **Jacqueline Mejia** is the sports information director at Cal State Los Angeles and lives in La Habra, Calif., with husband Tommy and daughter Grace Elizabeth. ... **J.B. Orecchia** recently was named vice president of business development of Memberworks Incorporated in Monterey, Calif. He makes his home in Monterey with wife Debbie and daughter Isabella. ... **Annemarie (Kankowski) Penick** is a stay-at-home mom and taking time off from her job as a speech communications instructor in USD's communication studies department. Annemarie and husband Timothy have three children, Nathan, 4, Grace, 2, and Hannah, 3 months. ... **Martin Pilling** is the director of financial reporting for the E*Trade Corporation in Palo Alto, Calif. He and wife **Nancy (Casillas) Pilling '89**, have two sons, Francesco, 3, and Andrés, 1. The family lives in Mountain View, Calif. ... **David Quinn** works as a senior account manager with Avnet Computer in Peabody, Mass. He and wife Cathy live in Winchester, Mass., with their three boys. ... **Mary Ann Robbins** is a teacher in Marietta, Ga., where she lives with husband Craig and their children, James, 7, and Katie Liz, 5. ... **Emily Rogers** reports she's been a stay-at-home mom since January 1995. She had been an investigations assistant with American International Companies in San Diego but now tends to 4-year-old Andrew and David, 6 months. ... **Renee (Marie) Savage** is vice president-property management for Capital Growth Properties in La Jolla, Calif. She and husband **John Savage '87** have two children, 3-year-old Jessica and 6-year-old Johnny. ... **Janet Secrist** (Ed.D. '96) is an associate with Lee Hecht Harrison, an international career transition management firm, and makes her home in Solana Beach, Calif. ... **Alice Visser-Furay** is a part-time ESL teacher in Dublin, Ireland, but reports she is "mainly a homemaker." She and husband Jeroen Visser have two children, 3-year-old Patrick, who was born in Sweden, and 1-year-old Carolyn, born in Ireland. ... **Paul Winters** recently moved to Australia where he accepted a position as lecturer in the



Angela Giglito '85

FLAMENCO FEVER

You've heard of dance fever? Well, for Angela Giglito '85, it's more like a full-blown case of the flu. "Since I was 3 years old I've wanted to dance all the time," says Giglito. "For me, it's a natural form of self-expression."

Every Friday, Giglito transforms herself, à la Clark Kent, from a mild-mannered third-grade teacher to a dancing superwoman. She leaves behind Ocean Beach Elementary School, where she is a bilingual instructor, dons the flowing, multicolored garb of a flamenco dancer and heads off to Café Sevilla, a Spanish restaurant in downtown San Diego.

"Flamenco has always been my true calling," says the San Diego native, who spotted her first flamenco dancer at age 4 and was immediately entranced. "It's a celebration of life. The music is always live, never recorded, and the dances express a whole range of emotions, from lamenting a lost love to celebrating the happiness of friendship and family."

Giglito's love for dance isn't just a weekly fling. Since her students inevitably find out about her second career — a successful one, as she's the lead dancer and artistic director of the Friday and Saturday dinner shows — she starts each semester with a demonstration of the craft. Throughout the school year, the youngsters study different cultures in part by learning dance traditions, although Giglito laughingly admits that her students are more comfortable call-

ing her castanets "clackers."

"They learn ethnic dances to coincide with celebrations such as Cinco de Mayo," says Giglito, who as a girl formed a flamenco team with her brother and since college has steadily performed in San Diego and Tijuana nightclubs. "Dance is a great way to teach them social skills and even motor skills."

The energetic teacher has firsthand knowledge about the power of dance. When she was diagnosed with an orthopedic problem as a preschooler, a doctor suggested ballet instead of surgery. It worked, and Giglito still remembers the earliest dances she performed. Despite her amazing retention, she says the best part of flamenco dancing is the spontaneity.

"In flamenco, the dancer always leads, and the singer and musicians follow that tempo," says Giglito, who also teaches dancing to college students and adults. "It's up to the dancer to convey the passion to the audience."

At times it's hard to decide whether she's more passionate about dancing or teaching. On top of her regular duties at school, Giglito is a much-needed bilingual mentor, showing other teachers how to carefully guide Spanish-speaking students into successful English-language learners. In the end, she seems to be one of the lucky few to have two great loves in her life.

