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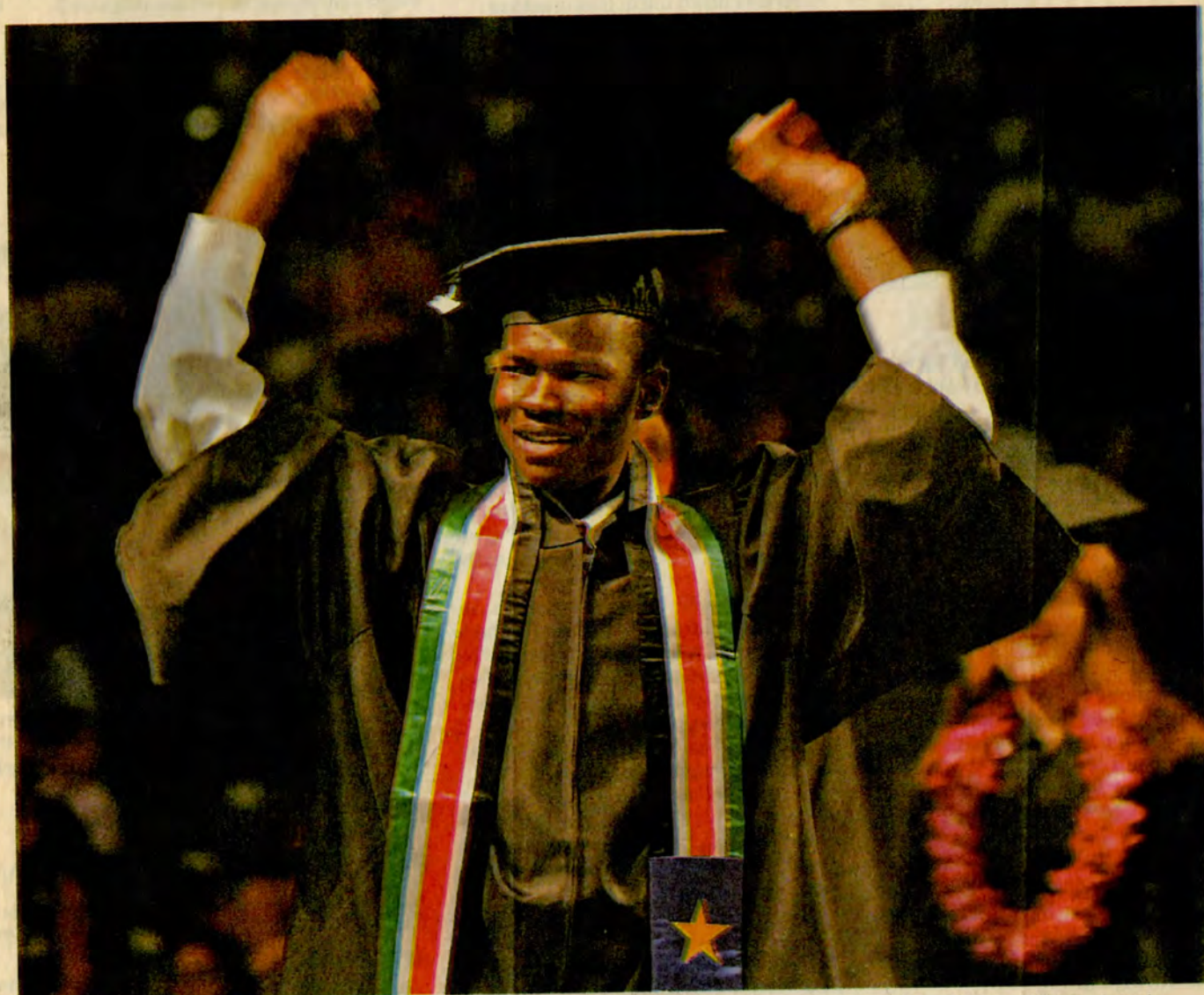
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End of a journey



Daniel Akech Thiong celebrated after he received his diploma yesterday at the University of San Diego. Thiong plans to pursue a doctorate in mathematics and eventually become a math professor. *Howard Lipin / Union-Tribune*

MAY 28 2007

One of the 'Lost Boys' of Sudan earns two degrees from USD

USD GRADUATES BY THE NUMBERS

700 Bachelor's degrees in arts and sciences awarded by USD in 2007.

500 Bachelor's degrees in business administration and engineering

375 Law school grads

630 Master's and doctoral degrees

SOURCE: USD

By Dean Calbreath
STAFF WRITER

As Daniel Akech Thiong stepped forward yesterday to take his diploma from the University of San Diego, he punched the air with both fists in a gesture of victory.

The graduation confirmed just how far he had come from wandering the deserts of eastern Africa as one of the "Lost Boys" of the civil war in Sudan.

Because of the war, Thiong did not go to school until the age of 15. Nine years later, he has earned two degrees from USD: one in mathematics, the other in theology.

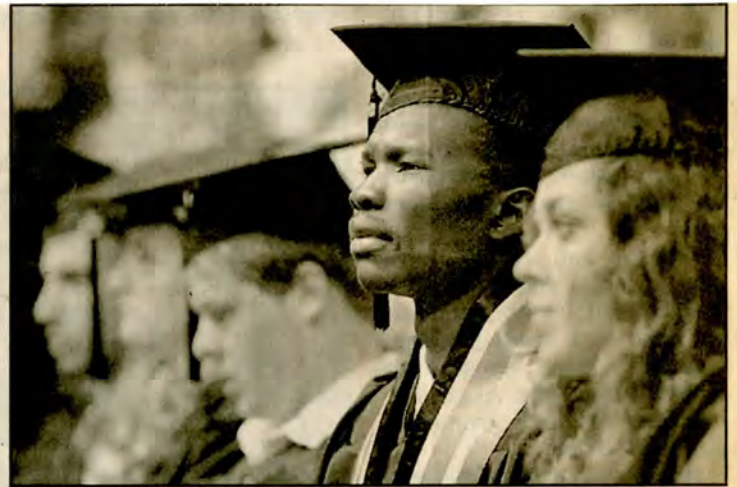
What did he feel? "Relief."

Out of 1,200 or so USD students who received bachelor's degrees Saturday and yesterday, about 50 graduated with double majors. And few faced Thiong's linguistic and cultural hurdles.

"Most of us can never imagine where he's come (from) and what he's achieved," said Cynthia Villis, director of USD's Institute for College Initiatives. "He's a very special guy."

Thiong's journey to graduation began about 1990, when his largely Christian village in southern Sudan was overrun by Islamic forces during a religious civil war.

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Above left, University of San Diego graduates attended commencement yesterday at the Jenny Craig Pavilion on campus. Above right, Daniel Akech Thiong (second from right) listened to the commencement speaker. Howard Lipin / Union-Tribune photos

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Family reunion taking graduate back to Sudan

Thiong's parents and several siblings fled in one direction; Thiong, who was about 7 or 8, and older sister Angeth fled the other way. In the confusion of war, the two parts of the family could not find each other.

As he and Angeth huddled together in the desert one night, weakened by thirst and hunger, guerrillas kidnapped her and left him alone to die.

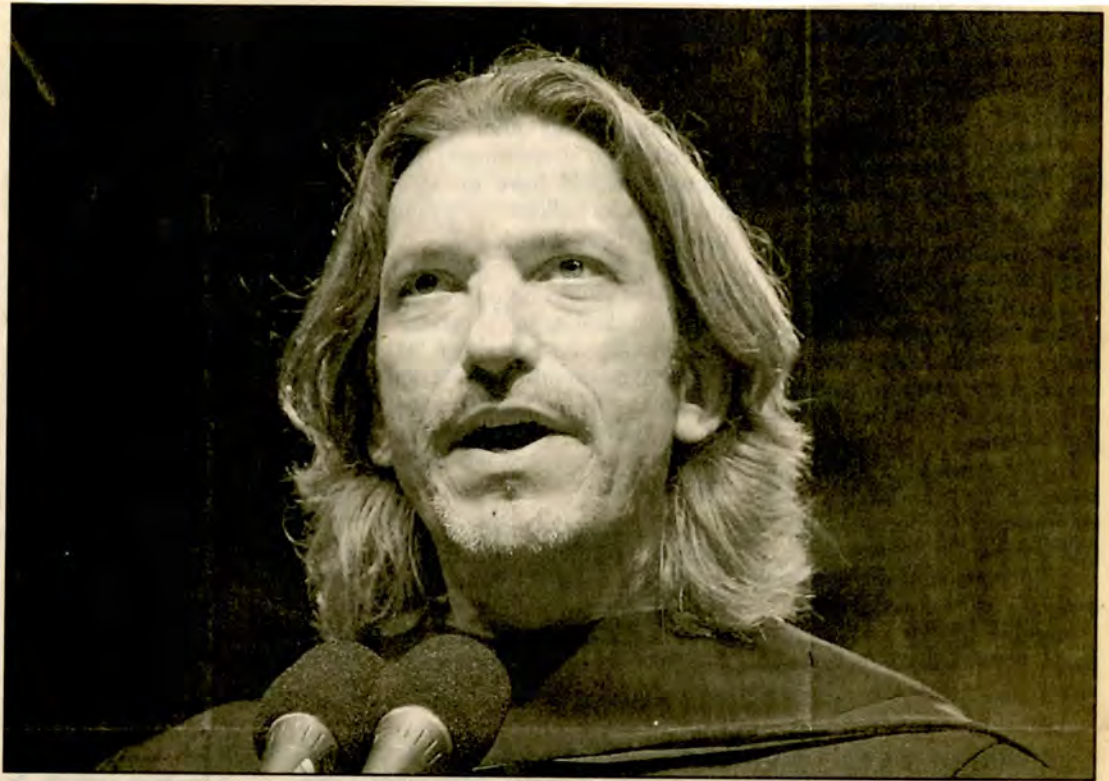
Thiong survived by eating grass and drinking dew until he joined other children who had been orphaned or separated from their families. They became known as the Lost Boys, because many of the girls were kidnapped and sold as slaves, subjected to forced marriages or adopted into other families. At one point, as many as 16,000 Lost Boys were wandering across Sudan.

After trudging from one refugee camp to another, Thiong arrived at the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, where he and other boys pressed for the creation of a school.

The camp's officials initially balked; their goal was to provide food and shelter, they said. The boys threatened a strike, and the officials relented. Thiong entered second grade. He was about 15.

"The young kids laughed when they saw me come into class, because I was so much bigger than them," Thiong said.

After three months of intense studying, he graduated to third grade. After several more



John Prendergast spoke at the USD commencement. He is senior adviser to the International Crisis Group, a nongovernmental organization that works to prevent and resolve deadly conflicts.

months, he went to fourth grade. Within two years, he was studying at an eighth-grade level.

By then, the United States granted refugee status to Thiong and 3,800 other Lost Boys. In June 2001, about 100 Lost Boys, including Thiong, moved to San Diego.

Within three months of Thiong's arrival, he passed a high school equivalency test, which allowed him to take classes at San Diego City College.

"He's a real hard worker, incredibly dedicated to accomplishing his goals," said Judy Bernstein, who works for the International Rescue Committee, which oversees the local refugee resettlement. "Sometimes, he would be taking 20 units."

Thiong's hard-core studying

caught the attention of USD's Institute for College Initiatives, which offers a special scholarship program for low-income, first-generation immigrants who show academic promise.

Thiong entered USD with the hope of earning three degrees: theology, philosophy and mathematics. His academic counselors narrowed him down to two.

He said his interest in theology began when he was an altar boy in his village.

He gravitated toward mathematics, Thiong said, because he wasn't confident enough in his English skills to write lengthy academic papers. He figured that numbers were a universal language, which would make it easier to communicate.

Now that he has his bache-

lor's degree, he intends to pursue a doctorate in mathematics and eventually become a math professor.

In the meantime, Thiong plans to return to southern Sudan for a family reunion. With the help of refugee agencies, he has tracked down all his immediate family members, including sister Angeth.

Four Lost Boys earned degrees from Point Loma Nazarene University this month: Mamer Ajak, business and economics; Jacob Puka, biochemistry; Isaac Mabior Amol, criminal justice; and Nicodemus Awuol Lim, information systems.

In addition, Mayak Deng Aruei picked up his sociology degree from USD, although he will be completing some work this summer.

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SD Union Tribune

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**2,200 USD students
to graduate this weekend**

SAN DIEGO: More than 2,200 University of San Diego students will graduate this weekend in four ceremonies on the Linda Vista campus.

Graduating law school students will hear from Alan Page, a former Minnesota Vikings football player who now serves as an associate justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court. Qualcomm co-founder Irwin Jacobs will address master's and doctoral students at a ceremony tomorrow. Speakers for other ceremonies include a former Clinton White House official and a marketing firm executive.

Among the graduates will be 29 Navy and Marine officers, and 12 students who will participate in Teach for America, serving urban and rural public schools in New Orleans and other communities.

All graduation ceremonies will be held at the Jenny Craig Pavilion on campus. Ceremonies begin at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. tomorrow; and at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday. -E.Y.S.

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Page reflects on his careers both on — and off — the bench

By DOUG SHERWIN
The Daily Transcript

SAN DIEGO — Alan Page has had two distinct, completely different careers, achieving the loftiest of positions in each.

But for the Hall of Fame NFL lineman and the Minnesota Supreme Court justice, it's no contest.

The gavel beats the gridiron every time.

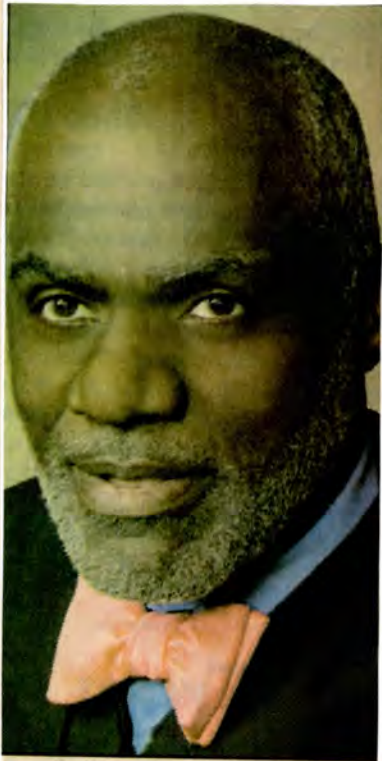
"It's the best job in the world, if you can call it a job," Page said during a recent afternoon in the Mission Bay Hilton lobby, describing his current position on the bench. "My time in pro football was fun and exciting, but there's no comparison."

Asked to clarify if by "no comparison" he meant the two professions are so much different, he didn't hesitate.

"I enjoy this so much more," he said. "There's lasting value. For the work I do now, I go back through 100 years of cases to figure out why the law is what it is today. One hundred years from now, maybe they'll be looking back at what I did today."

Page was in town to deliver the commencement address at the University of San Diego School of Law last weekend. Interestingly enough, USD School of Law professor Carl Auerbach is one of Page's former teachers.

As a defensive tackle, Page was a key member of the Minnesota



Alan Page

Page

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Vikings' vaunted "Purple People Eaters" defense from 1967-78. He is one of only three defensive players to have been named NFL MVP — an honor usually reserved for flashier positions such as quarterback and running back.

He was selected to nine Pro Bowls and in 1988 was enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Page always had an affinity for the law, however, dating back to his elementary school days before he even knew what it meant to be an attorney. He attributes it to "too much Perry Mason."

Even as his promising NFL career took off, his love for the law never dissipated.

The former Notre Dame standout entered law school in the fall 1968 — the start of his second year with the Vikings — lasting a mere three days at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul, Minn. But his short stint had nothing to do with his full-time job.

"Legal education was so different from what I did before," he

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said. "I was lost after two days. It took me another day to find my way home."

By 1975, he was eager to try again.

"It was time to ready my head for a place to store something other than my helmet," he said.

That summer, he undertook an accelerated program at the University of Texas, finishing two full-year courses in 13 weeks. He completed the rest of his legal education at the University of Minnesota, balancing pro football with law school before earning his Juris Doctor in 1978.

After five years in private practice and another seven working in the state's attorney general's office, Page captured the first of three elections as a Minnesota Supreme Court associate justice in 1992.

He campaigned on his qualifications as a judge and legal advocate, not satisfied with relying on his notoriety as an NFL All-Pro.

"The good news is, people knew who I was," Page joked. "The bad news is, people knew who I was."

In 1998, he was the biggest vote-getter in Minnesota history. Despite that, he believes Minnesota needs to rethink the way it elects judges, concerned that partisan politics could affect a judge's independence.

"Minnesota is the poster child for what's become a series of attacks on the ability of judges to be impartial," he said. "There are those who would like judges to be able to articulate their opinion on whatever (the current issue) might be.

"When judges start doing that, I firmly believe our democracy will be short lived. While as a human being I have political views and I have social views and I have economic views — my job isn't to impose my will."

In 2002, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down a provision in Minnesota's code of judicial conduct that precludes judges from voicing their opinion on certain issues in public. Page thinks the ethical code's elimination signals the wrong trend.

Page describes himself as having a judicial makeup. Peers have even suggested that he has an overdeveloped sense of what is fair.

He shrugs off the critique.

"I've never been good with repetition," he said. "Growing up in Canton (Ohio), work would have been in a steel mill or some kind of factory — dangerous, dirty and repetitious work. I figured there had to be something better."

A severely disjointed pinky finger in his left hand is the only visible physical affect of his playing days. He admits to having back issues, but says those can be attributed to his 30 years of recreational running.

He does admit the toll the NFL game takes on players is devastating.

While in private practice, Page's firm represented the players association and saw the injury and non-injury-related grievances filed by former athletes.

"You see the impact it has on people after their playing days," he said.

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Court ranks supreme for ex-football great

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Pro football's mark on Alan Page was permanent. The little finger on his left hand is bent so severely as to suggest the number 7.

Otherwise, the Hall of Fame defensive tackle is essentially unscathed. Blaming his back issues on 30 years of running, Page says he retired from football soon enough to salvage his health and his faculties, "to use my head other than as a place to store my helmet."

Soon enough to make a permanent mark that really matters.

Today's commencement speaker at the University of San Diego's School of Law is best known as a purveyor of mayhem, the dominant defensive tackle of the Minnesota Vikings' 1970s Purple People Eaters. Yet as a third-term associate justice on the Minnesota Supreme Court, Page is about as far removed from football as his fame allows.

"It's something that is there," he said yesterday, "but it's not something I'm focused on."

Dressed in judicial black for a meeting with reporters yesterday afternoon at a Mission Bay hotel, Page said he had no memory of his 1971 visit to San Diego, or of the 30-14 pounding the Chargers inflicted on the Vikings shortly before Page was named the NFL's Most Valuable Player.

Maybe this was a case of selective memory. Page's wife, Diane, has told the *St. Paul Pioneer Press* her husband's trophies, plaques and citations have been consigned to a closet in his "denial box." Or maybe this is a man who has moved on to something more significant.

"My time in professional football was fun and entertaining," Page said. "(But) There's no comparison. . . . I enjoy this so much more. And, hopefully, the lasting value will be far greater in what I do today.

"I know in the work that I do now, I'm going back 100 years looking at cases, figuring out why the law is what it is today. Presumably, 100 years from now, somebody is going to be looking back at the work that I've done. Hopefully, you never know, but hopefully it will stand the test of time."

Were judges evaluated like athletes, on wins and losses, this might have been a difficult week for Alan Page. He was a dissenting vote in both of the cases the Minnesota court filed Thursday and, consistent with his reputation, may have betrayed "an overdeveloped sense of what it means to be fair."

In the matter of the State of Minnesota vs. Scott Evan Davis, Page argued that a search warrant had been improperly obtained on the basis of a drug-sniffing dog allowed access to a hallway outside Davis' apartment; that the dog had been deployed on the basis of reasonable suspicion rather than probable cause; and that the evidence obtained as a result of that warrant should therefore have been suppressed.

"This case marks a significant departure from our constitutional jurisprudence," Page wrote, "because it is the first time the court has authorized the search of a private residence based on anything less than probable

cause in the absence of exigent circumstances. It is a departure that takes us down a road that erodes Fourth Amendment protections in one's home. That is a road I am unwilling to go down."

This is serious stuff, and Alan Page is a profoundly serious person. If his legal interpretations are sometimes seen as contrarian or liberal, Page prefers not to characterize his place on the judicial continuum.

"The enjoyment (of judging) is working through complex, difficult issues," he said, "and coming to what is the best decision that you can make. Sometimes, I don't use (the term) 'right decision,' because the right decision suggests that we as judges have some ability to know what right is. . . ."

"I tend to see the world as I see it and I have faith in myself. I say that recognizing that I question and challenge everything that I do."

Born on Aug. 7, 1945, between the atomic bomb blasts on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Page is a product of postwar sensibilities and issues. He was 8 when the Supreme Court struck down the doctrine of "separate but equal" in *Brown vs. Board of Education*.

Before he had heard the name of Ara Parseghian, who would coach him at Notre Dame, Page knew of Chief Justice Earl Warren and of the larger playing field he represented.

"If you were African-American in the mid-'50s, Brown would have caught your attention," he said. "Other (cases) might have, but Brown would have. . . . I don't know that I attribute (a law career) to that, but that's probably part of it. And a little too much Perry Mason."

Page had the sense, too, that a black kid in Canton, Ohio, was likely looking at some confining career choices – life in a steel mill, perhaps, or maybe a factory job.

"It was dangerous, dirty and repetitious work," he said. "There had to be something better."

Pro football's dangers were more manageable, and much more lucrative. Alan Page played 15 years for the Vikings and Chicago Bears and was named to nine straight Pro Bowls. Though his first try at the law proved a false start – he was "lost" after two days, and spent the balance of his three weeks deciding how to drop out – he returned ready for a rigorous education.

"It was time for me to go," he said of his departure from football. "It was a long time in the candy store."

Rather than revel in his football career, Page saw it as a springboard. When he was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1988, "it had to be more than simply being recognized for past athletic accomplishments." He started an education foundation that year that has awarded more than \$6 million in grants to 3,002 students.

This, too, is a permanent mark. And a proud one.

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Naperville woman named university valedictorian

May 24, 2007
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A Naperville woman is valedictorian for the University of San Diego School of Business Administration.

Kathryn Agostinelli, who will graduate summa cum laude with a grade point average of 3.98, is earning bachelor's degrees in accounting and history. She was a member of the university's honors program that provides students of high ability and accomplishment with challenges and opportunities to fully realize their potential.

She also was a tutor in the university's Writing Center for three and a half years and coordinator of the center for two years. This spring, she was selected for Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest undergraduate honors organization in the United States.

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Agostinelli

Agostinelli plans to attend law school.

Her parents are Pat and Rich Agostinelli of Naperville and she is a 2003 graduate of Benet Academy in Lisle. Agostinelli will speak during the ceremony on Sunday.

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Aya Ibarra with Irwin and Joan Jacobs

THE KYOTO ACCORD

Tokyo fashion icon Issey Miyake (he's the father of garment pleating, people!) descended on S.D. for the Kyoto Laureate Symposium. It's not every day we meet someone who's won Japan's version of the Nobel, and San Diego's politicians and players came out in equal numbers to USD for a posh meet-and-greet. Followed by a lavish ceremony, CONTINUED...



Issey Miyake



Kazuo Inamori



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Conrad Prebys and Katherine Kennedy

...CONTINUED complete with traditional Japanese dancers, guests delighted as Miyake discussed his East-meets-West, avant-garde fashion as he showed off his wares with models he had flown in from Tokyo. And much like other fashion gurus, Miyake's next big plans include new men's fragrances, and even his own architecture studio, 21_21 Design Sight. Let's hope those homes are as gorgeous as the clothes! -JAMES REED



Malin Burnham and Mary Lyons



Let's Fan Dance



George Jiang

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May 1, 2007: Local News

Student scientist earns Fulbright Scholarship



Alex Neuwelt

Portlander Alex "Sasha" Neuwelt, a senior at the University of San Diego, has been awarded the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship.

The son of Ed and Jill Neuwelt, he will travel from Portland to study overseas in Poland this fall. The family attends the Congregation Neveh Shalom.

Neuwelt previously helped demonstrate the ability of the drug STS (sodium thiosulfate) to protect against the high frequency hearing loss that usually occurs in children treated with the anti-cancer drug cisplatin. He will conduct similar research in Poland by testing the chemo-enhancing effects of Tylenol for anti-cancer drugs in tissue culture and animals.

"This Fulbright Scholarship will surely prove to be an invaluable cultural and educational experience," says Neuwelt. "I am extremely excited about this opportunity."

"This is a wonderful honor for Sasha that also speaks to the high caliber of USD's academic programs," says USD Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Julie Sullivan.

Established in 1946 by U.S. Senator J. William Fulbright, the Fulbright program aims to increase international understanding and goodwill through the exchange of people, knowledge and skills.

The program sends approximately 1,300 U.S. students to more than 140 countries annually to lecture and conduct research in a variety of academic and professional settings.

Recipients of Fulbright awards are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement, as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields.

Neuwelt also was elected recently to the USD chapter of Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest undergraduate

**Good business.
Good deed.
Good karma.**

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chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, the oldest undergraduate honors organization in the United States.

To be eligible for membership, students must be majoring in an area of the liberal arts or sciences, hold senior standing, and have attained a GPA that places them in the top 10 percent of their class.

The University of San Diego is a Catholic institution of higher learning chartered in 1949; the school enrolls approximately 7,500 students and is known for its commitment to teaching, the liberal arts, the formation of values and community service.

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HEADLINE: Exec downtime: squash, golf, and ... surfing?

BYLINE: Evan Pondel Correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

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BODY:

A half dozen surfers bob up and down, patiently waiting for waves with arms folded across their chests. The sun is still a distant glow as dawn slowly takes hold here at Topanga State Beach.

As the water flattens out in between rollers, a lull sets in. "Let me tell you, that real estate market isn't giving up," says one middle-age surfer straddling his board.

Others chime in. Within minutes, a full-fledged discussion about home values, the stock market (specifically technology hedge funds), and healthcare issues drown out the ubiquitous squawk of seagulls overhead.

Hello. We are surfing, right? Hedge funds? Healthcare? Loosen up, dudes. It appears times have changed, at least here in southern California. The new golf course is now 59 degrees, wet, choppy, and teeming with professionals who surf to network, exercise, and simply look cool when they go to work with a board under their arm and a suntan to boot.

Up and down America's premier coastal playground, more and more business executives and professionals are trading in their Brooks Brothers suits for wet suits. Surfing - once the preserve of the "hey, dude" set - is being invaded by doctors, lawyers, and options traders.

"I'm already catching waves and doing the 'dawn patrol,' " says Todd Becraft, an immigration lawyer from Los Angeles, a newbie to the sport.

He pulls his long board from the cold Pacific and joins friend Kelly Candaele, a commissioner with a Los Angeles retirement board. "When I was growing up, surfing just wasn't something I wanted to do," says Mr. Candaele. "It seemed like it attracted the rebels. But it's never too late to start. It will clear your head...."

Beyond the psychic advantages, some middle-age professionals are riding the waves for the physical rigors, too. Art Mondrala, a film editor from Marina del Rey, took up surfing just a couple years ago because he became disenchanted with working out at always-crowded gyms. Mr. Mondrala, his eyes reading the whitecaps as he prepares for a morning joust with two-foot waves at Sunset Beach, says surfing is a good way to start the day - and helps him forget the frenzy and frustrations of work.

Similarly, Richard Bergin, a small business owner, began surfing a couple of years ago when running started to hurt his knees. He now surfs several times a week on his nine-foot board and draws parallels to yoga.

"When I push up on my board to stand, I am basically doing a 'down dog' position," says Mr. Bergin, sliding his slender frame into his wet suit. "What I find amusing is that I think you can tell what kind of professional someone is by the way they surf. It's like literally having a board meeting out there. Is the person more aggressive when paddling or afraid of the big waves?" (Bergin, incidentally, paddles after every wave - often to no avail.)

While a certain number of corporate and cubicle types have always plied the waves off California, their numbers are mushrooming as surfing becomes the new corner office. "It's as if we are bringing the mundane world into the water - dragging the profane into the sacred," says Jerome Hall, a surfer and professor of anthropology at the **University of San Diego**, where he teaches a class titled, "Surf Culture and History." "You no longer have to be a waterman or waterwoman to surf. You don't have to be muscular anymore to haul a long board down the beach. You simply have to have enough money."

As befits the monied class, many of the newcomers don't want to put in too much time learning slashes and bottom turns. They want to master the craft now. Before their power lunch. So corporate titans are showing up at the chipped-paint door of Todd Roberts, co-owner of ZJ Boarding House in Santa Monica, for lessons and exotic surfing excursions. "I'm teaching more stock guys, marketing guys, and mortgage guys," says Mr. Roberts. "I think they like surfing because it is the polar opposite of the corporate world."

Of course, money helps with the start-up costs, too - a good wet suit (the new ones keep surfers warm and virtually dry in the water) and a good board. Epoxy resin is now the material of choice: It makes a board that is significantly lighter than the old fiberglass-wrapped ones and less susceptible to "dings." The boards cost anywhere from \$600 to \$1,500.

The new white-collar watermen have become adept at mixing business and pleasure. On a Saturday at famed Malibu, several professionals are hanging out at the beach with their epoxy boards, including Grant Hardacre, president of the Association of Surfing Lawyers. He is wearing wraparound sunglasses, board shorts, and a tan that befits a pool boy. Mr. Hardacre specializes in estate planning ... and long boarding.

"I was a surfer long before I was a lawyer," he says. "But I think it's easier to be a professional and a surfer. A lot of the nooks and crannies are getting crowded, and when you make a little money, you can travel to more remote destinations."

The Association of Surfing Lawyers started in 2002 after its founder, David Olan, realized how many of his colleagues had taken up the sport. Today, the group holds its "minimum continuing legal education seminars," a requirement to maintain state bar status, in exotic locations, such as Fiji and

Costa Rica, where the surfing is good.

When asked whether the association's 100 members are actually surfers or posers, Hardacre laughs. "Yes, we do have some kooks," he says. "And I am not too impressed with the younger guys, either. But at the end of day, it doesn't matter because we are all out here to have a good time."

The boardroom culture doesn't always mingle easily with the surfboard culture, though. Some traditionalists lament the newcomers' lack of respect for the sport and high seas. "These corporate folks get all giddy as soon as their feet touch the sand," says Roberts, the surfing instructor. "Sometimes it's annoying because I have to settle them down like children. I tell them, 'You have to take the water seriously.' "

Others resent all the talk of high finance and low prime rates in their laid-back domain. Hey, this is surfing. If anything, they want the ethos of the sport - fun, respect, camaraderie - to change the corporate cubicle. "Surfing has become the trendiest, coolest thing, and now the coastal regions have taken to surfing" the way the rest of the country has taken to baseball, says Matt Warshaw, author of the "Encyclopedia of Surfing." "It shouldn't matter that lawyers and doctors and teachers are in the water, but it kind of does."

Professor Hall gets even more cosmic about it. "There is a lot of symbolism in surfing. You shed your clothing, adopt nakedness, leave the land, and go into the water," he says. "But when you return to the land, it is about the respect for self, environment, and the people around you. And most importantly, it's about bringing that aloha spirit back to the boardroom."

Marc Kalan brings that spirit back to the clinic. He is a couple miles up the coast, about to enter the water with a 10-foot board. "I don't mean to come off as a cheese ball," says the infertility specialist at the Los Angeles County+USC Medical Center, who has a pile of scrubs and surf wax in his back seat. "But I really do get a sense that I'm more in tune at work and better able to relate to my patients after a good surf."

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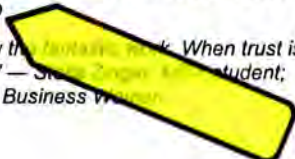
Question Of The Week

The news that MIT Admissions Dean Marilee Jones falsified her credentials prompts us to ask: Can decades of good work overcome a lie told earlier?

"Given the dean's position, her lie was of extreme gravity. But I think MIT should strike a balance between sanctions and recognition of her good work." — Cristina Bicchieri, professor, philosophy and legal studies, University of Pennsylvania

"When someone else reveals the lie, it's more difficult to overcome. What's striking is the waste. The mistake could easily have been corrected earlier." — Lawrence Hinman, director, The Values Institute, University of San Diego

"Unfortunately, a lie that monumental will overshadow the fantastic work. When trust is breached, it's hard to regain the confidence of peers." — Steve Singer, student, president, University of Michigan chapter of Michigan Business Fraternity



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Buddhist Scholar and Activist to Speak at Carleton

Karma Lekshe Tsomo, associate professor of theology and religious studies at the University of San Diego, will present a lecture entitled "Moving Toward Equality: The Debate Over Full Ordination for Buddhist Women" at 8 p.m. on Monday, May 21 in Carleton College's Leighton Hall, room 305. The event is free and open to the public.

Tsomo's primary academic interests include women in Buddhism, Buddhism and bioethics, religion and cultural change, and Buddhism in the United States. Her doctoral research focused on death and identity in China and Tibet.

In addition to her academic work, she is actively involved in interfaith dialogue and in grassroots initiatives for the empowerment of women. Tsomo is the president of Sakyadhita, meaning "Daughters of the Buddha," an international association of Buddhist women. The organization works toward building an international community of Buddhist women.

Tsomo is also director of the [Jamyang Foundation](#), an initiative to provide educational opportunities for women in the Indian Himalayas and Bangladesh.

Tsomo received her BA in Japanese from the University of California, Berkeley. She earned an MA in both Asian studies and Asian religions, both from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where she also received her PhD in comparative philosophy. Her work has appeared in a variety of anthologies, including *Out of the Shadows: Socially Engaged Buddhist Women in the Global Community* (Sri Satguru Publications, 2006) and *Buddhist Women and Social Justice: Ideals, Challenges, and Achievements* (State University of New York Press, 2004). She has also written two books, *Into the Jaws of Yama: Buddhism, Bioethics, and Death* (State University of New York Press, 2006) and *Sisters in Solitude: Two Traditions of Buddhist Monastic Ethics for Women, A Comparative Analysis of the Dharmagupta and Mulasarvastivada Bhiksuni Pratimoksa Sutras* (State University of New York Press, 1996).

Tsomo's appearance is sponsored by the 2007 Lindesmith Lecture Series. For more information and disability accommodations, call department of religion at (507) 646-4232.

Written by Sarah King '09

Dead Sea Scrolls Provide Insight into Birth of Christian Thought

By Ann Aubrey Hanson

SAN DIEGO — Can we glimpse some of the way the Holy Spirit was preparing the world for Jesus some 200 years before he was born?

Perhaps so, says Father Saba Shofany, PhD, STD, an adjunct instructor of Theology and Religious Studies at the University of San Diego. Father Shofany will be speaking locally to numerous groups about the importance of the Dead Sea Scrolls. His talks correspond with a visit that the scrolls will be making to San Diego from June 29 to Dec. 31 at the Museum of Natural History.

Father Shofany, a Melkite priest, is the author of "The Melkites at the Vatican Council II."

"I do believe that the Holy Spirit prepared the way for the coming of our beloved God Jesus," said Father Shofany. He said that the Bible and the apocalyptic literature of the period between 200 B.C. and 100 A.D., including "certain texts from the Dead Sea Scrolls, showed us that ... Judaism in Palestine was waiting for the coming of the Messiah."

A good example of this apocalyptic literature was provided by a manuscript found in Cave Four near the site of Khirbet Qumran in the early 1950s," said Father Shofany. "In this text we find five biblical quotations connected by interpretation dealing with the theme of the Messiah."

This manuscript was dated more than 60 years before the birth of Jesus. In fact, by Jesus' time, many Jews were waiting for the coming of the Messiah.

Treasures in a Cave

The Dead Sea Scrolls are ancient manuscripts discovered by a Bedouin shepherd in the spring of 1947 in a cave on the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea in the Judean Desert near Khirbet Qumran.

The initial discovery yielded seven scrolls, said Father Shofany, but "between 1949 and 1956, in what became a race between the Bedouin and the archaeologists, 10 additional caves were found in the hills around Qumran." These yielded several more intact scrolls, as well as thousands of fragments, representing more than 900 separate writings.

Father Shofany said that "historical, paleographic and linguistic evidence, as well as carbon-14 dating" dated the scrolls and the Qumran ruin from the third century before Christ to 68 A.D.

The majority of the scrolls were made from animal skins (parchments), though a few were made from papyrus. One scroll was made of copper. They contain some of the oldest-known copies of biblical books, as well as hymns, prayers and community writings.

Most of the scrolls were written in Hebrew, with Assyrian Block script, though in a few cases the scribes used Paleo-Hebrew, Aramaic or Greek.

Experts have differing ideas on exactly who wrote the scrolls. They may have come from Jerusalem libraries, or they may have been written by the Qumran community, or by the Essene community (an ancient sect at the margins of Judaism).

Impact on Christian Thought

While there is no direct link between the Dead Sea Scrolls and early Christianity, that doesn't negate that the communities that produced the scrolls may have had an impact on Christian thinking.

While the New Testament "makes no mention of the Essenes and no Qumran impact on the primitive Church can be proved," said Father Shofany, "many scholars believe that both the literature of Qumran and the early Christian teachings stem from a common stream within Judaism."

The scrolls "have added to our understanding of the Jewish background of Christianity," said Father Shofany.

According to Father Shofany, "The scrolls express similarities between beliefs and practices" of Qumran and "those of early Christians." These parallels include comparable rituals of baptism, communal meals and communal property.

In fact, Father Shofany believes that many common features can be found in the Qumran sectarian writings and the New Testament.

First, the Hebrew Bible is "at the center of thought" of the writers of

Starting June 29, ancient Israelite scrolls will be on display at San Diego Museum of Natural History

the Dead Sea Scrolls and Christians.

Second, there is a "certain familiarity and parallelism in the use of prophecy at Qumran and in the New Testament," he added. The "voice crying in the wilderness" and "Prepare the way of the Lord" were understood at Qumran as the retirement of the Teacher of Righteousness and his followers into the desert to prepare for the coming of the messianic age. In the New Testament, he said, "the voice is that of John the Baptist carrying out a similar mission."

Third, "Essenes and Christianity both claimed to be the exclusive community of the elect, the sole beneficiaries of a new Covenant in the final age."

Fourth, "on the plane of eschatology," said Father Shofany, "the outlook of the two movements was also similar, in so far as each expected its founder to usher in the last days."

In short, the Dead Sea Scrolls represent an opportunity to look upon the world into which Jesus came. They help us to see Jesus as the answer to an expectation that had become ripe.

For those who are not Christian, Jesus may be seen as just one among many who claimed to fulfill the Jewish expectation. But Christians see in

Jesus the one who does, in fact, satisfy all hearts. What the scrolls reveal is just how ready the hearts of his era had become for his coming, and how deeply Jesus and the early Christians were connected to the Jewish life of their era.



Father Shofany will make two presentations on "Catholic Appreciation of the Dead Sea Scrolls." Both presentations are open to the public and will be held at the diocesan Pastoral Center – July 22, from 3-4:30 p.m., and Oct. 17, from 7-9 p.m. Registration is required and can be completed online or by mail. Visit www.diocese-sdiego.org/scrolls/ or call (858) 490-8211 or 8212.

The Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit at the San Diego Museum of Natural History will be open to the public daily except for Thanksgiving and Christmas Day, June 29 through Dec. 31.

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The Dead Sea Scrolls

Ancient texts go on display here next month

By **Sandi Dolbee**

UNION-TRIBUNE RELIGION & ETHICS EDITOR

May 19, 2007

Decisions, decisions.

Do you go see the Dead Sea Scrolls exhibit during the first three months, when a fragment from the fifth chapter of Isaiah will be shown for the first time ever? Or wait for the second six months, to see a text from the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy? Or both?

Beginning next month through the end of the year, the San Diego Natural History Museum in Balboa Park will exhibit 27 pieces from the Dead Sea Scrolls, hundreds of religious and secular writings that date back 2,000 years.

Two dozen of these scroll pieces will come here on loan from the Israel Antiquities Authority. For preservation reasons, they will be shown in two sets for three months at a time. Three more samples are from the Department of Antiquities of Jordan and will be on display throughout the exhibition.

Together, the Dead Sea Scrolls, discovered a half-century ago in 11 caves above Qumran in the Judean Desert, comprise the oldest-known copies of the Hebrew Bible. This is their first visit to San Diego.

The museum's show also will include Bibles across the ages – right up to one that's in progress now.

FULL RUN: June 29-Dec. 31

BACK TO THE FUTURE

21st-century project: Three pages from the St. John's Bible, an ambitious project combining contemporary illustrations with the historic practice of handwritten Scripture, will be on display – including this page from Isaiah, titled "Messianic Predictions." The Bible, based on the New Revised Standard Version, has been commissioned by St. John's University in Collegenille, Minn.

Questions, questions: Curator Risa Levitt Kohn says the exhibition hopes to leave viewers with questions for future discussions – like why is it that so many of the Bible's ancient teachings continue to shape our culture today?

MORE THAN SCROLLS



The Dead Sea Scrolls (PDF)

19th century Psalms: The exhibition at the Museum of Natural History will also feature Bibles throughout history – such as these manuscripts from Orthodox Christians in Ethiopia.

Other elements: The exhibition will compare the Judean Desert to San Diego's desert. There also will be a virtual tour of Qumran.

HEAVY METAL

Copper Scroll: Found by archaeologists in 1952 in Cave 3, this scroll is written on copper. But perhaps even more strange is the text itself, which contains information about hidden treasures. This segment from the Copper Scroll is on loan from Jordan's Department of Antiquities.

RUSSIAN ROTATION

Collector's finds: This 10th-century codex is from the Russian National Library. It will be shown during the first three months, along with other pieces from the collection; several others will be shown in the second three months.

PART I: June 29 through September

FREQUENT FINDS

Columns of Psalms: This fragment of the Dead Sea Scrolls is from the book of Psalms, which happens to be the most frequently found part of the Hebrew Bible among the Dead Sea Scrolls. This one was found in Cave 11 in 1956.

Israel Antiquities Authority: A dozen pieces of Dead Sea Scrolls on loan from Israel will be on exhibit the first three months and another dozen the second three months.

ABOUT THE SCROLLS

Cave dwellings: Between 1947 and 1956, thousands of fragments were unearthed in caves on the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea. The fragments were pieced together into hundreds of documents – including books of the Bible, hymns, prayers and writings about community life.

One book missing: More than 200 biblical scrolls were found, including every book in the Hebrew Bible except one. There is no book of Esther, which tells the story celebrated as Purim by Jews today.

OLDEST BIBLES

Ancient script: UCSD biblical scholar David Noel Freedman began studying the Leviticus scroll in the 1960s. This portion will be on display the first half and another part in the second half. Freedman also is one of the guest lecturers.

Damascus Document: Found in 1952 and dating back to the first century B.C., the text addresses rules for purification and sacrifice.

PART II: October through December

ABOUT QUMRAN

Unanswered questions: Scribes living in the settlement of Qumran are believed to have written the

scrolls. But Qumran remains largely a mystery. "We haven't found a single scroll in the site itself," says Risa Levitt Kohn, curator of the San Diego exhibition.

Theories abound: Kohn says there are many notions about Qumran. Maybe esoteric Jews took refuge there. Maybe it was an agricultural commune. Or maybe there is insufficient data to know who they were.

KEEPSAKES

Lecture series: July 16 to Dec. 10, the museum has scheduled nearly two dozen lectures from Dead Sea Scrolls scholars (San Diego speakers include UCSD's David Noel Freedman and USD's Russell Fuller). Cost is \$20 per lecture for museum members and \$25 for nonmembers. Call (619) 255-0203 or go to sdnhm.org. This is in addition to an array of programs being offered by synagogues, churches and community groups.

Souvenirs: The retail fare runs from shirts and mugs to specially created chocolates and dig kits for kids. Plus enough books to stock a small library.

TEN COMMANDMENTS

Deuteronomy: In these verses are the Ten Commandments. The scroll was found in Cave 4 in 1952. Thirty-two scrolls of the biblical book of Deuteronomy were found in the caves, making it second in popularity to Psalms.

Rules for living: Even today, in the 21st century, the commandments – don't steal, don't murder, don't covet, etc. – are seen as a moral code.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Business transaction: Written on papyrus, this is part of a lease agreement. Based on the references in the agreement, scholars date this to roughly November A.D. 134. It was discovered in 1961, several years after the scrolls were found.

End times: Some of the writings dealt with predictions that the end times were near. During the second half of the exhibition, one of these writings, "Messianic Apocalypse," will be on display.

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***Bay Books To
Host Booksigning***

Former Coronadan Marjorie Hart will sign copies of "Summer at Tiffany" at Bay Books on Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m.

Do you remember the best summer of your life? The one in which you struck out from your ordinary life, threw caution to the wind and vowed to soak up all that the world had to offer? Perhaps it was waiting tables in a quaint seaside town, backpacking across Europe with exotic locals as guides, or a cross-country drive in a car less than suited to the task. No matter the circumstances, the experience no doubt profoundly influenced who you would become and provided memories to last a lifetime.

In her memoir, "Summer at Tiffany," Marjorie Hart, a retired professional cellist and former chair of the Department of Fine Arts at the University of San Diego, recounts her own unforgettable summer.

It was May of 1945 when she and her best friend Marty impetuously abandoned plans for summer classes at the University of Iowa in order to test their fortune in New York City. That fateful decision would prove to be a defining moment in their young lives, as Marjorie and Marty would soon find themselves working in one of the most glamorous stores in the world; Tiffany & Co.

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Saxophone Senior Recital, Edward Hayes plays "Concerto for Saxophone" by Pierre Max Dubois and popular jazz tunes transcribed by Trent Kynaston with Daniel Green (piano) and Bryan Cabrera (percussion), Thursday, May 10, 7:30 p.m., in Shiley Theatre at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). 619-260-4171. Free. (LINDA VISTA)

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USD Choral Scholars and USD Concert Choir Recital, Friday, May 11, 8 p.m., in Shiley Theatre, Camino Hall, University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). Varied program of choral favorites includes selections by Anton Bruckner. Concert repeats Sunday, May 13, 2 p.m. \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

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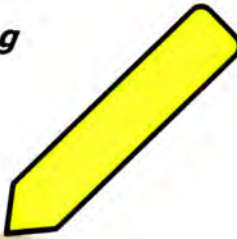
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SISTER SALLY FURAY LECTURE at
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7, Diane Takvorian, executive director of the
Environmental Health Coalition, discusses
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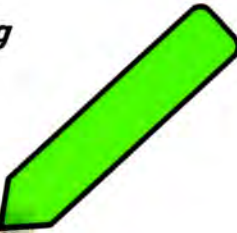
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USD Chamber Music Ensemble
plan concert on Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m., in French Parlor Founders Hall at University of San Diego (5998 Alcalá Park). \$10 general. 619-260-4171. (LINDA VISTA)

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VALUES INSTITUTE LECTURE at
Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice,
USD, 619-260-7732. At 2:30 p.m. **Monday,**
May 7, David Brin, author of *The Transparent*
Society, will speak on "Envisioning the Future:
Science Fiction, Computing and Ethics." Free.

School of Business Administration

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Business Students Reach for Life Lessons Instead of the Books

Sales Pitches to Trade Shows Are Budding Entrepreneurs' Real World Training Ground

BY PAT BRODERICK



Tim A. Becker, an adjunct business professor at the University of San Diego, lays it all out for his students right from the start.

"I tell them, 'There are two ways of going through a class — with traditional activities or real world,'" he said.

Once the students make the commitment to go the real-world route, "They have to sign a document that they agree

to go through this way. I am not big on whiners and gas bags."