"I've always danced and I've always been involved in education," she says. "I guess they're both in my blood."

School of Economic Studies at the University of New England in Armidale, New South Wales. Paul and his wife, Gwendolyn, have four children: Ian, 8, Christian, 7, Aidan, 3, and Sofis, 2. ... **Lane Woolery**, a San Diego paramedic/firefighter, and his wife, Ruth Ann, have three children.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Yvonne Alaman (M.A.) is a social studies and humanities teacher in Philomath, Ore., but is currently staying home with two young sons, Brian, 7, and Steven, 4. ... **Joseph Lanzoni** (M.B.A.) and his wife, Kathleen, call Boulder, Colo., home. He's working as an engineering sales general manager for Lightning Eliminators & Consultants. The couple have two children, Alicia and Nicholas. ... **Susan Pacheco** (M.B.A.) reports she is on an "extended sabbatical from the work force" to spend time at home in Carlsbad, Calif., with two young sons, ages 2 and 6. ... **Cynthia (Bray) Parkman** (M.S.N.) is a part-time faculty member at Cal State Sacramento and is a health-care writer and consultant. Husband **Russell Parkman '82** is an attorney and CPA in estate planning and taxation. They live in Dixon, Calif. ... **Timothy Ronstadt** (M.B.A.) is a vice president for sales and marketing with Coherence Technology Co. in Houston. He and wife Valeri make their home outside the city in Spring, Texas. ... **William Stenwell** (M.B.A.) is a chief with Marine Engineering and lives in Murrieta, Calif., with wife Brenda, daughter Kylie, 6, and son William, 5.

1989

10-Year Reunion Celebration
Nov. 12-14, 1999

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Ronald Bone, a special agent in Tacoma, Wash., is in his ninth year with the FBI. He and wife Jean have two children, Michelle and Andrew, and make their home in Tacoma. ... **Dorene Boydston** is a marketing representative with Vitas Hospice, and she and husband **William Boydston '84** live in San Diego. The couple have a 10-year-old son and a 5-year-old daughter. ... **Brenda (Gabby) Griffith** and husband Greg just celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary. She's a part-time English teacher at Palomar College but is "still a mom first!" ... Navy Cmdr. **James Kohl** recently completed a multinational exercise in the Mediterranean and Baltic Sea aboard the hospital ship USNS *Comfort*. During the exercise, ship members provided trauma training for military doctors and lawyers from Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia. ... **Dean Piscotta** announces that the Brakes Plus, Inc., business he owns and operates in Colorado with his brother and father is expanding to 23 stores. Dean and wife Colleen have three children, Gordie, 6, Jacey, 5, and Jackson Peter, 1.

1990

CLASS CHAIR

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Kathleen Cossarek (M.A. '92) teaches world history at Oak Crest Jr. High in Encinitas, Calif., and bought a home up the coast in Oceanside. ... **Matt Scholl** (M.Ed. '93) recently moved to Grass Valley, Calif., after a year in Seattle to take a business consultant's position with JR Bothe & Associates. Wife **Dina (Tarr) Scholl '93** (M.Ed. '96) was a junior high school teacher, but now works for a title and escrow company. ... **Robert Sylvia** was recently transferred from a position as chief chemist at TXI Riverside Cement's Oro Grande, Calif., plant to a quality/financial analyst's position with the Tybrin Corporation at Edwards Air Force Base. He and wife Jennifer live in nearby Apple Valley, Calif.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Dale Giali (J.D.) joined Howrey & Simon in 1992 and since has appeared on behalf of the firm's clients in state and federal trial and appellate courts in civil litigation, including antitrust violations. Dale works in the firm's Los Angeles office.

1991

CLASS CHAIR

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Keith Olson is a software engineer for Russell Mellon Analytical Services in Tacoma, Wash. He and wife Michele live in Gig Harbor with their three children: Hayley, 6, Hunter, 4, and Connor, 1. ... **BethAnne Paulsrud** is on maternity leave and working as a free-lance writer in Tobo, Sweden. ... **Lisa Prakell** recently received her master's degree in sports management from the University of San Francisco and works as an account executive with an Internet start-up company.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Charles Hrvatin (J.D.) is in his second season as assistant visiting clubhouse manager with the Arizona Diamondbacks in Phoenix, where he lives with wife Kimberly Jackson. They were married Feb. 20, in Carlsbad, Calif.