But, he said, no one seems to be intimidated, because all of his students opt for the real-world lessons over lectures and theories.

"They love it," said Becker. "They like the control, and I like them to get out in the field. Most will tell me that they never worked so hard, but they've gotten so much out of it."

It's Tough Out There

Becker, who also teaches at the local University of Phoenix campus, is president of **Total Recall Learning Inc.**, a local company that develops software learning systems. His courses at USD take students out of the classroom and into the business arena — playing to actual professionals in a variety of fields.

On May 3, a group of his students

presented their mock sales presentations at USD's Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, and on May 10, another group participated in a marketing trade show, Becker's version of a final exam. They showcased their proposed products and services at booths, and delivered their pitches from a podium.

"It blew my mind," Becker said of the quality of his students' presentations.

His approach to taking students out of the ivory tower and into the marketplace covers a lot of ground. For instance, they are expected to create full-fledged sales plans for the target market they want to sell.

"I bring in guest speakers from various companies and contacts I have," said Becker.

In other cases, they have to go out and critique the sales techniques of retailers. What the students realize, said Becker, is how "dreadful" some of these sales people are at pitching their products and services.

"Most retailers are out there as a data dump," he said. "They tell about their products, but don't ask for your business."

Becker's students also are expected to do "ride-alongs" with professional sales people, accompanying them to meetings and going on sales calls.

But first, the students have to convince the pros to let them tag along in the first place — another exercise in salesmanship. All told, Becker is a firm believer in field work.

"It is energizing to say the least, and opens up doors," he said. "When my students graduate, they have a leg up on the competition. It's tough out there."

Stellar Students

Becker's stellar students make up a mixed bag of ambitions, as reflected in their projects.

For instance, recent graduate Ashley Freeman decided to market the Red Bull Air Race, a touring competition, and tried to sell the attraction to the Port of San Diego.



Ashley Freeman

"The idea is to get their name out there, and take more of a market share," said Freeman, who last year actually interned for the port. "It brings tons of spectators into the city, and they fill hotel rooms and restaurants."

But the tough part was proving that she knew what she was talking about, a crucial part of Becker's teaching. No bluffing allowed.

"He set me up with a retired pilot," said Freeman. "He knew exactly what I was talking about."

She aced the project.

"It was a lot of work, but it was worth it," said Freeman, who plans to go into international marketing. "By doing a project like that, you get a lot more experience than just listening to a lecture."

Audra Sandy teamed with Teresa Oldofredi on a project that they consider so potentially lucrative that they declined to give details, lest the idea get pirated.

"It was twice as much work, because we had to pitch business to business, and show what the business value would be to consumers," said Sandy. "A lot more details and analysis were required."

The precocious 22-year-old said that she has been "managing and setting up companies" — in one way or another — for the last five years. These days, she works for

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a Hillcrest aesthetician — a specialist in beauty treatments — running her salon.

"I definitely have the passion and curiosity and the problem-solving logistical side to really dive in," said Sandy. "I was able to fully dive into this project."

While she earned a top grade, Sandy also gives Becker high marks for his teaching methods.

"This is definitely the most challenging academic project by far," she said. "Dr. Becker is a good teacher, and gave us real-world experience. It's very hard to know how the text of material actually applies, so this was a great opportunity."

A business major, with a year left in school, Sandy hopes to go to Spain for her fall semester. After that, she's considering a career as a wedding planner. How does she think she'd like dealing with all of those "bridezillas?"

"My goal would be to impress people enough with my name that I wouldn't have to accept any bridezillas if I didn't want to," said Sandy.

Robert Paugh, who recently graduated with a degree in business administration, proposed for his selling project a walk-in child-care service to be placed in regional and strip malls.

"We'd prescreen the children, there would be automatic billing, and any special needs would already be documented for the children," said Paugh, who also serves in the Marine Corps. "It would be simple for parents. We're also thinking about having one next to military bases, so that parents, while they're deployed, or a single parent, would have that resource."

For Paugh, this was more than an academic plan.

"We are looking to do one within six months to a year, try it out and see if it takes off for us," he said. "The first one would be in Oceanside."

With a couple of years left to serve, Paugh said that his wife Tiffany and some friends would be running the operation until he could join them.

"Our long-term goal would be to franchise it out," said Paugh. "We'd like to open one once a year in a new location. But that's a hefty goal for us. It would depend on financing."

Like his fellow entrepreneurial students, Paugh lauds Becker's course.

"The biggest thing that I got was feedback from my peers," he said. "You gain a lot more from experience than book knowledge. That's important, too, but when you are doing it yourself, you gain more and it sticks with you for years."

Ryan Hatch, who participated in Becker's marketing trade show May 10, pitched his concept for Recycled Friendly Enterprises. Hatch and his team — Jenny Winger, Austin McGuff and Daniel Magness — had to pitch "potential investors" made up of actual business pros from the community.

"The concept is that a lot of large-scale companies like Sea World, the Hilton, and universities, produce a lot of recycling, but it might not be cost-effective to operate an internal recycling operation," said Hatch, who's going into his senior year.

His challenge was to clinch a hypothetical \$500,000 business loan to buy trucks and 800 recycling receptacles to be placed with his business accounts throughout San Diego.

"In return for the companies allowing us to collect, we would provide a recycling-friendly certification, which would spin them off as being an environmentally conscious company," he said. "They could

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use our logo, and gain access and advertising through our company as a certified company."

Hatch considers Becker's class to be "inspiring," repeating his teacher's mantra to focus on "what people can't do, won't do, or will pay you to do for them."

"His approach to education is not cut out for everybody," said Hatch. "You have to be able to fly by the seat of your pants. You have to be able to develop ideas. This is very much like a real business setting, and you don't get that in very many classes."

Cecilia Zavala, who's going into her senior year, decided to focus her marketing project on improved campus security, in light of the high-profile incidents that have taken place at schools in the past few years, including the recent shootings at Virginia Tech.

Her approach would be to give security personnel special training in anti-terrorism, control management, and how to prevent incidents without using violence, she said.

"We want the universities to start doing something about this," said Zavala. "We are getting worried something can happen. At USD, we don't think the police could control a situation like that."

Zavala considers Becker to be "very creative."

"He will let us do more stuff, and we are learning in a different way," she said. "Every other professor says, 'Do this and do that.' He doesn't give us so many guidelines, but he does help us a lot. He has given us insight into the real world."

On Sept. 24, the Fermanian Business Center at Point Loma Nazarene University will host its first Entrepreneur Enrichment

Program exposition, where 13 individual and team plans will be presented — both orally and visually — to business review teams, faculty and supporters of EEP.

During the expo, the teams will evaluate the projects, and determine which of them will move on to the next level in the coming academic year.

According to Randy M. Ataide, the business center's director, the exposition is intended to give all student applicants the opportunity to bring their plans to life, using a bag full of entrepreneurial tools, such as product samples, mock-ups and renditions, video presentations, financial presentations, and marketing approaches, all designed to help them present and pitch their prospective colleagues, investors and peers.

"The exposition will be the first critical step in building personal relationships between the student applicants and business review team members, which furthers the primary collaborative objectives of the EEP," he said.

The plans were created by 19 students, representing seven different majors of the university, including two from its MBA program. On May 1, 2008, EEP will host a banquet, where the business review teams will evaluate the students' past eight months of work. This will be followed by awards and seed money grants.

Ataide is himself an entrepreneur and co-owner, president and managing member of Mountain View Fruit Sales Inc., and related ventures, in Fresno. A graduate of San Joaquin College of Law, Ataide also graduated from the Owners/Presidents Management program at Harvard Business School in 2006. All of this spurred his interest in the practical application of



Randy M. Ataide

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a business education.

"I wanted to shape young business leaders," he said.

Ataide said that he is impressed by the breadth of the students' projects.

"Plans range from very simple, fairly ordinary retail products, to some very ambitious ideas, involving real estate development and the creation of nonprofit service centers in an international context," said Ataide.

Point Loma Nazarene University students have a certain level of sophistication about the world, he said. Some have studied abroad and came back with ideas designed to serve the needs of third-world countries, from clean water to transportation, said Ataide. Other students bring with them solid professional credentials that belie their young years.

"I am surprised at the number of students who have real estate licenses, who are selling life insurance, and other financial products, or working on real estate appraisal certifications," he said.

The Entrepreneurial Spirit

Jane Schmitz, who will be earning an MBA in 2008 at Point Loma Nazarene, also has a day job as a school-to-career teacher at Scripps Ranch High School, focusing on hospitality and tourism, and placing students in internships at hotels, restaurants and theme parks.

"The focus is to get kids out into the workplace," she explained. "I teach them how to write a resume, a cover letter, how to behave in an interview and how to dress."



Jane Schmitz

Schmitz also wants to keep them in school, and this served as the inspiration of her EEP project — to design an academy of entrepreneurship for high-school students.

"I was inspired when I went to a teacher conference in Detroit last summer and I heard statistics that 3,000 students a day are dropping out across the United States, and I couldn't believe it," she said. "I thought, 'Oh, my gosh, there must be something we can do to motivate students to stay in school.'"

Schmitz is an entrepreneur herself, having run a restaurant, bakery, tea room and catering company in La Mesa for years.

"The students were interested in learning how to get a business off the ground," said Schmitz. "Something clicked in my head. My dream would be to have a free-standing academy on its own, or one that is placed in a school that is already going. It could work well both ways. We have to hook them on something they will get excited about and keep them in school."

Ataide, one of her first professors, taught her about contemporary management.

"I adore Randy," said Schmitz. "He is awesome. I am learning so much at Point Loma Nazarene. They really care about you, and there is such a diverse background. Students all come from different walks of life, different experiences that they bring to the table."

John Miles, who recently graduated from PLNU and is now saving up for law school tuition, said that he learned one valuable lesson from his business classes — that "the entrepreneurial spirit is the driving force of the American economy."

This is why the EEP program appealed to him.

"It was so neat to be around the buzz of the new program," said Miles. "I think the situation that most find themselves in as young adults is having business ideas, but not having an avenue for it to play out. The EEP program at PLNU has definitely

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been a catalyst to this oh-so-important entrepreneurial spirit."

Miles' eventual goal is more altruistic than materialistic.

"The only thing that I know for sure is that I want to be heavily involved in supporting orphanages in Central America and Africa," he said. "With my job, I want to do something that I can do on my own, and that will give me a vocation and skill set that well equips me to help out Christian Ministries and humanitarian nonprofit organizations in services, more than just financial support."

Free Enterprise

The Fermanian Business Center also supports a number of student clubs,

including Students in Free Enterprise, known as SIFE, now led by Stephen Haskell, who just finished his junior year. Studying abroad and interning with an economic development firm in Nicaragua last year, Haskell returned to school to find SIFE "falling apart."

"No one wanted to take leadership, so I took it on by myself," he said. "I wanted to go into the high schools, start businesses, bring in business leaders, inspire the students, and open up their eyes to the opportunities to achieve goals they have, and give them new goals."

To accomplish this, Haskell recruited some of his fellow students and teamed up with nonprofit Junior Achievement whose mission is to train youngsters to find success in the free-enterprise system.

"We used their models, with some minor adjustments," said Haskell. "We targeted low-income, inner-city classes, with lots of diversity, and are college-bound."

His team narrowed the schools down to four classrooms at Kearny and Crawford high schools, picked leaders and teams for different "company" positions, such as marketing, public relations, human resources and finance. Their entrepreneurial charges were expected to create business plans that not only promoted a product or service, but also explained how they intended to contribute to their communities.

In February, SIFE and JA hosted a convention at the business center, where guests heard lectures from the faculty, and participated in sessions with topics, ranging from ethics training to financial consulting, to creating and executing a business plan. The high-school students had the opportunity to network with local business people from such fields as marketing, entrepreneurship and nonprofits.

The student projects recently were judged by Haskell and other members

of SIFE; JA representatives; Ataide; and business center Manager Cathy L. Gallagher. One of the Crawford classes was declared the winner, and later will be feted with SeaWorld passes and a party. The students also plan to launch their business, making special-event buttons, said Haskell.

The young entrepreneurs even sold stock to launch the business, said Haskell, but got a bad break when the \$200 was stolen. Instead of taking the easy way out and accepting a handout, they decided to raise the money back themselves.

"Their consultant told them that it was important to learn how to overcome adversity, which is part of running a business," he said.

The other students in the SIFE pilot program also might decide to go ahead with their business plans as well, said Haskell, who hopes to expand the program next year.

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Students Attempt to Close the Deal in Personal Selling Class at USD

Mock Sales Presentations Prepare Juniors, Seniors For the Real World

BY LIZ WIEDEMANN

Thirty-two students participated in a selling competition May 3 to culminate their work in a personal selling class, a required course in the University of San Diego's business school.

Taught by Tim Becker, the course teaches the ins and outs of sales to juniors and seniors.

The competition served as a final exam, where students put together a sales plan for a product and pitched it to one of 13 volunteers from local businesses

who served as buyers.

"This class is completely unique compared to any other classes I've been taking — the experience is so lifelike, and it helped to have a personal interest in the product that I chose," said junior Derek Ouellette, who pitched his Hai flat irons. His father, Richard Ouellette, is chief executive officer of the Poway company that makes the product.

Becker has also been president of **Total Recall Learning Inc.** since 1998. The company provides learning software that targets long-term retention.

Junior Sean Zanganeh sold a membership to an athletic club, and said he will remember what he learned in Becker's class in real life situations.

Patti Gerke, a real estate agent for Car-

mel Valley-based **Prudential California Realty**, has volunteered to sit in as a mock buyer during Becker's class for three years now.

"I'm a very big proponent of the whole process, as my background is in education, and now I'm in sales. I wish I'd had an opportunity to work out the kinks in front of classmates rather than clients," said Gerke.

She noted that the students' confidence, follow-through, and apparent ability to close a deal were constants in all of the pitches she judged.

Jennifer Boehm, a junior, said she's glad the class is over.

"It was a truly demanding class, but one that taught me how to work my angle to target a client's needs," said Boehm.

Business professionals who volunteered their time for the competition included Erin Bundy, recruiting coordinator for New England Financial; Gretchen English, owner of **Gretchen English Esthetics**; and Garrett Bleakley, college unit director for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network.

"Two of the buyers stopped me at the end to say they'd wished they had made contact with the students earlier to offer them jobs, or at least talk about possible internships," said Becker.

Advice that the businesses had to offer included knowing the customer, positioning the business around profit, following up, and treating potential clients as possible lifetime business relations rather than

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making a quick sale.

"You're always selling yourself; it's not all about your product," said Gerke.

She advised the class that not knowing every answer is all right during a sale because it invites a follow-up meeting.

Joanne Chen, Total Recall Learning's public relations specialist, also sat in as a judge and said the students' confidence and eye contact impressed her the most.

Becker also teaches a services marketing class, which was scheduled to participate in a similar trade show competition last week, with nine judges evaluating the students' efforts.

"It (the selling competition) was an interesting experiment in testing my own limits and abilities, and even more interesting that everyone took it seriously," added Zanganeh.

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Young Brokers Find Their Own Niche

BROKERAGE *Developing markets and active mentors give new employees a shot at success*

BY MANDY JACKSON
CREJ Staff Writer

Breaking into a business dominated by experienced brokers is difficult for young professionals who want to gain a toehold in real estate.

To find firm footing, the industry's next generation of brokers is establishing niches in less crowded markets, remaining confident, staying focused and working hard for clients, according to the young brokers themselves. So they are prepared to take over as senior agents leave in the not-too-distant future, and firms will have to pay attention to training and compensation to retain new talent.

At Grubb & Ellis|BRE Commercial, Kendra Van Note was named rookie of the year in 2006, during her second year in brokerage, and now serves as president for the San Diego chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women.

"I think it takes a lot of hard work, a lot of sacrifice, because you're not going to make any money right away," Van Note said. "But I feel like I got into this career and this is all I'm going to do, so you have to have patience and a long-term perspective."

Before getting into brokerage,

Van Note was a market research director at Grubb & Ellis|BRE. When she decided to try sales, she worked for Bethesda, Md.-based CoStar Group for a year and used her time at the commercial real estate data provider to get to know the brokerage firms in San Diego. Ultimately, she returned to Grubb & Ellis|BRE and found a place on a team with senior broker Kelly Nicholls.

Another University of San Diego graduate, Brian Hall, a 26-year-old associate broker at Lee & Associates in Riverside, turned to the Inland Empire to start his career seeking a market with less competition. Hall markets industrial properties in high-desert cities, such as Victorville and Apple Valley, in

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the low-desert areas of Indio and Palm Desert and to the south in Temecula, Murietta and down the Interstate 15 corridor.

"That's where you'll find more opportunities," he said. "Whether it was in some kind of development or representing develop-



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San Diego broker Kendra Van Note, Grubb & Ellis|BRE Commercial's "Rookie of the Year" in 2006, said it takes hard work and sacrifice early in a career to find long-term success in commercial real estate brokerage.

ment, I wanted to get involved in industrial development and I knew that wasn't going to happen in San Diego, where there's not a lot of land and there are a lot of barriers [to development]."

While the Inland Empire has been a pretty well-established industrial market for at least 25 years, he said there are still fewer brokers to compete with than in Southern California's coastal markets.

In addition to gaining clients by working with a more experienced broker, Hall said young brokers should use their inexperience to their advantage.

"You may be young, you may not have a lot of knowledge, but you can express the fact that you

have a lot of time, a lot of energy and a lot of resources to work for your client," he said. "Tou that you're not the run-of-the-mill broker that's just going to put a sign out front. You can go out and knock on doors to drum up tenants."

From the beginning, Hall said young brokers should understand the value of relationships with clients and with other brokers, because those contacts could pay dividends in the long-term from repeat business.

"If you really try to do things right in the beginning — if you try to take something away from every deal and learn something

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every time — that just makes for a great broker that's well-rounded and respected," he said.

Value of Mentoring

Michael Day, a senior associate in the Ontario office of **CB Richard Ellis**, credits the senior brokers at his firm, and his partner Taylor Ing especially, with helping him achieve early success. The Ontario office's senior managing director Scott Kaplan helped provide early guidance as Day was determining where to focus and how to build his business.

"[The Inland Empire] is one of the fastest-growing office markets in the country. There is more opportunity than in a mature market like San Diego or Los Angeles, where there are a lot of senior brokers who've been in the market a long time," Day said. "You have to stake a claim in whatever market you're in, but mostly it's all about diligence and hard work, and trying to take in as much training as possible that's available in-house."

For Day, brokerage is a family affair. His father is an industrial broker at CB Richard Ellis and his stepmother was a national president of retail services for the firm.

Five years ago, while attending California State University, San Bernardino, and working as a buyer and manager for a retail store in Redlands, Day learned of an unpaid, nine-month internship at CB Richard Ellis via his father and decided to apply.

After finishing the internship, Day was a runner for a year and has worked with Ing since his first days as an intern. In 2005, he was named rookie of the year.

Real estate is also the family business for Alvin Mansour, a broker in **Marcus & Millichap's** San Diego office and director of the Encino-based firm's National Retail Group, who began his commercial real estate career at the

brokerage in June 2003.

Mansour earned a business degree with a real estate emphasis from the University of San Diego and was raised in a family that invests in shopping centers, hotels, apartments and land in San Diego.

"I was going to go into the family business, but I was recruited to Marcus & Millichap and I decided to try it out," he said. "I was always a go-getter and very aggressive. I figured I'd learn a lot. It just fit me perfectly."

He represents private investors, developers and institutions nationally in the sale and purchase of shopping centers, single-tenant retail buildings and land.

In his first year at Marcus & Millichap, Mansour was named "Rookie of the Year." The 24-year-old was among the top 20 brokers at the firm during his second year in the business. He now ranks among Marcus & Millichap's top 10 agents nationally, is the company's third-highest-grossing retail broker in the country and the top-selling broker in the San Diego office.

"I'm more in it just for the love of real estate," Mansour said. "I work hard — I'm not just money-motivated. I treat my clients' property like it's my own property."

His future goals are to be the No. 1 retail agent in the country and to become a major real estate investor. He is already investing in property now, mainly retail properties, with some apartments and, potentially, hotels.

"My goal long-term is to get into investment or development full-time, but I'm having so much fun doing brokerage right now," Mansour said.

Young and Ambitious

Well into his fourth decade in the business, Rick Sparks, managing director for the San Diego office of CB Richard Ellis, recently moved from brokerage to management with a focus on recruiting, training and mentoring new brokers. Sparks talks to several people each week who want to get into the business.

"They're all incredibly sharp," he said. "I'm

just shocked at how capable they are. The hard part is finding positions for them all."

The candidates include recent college graduates, as well as people with a few years of real estate experience who want to shift to brokerage. The majority are 23 to 30 years old.

"Everyone is competing for talent and since real estate has become a preferred asset class, we — like everybody else — are competing for the same talent that comes out of the colleges," said Chris Lee, president and chief executive officer of **CEL & Associates Inc.** "At the end of the day, this isn't about location, location, location, it's about talent, talent, talent."

According to Lee, the average age of a broker is 46.2 years old. And many baby boomers, the United States' largest generation, will be eligible for retirement in just four years.

Lee said the real estate industry is already suffering from a dearth of talented new employees that began in 1986 when changes in federal laws reduced the tax benefits of owning property. With few companies hiring from the mid-'80s to early '90s, and as telecommunications and dot-com companies grew during the second half of the '90s, real estate did not top the jobs-wanted list of most young professionals.

"For almost 20 years, real estate has gone down as a preferred profession, and as a result we have had a shortage of talent coming into the industry," Lee said.

However, the \$48 billion worth of commercial real estate that traded hands in California last year, according to San Francisco-based **LoopNet Inc.**, appears to have caught the attention of a lot of people outside of the brokerage community because local firms are reporting a healthy interest from people looking to get into the business.

For those who are already in the business, young professionals seem to move from company to company more than graduates did 10 to 15 years ago, according to John Ferber, director of commercial real estate for the **Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate** at the

University of San Diego.

"While I think that those who have been employed have been satisfied with their job, there is a desire to do something better," Ferber said. "Even in the first one or two years there seems to be some movement — an employee just sees a better opportunity with another company. And when they first go in, they don't know what to expect."

Keeping What You've Got

To retain talented employees in the future, he said brokerages and other commercial real estate firms will have to provide financial reasons for people to stay, by creating and extending long-term incentives, such as profit-sharing, as well as employee recognition programs, increased benefits and new compensation structures.

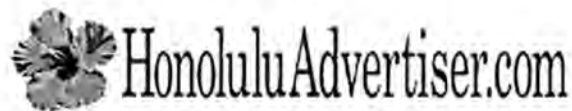
"For several years, brokers were getting signing bonuses to change companies," Lee said. "Now they're essentially getting retention bonuses. The annual bonus today for salaried employees in many cases is really a sign-up bonus for the next year."

According to **CEL & Associates' 2007 National Survey of Real Estate Executive Compensation and Benefits**, 81 percent of U.S. real estate firms see retention of future producers, senior sales staff, emerging and current leaders and core employees as a No. 1 priority. More than 75 percent plan to revise their compensation plans to retain employees.

There will probably be reduced demand to get into commercial real estate when the market hits a down cycle, but brokers who are committed to the business will stick out the tough times, said John Hammack, executive vice president at **Sperry Van Ness**.

"It does take a few years for agents to build their brokerage business, but there are always ambitious, enterprising self-starters that are going to recognize the value of this career for them," Hammack said.

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Despite some worrisome signs, economy's not all bad

By Elliot Spagat
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SAN DIEGO — Craig Gardner is eating at home more to save a few bucks. He cringes at paying \$100 to fill his truck with gasoline, so he no longer drives with a full tank.

Gardner, a 30-year-old National Guardsman from Fayetteville, Ark., and others just like him are showing flashes of frugality as high gasoline prices and shrinking home equity make shoppers count every penny.

Among the worrisome signs:

Last week the Commerce Department reported that inflation-adjusted consumer spending was its weakest since September 2005, after two massive hurricanes slammed into the Gulf Coast, disrupting oil supplies and sending gas prices skyrocketing.

Also last week, all the major automakers reported sales declines for April, with U.S. light vehicle sales falling 7.6 percent compared with April 2006. Even Japanese carmakers, which have steadily been grabbing market share from U.S. auto companies, were hurt by the sales drop that many blamed on rising gas prices and the slump in housing.

Last month, the New York-based Conference Board said its Consumer Confidence Index dropped to 104.0 in April, down from a revised 108.2 in March. The April reading was the lowest since August, when the index was at 100.2.

The Labor Department said growth in worker productivity and wages slowed in the first three months of this year.

And Wal-Mart Stores Inc., the nation's largest retailer, said that April's selling environment will be tough. Rival Target Corp. also said its April sales were coming in "much weaker" than expected.

It's hardly all gloom and doom for consumers, though, and some analysts say the wariness has yet to trigger alarms about a broader economic downturn.

Personal income rose a healthy 0.7 percent in March. And while the Labor Department reported Friday that the unemployment rate rose to 4.5 percent in April on sluggish jobs growth, it was a small uptick from March's 4.4 percent rate, which matched a five-year low.

"We expect some deceleration in consumer spending but the consumer will continue to be the mainstay of the U.S. economy," said Nariman Behravesh, chief economist at consulting firm Global Insight. He predicts consumer spending will grow about 2 percent in the second quarter.

The weakness may be limited to certain industries, including autos and construction, and to specific companies, some analysts argue



A car salesman in Carlsbad, Calif., appears to have plenty of time on his hands. And it's no wonder: All major automakers reported sales declines for April.

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Circuit City Stores Inc. blamed poor television sales for an anticipated first-quarter loss, and Tweeter Home Entertainment Group Inc. recently said it was closing 49 of its 153 stores. But both electronics retailers have struggled against larger rivals Best Buy Co. and Wal-Mart.

Auto sales plunged because manufacturers aren't making the right cars, not because home prices are slumping, said Joseph Brusuelas, chief U.S. economist at IDEAglobal, a research firm.

Consumers are no longer tapping home equity like an ATM, said University of San Diego economist Alan Gin, who used the increased value of his home to get a loan for a new minivan in 2004.

Gin compiles an index of local economic indicators that he said fell to its lowest level in January since February 2004, led by a decline in building permits.

Gas prices hovering around \$3 a gallon nationwide for regular are causing some consumers to change their habits.

Jeff Simon, a 43-year-old San Diego investor, started bicycling to the gym to save money on gas.

"I used to just drive anywhere," he said. "But now I stop and think about it first."

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Soft local foreclosures

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Index finds economy in county ailing

Institute's new gauge tracks five indicators

By Dean Calbreath
STAFF WRITER

A think tank founded by health care entrepreneur and former mayoral candidate Steven Francis launched a new barometer yesterday for measuring the county's economic health.

And the economy isn't looking too swift, according to Francis' San Diego Institute for Policy Research, which opened in January.

Four out of five indicators of economic activity in San Diego County declined sharply over the past several months, according to a report compiled by Kelly Cunningham, a former economist for the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce who now works at Francis' institute.

Based on data from February and March, Cunningham listed several warning signs about the health of the local economy:

- In February, the labor force declined by 5,300 jobs — the first net decrease for that month since 1993, the low point of San Diego's post-Cold

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Tool complements gauge of leading indicators

War recession. The hiring numbers strongly rebounded in March, bringing the total for the two months back above the historical average.

- Residential construction in February was 54 percent lower than in February 2006. Between 2004 and 2006, the total valuation of home building in the county plunged by 36 percent.

- Consumer confidence, based on a random sample of 500 San Diego residents, declined 9.2 percent between January and March. "The overall index reveals consumers on the whole are more positive of future expectations, but there is a noticeable decline, especially as to local consumers' confidence for future expectations," Cunningham said.

- New business licenses dropped 27 percent between February 2006 and February 2007. Overall, the number of new business licenses has fallen to its lowest level since March 2002.

The one bright note in the institute's report came from the San Diego stock index, which went up 5.9 percent from January to the end of February. But the index remains 1.1 percent lower than in February 2006.

Francis, who ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 2005, is a former Republican majority leader in the Nevada state assembly who founded and now chairs AMN Healthcare Services Inc., the largest temporary health care staffing company in the United States.

He concedes that the six-person institute, funded solely out of his own pocket, is a tool for keeping his influence in local politics.

Francis said he hopes that the findings in yesterday's index, which show troubled times for San Diego businesses, will encourage city leaders to introduce more pro-business policies.

"San Diego needs a tremendous amount of good leadership," he said. "Even though I was elected mayor, the information goes out to all elected officials, chiefs of staff and CEOs. Make no mistake. We are trying to influence the process with our analysis and opinions, which we think are based on common sense and logic."

Francis' bimonthly index complements an index of leading economic indicators produced each month by the University of San Diego's Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate.

Like Francis' index, the USD index uses stock prices and consumer confidence as two gauges of the local economy. But the USD index also uses residential building permits, unemployment filings, help-wanted listings and the state of the national economy to forecast how the local economy will perform six to nine months in the future.

"It sounds like (Francis' institute) has a mix of leading and concurrent economic indicators," said Alan Gin, who has compiled the USD index since 1991. "Something that would measure the current state of the economy would be good, since we don't really have that right now."

Gin said he isn't worried about the competition. "I've been at this for a long time, so I figure the more the merrier," he said.

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Purse Strings Are Getting Tighter

As gas gets even more expensive and home equity values shrink, people are starting to pinch their pennies more. Consumers are no longer tapping home equity like an ATM, said **University of San Diego** economist Alan Gin, who used the increased value of his home to get a loan for a new minivan in 2004. Gin compiles an index of local economic indicators that he said fell to its lowest level in January since February 2004, led by a decline in building permits.

•On Friday, the Commerce Department reported that retail sales fell by 0.2 percent in April. The sales drop underscored the tough environment for retailers last month as they battled a slumping housing market and rising gasoline prices.

•Also Friday, the Labor Department said inflation at the wholesale level eased slightly in April even though gasoline prices surged for a third straight month. Wholesale prices rose 0.7 percent last month, down slightly from a 1 percent jump in March.

•Also last week, major auto makers reported sales declines for April, with U.S. light vehicle sales falling 7.6 percent compared with April 2006.

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For Some, No-Fault To Drive On

Some of the state's auto insurers are preparing to reduce consumers' premiums now that Florida's no-fault insurance law is set to expire Oct. 1, while others say they may continue providing the controversial coverage. The Florida Legislature ended the regular session last week without extending the law requiring that motorists carry no-fault coverage.

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April sales overall down 13.5 percent compared to 2006

By Emmet Pierce
 STAFF WRITER

No longer sizzling, San Diego County's housing market continued to cool in April, but there were signs of strength among resale homes.

The median price for resale single-family homes was \$565,000, an increase of just under 1 percent from March, DataQuick Information Systems reported yesterday. Year-over-year, the median price for resale houses was up 1.7 percent, the first annual gain in that category since June 2006.

The median price for all homes in April was \$490,000, down 3 percent from a year ago but unchanged from March. It was the slowest year-over-year rate of decline since August.

"I don't think the bubble has burst yet, but we may not have a soft landing either," University of San Diego economist Alan Gin said. "Things are going down, but they are not collapsing. . . . In the past a slowing economy has dragged down the housing market. The question this time is, 'Will the slowing housing market drag down the economy with it?'"

DataQuick analyst Andrew LePage said April was the 10th consecutive month that the combined median price for all



Jim Burk, who is looking for a home for his son and his son's fiancée, checked out a St. Cloud model unit.

APRIL HOUSING PRICES FOR THE COUNTY

	April '06	Mar. '07	April '07	Change April '06-'07
Median prices				
Resale houses	\$555,500	\$560,000	\$565,000	+1.7%
Resale condos	\$395,100	\$385,000	\$385,000	-2.6%
New homes/condos*	\$459,750	\$420,000	\$410,000	-10.8%
All combined	\$505,000	\$490,000	\$490,000	-3.0%
Sales				
Resale houses	2,216	1,726	1,854	-16.3%
Resale condos	897	748	876	-2.3%
New homes/condos*	861	744	706	-18.0%
All combined	3,974	3,218	3,436	-13.5%

*Includes construction and condo conversions

SOURCE: DataQuick Information Systems

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types of homes had declined year over year.

Still, the overall median was down only 5.3 percent from November 2005, the peak of the housing boom, \$517,500. Many home prices in the county doubled during the first half of the

decade.

"The sky is not falling, it just looks a lot different than it used to," LePage said.

"It's still unclear where we will be in the fall. If we have an

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'The sky is not falling, it just looks a lot different,' analyst says

interest-rate spike or a recession, things could get ugly."

Homeowners hoping to hold onto the equity they gained between 2000 and 2005 are watching for signs of weakening prices. Ed Leamer, director of the UCLA Anderson Forecast, said it's unclear whether they would decline rapidly or gradually, "in a chronic, persistent way."

"The market isn't healthy, but it isn't completely falling apart either," he said.

DataQuick said 3,436 San Diego County dwellings sold during April, a decrease of about 13.5 percent from a year ago but a 6.8 percent increase over March.

It was the lowest sales total for any April since 1997, LePage said. April also marked the 34th consecutive month of year-over-year sales declines. Single-family resale homes totaled 1,854 sales, down about 16 percent from a year ago.

The average number of sales for April, dating to 1988 when DataQuick began keeping track, is 4,339, "so you are about 21 percent off your April average," LePage said.

LePage noted that fewer entry-level resale homes have been sold in the county in recent months, which tends to raise the median prices. The median represents the midpoint of all sales, with half above and half below that figure.

Around Southern California, DataQuick reported that home sales fell to a 12-year low in April, led by steep sales declines in affordable neighbor-

hoods. "Prices were fairly stable overall, with declines largely concentrated in lower-cost markets that sizzled a year ago," the report said.

A total of 19,269 new and resale homes sold in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Ventura, San Bernardino and Orange counties in April. That marked a decline of nearly 12 percent from 21,856 for the month before, and a drop of almost 30 percent from April 2006.

The combined median price paid for a home within those six counties was \$505,000 last month, the same as the March record. It was up 6.1 percent from \$476,000 for April last year.

Gin said he expected the Federal Reserve to improve home buying opportunities by reducing interest rates this year. Recent job losses in the housing-related construction and lending markets weakened the economy, he said.

In the local marketplace, the San Diego Association of Realtors reported that the number of listings yesterday stood at 18,549 compared with about 17,900 a year ago. In April, detached homes spent an average of 71 days on the market compared with 62 days in April 2006. The average attached home spent 70 days on the market compared with 66 a year earlier.

Real estate agent Chuck Smiar, former president of the North San Diego County Association of Realtors, said the housing market is flat — not falling — and that the owners of



In Oceanside, models recently opened at St. Cloud, an attached development built by John Laing Homes. Builders in the county are increasingly turning to attached units to achieve affordability. *Charlie Neuman/Union-Tribune*

resale homes are beginning to price their homes to sell.

"The overpriced listings are coming back to where they should have been," he said. "It is helping resales. Our market is not crashing."

Despite softening prices, single-family homes remain financially out of reach for many moderate wage-earners.

Builders in the county increasingly are turning to attached units to achieve affordability. In Oceanside, models recently opened at St. Cloud, an attached development built by John Laing Homes. Linda Marnet, vice president of sales and marketing, said developers are trying to pack quality amenities into townhomes and condos.

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"As builders, we are doing a better job of designing homes that look as if they were single-family detached, with outdoor patios and side balconies, as well as community amenities: swimming pools and parks," she said.

In East County, El Cajon agent Doug Jones has found that many buyers are delaying purchases in expectation of dropping prices.

"If they are making offers, they are offers way below what the normal asking price is," he said. "Everybody wants to get a deal."

Some people have stretched their finances too far to attain homeownership. A recent spike in home foreclosures is putting downward pressure on prices, analysts say. On Saturday, more than 1,200 people turned out for an auction of nearly 100 foreclosed homes at the San Diego Convention Center.

Among the successful buyers was renter SueAnn Miller of Rancho Bernardo. Initially, Miller was happy with the condo she purchased during a fevered bidding session. Yesterday, she was having second thoughts. Eager to stop renting, Miller said she might have paid too much.

"I was looking for a deal," she said. "I probably rushed into it too quick."

Because of the large inventory of new and resale homes, there is no reason to rush, said Hallie Peterson, an agent and broker in San Marcos. The key to a quick sale is reasonable pricing, she said.

"When something is priced right it sells immediately," she said. "It is all in the price."

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Got Interns?

It is that time of year again when many students are looking for both internships and permanent positions. If you have any positions available or coming available within the next few months and you would like us to send out your job posting to graduate and undergraduate students, please send your information to realestate@sandiego.edu. We have access to many real estate students that are interested in pursuing a career in the industry. If you have any other questions please let us know. Thank you for your continued support of USD's real estate programs and our students!

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MEETINGS/CONFERENCES

The **San Diego World Trade Center** will present a Global Logistics Symposium May 10 from 1:30 to 7 p.m. at the **San Diego Convention Center**. The theme is "Goods Movement: Facing the Future." **Simon Croom**, executive director of USD's **Supply Chain Management Institute**, will address the opening session. Other speakers during the day will be **Helio Yang**, professor of operations and supply management at SDSU; **Bill Xu** of the **Shanghai Foreign Investment Development Board** office in Los Angeles; **John Chalker** of the **California Transportation Commission**; **Gary Gallegos**, executive director of **Sandag**; Port Commissioner **Stephen Cushman**; and **Bob Watkins**, member of the **San Diego County Regional Airport Authority** board. Registration is \$125 for WTC members, \$155 for nonmembers. For more information, visit sdwtc.org or call program manager **Casey Cleveland** at (619) 615-0868, Ext. 109.

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THURSDAY, MAY 31 - FORUM

LEADERSHIP BENCHSTRENGTH: DEVELOPING FUTURE LEADERS FROM WITHIN

Through a moderated panel, learn the insights and strategies from executives with experience in creating internal programs that assure a continuous pipeline of future organizational leaders. Hear Kaye Stambaugh (Home Depot Supply), Belinda Hyde (Invitrogen Corp) and Cyrus DeVere (Panda Restaurant Group) will present diverse perspectives on how their respective organizations prepare high potential candidates for future leadership roles within the organization. **Organization:** USD **Information:** (619) 260-4828 msel@sandiego.edu **Cost:** No Cost **When:** Hours: 7:15 AM - 8:30 AM **Where:** USD, Institute for Peace & Justice, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110

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TUESDAY, JUN 5 - COURSE

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Elective course with Instructor Kurt Sullivan. **Organization:** USD **Information:**
(619) 260-7646 saram@sandiego.edu **Cost:** \$450.00 **When:** Hours: 6:00 PM - 9:00
PM **Where:** USD, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego

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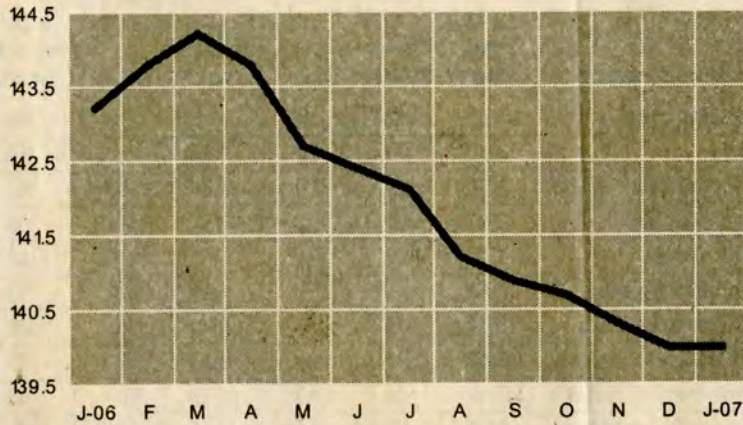
The Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate presents the launching of our new series featuring San Diego businessman and philanthropist Ernest S. Rady.

Organization: The Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate **Information:** Andrea Cornell (619)260-2379 acornell@sandiego.edu **Cost:** \$100.00 **When:** Hours: 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM **Where:** Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice, USD, 5998 Alcalá Park, San Diego, 92110

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Leading economic indicators



Source: University of San Diego

The monthly changes in leading indicators (initial claims for unemployment insurance, local stock prices, outlook for the national economy, consumer confidence, building permits and help wanted advertising) of the San Diego economy as tracked by Alan Gin, an urban economics professor at the University of San Diego. The highest monthly rate is 144.2 in March 2006.

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CRS official to take peace studies post at University of San Diego

By Mark Pattison
Catholic News Service

WASHINGTON (CNS) — Spiritan Father William Headley, currently counselor to the president at Catholic Relief Services in Baltimore, has been appointed the founding dean of the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego, scheduled to open in the fall.

Father Headley will assume the new post at the Catholic university Aug. 1.

For CRS, he has helped to oversee its relief, development, and justice and peace programs, as well as participate in critical decision-making activities to establish strategic directions for CRS, the U.S. bishops' international relief and development agency.

In a May 11 telephone interview from Baltimore with Catholic News Service, Father Headley said one thing he would miss about his CRS experience is "hands-on service to the poor in a peace-building capacity."

He added, "I am not unhappy at CRS. There is a great sadness at leaving here." One concept he has in mind with his new ministry, though, is "bridging the work at the university and the work we do here."

Father Headley has an extensive background in peace and justice work. In 1987, he started his order's first international justice and peace office in Rome, and directed it for five years.

During that time, he used a sabbatical to research grass-roots peacemaking efforts in Northern Ireland, Israel and Palestine, South Africa and Haiti, spending two months in each locale. It is a time he remembers fondly.

At the time of his sabbatical, he told CNS, "they were the hot spots in the world. (Nelson) Mandela had not come out of prison yet (in South Africa). Northern Ireland was still in the throes of its (separatist) intensity. Palestine was moving in and out, depending on what else was happening politically."

South Africa, he recalled, "was a very special situation." In pre-

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Internet days, "oftentimes the group that I was associated with ... would serve to gather the basic information (on the continuing anti-apartheid struggle) while the news was still quite fresh."

In Northern Ireland during the summertime "marching season," when Catholic-Protestant antagonisms threatened to add more fuel to the sectarian fire, "there would be a group from the house I was staying in that would go out and serve as monitors" during the marches.

The marching season lasts from Easter until the end of August, with Protestant fraternities staging thousands of parades, some through areas predominantly populated by Catholics.

In Palestine, according to Father Headley, "you could get on a certain bus at a certain corner on a certain evening" and be driven to a dwelling to take part in a Jewish-Palestinian dialogue. While the Israeli-Palestinian conflict "certainly has seemed relatively intractable to this moment, it certainly doesn't mean we shouldn't be looking at new ways" to resolve it, he added.

"Lots of peace people are working in the background ... working diligently," Father Headley said. "It's struck me many times as I go around the world: If a conflict is intense, you find groups among them working very diligently to bring about something that is peaceful."

In July 1993, Father Headley established a graduate program in conflict resolution and peace studies at Spiritan-run Duquesne University in Pittsburgh. In addition to his advanced degrees he has done postdoctoral work in Virginia at George Mason University's Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution.

While the University of San Diego currently has academic and nonacademic peacemaking programs, they're "all kind of spread out and separated," he told CNS. "They need to be creatively bundled in a way that's appropriate for the school."

Father Headley also alluded to the "large military community in San Diego," and the university's proximity to the U.S.-Mexican border as further opportunities for peacemaking. "If you could take Iraq out of the question, border security would be a major concern," he said.

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**Nominees sought
for nonviolence
awards**

SAN DIEGO — The Tariq Khamisa Foundation, dedicated to breaking the cycle of youth violence, is now accepting nominations for its 10th annual "Gandhi Nonviolence Awards."

Include a brief description (at least 150 words) of why you think the nominee is deserving of the award, and give at least two specific examples. Nominees must reside in San Diego County.

The application deadline is June 30. The awards ceremony will be held Oct. 6 at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego.

Nomination forms can be found at the Web site, www.tkf.org, and submitted by email, mailed to TKF at 7490 Opportunity Road, Suite 202, San Diego, CA 92111, or fax to (858) 565-0818.

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Nader still encouraging students to initiate change

By DOUG SHERWIN
The Daily Transcript

SAN DIEGO — Despite three failed presidential runs, consumer advocate Ralph Nader is as passionate as ever about activism and reining in corporate power.

The former Green Party candidate spoke Friday at the University of San Diego School of Law, encouraging students to become leaders for justice and social change.

"It's very easy because of the money to allow your skills to be trivialized," Nader said, "to allow your time to be marginalized.

"You've got to be leaders," he continued. "You're in the top 1 percent of people your age in the world in terms of education, health and your ability to make a difference because of your profession and the country you live in."

He also encouraged the mostly student audience to create citizen groups, noting the lack of a consumer agency in the important area of nanotechnology.

"One of the things I hoped law schools would do is have a seminar in institution building, where you learn how to start groups," Nader said during his nearly two-hour presentation, which included a question-and-answer session.

"Creating civic institutions to represent the finest civic values of a society are a necessity — otherwise we're going to be overrun by rampant commercialism where everything's for sale," he said. "And when everything's for sale, you know who's going to do the buying? The ones who have the most money."

In an interview before his
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speech, just as organizers were preparing to hold the state Democratic convention across town, Nader didn't rule out a presidential run in 2008, saying it was "too early" to declare his candidacy.

"You've got to get thousands of volunteers to get (you) on ballot against very coordinated Democratic Party opposition," he said. "So it's not up to me to say 'yes.'"

"We're still moving to have one federal ballot access standard for federal candidates, so we're not giving up that fight."

Nader is currently promoting his latest book, "The Seventeen Traditions," his most personal offering to date. It's an anecdote-filled account of how his parents raised his three siblings and him to be civic-minded citizens.

"It's a love story for my mom and dad, and it answers a lot of questions of how I turned out this way," he said.

Nader also is the focus of a current documentary titled "An Unreasonable Man," which chronicles his career and legacy.

The 73-year-old, however, hasn't gone soft or "Hollywood." He's still a fiery activist as showcased by his USD appearance in which he issued pointed criticisms of Corporate America, the government and large-scale law firms.

He said the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Congress' much-hyped effort at corporate oversight, is a step forward but is not enough.

"Far more structural corporate criminal law enforcement is needed, including expanding budgets of the federal agencies," he said, "and giving the Food and Drug Administration the right to subpoena documents and force recall of contaminated products. Even today, 2007, they don't have those authorities. How can they do their work without those two tools? Rely on whistleblowers?"

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He is trying to put all federal, state and local government contracts with corporations online to increase transparency and encourage a better competitive bidding process. The governor of Indiana has agreed to put his state's contracts on the Web.

"You are likely to improve the use of the taxpayer dollars," Nader said.

He claims in today's society there is an unprecedented diversity and intensity of corporate power in the United States, which has penetrated government like never before.

"You can't distinguish between the government and big business," he said, adding, "It's hard to find anything now that is not very vulnerable or very controlled by commercial values.

"In a democracy, civic values have to be supreme." Peace is not profitable. Waging peace is a civic value."

While Nader admits the economy may be booming, he argues the nature and distribution of the wealth is not healthy. Whims are met while needs are not, he said.

"We need indicators so we can see how our democracy (is) declining," he said. "How can you compare the 50 states to see which states are more subordinate to corporate and commercial power and have degraded their access to the courts, or their legislative performance, or their electoral standards or environmental protection?"

"The yardsticks by which our economy is defined are corporate-defined yardsticks. And if you control the yardsticks, you control the agenda — and you control the policies."

Through the years, Nader said, corporations have acquired all the constitutional rights of people with the exception of voting.

"Would we give all these rights to an articulate robot?" he asked.