1992

CLASS CHAIRS

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Richard Caleel (J.D. '96) practices entertainment and business litigation with Hamburg, Hanover, Edwards & Martin in Century City, Calif., and Las Vegas, for clients such as Sotheby's, Inc., and Sony Pictures Entertainment. ... **Cecilia (Garcia) Cray** is a bilingual career counselor at Monterey Peninsula College and makes her home in Seaside, Calif., with husband, Michael. She works with beginning ESL students. ... **Brian Kuipers** reports he spent "three very short weeks" traveling through Europe after graduating from medical school. He will spend a year of anesthesiology residency in Denver and then move to Minnesota to work at the Mayo Clinic. ... **Dawnese Quisenberry** is an Emmy and Telly award-winning television writer and producer with Instructional Television in San Diego. She and husband Robert have a 6-year-old daughter, Ariana Nicole. ... **William Sexton** is a senior associate with Fox, Siegler & Spillane in downtown Los Angeles. He and wife Peri call Marina Del Rey, Calif., home.

1993

CLASS CHAIR

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Tera Allegri is completing a master's degree in fine arts at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco and works as a graphic designer at Burchill Advertising. ... **Paula (Abriani) Annala** is raising three children, Nick, 4, Kate, 2, and Chris, 15 months, and teaching piano at home in Kemmerer, Wy. ... **Gabrielle Brant** is wrapping up a master's degree in multicultural literature at East Carolina University, where she is an English department graduate assistant. ... **Andrea (Myers) Cabrera** reports she is "no longer working!" while she and husband Humbert prepare to build their second home in Poway, Calif. She had been working at the San Diego Zoo. The couple have three children, Ariel, 5, Hannah, 3, and Erica, 1. ... **Leslie Chomicz** is completing a master's degree in human behavior and working at Burdman & Benson in San Diego. ... **Susan Collins** is the department chair of foreign languages at Foothill High School in Santa Ana, Calif. She completed a secondary Spanish teaching credential at CU Boulder. ... **Casey Connelly** co-owns the Los Gatos Bar & Grill and is working as a property manager with Beacon Properties in Los Gatos, Calif. ... **Pamela (Malona) Cosgrove** teaches kindergarten at Bayside School in Imperial Beach, Calif. She and husband Richard have a daughter, Madeline Marie, and make their home in San Diego. ... **Mele (Feazell) Felitz** is a graphic artist and in community relations with Hospice of Metro Denver. She and husband Stephen have a 2-year-old son and live in Aurora, Colo. ... **Michael Ferrari Jr.** was recently promoted to

account executive with Infinium Software Sales and oversees a new division of the company which sells financial and human resources software applications to California companies. He and wife Heather have a 1-year-old daughter, Jordan Marie. ... **Kelli Koenig** is completing an M.B.A. at Seattle University and works for a Seattle advertising firm, McCann Erickson. ... **Meredith Lucey** is the human resources representative at Bozell Worldwide Advertising in Costa Mesa, Calif. ... **Michelle Majchrzak** graduated from St. Mary's School of Law in 1996 and works as a compliance officer at Nicholas-Applegate. ... **Amy Jo Matthews** graduated from law school and is working in Boston, where she lives with her boyfriend, cat and Boxer dog. ... **Antoine Nunez** is a first year master's degree candidate in UCSD's international relations/Pacific studies program. ... **Edward Scofield** works in Sacramento as the public information officer and community relations specialist for Sacramento Regional Transit. ... **Marian Stahl** was promoted to audit manager with the public accounting firm of Deloitte & Touche in Costa Mesa, Calif. She went skydiving for the first time in November and highly recommends it. ... **Alec Rhodes** is a commercial real estate agent with Fuller & Company in Denver, Colo.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Melissa Darnell (M.A.) is completing a doctorate in industrial psychology while she works as a family therapist in San Diego. ... **Wendy Wutzke** (M.B.A.) recently graduated from law school and makes her home in Cardiff-by-the-Sea, Calif.

1994

Five-Year Reunion Celebration
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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Damaso Asencia works in San Diego for Metro1 Telecommunications, a PCS provider. ... **Troy Britt** is a trial attorney with the federal defender's office in San Diego. He and his wife Leslie bought a new home in November 1998. ... **Natasha (Baker) Brunstetter** is a computer consultant with Zxytek Information Systems and lives in Las Flores, Calif., with husband Sean, and a 1-year-old daughter, Alison Elizabeth. ... **Scott Buccola** is a sales manager for Teletrac, Inc., and was recently promoted and transferred from Huntington Beach to San Francisco and then to Washington, D.C. ... **Ryan DiFede** teaches special education students at the Urban Skills Center in San Diego. He earned a master's degree with an emphasis in special education and has a 3-year-old daughter, Sarah, with wife Molly. ... **Elizabeth Ganse** is a teacher at the Bubb School in Mountain View, Calif., and recently graduated from San Francisco

State with a master's in early childhood education. ... Navy Ensign **Suzanne Marker** recently received her commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Fla. ... **Heidi (Davidson) Mensay** will embark upon a teaching career in the fall. She expects to finish her master's in education at USD in August and lives in Rancho Bernardo with husband Richard. ... **Paul Hewitt** designs pools, spas and waterfalls for Pacific Sun Pool 'N Spa in San Diego. ... **Tracy Kay** is an admissions/immigration advisor at San Diego State University. ... **Lisa (Gallagher) Kratz** is a promotions manager at the Old Globe Theatre. She and husband **Luke Kratz '93** have a 1-year-old son, Gavin James, and make their home in San Diego. ... **Patrick Lynch** works in sales for the Lynch Auto Group in Lake Geneva, Wis., where he races sailboats competitively in the summer. ... **Gregory Mercurio** opened a new business, Shop Floor Automations, Inc., a year ago. The company provides networking and factory automation to the machine tool industry. He and wife Janelle call El Cajon, Calif., home. ... **Michelle (Ferris) McGill** and husband Matthew bought a home in Rancho Santa Margarita a year ago. She has been working in Newport Beach for three years as a teacher after earning a master's degree at Pepperdine. ... **Sean Pinnell** is in his second year of surgical residency at the UCSD Medical Center. He is a 1998 graduate of the Medical College of Wisconsin. ... **Bradley Roberson** is assigned to the staff of the Chief of Naval Operations in Washington, D.C. He works in the Nuclear Power Programs office and lives in Annandale, Va., with wife Sandy. ... **Bing Rui** (M.A. '96) accepted a position with Ropers, Majeski, Kohn & Bentley law firm after graduating from law school in May. ... **Monica Daley Samuel** is a project coordinator for Bearing Construction, Inc., in Encinitas, Calif. She and husband Bob call Oceanside, Calif., home. ... **Christina Sanchez** is a fourth grade bilingual teacher at Spreckels Elementary in San Diego and is working on a master's in education at SDSU. ... **Providencia Scaduto** is an adjunct English instructor at CSU San Marcos and Palomar College. ... **Kourtney Scanlan** works as a corporate technical training specialist at Qualcomm, Inc., in San Diego and recently married Scott Kennedy in The Immaculata Church. She reports that they are the proud parents of a 1-year-old yellow labrador retriever. ... **Kyla (Robinson) Staal** works at Coast Imaging Systems, Inc., where husband **Chris Staal '99** also works. He graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in business finance.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Robert Cocchia (J.D.) joined the national law firm of Arter & Hadden in the firm's Los Angeles office. Robert will work in the product liability and corporate group. ... **Angelica Leon Lopez** (M.Ed.) is an assistant principal at Roosevelt Middle School in Oceanside, Calif. She is also an adjunct faculty member at the USD School of Education and with the UCSD Extension program. She and husband Ray have a 9-month-old son. ... **Nancy Pearson** (M.S.N.) is a nurse case manager for the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. She

and her husband have two daughters, Nicole and Paulette, and a granddaughter, Kayla. The family lives in Oceanside, Calif. ... **Adrienne Kusmier Prager** (J.D.) and her husband **Richard Prager** (J.D.) both work as civil litigation attorneys in San Diego.