Nader said the best way to control corporate power, therefore, is to do it on a constitutional level and "strip it of its personhood, subordinate it to real human beings and reduce their privileges and immunities accordingly," he said.

He also said other tools are regulation, litigation and displacement, which can be achieved through solar power, energy-efficient technologies, community gardens and cooperatives.

"All of this spells community self-reliance, which is the best type of economy," he said.

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Professor **Gail Heriot** of the **USD School of Law** was appointed to the **U.S. Commission on Civil Rights** by Senate President Pro Tem **Robert C. Byrd** at the recommendation of Senate Minority Leader **Mitch McConnell**.

Heriot has been a member of the USD faculty since 1989 and is the author of several scholarly articles. She serves as chair of the California Advisory Committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights. Before assuming her position at USD, she practiced law at **Hogan & Hartson** in Washington, D.C., and **Mayer, Brown & Platt** in Chicago.

Heriot also spent a year as judicial clerk to the **Illinois Supreme Court**. She is a graduate of **Northwestern University**, 1978, and earned her law degree at the **University of Chicago Law School**, 1981. The commission is comprised of four presidential appointees and four members appointed by Congress.

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International panel offers climate change solutions

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Local residents, officials say some options would work, others wouldn't

The idea of building nuclear power plants has popped up once again in the context of battling climate change.

In a follow-up report to its finding earlier this year that the planet is warming and the

cause is almost certainly the greenhouse gases that humans are pumping into the atmosphere by burning fossil fuels, the International Panel on Climate Change on Friday set forth a range of options for slowing emissions. One of those was nuclear power.

"The issue is so significant that we should be putting every solution on the table for discussion," Scott Anders, director of the Energy Policy Initiatives Center at the University of San Diego, said in a telephone interview about the recommendations released

Friday. "We're going to have to make some difficult choices here."

Other choices the panel suggested include replacing coal-fired power plants with plants that run on relatively clean natural gas or nonfossil fuels such as the sun, wind

and cascading water. The report also advocated an accelerated move toward cleaner and more fuel-efficient vehicles, energy-efficient buildings, widespread recycling and forest preservation.

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Anders said he believed it will be politically difficult, if not impossible, to gain public support for nuclear power because of the fear spread by the Three Mile Island and Chernobyl accidents and the still-unresolved issue of long-term waste disposal.

California has banned new plants since 1976, and an attempt by an Orange County lawmaker to repeal that ban is going nowhere in the Legislature, he said. The idea is not all that popular elsewhere in the United States, either.

"In the minds of some Americans, it's just not even an option," Anders said.

One of those is Bill Powers, a San Diego engineer who has been monitoring power-plant developments throughout the Southwest for several years. And to illustrate his point, he turned immediately to the twin, 1,100-megawatt reactors under 170-foot-tall concrete-and-steel domes at San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station (SONGS) 15 miles north of Oceanside.

"It's still a tempting target" for terrorists, Powers said.

And an accident could have devastating consequences, he said.

"San Onofre is within shouting distance of two major urban areas in Southern California. If you ever had an event at SONGS anywhere near what happened at Chernobyl, we'd basically have to move out 15 million people," he said.

Behind the fence line

While it is true that the nuclear process for generating electricity does not emit greenhouse gases, "that is true only

within the fence line of a particular plant," Powers said.

He said the process of mining uranium, refining it into fuel rods and transporting it to plants, does release greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide.

"And we still don't know what to do with the waste," Powers said.

State Sen. Dennis Hollingsworth, R-Murrieta, said, however, that nuclear power does have a bright future in this country and that the nation's officials largely have solved the issue by identifying Yucca Mountain, Nev., as a suitable long-term disposal site.

"Yucca Mountain is a far safer place for the waste than sitting in water behind a chain-link fence" at a nuclear power plant, Hollingsworth said.

The nuclear issues aside, the international panel members, in releasing their report Friday, spent much time talking about the need to switch from coal to natural gas, or to new technology that converts coal into gas and captures the gas.

China is rapidly building coal-fired plants, and half of the electricity used in the United States is produced by burning coal, according to the U.S. Department of Energy. About 20 percent of California's electricity is generated by coal.

Such a switch will be easier said than done, Anders said, and it will take time.

"I am under no illusion that people, after reading this report, are going to stop building coal plants and build all-natural-gas plants," he said. "It's just not going to happen."

Hollingsworth said natural gas is not without challenges, either.

"Achieving energy efficiencies is always a good idea, as long as it is cost-effective," the

senator said. "But natural gas prices have hit historic highs lately that reflect a lack of supply."

Hollingsworth said ramping up use of natural gas would require a great deal more exploration, something that undoubtedly would run into a wall of opposition from environmentalists.

The cost factor

And as for the emerging clean technology to produce electricity from coal, it's not as if that is cheap.

Jim Connaughton, chairman of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, said in a teleconference call with reporters from Berlin "that the technology for producing power from coal with no emissions is much more expensive than anyone can afford right now."

It also will be important to rely on so-called renewable energy such as solar, wind and geothermal power, panel members said.

That, too, will take time, Anders said.

"It's impossible to convert power generation to renewable energy overnight," he said. "It's going to take decades of transition."

In the area of transportation, the panel suggested building more hybrid vehicles that run on electricity as well as gasoline, relying more on alternative fuels such as ethanol and biodiesel, moving freight traffic from trucks to trains, and encouraging commuters to take public transit rather than drive.

In that arena, Anders said, progress is already being made, as laws aimed at clearing the air by cleaning up cars and fuels have had the dual effect of reducing carbon emissions.

Carolyn Chase, chief execu-

tive officer of San Diego Earth Works, an environmental group, said area residents can do their part to fight global warming by recycling often, insulating their homes and buying more fuel-efficient vehicles.

"If you have a large family and you need a van, then go ahead and buy a van," Chase said. "But buy an efficient one. If you can take transit, do that, although that is a lifestyle change that is pretty difficult in North County."

In any event, do something, she said.

"While the personal things are not going to solve global warming on their own, those things do matter," she said. "They add up."

The report is available at www.ipcc.ch/SPM040507.pdf.

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Women Continue Making Inroads In Legal Profession

Today's struggles involve work-life balance

By JOE TASH

The year was 1971, and all Judith McConnell and her two friends wanted was lunch. The three women lawyers stood at the entrance of the Grant Grill, one of Downtown's most prestigious — and pricey — dining establishments. The problem was, the trio was not welcome. A small sign on the wall told the story: "Men only before 3 p.m." McConnell and the other two women, Lynn Schenk and Elaine Alexander, literally got a cold shoulder from the restaurant staff.

"The maître d' actually tried pushing me out the door, physically pushing me," says McConnell, now a presiding justice of the California Court of Appeal.

The three stood their ground, and the maître d' finally relented. The women kept coming back for lunch until eventually, the offensive sign came down. The restaurant's male patrons were no more obliging than the employees. "They would come up to us and

curse," McConnell recalls.

The following year, McConnell, Schenk and a group of like-minded men and women formed the Lawyers Club of San Diego, an organization dedicated to "advancing the cause of women in the law and in society." On May 11, the club will celebrate its achievements with a 35th anniversary banquet to be held — where else? — at the Grant Grill.



Justice served: Judith McConnell and two other female attorneys asserted their right to dine at the 'men only' Grant Grill in 1971. Today, San Diego's women lawyers bring a significant influence to the table — and the courts. (photo/alandeckerphoto.com)

rent Lawyers Club president Lisa Weinreb, a prosecutor with the San Diego County District Attorney's gang division.

"Things have changed pretty dramatically since then. The advancements have been profound," agrees McConnell. But neither she nor other prominent members of the San Diego legal community are ready to say that women have advanced to the point that a group such as the Lawyers Club is no longer needed.

"There's so much further to go," says Weinreb, pointing to today's challenges, which she says revolve around balancing work and home life.

"It's not over, of course," says Hugh Friedman, a law professor at USD who originally suggested the name "Lawyers Club" as a way to attract both male and female members interested in issues of fairness and equality in the legal profession. (Friedman and Lawyers Club co-founder Lynn Schenk were married in 1972).

While women have broken through many of the traditional barriers in the legal profession, they continue to struggle with quality of life issues, such as taking care of both clients and kids, Friedman says.

Charles Bird, a partner with the San Diego law firm Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps and a long-time Lawyers Club member, agrees with Friedman that the battle is far from over. "I think organizations like Lawyers Club will remain important, at least until women hold a substantially equal share of real political and economic power," Bird says.

Schenk, a former congresswoman and chief of staff for Gov. Gray Davis who is now in private practice, says, "There's still relevance to Lawyers Club."

The Lawyers Club — which today has about 1,000 members — has waged its battle for equality on several fronts, from encouraging local law firms to hire women, to lobbying the governor to appoint more women judges, to pushing for financial equality between the sexes. When the club was formed in the early '70s, community property laws still allowed the husband to manage and control a household's assets. Women could not get a bank loan or a credit card without their husband's signature; single women had to get their fathers to sign.

Schenk recalls speaking at state bar conventions about the need for change being heckled by men who predicted the of the family. By the late '70s, however

"It's pretty great to see that," says cur-

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began to change the law," Schenk says.

Overt sexual discrimination in the law profession also was common. Women law students were treated poorly by professors, and law firms flat-out refused to hire women. When McConnell came to San Diego after graduating from UC Berkeley Law School, she sent resumes to law firms with 10 or more attorneys. One sent back a letter stating, "We're not hiring women, we're going to stick with the boys."

"You wouldn't see that today," she says. "I thought that was terrible, it was upsetting."

Times have definitely changed. Nationally, 30 percent of attorneys are women, reveals a 2006 report by the American Bar Association. Perhaps more tellingly, the study found that during the 2004-05 academic year, 49 percent of law school graduates were women.

In California, 34 percent of attorneys, and 27 percent of judges, are women. San Diego has 13,350 active attorneys. While the state bar could not provide the number of female

attorneys practicing locally, the Lawyers Club 2006 Equality Survey sheds light on the issue.

The club surveyed both public agencies and large law firms, receiving responses from organizations employing some 4,000 lawyers. The results showed 34 percent of lawyers in San Diego's private firms are women, while 49 percent of public sector attorneys are women. The survey also showed that 21 percent of partners in the responding firms are women, and 39 percent of top-level management positions in public agencies are held by women.

While pay comparison statistics for San Diego were not available, nationally, women still lag behind men in terms of pay. In 2005, the ABA study found women lawyers earned 77.5 percent of what their male counterparts earned.

The national statistics on pay probably hold true for San Diego, says Sue Hodges, managing partner for the San Diego offices of Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman.

For one thing, she says, women lawyers are more likely to opt for a part-time schedule if

one is offered by their employers. Also, she says, the majority of "rain-makers" at law firms — those who bring in and control client business, and therefore command top salaries — tend to be male, which stems from the relative scarcity of women in the boardrooms and general counsel positions at Fortune 500 companies. As women gain more access to the top levels of corporate decision-making, Hodges says, the pay gap should close further.

Another reason for the pay differential, says Bird, is the type of law practiced by women. In the past, women were discouraged from becoming trial lawyers, or entering high-end business practices such as mergers and acquisitions, because it was felt the level of aggressiveness required was unfeminine.

Those areas of legal practice tend to be the most lucrative.

"We're not entirely done with the days when some people think some kinds of practices are more appropriate for women than others," Bird says.

The most pressing challenges facing today's women lawyers, say those in the legal profession, are those related to work-life balance, the dilemma of how to raise children, keep a home, and excel in a legal career.

"The new generations are not willing to settle any more," says Lawyers Club president Weinreb. Women want flexibility in their work schedules to allow them to be both great



'Doing it all' for Lisa Weinreb includes prosecuting gangs, serving as the Lawyers Club president and caring for two young children. (photo/alandeckerphoto.com)

lawyers and great parents, she says, and those with jobs where such concerns are not addressed are walking away from their careers.

"You are losing women at an enormous rate out of the legal profession," says Weinreb, who juggles both her career and caring for two young children. "It's a huge problem."

But that doesn't mean women can't have both a career and a family life.

"I truly believe, as women, we can do it all," Weinreb says. "You sleep a lot less. You try to cram a lot more hours in the day than exist."

Hodges agrees that law firms must deal with those competing desires held by their employees if they want to attract and retain top legal talent.

"What women strive for has become more complex. The whole question of work-life balance has come front and center with the new generation of women. They are looking for meaningful careers without making their families come second, which was the price paid by a lot of women in my 65
tion," Hodges says. ❖



USD law professor Hugh Friedman originally suggested the name 'Lawyers Club' as a way to attract both male and female members interested in issues of fairness and equality in the legal profession. (photo/alandeckerphoto.com)

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USD's Children's Advocacy Institute gets \$100,000 grant



Law Briefs By Doug Sherwin

The Children's Advocacy Institute (CAI), a nonpartisan academic, research and advocacy center at the University of San Diego School of Law, representing the interests of California children, received a one-year, \$100,000 grant from the California governor's office of emergency services. The funds will be used by CAI to prepare a curriculum and train California attorneys who are new to dependency court practice.

"CAI will lead a team of state and national experts in training new dependency court attorneys across California," said CAI executive director and price professor of public interest law Robert C. Fellmeth.

"No attorney has more important clients than these — the state's abused and neglected children whose fate now rests in the hands of the dependency court."

This grant is a natural extension of CAI's Child Advocacy Clinic, one part of which trains law students to represent children in dependency court proceedings. It also follows up on legislation that CAI drafted and sponsored in 1994, requiring the Judicial Council to develop rules of court regarding the appointment of competent counsel in dependency court proceedings. The legislation specified the rules address the screening and appointment of competent counsel, requiring standards of experience and the education necessary to qualify as competent counsel. It also specified counsel must fully understand the procedures for informing the court of any interests of the child that may need

to be protected in other proceedings.

The CAI curriculum will be presented in two, in-person training sessions — one in Northern California and another in Southern California. CAI also will develop and launch a Web-based distance-learning component for attorneys throughout the state who cannot attend the live training sessions.

CAI's partners on this project include the Chadwick Center for Children & Families and the National Association of Counsel for Children.

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Discipline Defense Lawyers Decry State Bar's Fewer Negotiated Settlements

By Amy Yarbrough
Daily Journal Staff Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — How tough is too tough?

Discipline defense attorneys are steamed at the State Bar and accuse its prosecutors of being increasingly difficult to negotiate with, particularly when it comes to early settlements for their clients.

The State Bar, meanwhile, says that it may be stricter than it used to be but that the vast majority of cases are resolved without trials.

Hoping to ease the tension, the Board Committee on Regulation, Admissions and Discipline Oversight is asking that the State Bar's chief trial counsel, Scott Drexel, offer to meet with the attorneys quarterly.

The committee also may ask attorneys, judges and State Bar prosecutors to fill out confidential surveys as part of Drexel's annual review, to help gauge opinions of his office's settlement practices, according to chair James A. Scharf.

The plan will be discussed at the committee's meeting Friday, along with another proposal that has displeased discipline defense attorneys.

That proposal would make it harder for attorneys in trouble to qualify for the State Bar's alternative discipline program.

Scharf said he had met with some of the upset attorneys at their request and that he "wanted to get ahead of this."

"We knew that this was an issue that's of concern to the defense lawyers," Scharf said.

He added that whether the complaints are widespread or those of a few disgruntled attorneys remains to be seen.

"It may be that the defense counsel got used to a certain level of activity from Scott's office," he said.

Left gasping for air after Gov. Pete Wilson vetoed a bill in 1997 that authorized the State Bar to collect dues, the agency was forced into a near shut-down for two years. Its discipline system, into which the vast majority of dues money goes, was hit hardest.

Years later and financially fitter, the bar's office of chief trial counsel has been more aggressive, particularly lately, about discipline cases.

If the committee approves the changes to the alternative discipline program on Friday, they could be

released for a 90-day public comment period.

The agency is floating a proposal that would transfer from the Board of Governors to the State Bar Court the duty of deciding whether attorneys can resign with charges pending

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Scott Drexel,
State Bar's chief trial counsel

against them. The idea, according to proponents, is that the court is in a better position and has more time to consider the underlying facts of the cases.

In another, and probably the most controversial, proposed crackdown, the State Bar is getting ready to file a petition with the California Supreme Court, asking that permanent disbarment be made an option for the most egregious cases of misconduct.

Paul W. Vapnek, of-counsel with Townsend and Townsend and Crew, only occasionally represents attorneys in discipline cases. Even so, he

said he has noticed a tougher attitude on the part of State Bar prosecutors.

For one, Vapnek said, there's a perception among discipline defense attorneys that dues are being wasted with more cases are going to trial.

"I know there's been dissatisfaction," said Vapnek, who also has been on the other side, serving as a special prosecutor for the State Bar. "It's as if the bar's been told, 'You guys have been too easy on lawyers. You've got to crack down.'"

Ellen A. Pansky, who has been practicing in the area of State Bar discipline since 1989, said she hasn't had a single case settle in the past five months, something she can't ever remember.

"What's happening now is virtually no cases are being considered for settlement," Pansky said, based on her experience and what she's

heard from other discipline defense attorneys. "It's simply not practical for the State Bar Court to handle the workload that's created."

Drexel said that he's heard the complaints but that the idea that his office isn't settling cases is "simply not true."

From July 1, 2006, to April 30, 2007, there have been 144 stipulated dispositions in attorney discipline cases and 16 contested decisions, or those reached after trial, Drexel said. Eight of the contested decisions were disbarment recommendations. The figures do not include cases that may be pending where an agreement on a stipulation was not reached.

"I think to say that it's hard to reach stipulations isn't right. I think these stipulations belie that," Drexel said.

If his office appears to have gotten tougher, it's because the Supreme Court asked it to, Drexel said.

In a 2005 decision disbarring a Pacific Palisades attorney, Ronald R. Silverton, for the second time, the Supreme Court criticized the State Bar for not adhering to sanctions standards, Drexel said. The State Bar's Review Department had recommended a two-year stayed suspension,

but the Supreme Court said Silverton warranted greater discipline because of his previous disbarment.

"We're still willing to make deals, but they may not happen to be the type of deals people could have gotten before," Drexel said.

Robert C. Fellmeth, a University of San Diego Law professor and a former State Bar discipline monitor, said that Drexel's office may be back to speed after the funding crisis.

"The State Bar was willing to compromise a great deal when they had no one to prosecute their cases," he said.

Pansky said a long time has passed since the dues-bill veto. She said she believes that the State Bar is misconstruing the Silverton decision and that level of toughness was meant to be reserved for the worst offenders.

"Not everyone who come into the system is a Ron Silverton," she said.

David Cameron Carr, a San Diego discipline defense attorney who was a State Bar prosecutor for seven years, said it's as if the office of chief trial counsel views Silverton as "some sort of signal."

"There has been a definite change in atmosphere," Carr said.



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Legislative push seeks more aid for foster care

By Clea Benson - Bee Capitol Bureau

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California foster parents get about \$500 per month in public funds for each abused or neglected child placed in their homes.

Advocates say that's far less than it costs to feed, clothe and care for the children who are wards of the state. And that amount hasn't gone up in seven years.

At a rally at the Capitol on Tuesday, advocates said raising the rates the state pays foster families is a priority this year in their efforts to improve life for the nearly 80,000 California children who have been taken from their parents' custody.

Assemblyman Jim Beall, a San Jose Democrat, has written Assembly Bill 324 to raise the rates by 5 percent and provide for cost-of-living adjustments over the next five years.

But lawmakers and advocates say that's just one step. There is still a long road ahead, they say, before the foster-care system is strong enough to give children a good chance of success later in life.

Driven in part by the threat of federal fines if improvements weren't made, lawmakers and state officials have worked over the past few years to improve foster children's safety and to speed up the rate at which they are placed in permanent homes.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the Legislature added about \$80 million to the child-welfare budget last year, much of that to decrease social-worker caseloads. Schwarzenegger has proposed a smaller increase of about \$19 million this year for supportive housing for emancipated foster youths.

Reviews of the progress on foster care have been mixed.

"I'm very excited," said Assemblywoman Karen Bass, a Los Angeles Democrat who chairs a select committee on foster care that has grown to include 18 members, both Republicans and Democrats. "You have a bipartisan, bicameral effort going on. There's renewed awareness and interest in this issue. ... To me, it means it will continue to be a priority and we will continue to move forward."

Others say the state is moving too slowly -- and needs to make a much bigger investment more quickly.

Robert Fellmeth, director of the San Diego-based Children's Advocacy Institute, pointed to a recent study by his organization that showed the state provides foster youths with less than 5 percent of the financial support that average parents spend on their young adult children.

Instead of incremental funding increases, Fellmeth said, the state needs to invest at least another \$170 million each year in foster care right away. Fellmeth also said the state spends far more on children who live in group homes than on children who are living with foster families.

"They've given these kids less than 10 percent of what they need," Fellmeth said. "Whenever we lobby for anything that costs money, we get complete blockage."

Frank Mecca, head of the County Welfare Directors Association, said the state has made strides in areas such as reducing social-worker caseloads. But he agreed that funding was still an issue.

"There's a lot going right, but there's a lot of work still to do," said Mecca, whose organization represents county officials who are responsible for running child-welfare programs.

Jennifer Rodriguez, an attorney who grew up in foster care, said the foster youths she talks to are experiencing many of the same problems that have persisted for years: Many bounce from home to home, alienated from relatives who might be able to help them, and face a lack of support once they turn 18.

"I feel like the difference between when I started doing this work and now is that there is a much better awareness of what the problems are," said Rodriguez, 30, policy director of an organization called the California Youth Connection. "So many foster youth have had the chance to tell their experiences and tell people who are making policy and in the media what life is like."

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Shining a light on child abuse, neglect

Bill would speed release of case files when youngsters die.

By Clea Benson - Bee Capitol Bureau

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Daelynn Foreman, a partially paralyzed Orangevale 12-year-old, died last July weighing only 23 pounds and covered with deep bedsores that reached to her bones.

Though child-welfare authorities had received seven reports dating back to 2002 that Daelynn was being neglected, her case didn't come to public attention until February when authorities charged her mother, Brandy Foreman, with neglect and murder.

And even after the charges were filed, local officials refused to release detailed reports that would have shown why child-protection workers chose to leave Daelynn at home.

State Sen. Carole Migden, D-San Francisco, and child advocacy groups are trying to change that. Senate Bill 39, written by Migden, would expedite the release of records kept by public agencies when children die of abuse or neglect.

Instead of requiring the public to file a court petition to see the records, which is the current practice, the bill would require counties to release their neglect and abuse files on a child within 10 days of a request if that child has died.

The files would be redacted in advance to protect the privacy of siblings or other family members whose names appear in the file.

In the past, representatives of the county workers who handle abuse cases have opposed similar efforts, saying releasing the records could hinder caseworkers' ability to do their jobs and also could violate the privacy of family members named in the file.

But Migden's bill is written with enough privacy protections that those groups have withdrawn their opposition. The measure passed out of the Senate Judiciary Committee last week on a unanimous bipartisan vote and is scheduled for an appropriations hearing Monday.

For Migden, the aim is simple: trying to learn what went wrong so policymakers and the public can work to avoid more worst-case scenarios in the future.

"We are not here trying to cast aspersions or castigate hardworking caseworkers, but we need to find out why children die," Migden said.

Bob Fellmeth, head of the nonprofit Children's Advocacy Institute, called children who die of

abuse or neglect "canaries in the coal mine" whose treatment can reflect larger problems in the child-protection system.

"Unfortunately what we have now is a pattern of limited disclosure in a miasma of confidentiality," he said.

California has about 80,000 foster children and tens of thousands more who are being monitored by caseworkers while living in their own homes.

According to a study last year by the Children's Advocacy Institute, at least 50 abused or neglected children died in 2005 while in foster care in California. The study, which the group undertook because the state does not keep its own tally, did not determine how many died accidentally or of natural causes.

Researchers at the institute were able to conduct the study only after a 2004 law took effect requiring counties to release the name and date of death of each child who dies while in foster care. And even then, the information was not always forthcoming. The institute is suing Orange County for refusing to comply with the statute.

Meanwhile, the state last year started requiring counties to file reports on all children who die of abuse or neglect -- but the requirement came only after the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services determined that California was violating federal law by failing to provide the public with that information.

In Daelynn Foreman's case, both Sacramento County and the state initially refused to provide the report that the county filed with the state, saying it was unclear that abuse or neglect had occurred. The Bee later obtained a copy from the state after filing a California Public Records Act request.

Frank Mecca, head of the County Welfare Directors Association, said his organization now supports Migden's bill because it has been amended to protect family members' privacy while allowing county officials to speak publicly about child deaths. Under current statute, he said, county child-protection officials are very limited in what they legally are allowed to disclose.

"We want there to be a public discussion," Mecca said. "We want to be able to participate in the discussion in order to provide context and information and perspective."

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Tulare Co. loses foster homes

Decline attributed to static reimbursement rates.

By E.J. Schultz / Bee Capitol Bureau

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The number of foster family homes in Tulare County has dropped to nearly half of what it was in 1993, part of a statewide shortage that advocates blame on low reimbursement rates, according to a new report.

But Fresno County -- which faced severe foster family housing shortages earlier this decade -- appears to be making strides, thanks to improved recruiting and more staff support.

Families that take in foster children get \$425 to \$597 per child per month, with the higher amount for older children.

But the state has not increased the rates in six years, leaving at least a \$215 gap between government payments and what it actually costs to raise a child, according to a report co-authored by the County Welfare Directors Association of California.

"The problem with foster parent recruitment is not just a problem. It is, in fact, a crisis," Frank Mecca, the association's executive director, said at a Capitol news conference.

The report, along with a similar study by the Children's Advocacy Institute, comes as foster care advocates call for Gov. Schwarzenegger and the Legislature to increase reimbursement rates.

The governor kept rates frozen in his recently updated 2007-08 budget plan, but Democratic-controlled budget subcommittees this week voted to increase rates by 5%.

Meanwhile, Assembly Member Jim Beall, D-San Jose, is pushing a bill to increase rates by 5% next year, plus additional amounts in following years to keep up with the cost of living. Advocates support Beall's bill but are calling for an even greater increase of 25% next year.

Statewide, total foster care demand has dropped in recent years thanks in part to a renewed focus on keeping children with their biological parents, Mecca said. The total foster care caseload has declined from 80,524 six years ago to 73,678 today, according to report authors.

But even with the decline, advocates are troubled by the mix of foster care placements. They say too many children are being placed in so-called foster care agencies. Designed to be the placement of last resort, these nonprofit organizations put children in homes but also provide intensive support to emotionally troubled children who otherwise might have been put in a group home.

The problem is that agency placements cost more both to counties and to the state, when in some circumstances a traditional home placement would work just as well or better, according to the report.

Reimbursements are paid for by a mix of federal, state and local dollars.

Agency reimbursement rates have also remained frozen -- at between \$1,589 and \$1,865 -- but traditional home rates are so much lower that families can't afford to stay in the program, according to the report. As a result, home placements have dropped statewide from 66% of all placements six years ago to 56% this year, according to report authors.

In Tulare County, a number of agencies came on line in the mid- and late 1980s. As a result of the new competition, fewer children were placed in traditional homes, said Mary Thomas, a county worker overseeing foster care home licensing.

As the report notes, counties have a hard time competing for foster care homes when agencies pay higher rates. Tulare County has lost 46% of its foster family homes in the past 14 years, from 320 to 172, according to the report.

In Kings County, the number of foster care families dropped from 106 in 1991 to 47 currently, the county says.

Fresno County appears to have bucked the trend. The number of licensed foster family homes in the county has jumped from 307 to 383 in the past seven years, a 25% increase, report

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authors say.

Catherine Huerta, interim director for the Children and Family Services Department, worries that without a rate increase, families will begin to drop out. "My fear is, as good as we've done ... if I create a financial hardship for these families, they are not going to stay in it." The reporter can be reached at eschultz@fresnobee.com or (916) 326-5541.

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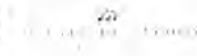
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La Jolla polo coach lays down the law

By **DAVE THOMAS** | VILLAGE NEWS

Andrew Haden, a second-year law student at the University of San Diego, recently walked home with a prestigious honor. Haden, a University City High grad and current assistant water polo coach at La Jolla High, was named winner of the 2007 McLennon Honors Moot Court Competition.

The event is one of the more rigorous legal intramural competitions in the nation. The McLennon Honors Moot Court Competition was created to provide students with an opportunity to develop their legal-brief writing and oral advocacy skills and to test these skills in competition.

The course begins with four mandatory classes and several preliminary rounds and culminates in a final round before a panel of judges. The competition is held in honor of attorney and naval aviator Paul McLennon Sr.

Haden was one of more than 70 USD law students who competed in the contest, which was based on *United States versus Afshari*, a real case that dealt with an individual's First Amendment right to make donations to a group that had been designated by the secretary of state as a foreign terrorist organization.

Each McLennon competitor wrote and submitted a 25-page written brief on behalf of their randomly assigned side. Oral arguments began in late February and lasted two full weeks. More than 300 San Diego attorneys volunteered their time to help judge the competition.

The last round was held in March, when several hundred people were in attendance to watch the debate between Haden and classmate James DeSilva.

All finalists were given 20 minutes to argue and respond to the questions from a three-judge panel, which included the Honorable M. Margaret McKeown from the Ninth Circuit, the Honorable Rosemary Barkett from the Eleventh Circuit and USD Professor Michael Ramsey.

Haden, who had argued the case nine times — four times as the United States, five times on behalf of the criminal defendants — recently spoke with the *Village News* about the experience and winning the honor.

La Jolla Village News: What was your reaction to

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winning the McLennon competi-
tion? And please talk a little about
its importance.

Andrew Haden: Winning the
McLennon competition is the
greatest thing that has happened
to me in law school. The McLen-
non competition is considered by
the law students, and the San
Diego legal community, as 'the'
legal competition of the year. Win-
ning the competition meant that I
had shown myself, my classmates
and the San Diego legal communi-
ty that I can stand and deliver a
strong legal argument under pres-
sure.

LJVN: You argued the case nine
times ... talk about the effort
involved, your preparation, how
you initially felt you did.

Haden: I spent several weeks
preparing for the oral arguments.
I researched additional elements
of the case. I met with fellow com-
petitors several times to discuss
potential arguments and legal theo-
ries. I created the notes that I
used at the podium. Often, an
argument will sound great until
you hear it out loud.

Therefore, I spent a huge
amount of time pacing around my
apartment arguing with myself.
Some evenings I was confident that
things had gone well. Other nights
I was sure I had lost. Each night I
would anxiously wait to find out if
I had advanced. After receiving the
news, I would immediately begin

refining the
argument for
the next night.
Often, I would
have to argue
for the United
States one night
and the alleged
terrorists the
next. Keeping
the various
arguments sep-
arate in your
mind can be
extremely chal-
lenging, especially as the tourna-
ment entered the second week and
I began to get tired. Basically, I
tried to be sharper and more effec-
tive every time I returned to the
podium.

LJVN: Talk a little bit about
going to University City High and
how it helped prepare you for the
next level.

Haden: I had an incredible expe-
rience at University City High
School. I was raised in that com-
munity. In fact, my family's house
in University City was the only
place I had ever lived until I left
for Stanford. As a result, I had a



Winner Andrew Haden presents his arguments at the final (above, at center podium, and closeup, right) for the 2007 McLennon Honors Moot Court Competition at USD.

large group of lifelong friends that
I went to high school with. In fact,
my current roommate is my best
friend from high school, Joe
Cavaola. Joe is now an AP Eco-
nomics teacher at La Jolla High.
At UC High I had several incredible
teachers that really pushed me to
excel. I learned to think and write
critically. And I developed a pas-
sion for history and political sci-
ence. I took those skills and pas-
sions with me to Stanford and
graduated with a degree in politi-
cal science.

LJVN: What did you learn from
your time at Stanford, then going
into the U.S. Navy?

Haden: Stan-
ford introduced
me to a world
much larger
than the one I
had known at
UC High. My
freshman dorm
had Olympic
athletes, Nation-
al Merit scholars
and a represen-
tative of almost
every one of the
50 states. I think

I developed a much greater sense
of the world. I joined a fraternity
and had my first experiences with
leading my peers. Being a naval
officer was the greatest thing that
could have ever happened to me.
The Navy helped me develop a
true sense of discipline and work
ethic. I also got to live in Mississip-
pi, Rhode Island and Virginia. I was
constantly humbled by the personal
backgrounds and sacrifices of
the sailors that worked for me.
Through them, I gained a deeper
appreciation of all the amazing
opportunities that I had been
afforded. I deployed twice during
those five years and am very proud



of my naval experience.

LJVN: What advice do you have
for high school students today as
far as studying, preparing to move
on when they graduate?

Haden: I am a water polo coach
at La Jolla High and so I have the
opportunity to interact with a lot of
high school students. I encourage
them to study hard and do the best
they can in all of their classes. But
I also encourage them to attend all
of the things that will make their
high school experience memorable
(i.e. air bands, the Friday night
basketball game or prom). I do that
because I truly believe that being a
successful, well-rounded person
will provide them with the most
options in their future.

Haden's success has provided
him with a number of options.

For now, he is finishing his sec-
ond year of law school at USD and
works part-time for the Honorable
Thomas Whelan at the United
States District Court.

This summer, he will be working
for the law firm Higgs, Fletcher &
Mack. In the fall, he begins his
third and final year of law school.
In addition to school, he will be
working at the San Diego District
Attorney's Office and will compete
for USD's National Moot Court
Team.

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USD students lend helping paw for new pet safety legislation

By LORI MARTINEZ | DOWNTOWN NEWS

With the ever-increasing amount of dog friendly beaches, parks and other city open spaces, it's clear that people love their pets. Small dogs are toted around in their owner's handbags while big dogs drag their owner's behind them on leashes, the line between owner and pet constantly blurred into one between parent and child.

It's this love for animals that drove University of San Diego students to fight for animal safety by lobbying for a senate bill that would include pets in restraining orders in domestic violence cases, with the help of Senator La Kuehl (D-23rd), who officially authored SB 353.

According to Gretchen Pelletier, one of four graduate students at USD's School of Leadership & Education Sciences working on the legislation as part of a class assignment, the goal of creating such a law is to raise awareness of a growing problem as well as creating another tool for victims.

"To create awareness of the connection between domestic violence and animal abuse and also to provide another tool," Pelletier said, "a small but significant tool for victim's of domestic violence to use against their batterers."

According to Pelletier and her team — Carolyn Smyth, Darla Trapp and Renee Scherr — 71 percent of pet-owning women in shelters reported that a pet had

been threatened, injured or killed by their abuser.

"If someone is on the line," Pelletier said a victim unsure if they should seek help, "this might push them in the direction of getting out. It's an empowering tool for people."

The team began working on the project September 2006, as part of a nonprofit leadership and management program on campus.

"The assignment for the class is to pick an issue and you literally take it up to Sacramento," Pelletier said.

'If he [Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger] signs it, we're golden.'

Sarah Speed
USD Law Student

The group decided to focus on animals and domestic violence because it was an issue close to each team member's heart.

"Two of the women work in domestic violence counseling and we all have dogs," Pelletier said.

As Scherr was researching similar Maine legislation, which passed last year, she discovered another USD student was unknowingly working on the same project.

"They came in at exactly the right time," said Sarah Speed, a USD law student who had been working on the legislation for a year before joining forces with Pelletier's group.

"They had a ton of background in how to approach lobbyists, how to put together logos and fact sheets...and then I brought the legal point of view," she said as the group prepared to find a legislator to author the bill.

"It was surprisingly easy," Speed said of finding a senator to author the bill. "The Humane Society told us that Senator Kuehl would be ideal because of her history in working with domestic violence issues. She has a lot of stature in the legislature."

Pelletier was also impressed with her experience in Sacramento.

"We were just so pleased with the reception we got up there," she said. "That's their job, they're supposed to listen to their constituents and so we were really surprised that they actually were. It was really kind of amazing."

Kuehl is also on the Senate Judiciary Committee, which was the first committee, consisting of five senators, to hear the legislation.

"[Kuehl] had her staff come up with new language and spoke with interested parties...to see if that change would be feasible," Speed said.

On Wednesday, April 11, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the bill with a 3-1-1 vote. The bill then proceeded to the Appropriations Committee, who heard the bill Monday, April 23.

The committee passed the bill without a hearing, as Speed optimistically anticipated. Next the bill will go to the Senate floor for discussion, open to questions and criticisms by actual Senate members, according to Speed. If the Senate makes no changes the bill will go straight to the governor's office.

The bill is currently at the Senate floor and is awaiting the third reading of the bill for discussion, tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 7. If the Senate does amend the bill it will pass forward to the California State Assembly for approval or more discussion. If the Assembly had major changes or provisions, the bill would go back to the Senate for approval. Because the bill is short without complicated language, Speed does not anticipate any major changes along the way.

"If they [the Senate] pass it with a yes vote, that means that the Senate has accepted it as amended or as presented and the Assembly has also accepted it as amended by the Senate. Then it would go to the governor's office," Speed explained. "That would be the final approval. If he signs it, we're golden."

If the bill is approved and signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the law would go into effect January 1, 2008.

The group is optimistic that their bill will pass without any roadblocks.

"We got a great reception and really no opposition right off the bat. It's been kind of a golden bill," Speed said.

"We're really hopeful. It's been a dream so far." ■

State Senate set to vote on USD-led bill aimed at protecting animals

By ASHLEY WOOD
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Yvonne Stromer tried to leave her abusive husband for months, but her courage was deflated each time she summoned the strength to leave when her husband threatened to murder her beloved pet beagle, Baby, if she ever left him. Since most shelters for abused women do not allow pets, Yvonne felt no other option but to stay. It was until University of San Diego School of Law student Sarah Speed came along.

"If I'd had the ability to protect my dog sooner, I think I would have left sooner," Stromer said. "Restraining orders can protect cars and furniture. Why not protect something living and breathing?"

Speed agreed, and thus the idea

for Senate Bill 353 was bred at the University of San Diego School of Law's Center for Public Interest Law (CPIL) where she was interned. The legislation is designed to protect victims of domestic violence, Yvonne, to add animals under the protection of restraining orders. When a victim of domestic violence decides to leave their abuser, s/he would have the ability to apply for a temporary restraining order, which would force the abuser to stay away from the victim, the children and the animals. Thus, the abuser would be barred from making contact with the victim's pets under penalty of misdemeanor contempt.

Currently, abuse victim's animals are only under the protection of the restraining order if they are near

the victim, which is often impossible as domestic violence shelters do not accept animals. If passed, Senate Bill 353 would allow the animal to be placed with a friend, family member or safehouse program, yet still protected from harassment.

"It was well known at CPIL that I am an animal nut and am a past president of the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund," Speed said. "So when Maine passed a bill to allow animals to be included in protective orders in domestic violence situations, Professor Julie Fellmeth (associate director of the CPIL) sent me the article."

That article inspired Speed to examine California law only to discover that some judges voluntarily include animals in protective

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orders when the animal's names were included on the application. Other judges, however, considered awarding the custody of an animal a pretrial division of property and would refuse to include animals. Speed's research further revealed a high correlation between domestic violence and animal abuse.

Studies have shown that very few people are more attached to their pets than victims of domestic violence. Regardless of the reason for the attachment, abusers often prey upon this as a means of control.

"Of women surveyed upon entering domestic violence shelters, 84 percent revealed that they had seen their abuser harm an animal, 63 percent of the children had seen animal abuse, 32 percent of mothers had seen their children abuse animals, and animal abuse is found in 88 percent of pet-owning homes where child abuse is present," Speed said.

Armed with these statistics, Speed began her pursuit of legislation that would allow animals to be specifically named — like other types of property — on protective order applications.

After a month of lobbying, California state Sen. Sheila Kuehl agreed to introduce the bill. It was submitted to the Senate Judiciary Committee where Speed, as well as California Partnership to End Domestic Violence and SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) Los Angeles testified in support. The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on a vote of 3-0 and was recently approved by the Senate Appropriations Committee. The bill is currently set for vote in the Senate on May 7.

Animal law is a burgeoning area of law that continually gets more recognition in the wake of catastrophic events like the recent pet

food recall. Animals are now being added to antenuptial agreements, divorce paperwork and wills. USD has been on the forefront of public interest law for many years, and it is important that blossoming public interest lawyers attend a school that fosters and encourages community involvement and public interest work. Animal law is interrelated with many other growing areas of practice such as criminal law, domestic violence, family law, wills and trusts, and environmental law.

"The change in the law is very simple," Speed explained. "Yet, it could mean the world to a woman like Yvonne, who is torn between the desire to leave the abuser and protect herself and the safety of a beloved animal."

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USD grad serves as prominent Riverside district attorney

By SARAH SEVERSON, Special to the Daily Transcript
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In the 10 years since she graduated from the University of San Diego School of Law, Michelle Paradise has developed a strong professional reputation as a Riverside County deputy district attorney. Last year, she appeared on the Dateline NBC series, "To Catch a Predator," and she currently holds a trial record of 54 out of 56 felony convictions (with two hung), and eight misdemeanor trial convictions.

"I love my job -- every day I get to be an advocate for a victim," she said. "I am happiest being a prosecutor because I don't have any ethical or moral issues with my job -- I'm comfortable because I am doing the right thing and don't have to question it."



Michelle Paradise

Paradise has gained a broad range of experience at the Riverside County district attorney's office, ranging from assignments as a misdemeanor attorney in the juvenile court to being prosecutor on the felony trial team. She has experience in all units now, and currently is a member of the homicide unit.

In January 2006, Paradise was the trial team leader of the Sexual Assault and Child Abuse (SACA) unit and was approached about Dateline setting up a sexual predator sting in Riverside.

"I began the Dateline sting by consulting with the NBC attorneys on the legalities of recording the suspects and whether or not there would be a violation of their first amendment rights," Paradise said. "From there, it grew into much more involvement and I was interviewed by NBC correspondent Chris Hansen on the show."

The Southern California show was the third in the "To Catch a Predator" series, and this was the first time that law enforcement was involved.

"Dateline had received some criticism for not prosecuting the people they were catching on the show," Paradise said. "The Riverside Sheriff's department got involved and our office would be prosecuting the cases."

Dateline worked with volunteers from the Web site, perverted-justice.com, who posed as boys and girls between the ages of 11-14 years old. The volunteers went online, set up a profile, and waited for predators to contact them.

"The conversations would start with the predators talking about sex. For the prosecution, there was no question -- they laid out their intent in the chat log and would make it clear what they wanted to do to the child."

In just three days, 51 men showed up at the sting, the highest number of predators out of the 10 total shows in the Dateline series. It was such a large number that on the second day of the sting, there were even three men who showed up within minutes of each other. The district attorney's office filed criminal charges against all 51, and all were prosecuted with the exception of 17 who pled guilty, with no plea bargains or deals offered.

"We were the first county to prosecute these cases on this kind of magnitude," Paradise said. "We were hit with a lot of legal issues and defense attorneys filing every imaginable motion on the charges, so we had to address those and it took a while."

After the Dateline episode aired, Paradise was flooded with calls across the nation from prosecution offices and law enforcement agencies asking about how to implement similar operations. She was interviewed on the Today Show, MSNBC's Abrams Report, BBC Television, and local radio stations KNX and KPIE.

"Dateline made people aware of the problem and its magnitude," Paradise said. "It's mind boggling -- if 51 men came to this one street to molest a child, what is happening around the corner, in our city or county?"

The experience with Dateline was actually a portion of what Paradise was doing while working with the SACA unit. Paradise dealt with even more egregious cases on a regular basis, such as multiple victim cases and severe child abuse resulting in death. She worked specifically with child abuse cases and is now known as an

expert in shaken baby syndrome.

"Lately I've been the one with the medical experience, cross examining some of the best-known defense experts in the country on shaken babies, including the doctor who testified on behalf of the British nanny case," she said.

Paradise delved into her first shaken baby case five years ago, and worked with a team at Loma Linda University Children's Hospital to thoroughly understand how the brain, the eyes, and spinal cord were affected by shaking.

"I worked with forensic pediatricians, ophthalmologists and neurosurgeons, and there was something new in each case I continued to learn more," Paradise said. "These cases are medically controversial and the defense usually wins, with the most well-known doctors in the country. Jurors are often confused by the medical complexity of the trauma, so I had to learn how to teach them about it."

In 2006, Paradise conducted nine jury trials and spent 89 days in trial. She secured convictions in all nine cases and had 63 guilty verdicts read, including two murders, six major sexual assault trials with 14 victims, and one child abuse case where the 19-month-old victim was left paralyzed on one side. The cases that dealt with offenses against children were often the most disturbing for her.

"It's always worth it in the end, though, because I'm putting away the person that hurt the child," she said. "Those are easy cases to get passionate about."

Severson is a Chicago-based freelance writer.

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M. Andrew Woodmansee and Richard C. Kim, attorneys in the San Diego office of Morrison & Foerster, have been elected partners. Woodmansee is a member of the litigation department and received his law degree from Notre Dame. Kim is a member of the patent group and received his law degree from USD School of Law.

School of Leadership and Education Sciences

Editorial: Good principals, good schools

THEIR IMPORTANCE TO QUALITY EDUCATION HAS BEEN NEGLECTED FOR TOO LONG

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In an era of accountability, school improvement rests largely on the shoulders of principals.

They are the fulcrum for reform as well as the target for frustration. They set the tone for a school and are the voice to the community. They must manage budgets and raise student scores. They can determine whether the good teachers choose to stay and whether bad teachers are forced to leave.

The pressure that principals feel will only increase as reformers look to shift power and funding from Sacramento to school sites. And yet many principals in California are understaffed, undertrained and overwhelmed. They're also more likely than principals elsewhere to quit before retirement age.

A key finding of the recently released "Getting Down to Facts," the Stanford University-led research project on K-12 schools, is that California ranked last in the nation in the numbers of principals and assistant principals per 1,000 students. Despite increased demands that come from fewer staff, California school administrators generally are less prepared and feel less confident, according to surveys.

Looking at better ways to develop principals is one charge of the Governor's Committee on Education Excellence, and it also should be a focus of the Legislature. Dollar for dollar, investing in administrator training is a sure bet compared with more expensive approaches to improvement, like reducing class size. Hiring more assistant principals in low-performing schools is essential.

Lawmakers also should consider opening up administrative credentialing to non-educators as well as teachers. (The current prerequisite is three years of classroom teaching.) And they should build in sabbaticals for principals to refresh their careers and observe management practices in other industries.

Administrators get their training in two ways. They must obtain an administrative credential, usually through a one- or two-year university program. And they receive further training once they're certified. In her research for "Getting Down to Facts," Stanford Professor Linda Darling-Hammond concluded that the quality of California's certification programs is "uneven," and professional development opportunities are neither innovative nor extensive.

It wasn't always that way. A quarter-century ago, the state became a national leader when it created the California School Leadership Academy, offering extensive multiday trainings for administrators. But, faced with a budget deficit, the Legislature ended the academy in 2003. The state now funds only one training program, primarily on textbooks and state standards. It's useful but narrow.

Newly credentialed teachers in California receive coaching and continued training. But nothing exists for new principals, although the Association of California School Administrators is lobbying for a bill that would establish mentor principals.

University credentialing programs have been criticized nationwide for poorly preparing principals. There are exceptions, like San Jose State University's Urban High School Leadership Program, which has trained its 252 graduates over the past eight years hands-on projects and a coherent curriculum. But many leadership programs offer little beyond course work. They don't prepare aspiring principals well to work with data, to lead design projects or to evaluate teachers. The lucky ones get jobs as assistant principals under the wing of experienced principals. But too often, new principals are on their own.