1995

CLASS CHAIR

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Margaret (DeRemer) Chavez is working on her teaching credential and lives in Albuquerque, N.M., with husband **Morris Chavez '95**. ... **Mac Johnston** is an operations supervisor at PEMCO Insurance in Seattle, Wash. He still plays lacrosse for a men's club team. ... **Mark Maynard** is an electronic marketing manager with Extricity Software in San Francisco. He makes his home in Redwood Shores, Calif., with wife Pamela. ... **Monchan Pruekvimolphan** is a marketing manager for the Unilever Thai Holdings Company in Bangkok, Thailand. She is currently on location with the company's Shanghai office. ... **Patricia Stelmaszak** owns and operates a family barber shop in Nashville, Tenn. Husband **Jerry Stelmaszak '95** teaches math at Brentwood High.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Norberto Cisneros (J.D.) and **Jeff Kerrane** (J.D.) recently celebrated the second anniversary of their law firm, Cisneros & Kerrane, which handles immigration, criminal defense and family law. The firm also recently welcomed **David Kerrane** (J.D. '98).

1996

CLASS CHAIR

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Robert Speegle works as a defense contractor at Booz-Allen & Hamilton after retiring from the Navy in October 1998. He makes his home in La Mesa, Calif., with wife Tanya.

1997

CLASS CHAIR

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Alice Bettencourt is working on a master's degree in international administration with an emphasis in human rights at the University of Denver. She also works part-time as a paralegal. ... Communications Officer **Robert Francis Jr.** returned from a deployment to the Arabian Gulf in May 1998 and will be attending nuclear power school in Charleston, S.C. Robert and his wife, Yuka, have a daughter, Whitney Ria, 2. ... **Keith Panza** is a mortgage consultant at Marina Hills Mortgage in Dana Point, Calif.

1998 CLASS CHAIR

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CLASS CORRESPONDENT

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UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Navy Lt. **Jonathan Blacker** recently reported for duty at Naval Air Reserve, Naval Air Station North Island, in San Diego. ... **Joshua Garcia** recently earned a master's degree in environmental science at the University of Texas at San Antonio. ... **Preston Panza** started his own computer networking consulting firm and lives in Lake Forest, Calif.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Fabio Gala Donnars (M.B.A.) works for a Dutch company, Aegon Investment, and lives in Madrid, Spain. ... **John Kyle** (J.D.) has joined the law firm of Arter & Hadden in its San Diego office, and will be an associate and member of the litigation group. ... **Joerg Sigmund** (M.B.A.) returned to Germany and works as a personal assistant for the chief information officer of Bertelsmann, the third largest media company in the world.

MARRIAGES

Please note that USD Magazine does not print engagement information. While alumni are encouraged to send information about their marriages, due to space considerations, wedding photographs will not be published.

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

S.G. Frank Haas III '75 was married on Nov. 14 to Kerrie Ann Sullisan in Alexandria, Va. Frank is director of finance and administration for America's Community Bankers. ... **Keith Jennings '82**, director of acquisitions for WCI Communities in Bonita Springs, Fla., and his wife, Heather, were married Oct. 11. ... **Terrie Roe '82**, who manages the corporate legal department for Genetronics, Inc., a Sorrento Valley biotech company, married Randall Dierlam, an attorney, in October 1998. Terrie moved back to the San Diego area last year after living in Los Angeles for 10 years. ... **Jon Coen '88**, a Xerox Corporation sales and marketing executive in Minneapolis, Minn., married his wife, Angie, in May 1997. Jon says they are "working hard and having fun." ... **Ann Martin '88** wed Dan Dimicco Nov. 14 in Founders Chapel.



Juanita Santos Nacu '98 and her son, Paul Nathan

FAMILY TIES

Tears ran down the cheeks of Juanita Santos Nacu '98 (Ed.D) as she stood in the back of a conference room listening to a story about her Filipino mother.

Telling the story was her daughter, Hannah, who was sharing with complete strangers some of her favorite memories of growing up with her grandmother, who had since returned to the Phillipines. Yet it was a story that mother and daughter had never shared.

Hannah's story came spilling forth as part of a conference Nacu — who immigrated to the United States from the Phillipines in 1971 — hosted to help families better understand the generation gap between traditional Filipino parents and their U.S.-born children.

"We all walk around with our own stories, but it's risky and takes courage to share them," Nacu says. "Even for the volunteers, the conferences can be a healing experience."

In 1993, Nacu, who realized the value of storytelling in preserving family heritage, founded Project Heart to Heart, a nonprofit organization that encourages understanding between native Filipino and American cultures. At the workshops, nearly two dozen volunteers, many of them college students, perform skits and tell personal stories to demonstrate issues such as communication with parents, sibling rivalry and moving away from home.