Darling-Hammond cites programs in North Carolina, Mississippi and the highly acclaimed Educational Leadership Development Academy, a partnership of the University of San Diego and the San Diego Unified School District, as models. The common element is an internship, sometimes a full year. Participants are paid a stipend; they don't have to squeeze in night classes while holding down a teaching job. Promising school leaders, including minorities, are recruited. In North Carolina, 800 principals have gone through the program in exchange for committing to four years of service. In San Diego Unified, the Broad Foundation underwrote the program.

State-funded internships, coaches for new principals and extensive in-the-field training are what's missing in California. The governor and Legislature should look beyond the traditional university programs to provide them.

If political leaders are going to hold principals accountable like CEOs, then they must give them autonomy, resources and sufficient job training.

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Economies Flourish With Philanthropic Support

Giving is Good For Business, Experts Say

By **Jessica Long** | *Staff Writer*

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Hope in a battered woman's smile as she receives job counseling; gratitude in an old man's eye for the warm blanket he'll hug close come sunset; the sound of children learning music in schools formerly silenced by budget cuts – the immediate benefits of charitable giving are plain to see, hear and feel.

But in the greater scheme of things, charitable giving – especially that which involves oversized corporate checks – is far more than a good deed. It's good business, and not just for the obvious tax incentives.



Bruce Blakley

Corporate philanthropy can have a powerful impact on the local economy in which a business operates, leading to a stronger work force and customer base.

Just ask Professor Pat Libby, co-director of the University of San Diego's Center for Applied Nonprofit Research.



Pat Libby

"The corporate community is extremely important to the support of the nonprofit sector in the region," Libby said. "If corporate philanthropy didn't exist, there would be huge holes in all sorts of programs across all the spectrums."

In a nutshell, San Diego County would not be what it is today in terms of arts, recreation, housing and educational opportunities, she explained. But because there are

so many influences working at once, it's hard to tell exactly how much better off San Diego County's economy is today because of corporate philanthropy.

"We really don't know ... we can ascertain what their impact is but it's not something we can really measure on paper," Libby said, noting, for example, that if a company sponsors an abstinence program for teens, does it get credit for every teen who doesn't get pregnant or should some credit go to the individual home lives of each of these teens.

She also references the frequent practice of corporate table sponsorship at fund-raising events. Although the corporate philanthropists are not hosting the event and larger credit would seem to belong to the nonprofit doing the legwork, one could not exist without the other.

"The economic impact question is just not that ascertainable," Libby said. "You have to look at it longitudinally."

Charity, the Gift That Keeps on Giving

Although it's difficult to assess the exact impact of corporate philanthropy on a regional economy, there are some related numbers to consider assuming that nonprofits could not do what they do without their corporate friends. They can be found in "A Spotlight on San Diego's Third Sector," a study released last November by USD's Center for Applied Nonprofit Research, co-directed by Libby.

Using 2004 reports, the study finds that San Diego's nonprofit organizations earned a collective \$8.1 billion in revenue and spent \$7.7 billion providing services. That represents 6 percent of San Diego's Gross Regional Product.

The nonprofit work force has grown nearly a third its size between 1999 and 2004. As of the second quarter of 2004, charities employed 79,000 people, or 6.2 percent of San Diego's total employment, according to the university's study. That

translates into a contribution of \$642.6 million in wage earnings to the economy.

A Business-like Approach ... With Feelings

Recently retired certified public accountant, Bruce Blakley serves as board chairman for the San Diego Foundation, a nonprofit that has helped allocate \$515 million locally since its inception in 1975. For Blakley, who's been involved with the group for the past 10 years, corporate philanthropy starts with a close look inside a company's own walls.

"In my mind it all starts with quality of life and it gets down to either your employees or your customers or in some cases, children," said Blakley, who believes business owners should keep in mind that if their employees are worried about their children's education or health, or worried about getting home before sunset to avoid walking at night through their bad neighborhood, they are not going to be as productive as they would be without those personal distractions.

Blakley said companies contemplating whether philanthropy is worth the time it takes to organize should think of it as an important investment in their own bottom line.

A special challenge in San Diego County is that there are so many start-ups, which leads to a strong entrepreneurial community but doesn't always bode well for corporate philanthropy.

"I would never suggest they slow down (what they're doing to develop their companies) but 'try to fit in a little bit: yes,'" Blakley said. "They don't always have the capital or the wherewithal to contribute to the community but at some point they will and they should."

Finding a Focus Others Can Follow

With all the ills of the world today, corporate philanthropists can pick virtually any cause to get behind, from stomping out hunger to finding a cure for breast cancer. But lately, many appear to be staying close to home by funding things directly related to their businesses.

For example, a high-tech company funds a science fair at an area high school or a professional sports team builds playing fields for youths.

"There's been a trend for corporations to tailor their giving so it's more in-lined with their own corporation mission," said Libby, who finds the trend disappointing.

Libby is disappointed in the trend because she fears it leaves out essential needs every community has in terms of poverty and other harder to address social ills.

"I can understand that they would want to do that certainly, but it's important to look at everything that supports society because if not we just won't have these other things," Libby said.

Using the recent success of American Idol Gives Back, the pop culture-infused fund-raiser that raised more than \$70 million for impoverished youth here and in Africa, Libby said corporate philanthropists are in a unique position to affect significant change because of their high profiles. She points to such Idol sponsors as The Coca-Cola Co., News Corp. and ConAgra Foods as prime examples.

"One good thing the corporations do is provide a beacon for the general public to invest," Libby said. "Clearly there's a feel good quality to it when corporations can lead through example."

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USD building 50% complete



Construction is more than 50 percent complete for the new 83,000-square-foot School of Leadership and Education Sciences building on the University of San Diego(USD)campus.

The two-level facility features 14 classroom/seminar rooms, a 200-seat auditorium, a 60-seat executive classroom, offices, a 2,000-square-foot reading room, and a cyber cafe.

San Diego-based **Architects Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker** provided the design and technical documents for the \$34.4 million project.

The building design is enhanced by traditional elements — including a signature tower, an outdoor court and a two-story loggia — to complement the existing USD campus architecture. The landscape design reflects elements of classic Spanish landscape through fountains and intimate garden areas.

Michael B. Wilkes is serving as principal-in-charge for Delawie Wilkes Rodrigues Barker. Also part of the design team is Randall Dolph, who is serving as project manager, with Adel Smith-Chapman directing interior design. Other team members include Eric Kovacs and Cynthia Barba.

The project consulting team includes **Hope Engineering**, structural engineer; **Latitude 33 Planning and Engineering**, civil engineer; **MA Engineers**, mechanical and plumbing engineer; and **Michael Wall Engineering**, electrical engineer. **Rudolph & Sletton Inc.** is the general contractor.

Nowell & Associates is the landscape architect; **Rothermel+Associates**, acoustical consultant; **Johnson Consulting**, audio/visual consultant; **Campbell-Anderson & Associates**, cost estimator; and **HKA Elevator Consulting**.

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Local humanitarians honored

4 to receive recognition at 44th annual event

By Hanna Chu, Staff writer

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LONG BEACH - The National Conference for Community and Justice of Southern California is hosting the 44th annual Humanitarian Awards Dinner to recognize four people.

Former Mayor Beverly O'Neill and Steve Goodling, president of the Long Beach Area Convention Center and Visitors Bureau, will lead the ceremony, which takes place at the Long Beach Hilton on Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

The event is expected to raise more than \$100,000, which will go toward future NCCJ work.

The honorees, selected by a committee of former humanitarian honorees, are Minnie Douglas, James C. Hankla, E. Jan Kehoe and Lillian K. Sachs. They were chosen for their civic contributions, their lifelong commitment to humankind and their advancement of the NCCJ mission to fight bigotry, bias and racism in America.

Minnie Douglas

Douglas is president of the Arts Council for Long Beach and a board member for the Long Beach Community College Foundation, city of Long Beach Human Relations Commission and St. Mary Medical Center.

She was chairman for the Long Beach Department of Health and Human Services; vice president for the greater Long Beach chapter of American Diabetes Association; and president for The Links,

Incorporated, Harbor Area Chapter; Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority and Soroptomist International of Long Beach.

She is also a life member of the NAACP and an honorary board member of the Long Beach Midnight Basketball League.

James Hankla

Hankla, former Long Beach city manager, is president of the Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners. He has championed the Green Port Policy, a push to make the Port

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He has volunteered and shared his talents on numerous governing and advisory boards, including International City Theatre, Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific

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and the Los Angeles County Economic Development Corporation. He is past president of the Long Beach Area Council of Boy Scouts of America and in 1994 was named a distinguished Eagle Scout.

E. Jan Kehoe

Kehoe has led a distinguished career in education, including 10 years as superintendent/president of Long Beach City College. She is the president of the Community College Leadership Development Initiatives at the University of San Diego School for Leadership and Education Sciences.

She has received numerous national, state and local awards in recognition of her leadership, including recognition from the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, Family Service of Long Beach, Boy Scouts of America and the Long Beach Unified School District.

Lillian Sachs

Sachs, active in social justice, is a board member of the American Cancer Society and a former board member of Temple Israel, NCCJ, Stroke Activity Center and Jewish Family Service.

Her work on the issue of cancer and her community service earned her the American Cancer Society's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2006.

Dwight Stuart Youth Foundation will receive the Building Bridges Award for their contributions to the community and support for NCCJ programs.

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Archaeology: The New Chief Could Face A Funding Challenge Because Of The Economic Downturn.

BYLINE: HERBERT ATIENZA AND GAIL WESSON, THE PRESS-ENTERPRISE

BODY:

A Western Center for Archaeology & Paleontology search committee has recruited another San Jacinto Valley educator, former Mt. San Jacinto College Superintendent/President Richard Giese, as the center's new executive director.

Giese was Mt. San Jacinto Community College District's top administrator for six years beginning in 1999. That same year he joined the Western Center Community Foundation board and recently resigned to apply for the director post.

Several members of the board of directors for the center asked if he would be interested in applying, said Giese, 62.

"It was the right time, right place," he said. "I saw a lot of opportunities there. The job doesn't bring with it all the frustration that being a college president brings."

Giese will replace retiring executive director Bill Marshall, effective June 1. Marshall was hired after he retired as San Jacinto Unified School District superintendent in June 2004.

Giese said he is well-known in the community through his involvement in various organizations and work and has experience in fundraising, something that will be key to his new job.

His first priority, Giese said, will be to find out what the board's goals are for the coming years. Giese said he envisions staying on for five years or longer.

Giese said he is aware that the region's economic downturn could hurt fundraising efforts, particularly if the housing market continues to struggle. The Hemet City Council, which recently indicated it may have to lay off some employees because of a budget shortfall, may reconsider a \$500,000 yearly pledge it made during better economic times.

"It certainly is a concern," Giese said of the potential for the reversal of the pledge. "We will work with the City Council and see what can be done."

He described the center's funding as "solid" and said the facility could operate for a year without additional funding if it had to.

Giese acknowledged he has no experience running a museum but said that would be offset by the knowledge of an educator that comes from "35 years of experience running an operation and how to make an organization work well."

"It will be a steep learning curve, no doubt," he said.

"The experience and knowledge Dr. Giese has will give him the ability to hit the road running," said Howard Rosenthal, Western Center board president.

"The Western Center is an incredible child," Rosenthal said. Giese's role will be to "mature the educational collaborations with other institutions, see the establishment of practicing curation and launching research at the Western Center," Rosenthal said.

The Western Center houses the biggest mastodon found in the western United States along with the many artifacts and Ice Age animals found during the excavation of Diamond Valley Lake. That collection, temporarily stored at San Bernardino County Museum, will be moved to the center in the next few months.

A search committee, led by foundation board vice president Bruce Wallis, took three months to select Giese from about 30 applicants.

His affiliations include the Hemet-San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce, Riverside's Monday Morning Group, Murrieta-Temecula Group and the Human Relations Council.

After he retired from the college, he returned as interim superintendent and as a consultant. That role ended when the district hired a top administrator last April.

Before joining Mt. San Jacinto, Giese was president of Reedley College for eight years and was a Fresno State University administrator for six years. A San Diego native, Giese earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the **University of San Diego** and a doctorate in education from the University of La Verne in 1996.

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Joan Martin has been appointed director of development for the Hahn School of Nursing and Health Science at the University of San Diego. Martin has served as president of Martin and Associates, a consulting firm specializing in health care, and director of business development for Scripps Health.

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Westview was part of multi-cultural

by Don Norton

Longtime Mira Mesa and Scripps Ranch High sports rival Westview headed south one more time last month to celebrate the day of "Heroes."

Not a Wolverines basketball, soccer or track team this time but that of the Westview Junior Navy ROTC to parade before hundreds of onlookers and two different viewing stands. The "Heroes" presentation was part of this year's April 28 gala 22nd annual Multi-Cultural Parade and Fair on the main drag of Linda Vista.

Situated just a few miles north of the San Diego County

Educational Complex and the ITV television studios, this year's happening lived up to its name of having something for everyone.

The Wolverine Cadets weren't the only marching unit in this year's parade by any means. Coming in from the furthest distance was the marching band of Long Beach's Jordan High. There were also that of the Southwest High School Band and Auxiliary unit, locally, the Kearny High JROTC Color Guard and marching unit, in from Lemon Grove, the high school marching band, the Montgomery Middle School Marching Band and the close

to home Bayside Community Center Marching Unit.

Led by local and even national dignitaries San Diego mayor Jerry Sanders, City Council representative Donna Frye, County Supervisor Ron Roberts and Congresswoman Susan Davis, the event would go on to offer something for all peoples and ethnic diversities.

In the "heroes" department, the children art and essay "creator" winners would also be honored. First-place winners Jared Tremain, Emiliano Walker and Gabe Hulbert displayed their banner and grins as they marched

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heroes' salute

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before the lined spectators.

Joining Jared in the second grade art contest presentation were Cindy Le and Alina Macias representing the Holy Family Church. After third-grader Emiliano, second and third-place winners Greta Espinoza and Erin Pontecorvo of the local Boys and Girls' Club.

The fifth-grade essay contest place winners after Holy Family Hulbert would include the Chesterton facility's Emilia Hetherington and Maric Herzog.

While the locally situated California National Guard organization was not in evidence this year, there was the U.S. Marine Corps colorguard representing San Diego's Marine Corps Depot, MCRD Commanding General Salinas as parade marshal and members of the USD Navy ROTC color guard.

On the sports side were members of the USD football and soccer clubs.

But the color and excitement of the event went much further than that.

Members of the White Dragon Lion Dancers would lead the parade excitement complete with "false threats" aimed at the onlookers. The Bayside Tai Che martial arts group would give later performances in front of the one of three main stages and as one of the highlights of the World Arts stage that of the Ballet Folklorico dancers.

For the children, it didn't end

with just viewing but also hands on participation. They would have the opportunity to do some main street wall climbing, share in on sight pony rides and that of the traditional face painting.

There would also be the wealth of visiting vendors offering the full degree of advice and services. Present would be the San Diego Police Dept. For the parade, there would be Western Division Commanding Officer Sarah Creighton and lieutenant Andy Mills.

Also available would be representatives of the USD School of Nursing, the County Office of Education, the USD Legal Clinic and the Union of Pacific Asian Coalition.

The World Arts Stage would prove to be one of the major drawing cards offering performances by the Celtic Echoes Band, Ole Flamenco, Hmong Dance, African Drumming and the Polynesian Dance Troupe. Treating the spectators to a dance tour of Hawaii, Polynesia and New Zealand, as an encore they would invite local spectators to join in the dance fun.

On the east side, there was an offering of "Foods from all around the World" and for budding minority writers a visit with African - American writer and artist Gary Simpson.

Also in the offering were visits with representatives of Christine Kehoe's office.

To say there was something for everyone and all tastes would be by no means an exaggeration.

Seated in a car clearly dedicated to the "heroes" of these times, parade marshal of the 22nd annual Linda Vista Multi-Cultural parade and fair, Marine Corp Recruit Depot Commanding General Salinas 'salutes' onlookers with a wave to their presence in the vanguard division of the last of April event. That same section also included the MCRD



color guard, San Diego Chief of Police William Lansdowne, City Councilmember Donna Frye and members of the Retired Senior Volunteer Patrol. The pre Cinco de Mayo event has been held ever since it start in 1985. Photo by Don Norton

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**Ejected car passenger
ID'd as USD student**

LA JOLLA: A man who died after being ejected from a car that overturned Friday night at La Jolla Village Drive and Torrey Pines Road has been identified as Michael Hoang Lam of Palm Desert.

Lam, 22, a senior at the University of San Diego, was a passenger. He was pronounced dead shortly after the 9:30 p.m. accident, the Medical Examiner's Office said yesterday.

The driver, who also was thrown out of the car, was knocked unconscious. Police said it appeared the driver took a curve too fast. - J.Z.

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Local Stiff

San Diego Mortar Board chapter tips hat to pair of distinguished alumnae



Two women named Nancy received this year's Mortar Board Distinguished Alumna Awards.

Nancy Lee Bildsoe and Nancy Reed Gibson were the two who were honored at the 17th-annual Spring Luncheon of the San Diego Mortar Board Alumni, held in the Point Loma Room at the Kona Kai.

At the luncheon, the group awarded \$8,000 in scholarships to San Diego State University and University of San Diego students. (In the past 17 years, the Mortar Board chapter has granted between \$90,000 and \$100,000 in scholarships to students for graduate studies.)

Bildsoe's husband, Mo, attended the event, and so did Gibson's husband, John.

Some of the other people in the scholarly crowd were Ann Boyd, Kay North, Jinx Ecke, Karon Luce, Darlene Davies, Betty Brayshay, Berneice Copeland, Julie Golden, Susan Rick, John Ehrich, Carolyn Elmer, Joyce Gattas, Joan Evangelou, Phyllis James, Doris Ellsworth, Barbara Kung, Mary Ruth Carleton, Barbara Takaka, and Betty Hubbard, who received the first Distinguished Alumna Award in 1991.

More were Ginger and Bob Wallace, Wendy Ledford, Sharon LeeMaster, Joan Lightner, Estelle Milch, Jerrie Schmidt, Patty Molyneaux, Rita Neepner, Priscilla Moxley, Betty Peabody, Judith Logue, Kay Porter, Mary Sadler, Gerry Wheeler, Alice Silverberg, Jean Thompson, B.J. Williams, Marilyn Thompson, and Kim Naiman, president of the Mortar Board Alumni

chapter.

Kathryn Gabrielson chaired the luncheon, working with a committee that included Nina Crawford, Jane Smith and Leslie Herrmann.

Henry Janssen was there, and so were Sue Earnest, Barbara Allen, Elizabeth Bluhm, Pat Carter, Robin Luby, Linda Copson, Lois Baker, Stephanie Coutts, Connie Dowell, Beth Finster, Peggy Hamlin, Julie Jessop, Joanne Herrin, Jacqueline Linstrom, Joan Reynolds, Pat Tellam, Helen Wagner, Kathie Ross, and Jean Trotter.

The Distinguished Alumna/us Award recognizes members of Mortar Board "who have contributed significantly to their community, profession, or the nation in the areas of scholarship, leadership, or service."



Nancy Reed Gibson (left) and Nancy Lee Bildsoe received Mortar Board Distinguished Alumna Awards at the 17th-annual Spring Luncheon of the San Diego Mortar Board Alumni. *Sandy Huffaker*

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Residents press city for mini-dorm restrictions

By KAILEE BRADSTREET | BEACH & BAY PRESS

Similar to the way mini-dorms have invaded their neighborhoods, residents from Pacific Beach, the College Area and El Cerrito communities — mostly clad in red T-shirts with anti mini-dorm logos — overran City Council chambers Thursday, May 10, to hear officials' plans to halt the transformation of their communities.

The public forum on mini-dorms — homes in single-family residential zones that are occupied by multiple adults — was held to present a possible new rooming-house ordinance. The plan limits three or more bedroom dwelling units rented through separate leases to multi-family residential and commercial zones only.

City Attorney Michael Aguirre led a panel of representatives from three local universities, as well as law enforcement and City Council members, in a discussion that centered on the lack of housing for college students and its increasing impact on surrounding areas.

"The universities have a fundamental moral obligation to find and provide housing for their students — I truly believe that," Aguirre said to residents and panel members. "We have a group of people taking advantage of the problem. We want to send the word to all of these predatory developers that it's better to quit now than to have us find out later and have to deal with it in court."

City Council is tentatively scheduled to hear the proposed rooming-house ordinance on July 9. In addition, the city is proposing land-use amendments that would require property owners to provide additional parking spaces for rentals with more than four bedrooms and two parking spaces per garage. The amendments are intended to deter home expansions and garage conver-

sions.

The changes would also reduce the percentage of front yard space that can be used for parking and would increase the number of required off-street parking spaces.

District 7 Councilman Jim Madaffer also announced the launch of a non-profit organization, Stabilizing College Neighborhoods, that would buy houses in the College Area and offer them to San Diego State University faculty and staff to prevent developers and other prospective buyers have the chance to purchase the homes in order to prevent mini-dorm conversions, he said.

At the same time, Madaffer and Aguirre said city efforts would have to be met by residents and university officials in order to be successful.

Using statistics provided by SDSU, the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) and the University of San Diego (USD), Aguirre calculated that the three campuses combined do not provide housing for more than 50,000 students.

The greatest shortfall of student housing is generated from SDSU, which has 34,000 students enrolled this year and houses only 4,000. At UCSD, approximately 17,000 of the 26,000 students enrolled do not live on campus and USD provides about 2,300 of the campus' 7,500 students with on-site housing.

Madaffer took a strong position on generating additional on-campus housing designed to provide similar amenities as private developments in an effort to bring students back on site.

Residents holding "PB says no mini-dorms" signs told the panel that the main problem was absentee landlords who were not taking responsibility for their tenants. Pacific Beach resident Paul Martin suggested that police issue

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heftier fines under its Community Assisted Party Plan (CAPP) program, which allows a residence to

be sanctioned if police receive two or more disturbance calls within 30 days or respond to the same home twice in a 24-hour period.

The program allows officers to \$1,000 citations for tenants at

houses that have already been CAPPED and to notify the landlord of the situation. If the problem persists after the property owner has been warned, officers can write them a citation and take them to court, according to San Diego police Capt. Boyd Long of the Northern Division.

Aguirre encouraged residents to use the CAPP program as one way to combat against mini-dorm situations but some people pointed to holes in the system stemming from a lack of officers to respond to such complaints.

"CAPP is excellent but it's only as good as the response," Roger Newell, a College Area resident, said. "On Friday and Saturday nights when I call, no one comes

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because there is not a sufficient number of officers in the San Diego Police Department.”

Tyler Sherer, SDSU's director of community relations, said the campus hired a code enforcement officer who works in conjunction with the city's police department to respond to disturbance calls. The campus also plans to double its housing in the near future, Sherer said.

At UCSD, on-campus housing will increase to support an additional 4,000 students over the next 4 to 5 years, according to Gary Ratcliffe, UCSD's assistant vice chancellor.

Even with the universities' expansion plans, city officials said they were certain the mini-dorm issue would continue, and they resolved to remain vigilant in the fight to preserve neighborhoods.

"The beach areas are always going to be an attractive area for people to want to live; I don't care what age you are," District 2 Councilman Kevin Faulconer said. "Even with more housing on campus, the need for this ordinance is still going to exist. The good news is there is momentum, and I'm confident we can get the job done."

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Obituary

Senior Master Sergeant Sidney Joseph Patrick Brooks, aka The Doc (USAF-RET), age 72, of Gilbert, Arizona, died suddenly on April 14, 2007. Sid, born March 17th, 1935 in St. Genevieve, Missouri, was one of three sons born to William and Johanna Brooks. He served in the Air Force for twenty years with tours of duty in both the Korean and Vietnam wars, ending his military career at The Air Force Academy where he was in charge of purchasing athletic equipment for the entire department.