With its headquarters in Nacu's Rancho Peñasquitos home, Project Heart to Heart conferences help bridge the generational gap between traditional parents and children trying to fit into American culture. The younger generation learns about Filipino traditions, which are strongly tied to religious traditions of the Catholic Church. Similarly, the parents better understand why their kids want to dress a particular way, listen to certain music or talk in peculiar teen-age slang, "We are really from two different cultures," Nacu says. "The parents are Filipino and our children are Filipino-American."

Project Heart to Heart traces its origins to a junior high school field trip Nacu organized to USD. While attending USD's pastoral care and counseling program, Nacu wanted her junior high-aged children, and other Filipino-American children, to have the opportunity to speak with USD students from the same ethnic background. Word spread about the event, and the next year parents were invited to a workshop.

That one-day field trip led Nacu, who now teaches Filipino language and culture at Mesa and Palomar community colleges and Mt. Carmel High School, to continue her work through the School of Education's leadership studies and create Project Heart to Heart.

"I don't look for these things, but somehow I'm led to them, and find they're all linked," she says.

Ann is a teacher at Knob Hill Elementary School in San Marcos, Calif. ... **Jacqueline Oberly '88** married Peter Henderlite on May 23, 1998, at Highlands Inn in Carmel, Calif. Jackie is a partner at ERM, an environmental consulting firm, and is responsible for strategic planning and marketing. The couple live in the San Francisco Bay area. ... **Lori Heers '90** married Randy Yeary on Nov. 7 in Newport Beach, Calif., and honeymooned in Australia. Lori is a marketing director for C.M.H. Corporation and works in Las Vegas. ... **Hadi Abou-Khater '93** married Sarah Rann on Oct. 10 in Maui, Hawaii. Hadi works in Denver, Colo., and the couple recently purchased a new home in Louisville, Colo. ... **Edward Kotnik '93** and his wife, Shannon, were wed June 13, 1998, and purchased a home in Solana Beach, Calif. Edward works for Xerox as a production color analyst and variable data specialist. ... **Irene Valdez '93** married Scot Steinwinder on May 23, 1998, and the couple bought a home in Scripps Ranch, Calif. She is a nurse and therapist recruiter for American Mobile Healthcare in Del Mar, Calif. ... **Aimee Del'Homme '96** married Jeffrey Cannon on March 27 in Founders Chapel. ... **Brian Holmes '96** wed **Tiffany Giardelli '96** on Feb. 6 in Founders Chapel. Brian is a contract manager and Tiffany is a teacher in San Diego. ... **Sarah Ganzer '97** wed Chad Sheets in October 1998 in Las Vegas. Sarah is a teacher in the Maple Grove, Minn.

BIRTHS

UNDERGRADUATE ALUMNI

Jean-Philippe Gay '82 and his wife, Dina, welcomed a daughter, Genevieve Frances, on Nov. 28. Mark, president of Atlantic Digital Image, Inc., invites those interested to take a look at "Baby Eve" on the Web at Evebaby.com. ... **Timothy Hughes '82** and his wife, Diane, were blessed with a son, Tyler James, on Dec. 20. Timothy is a consultant with Cohesive Technology Services in Woburn, Mass. ... **Todd Cummings '83** and his wife, Julie, celebrated the birth of their son, Skylar Blair, on June 17, 1998. Todd works for Fidelity National Title in San Bernardino, Calif. ... **Lawrence Ernst '85** and his wife, Karen, were blessed with a daughter on Sept. 11. Lawrence is a controller for a company in Mission Viejo, Calif. ... **Clare (D'Agostino) Hurrelbrink '85** and her husband, Mark, welcomed a daughter, Lydia Josephine, who was adopted on Jan. 26, from China. Clare is a compliance manager with a Chicago company. ... **William Ismay '86** and his wife, **Lisa (Smith) Ismay '88**, celebrated the birth of a son, Matthew Bruce, on Jan. 4. Matthew joins brother Kyle, 5. William is a software engineer and the family lives in Keizer, Ore. ... **Jonathan Tibbitts '86** and his wife, Julie, were blessed with a brood — Samantha, Katharine and Christopher — in September 1998. Jonathan works for Over-

land Data in San Diego. ... **Walter Turner '86** and **Susanne (Thiebach) Turner '89** celebrated the birth of their son, Sam, on March 8. Sam joins brothers Michael, 4, and Matthew, 2. The family lives in San Diego, where Walt is an account representative for Patterson Dental and Susanne is a stay-at-home mom. ... **Brian Young '87** and his wife, Ann, are the proud parents of Zachary Kaito Young, born March 1. Brian is a special agent with the U.S. Treasury Department in San Diego. ... **William Frank '88** and wife Evalena welcomed a son, Noah Jacob, on Jan. 19. William works as an assistant manager with the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, and the family lives in Trail, Ore. ... **Laura (Herz) Hall '88** and her husband, Gilbert, welcomed a second daughter, Hannah Isabelle, born June 29, 1998. Her older sister, Emma Alexandra, is 2. The Halls make their home in Elizabeth City, N.C., where Gilbert is employed by the U.S. Coast Guard. ... **Gregory Moll '88** and his wife, Lori, welcomed their first child, Maile, born Nov. 1. Greg joined the Clear Point employee benefits firm in March as a consultant. The family lives in Seattle. ... **Susan (Edwards) Williams '88** and her husband, **Delmar Williams (J.D. '94)**, welcomed their first child, Alyson Zetta, on Nov. 30. The family lives in San Diego. ... **Lynn (Kichline) Bala '89** and her husband, Mac, welcomed twin daughters, Catalina Marie and Nicole Elizabeth, on Nov. 12. Lynn works for the NASA-Ames Research Center in Moffett Field, Calif. ... **Jennifer (Green) Carter '89** and husband Phil send news of the Aug. 24 birth of their second daughter, Lindsay. Older daughter Christina is 2. ... **Betsy (O'Haver) Filipponi '89** and her husband, Mike, were blessed with their first child, Jack Michael, on March 26, 1998. The family lives in San Diego. ... **Michele (Hayes) Zajkowski '89** and her husband, Mark, celebrated the birth of their first child, Katharine Grace, on Dec. 13. The couple will be moving from Boston to Portland, Maine, in July. Mark is finishing his residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and will be joining a private oral surgery practice. ... **Jennifer (Shelly) Hughes '90** (M.A. '93) and her husband, Daren, welcomed their first child, Makayla Lynne, on Aug. 12. Jennifer has taught in the Lawndale School District for nine years. ... **Christina (Chavez) Pinci '91** and husband Fulvio bought a home in Fountain Valley, Calif. The couple welcomed a son, Joseph William, on Dec. 31. ... **Anastasia (Hyll) Stabile '91** and husband Paul were blessed with a son, Luke Francis, on Sept. 21. ... **Brenda Ann (Smith) Lewis '92** and **Alan Lewis '92** send news of a daughter born 20 seconds into 1999. Kendall MacKenzie Lewis was born at 12:00:20 a.m., Jan. 1. The Lewises make their home in San Diego, where Alan works as a project manager with Silicon Space, Inc. ... **Michelle (Zemel) Young '93** and her husband, Jeremy, welcomed son Brady on May 3, 1998. ... **Rebecca Van Cleave '94** and her husband gave birth to a daughter, Rachel Mary, on May 27,

1998. Rebecca is a research scientist at Syntro Research Laboratory in San Diego. ... **Tania (Reyes) Horton '96** and her husband, Cecil, welcomed a daughter, Mia Elain, on Jan. 12. Mia joins brother Cecil III, 2. ... **Adrienne (Gazzano) Steenblock '97** and her husband, Kurt, were blessed with a son, Jackson, on Nov. 6. The family lives in Carlsbad, Calif.

GRADUATE AND LAW SCHOOL ALUMNI

Pamela (Sematones) Kleinkauf '82 (M.A.) and her husband, Doug, welcomed a daughter, Jill, on Nov. 11. Pamela is an attorney in San Diego. ... **Niamh (McCabe) Strei '88** (M.B.A.) and husband Thomas send news of a fourth child, Thomas, born in January 1998.

IN MEMORIUM

Mary Margaret "Peggy" Lewis '74 passed away after a battle with cancer at her San Bernardino, Calif., home on Nov. 20, 1998. She was 46. A native of San Bernardino, Peggy began a lifelong career of helping children after graduating from USD, working at San Bernardino Juvenile Hall, Child Help USA, First Fund of Children's Resources and the Court Appointed Special Advocate Child Advocacy program. Peggy worked in marketing and public relations for the National Orange Show and was a pilot, hot air balloonist and decorator. Memorial contributions can be sent to: Education First Homeless School, c/o Evelyn Matich, P.O. Box 5000, San Bernardino, Calif., 92412. ... **Ira Morihara**, a second-year student, died in an accident on March 15. A memorial service was held in Founders Chapel on March 17. ... **Tennyson Tom**, a senior and linebacker with the Torero football team, passed away May 29. A Mass was held in Founders Chapel May 31 with funeral services held in his native Hawaii. Tennyson majored in political science and minored in philosophy. Memorials can be made to the USD Athletic Fund, c/o Pauline Thonnard, Sports Center, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, CA, 92110.

JULY

50th Anniversary Gallery Exhibit. "Alcalá Park: From the Ground Up," through Nov. 15. 12:30-4:30 p.m., weekdays. Founders Gallery, Founders Hall.

Sports Camps. Through Aug. 6. Ages 6-18 camps include swimming, basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, volleyball, tennis, rowing and lacrosse.

Adult programs include master's swim, women's basketball, tennis and triathlon camp. (619) 260-4593. Web page at <http://sa.acusd.edu/sportscamp>.



19

University of the Third Age. Through Aug. 5. Tai Chi and lectures on political issues, medicine, arts, music, literature and more. Ages 55 and up. 8 a.m.-noon, Mon.-Thurs., Manchester Executive Conference Center. (619) 260-4231.

30

"An Intimate Evening with Culture Clash." With comedy troupe 18 Mighty Mountain Warriors and The Gilbert Castellanos Trio. 7:30 p.m., Shiley Theatre. \$10 and \$15. Repeats 7:30 p.m., July 31. (619) 260-4650.

31

50th Anniversary Community Party. 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., West Point Field. Bands, children's storytelling, sports clinics, food and merchandise vendors. (619) 260-4659.



SEPTEMBER

7

Undergraduate classes begin.

9

Institute for Project Management. "Project Risk and Quality." 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays throughout September. Olin Hall 226. (619) 260-2258.

10

Mass of the Holy Spirit. Noon, The Immaculata Church.



13

BusinessLink USD Annual State of the University Luncheon. President Alice B. Hayes forecasts the coming academic year. 11:30-1:30 p.m. Hahn University Center Forum B. (619) 260-4690.

26

Salute to Women's Athletics. 6:30 p.m., Sports Center pool. \$75. (619) 260-5916.

OCTOBER

1-3

Freshman Family Weekend. Seminars, family activities and celebration Mass for freshmen. (619) 260-4808.

2

Yale Football Game. 7 p.m. Torero Stadium. (619) 260-4803 for tickets.

4-7

"Building a Culture of Peace."

Scholars, community leaders and international peace workers will join faculty, staff and students for workshops, panels and plenary sessions on creating a culture of peace and social justice. (619) 260-4681.



6

Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice Groundbreaking. 4 p.m., West Point Field. Celebrate with Joan Kroc and keynote speaker Richard Riley, U.S. secretary of education, construction of the USD institute dedicated to peace studies. (619) 260-4681.



7

Institute for Project Management. "Project Cost Estimating and Forecasting." 6:30-9:30 p.m. Thursdays throughout October. Olin Hall 226. (619) 260-2258.

15-17

Fall Family Weekend. Seminars tailored to the needs of upperclass students and their families, social gatherings, Mass and Parent of the Year award. (619) 260-4808.

15

Institute for Project Management. "Fundamentals of Project Management." 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Hahn University Center. (619) 260-2258.

NOVEMBER

12-14

50th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend. All-alumni reunion, Tailgate Party, football game vs. Wagner College. (619) 260-4819.

For a complete listing, click on the news and events section of USD's Web site at <http://www.acusd.edu>. For more information on arts events, call (619) 260-2280 unless otherwise noted.

The men's lacrosse club team this spring captured its second consecutive Western Collegiate Lacrosse League Division II championship, beating Chico State 8-7 in the finals at the University of San Francisco. Coached by **Todd Smith '90**, the team finished 7-2 overall and 4-0 in its division. Named as WCLL all-stars this year were defenseman Matt Thompson, goaltender Jed Stahl and midfielders Rich Symington, Mark Hoffmeister, Joe Kudla and Tom Palecek.



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