Sid joined the San Diego Chargers football organization in 1973 as the Equipment Manager, the first African American to be employed in that position in the history of the National Football League. He enjoyed his position with the team for twenty-seven years until his retirement in April 2000. He pioneered the colored face mask along with multiple changes in the look of the uniforms worn by the San Diego Chargers. He was adamant that the Lightning Bolt be a focal point of the uniforms.

Sid and his wife Gerri were long time residents of Tierrasanta from the early 1970s and raised their children here. They were active in youth sports and well known in the community.

After his retirement from the Chargers, Sid spent five years as the Director of Athletic Equipment at the University of Southern California, during which USC went to five Bowl games, winning two NCAA Football Championships. Sid treasured his days at USC, stating that being with the students made him feel young again.

Doc always put others first. He lived by the motto "It's not about me." He gave tirelessly and anonymously to his community and charities, always volunteering many of the Chargers to assist him with charity events, bringing in players from other teams and sports to participate in bowling and golf tour-



Sid Brooks

naments to raise money for the prevention of child abuse. Over the last twenty years he quietly helped raise thousands of dollars for the Ronald McDonald House Charities in San Diego, collecting and donating sports memorabilia and auction items to raise money to be used for scholarships and the Ronald McDonald House. He always instructed that his work was to be anonymous.

Sid escorted players to military installations, aboard ships, and flying with the Blue Angels to boost morale. Doc was an Honorary Blue Angel. He loved his service to the country and his association with the Chargers and the NFL. He endeared himself to many around the League and made a world of friends wherever he went, just by being a friend.

In his new retired community in Arizona he was a treasured friend to his fellow bocce players. He never met a person that he failed to show genuine interest in and made feel special.

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Sid was married to Gerri, his loving wife, for forty-eight years and his legacy will live on in their four children: Sidney II (Joey), Michael, Alison and Brett; two daughters-in-law, Lydia and Brigitte; and four grandchildren - Nick, Tyler, Sidney III and Madison.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Johanna, and his brother, John. He is survived by his brother, William; sisters-in-law Betty and Helen; and a loving extended family and a host of friends.

Services were held at The Immaculata at the University of San Diego on April 20, 2007. Monsignor Neal Dolan, longtime Pastor at Ascension Catholic Parish in Tierrasanta, was Concelebrant.

Pallbearers were Bill Brooks, Jr., Lew Bush, Charlie Joiner, Junior Seau, Rudy Spencer and Ed White. Honorary Pallbearers were Ray Aston, Rocky Baham, Joe Beauchamp, Bobby Bethard, Bill Brooks, Brett Brooks, Joe Brooks, Michael Brooks, Nick Brooks, Earl Campbell, Pete Carroll, Harry Cash, Neal Dolan, Dan Fouts, Mike Garrett, Jim Hammond, James Harris, Dan Henning, Bronco Hinek, Albert Hobbs, Deacon Jones, June Jones, Keoki Kamau, Harold Lewis, Don Macek, Miles McPherson, Lydell Mitchell, Leslie O'Neal, Ryan Plunkett, Bobby Ross, Ara Segarian, Harry Swayne, John Van Dyk, Russ Washington, Reggie Webb, Bob Wick, Doug Wilkerson, Kellen Winslow and Ernie Zampezee.

Memorials have been established at the Junior Seau Foundation, 8787 Complex Drive, Suite 200, San Diego CA 92123 and at The Polinsky Children's Center, 9400 Ruffin Court, Suite B, San Diego, CA 92123.

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Tuesday

The **Fourth Annual Asian Heritage Awards**, presented by *ASIA, The Journal of Culture & Commerce* will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at the prestigious Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. Prudential Financial is the title sponsor. The guest speaker is **Dr. Flossie Wong-Staal**, co-discoverer of the HIV virus. The special recognition honoree is **Dr. Michael Inoue**. Nominations are currently being accepted (see page 14). Tickets are \$49 per person and \$350 for a table of eight. There will also be a raffle with prizes including airline tickets. For more information, call 619-521-8008 or visit www.AsianHeritageAwards.com.

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The San Diego Foundation will hold its ninth annual scholarships awards ceremony on Saturday (May 19) at **USD's Shiley Theatre** for a crowd of more than 600 students, parents and school personnel. The foundation is the administrator of the largest nonuniversity-based scholarship program in the county. This year, more than 500 students will receive more than \$2 million in financial assistance. The scholarships are made possible by 130 scholarship funds at the foundation. "The scholarships are for graduating high school seniors, students already enrolled in college, vocational training or adults returning to school," says **Frank Ault**, chair of the foundation's scholarship selection committee. "They are for 17 year olds to 50 year olds. Our scholarships touch every person in our community." The foundation received more than 1,350 applications this year, a 30 percent increase from last year.

Athletics

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All-too familiar Burke, FSU challenge USD

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

USD has seen enough of Fresno State pitcher Brandon Burke, but the Toreros haven't seen the last of him.

Burke and the Bulldogs will be in town — along with Cal State Fullerton and Minnesota — for the NCAA Regional being hosted this weekend by No. 4-ranked USD.



Brandon Burke

In fact, Fresno State and USD are opening the postseason against each other for the second straight season.

Not that anyone needs to remind the Toreros.

The Bulldogs defeated USD twice (both on 9-8 scores) in last year's Fullerton Regional. Burke, a junior right-hander from Rancho Bernardo High,

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FSU's Burke has history of being USD tormentor

was on the mound to close out the Toreros in both instances.

In the first game, Burke was called on to get the game's final two outs. He did it by striking out USD catcher Jordan Abruzzo, then picking off the Toreros' David Harris at first base in a stunning conclusion to the game.

Two days later, Burke recorded the final four outs in an elimination game that ended the season for USD.

"Hopefully, we'll have a lead or something and won't see him in that situation this time," said Abruzzo.

The Toreros saw Burke in a starting role the first weekend of March, when the teams met for a three-game series in Fresno. The Bulldogs won two of the games, with Burke winning the opener.

"He's always had great stuff,

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been able to get outs and compete," said Abruzzo, who played travel ball with Burke and high school ball against him. "He's been great for Fresno State the past three years in whatever role they put him in."

Burke (46 with five saves and a 4.25 ERA) has started, closed and everything in between for Fresno State this season. He opened the season as a starter before moving into a relief role.

"I was a little disappointed getting moved to the bullpen because at first I saw it as a demotion," said Burke. "The thing is, right after we did that our team started to turn around. . . . We started winning a lot more games. It definitely worked out for the best."

"I get excited when I get to go in with the game on the line because the most important outs are made in the seventh, eighth and ninth innings. I like to be the guy who gets to make those outs."

Burke said he has plenty of friends in San Diego who are planning to come to the games this weekend. Although not all of them sound like guys one would

call "good" friends.

"I've got a bunch of buddies at USD who are going to come to the games," said Burke. "They said, 'We're going to cheer USD on until you come into the game and then we're going to root for you. But if you blow it, it's no big thing.'"

One way or another, this appears to be the last USD will see of Burke.

"I want to start my pro career this year, so we'll see if scouts want to take a chance with me," he said. "I'm ready to go play now."

"I didn't plan on going to school in the first place out of high school, but put a little too high of a price tag on myself and went undrafted."

"I don't want to make that mistake again."

USD All-Americans

The Louisville Slugger All-America teams announced yesterday included three Toreros. Sophomore left-handers **Brian Matusz** and **Josh Romanski** were second-team selections and senior right fielder **Shane Buschini** was a third-team pick.

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USD BASEBALL ON TV

The national telecasts of USD's baseball games this weekend in the NCAA regional at Tony Gwynn Stadium will be simulcast locally on Channel 4 San Diego.

ESPNU is televising all the games at SDSU, but the network is available locally only on DirecTV. However, since Cox and Time Warner will be launching ESPNU in August, ESPN granted permission for games involving USD to be shown on Channel 4.

The Toreros' opening game is at 8 p.m. tomorrow against Fresno State. The only potential conflict for Channel 4 would come if USD loses tomorrow and plays at 4 p.m. Saturday. Since the Padres-Nationals game also begins at 4, the USD contest would be shown on tape. But if USD wins tomorrow, its game Saturday would not begin until 8 p.m., and Channel 4 would have it live.

The Padres play Sunday morning (10:35) in Washington and have Monday off, so there would be no conflicts with any Toreros games on those days.

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Little school on the hill aims for top

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

It was understandable for people to be rubbing their eyes. It was early. But in this instance the rub was due more to disbelief than lack of sleep.

The first thing revealed on the NCAA's "Road to Omaha" selection show Monday morning was a list of the national top eight seeds:

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| 1. Vanderbilt | 5. Arizona State |
| 2. Rice | 6. Florida State |
| 3. North Carolina | 7. Arkansas |
| 4. Texas | 8. San Diego |

The first seven teams listed were no surprise. Vanderbilt and Arkansas come from the SEC, the nation's most powerful baseball conference the past decade. Rice won the 2004 national

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Players bought in when Hill set team goals high

championship. North Carolina played for the title last season. Texas has won six titles (second only to USC's 12) and Arizona State has won five. Florida State has been to the College World Series 17 times.

And then there was San Diego.

Better known in town as USD, anonymous enough around the nation that the acronym is avoided.

The Toreros have never been better than a No. 3 seed in a four-team regional. They've never won a regional. Heck, they'd never been to the postseason in Division I before 2002.

"It's just a season of firsts for us," said USD coach Rich Hill, whose team will host a regional this weekend at San Diego State's Tony Gwynn Stadium. "A couple of months ago some of the predictions on these Web sites had us as a No. 1 seed (in their regional) and I kind of furrowed my brow, like, 'C'mon, that's never happened.' Then it became a reality.

"Then to see your name up there as a national seed. All I can say is that it is surreal."

The little school on the hill included among the big boys on the block. Just how did the Toreros get here?

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Hill's outline for success when he arrived at USD nine years ago included three main areas of focus: surrounding himself with good people, recruiting and developing players and changing/creating a winning culture.

Good people? Hill believes he has some of the best in assistant coaches Eric Valenzuela, Jay Johnson, Mark Viramontes and director of operations Ramon Orozco. He instilled in them the belief that "99 percent of the work is recruit a develop."

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This Toreros team is the culmination of all those hours of recruiting and developing. Major contributions have been made by players from each of the past four recruiting classes:

- Senior right fielder Shane Buschini (.356, 13 HR, 57 RBI) and catcher Jordan Abruzzo (.333, 8 HR, 59 RBI) are the offense's top run producers;

- Junior second baseman Justin Snyder (.354, 4 HR, 36 RBI), third baseman Kevin Hansen (.320, 34 RBI) and catcher/outfielder Logan Gelbrich (.319, 3 HR, 35 RBI) have been productive offensively and right-hander Matt Couch (10-3, 2.73 ERA) is a solid No. 3 starter.

- Sophomore left-handers Brian Matusz (10-3, 2.73 ERA) and Josh Romanski (9-1, 3.16 ERA) are the team's top starters, and Romanski (.336, 3 HR, 30 RBI) is a two-way threat as the team's center fielder.

- Freshman A.J. Griffin (2.63 ERA, 6-1, 11 saves) has been outstanding in the closer's role.

What's more, the school's 2008 recruiting class is ranked No. 6 in the nation.

"It really took a turn when we hired Eric Valenzuela and Jay Johnson," said Hill. "We would not have Brian Matusz and Josh Romanski without Eric. And the hitters would not have developed at the rate they have without Jay being here."

Scheduling some of the top opponents in the

nation was a key ingredient to creating the culture of winning.

"The next thing," said Hill, "was preparing our players to play in hostile environments, in regional-type environments and to play the image teams, so there would be no intimidation factor at some point in the program."

By "image teams," Hill means those schools with names such as Texas, Vanderbilt, Georgia, Rice, Fullerton and USC across their chest.

USD turned the corner when it swept defending national champion Texas last season in the Toreros' home-opening series. Fluke? USD went down to Texas this year and took two of three from the Longhorns.

Earlier this season, the Toreros made a mid-week trip to Fullerton, which won the most recent of the school's four national championships in 2005. USD returned with a 5-1 victory over the Titans.

Fullerton coach George Horton has watched USD's rise — playing host to the Toreros in two postseason events — from just up the road.

"I'm not real surprised," said Horton, who brings the Titans to town for this weekend's regional. "The way I would envision Rich's program is there's a reason he gets good recruits. He probably has a pretty fun atmosphere, and there's a work ethic and level of detail there that I respect. The campus is beautiful. . . . Word of mouth spreads that it's the place to go."

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When Hill arrived at USD in 1999, one of the first orders of business was a business order: 1,000 blue pencils and 1,000 plastic promotional cups.

Each pencil and each cup had the words "WCC CHAMPIONS" on the first line and "NCAA WEST REGIONAL" on the second line.

"We had those all around," said Hill. "Anytime we had team meetings, we'd use the pencils."

The cups were filled with the Kool-Aid that Hill was pouring.

The players bought in. They drank up.

Never mind that USD had never won a conference championship and had never been to the NCAA tournament. That changed with WCC titles in 2002 and 2003 and a third postseason appearance last year.

"Obviously, it's incremental steps," said Hill. "We didn't really talk about Omaha back then."

Not until one day in 2002 when Hill walked into the weight room and saw strength and conditioning coach Jimmy Goins handing out T-shirts to the players with "Omaha" across the front.

"He had been at LSU, where their mind-set every year was Omaha and national championships," said Hill. "I came in, and he looked at me with this befuddled look on his face. He was like, 'What? That's how we're going to think. If you don't think this way, it isn't going to happen.' I was like, 'Cool. Let's go with it.'"

An impossible dream? There is work to be done, plenty of it, but it's now within the realm of becoming a reality.

"Now we're at that next step where the bar has been raised, where anything less than the College World Series, we're going to be disappointed," said Hill. "That's the goal for this program. We're going to complete the job, or die trying."

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USD joins NCAA's big boys

Toreros get important 8th seed in starting tournament at home

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

Cheers erupting from USD's Jenny Craig Pavilion are nothing unusual, but this was the first time the applause was for baseball rather than basketball.

Toreros players and coaches gathered yesterday morning in an upstairs conference room at the JCP and all eyes were on a big-screen broadcast of the NCAA tournament selection show.

Hoots and hollers were heard a

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San Diego Regional

When: Friday-Monday

Where: SDSU's Tony Gwynn Stadium

Teams (with seeds): No. 1 USD, No. 2 CS Fullerton, No. 3 Minnesota and Fresno State.

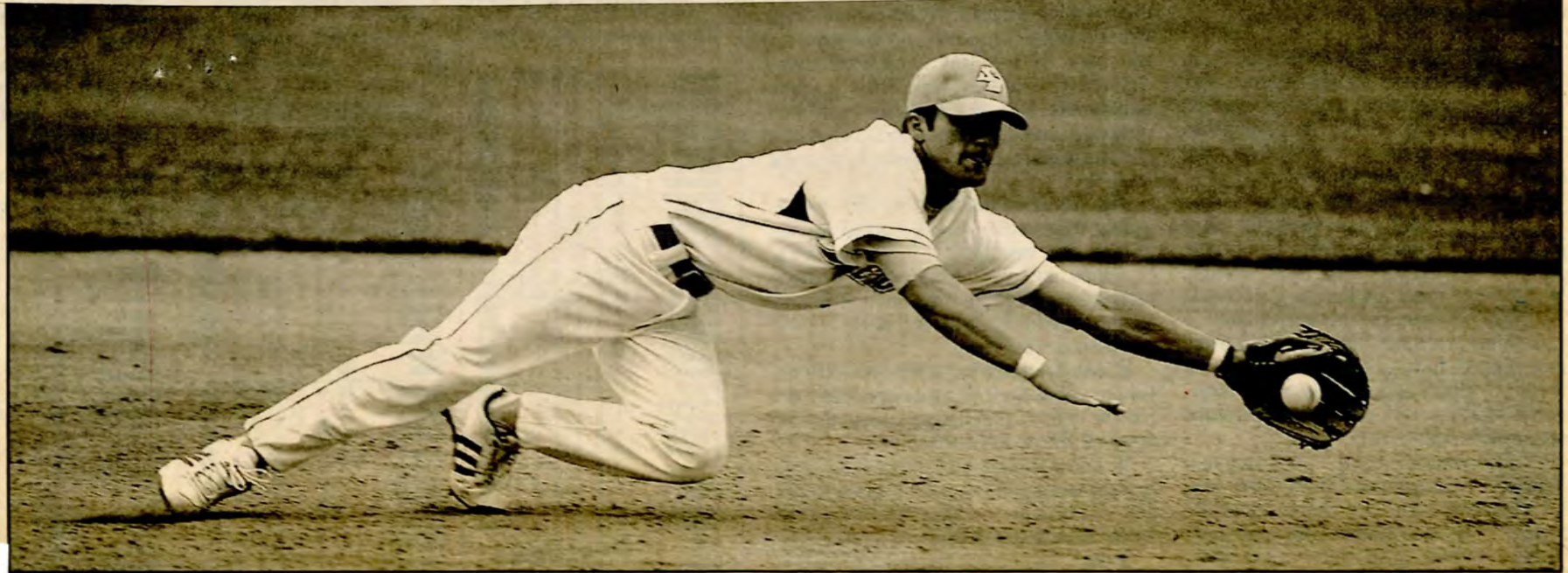
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few minutes into the broadcast when the Toreros saw what they were there to see:

• As hoped, USD (43-16) received one of the national top eight seeds in

the 64-team tournament. The Toreros received the No. 8 national seed. The first seven seeds, in order, are: Vanderbilt (51-11), Rice (49-12), North Carolina (48-12), Texas (44-15), Arizona State (43-13), Florida State (47-11) and Arkansas (41-19).

• Also, the Toreros learned that Cal State Fullerton, Fresno State and Minnesota will be the teams joining them in the regional to be hosted this weekend by USD at San Diego

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Hosts on a roll entering tourney

State's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

USD has been ranked among the nation's top teams for several weeks in various media polls — in fact, the latest *Baseball America* moved the Toreros up a spot to No. 4 in the nation — but this was confirmation from the NCAA baseball committee of the Toreros' lofty status.

"That was almost surreal for me to see," said USD coach Rich Hill. "Our name up there with traditionally big-time powers from big-time conferences."

Said USD second baseman Justin Snyder: "It was a little weird. We've worked hard all year and we deserve it, but seeing that name pop up was awesome."

The significance of the national seed is two-fold:

- The national top eight seeds are bracketed in such a way that the teams cannot meet until the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

- As a top seed, USD would host a Super Regional if the Toreros advance out of this weekend's four-team regional.

"The best path you can take is to be a top eight national seed," said Hill. "You start getting pumped that 75 percent of these (host) teams move on to the College World Series and the next road trip that we would

take is a plane trip to Omaha, Nebraska."

First things first.

The Toreros, making their fourth post-season appearance in the past six years, are the No. 1 seed in their regional.

The regional begins Friday, with second-seeded Cal State Fullerton (33-23) playing third-seeded Minnesota (40-16) at 4 p.m and first-seeded USD playing fourth-seeded Fresno State (36-27) at 8.

This is the second straight year USD, Fresno State and Cal State Fullerton have gotten together in the postseason. In fact, the Toreros and Fresno State also opened against each other last year at the Fullerton Regional. The Bulldogs dealt USD both of its postseason losses a year ago, both on 9-8 scores.

Fresno State took two of three games from USD in a series played the first weekend of March in Fresno. USD sophomore left-hander Josh Romanski pitched the Toreros to a 5-1 victory at Fullerton in mid-March.

USD, which defeated Gonzaga over the weekend to win the West Coast Conference Championship Series, arrives for the post-season having won 20 of its past 24 games.

"This is pretty unreal, but this whole season's been pretty unreal," said USD third baseman Kevin Hansen. "We feel like we can beat anybody, no matter who's out there. It's just a matter of going out and doing it."

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NCAA Baseball Tournament

San Diego Regional

at San Diego State's Tony Gwynn Stadium

SCHEDULE

Friday

Game 1: No. 2 CS Fullerton (33-23) vs. No. 3 Minnesota (40-16), 4 p.m.

Game 2: No. 1 USD (43-16) vs. Fresno St. (36-27), 8 p.m.

Saturday

Game 3: Loser of Game 1 vs. Loser of Game 2, 4 p.m.

Game 4: Winner of Game 1 vs. Winner of Game 2, 8 p.m.

Sunday

Game 5: Winner of Game 3 vs. Loser of Game 4, 4 p.m.

Game 6: Winner of Game 5 vs. Winner of Game 4, 8 p.m.

Monday

Game 7: Game 6 teams (if necessary), 8 p.m.

TICKET INFORMATION

- All-session passes and individual tickets can be purchased online by going to www.usdtoreros.com or by calling the USD ticket office at (619) 260-7550.

- All-session passes are \$95 for field-level seating and \$65 for general admission. Individual tickets are \$15 for field level and \$10 for general admission.

"This is pretty unreal, but this whole season's been pretty unreal. We feel like we can beat anybody, no matter who's out there."

KEVIN HANSEN, USD third baseman

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USD plants seed for run to Omaha

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SAN DIEGO — Twenty-four hours after the University of San Diego baseball team learned it would host an NCAA Regional for the first time in school and city history, the Toreros were awarded yet another first.

The team was on hand at Jenny Craig Pavilion Monday morning for the viewing of ESPN's "Road to Omaha" selection show when USD learned it was awarded a No. 8 national seed among the field of 64.

USD, ranked fourth in this week's Baseball America poll, will take on Fresno State at 8 p.m. on Friday at San Diego State's Tony Gwynn Stadium. That game will be preceded by Cal State Fullerton vs. Minnesota — the other two teams in the

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San Diego Regional — which begins at 4 p.m. The winners and losers of both games go on to play each other in this double-elimination portion of the tournament.

Earning a top-eight seed — meaning the Toreros are protected from playing any higher seeds until they arrive at the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. — was an accomplishment USD coach Rich Hill could barely believe.

"When I saw our name up there (among the top eight) next to Texas and North Carolina and Florida State, it was almost surreal for me from where we were nine years ago to where we are today," Hill said. "That's an accomplishment that I don't know if people really understand the magnitude of that.

"People work all their lives and never get to be a top-eight seed. That being said, those top eight don't just go to Omaha."

A ticket there must be earned, and the Toreros cer-

tainly have a rough opening to their journey being stuck with Fresno State and Cal State Fullerton — two teams in their regional last year — again.

Fresno State, the WAC tournament champions who eliminated the Toreros last year, took two out of three from USD in March in Fresno.

The Toreros beat Cal State Fullerton, making its 16th consecutive postseason appearance, 5-1 in their only meeting this season on March 14. Minnesota, which lost to Ohio State in the Big 10 title game, is the enigma of the bunch.

"We're familiar with these teams on the West Coast," senior catcher Jordan Abruzzo said. "We played Fullerton and Fresno this year, and we know they're tough opponents. And we know Minnesota is coming out here with a good record out of a good conference.

"It's going to be a tough regional, but we knew that going in. We're excited for our opportunity here at home."

Hill didn't name a starting pitcher against Fresno State, although a likely candidate could be sophomore Josh Romanski, whom the Bulldogs have never faced.

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Tim Sullivan

For starters, USD's Hill won't be swayed by pitching book



Brian Matusz has the stuff. Matt Couch has the stats. But in picking a pitcher to open the NCAA tournament, USD baseball coach Rich Hill likes the matchup of mys-

tery.

Among the factors favoring Josh Romanski as the Toreros' starter for Friday's game against Fresno State is the invaluable element of surprise.

When in doubt, create doubt.

"Fresno State beat us two out of

three (in March), but they didn't see Josh," Hill said yesterday morning at the Jenny Craig Pavilion. "Plus, if we pitch him in the first game, we can use him in center field (afterward)."

Hill was officially uncommitted about his pitching rotation in the immediate aftermath of the NCAA bracket's unveiling, and he is entitled to vacillate until his lineup card comes due Friday night at SDSU's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

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Hill tries to keep Fresno St. guessing

a No. 8 seed, and the opportunity to play the first two rounds of the tournament without leaving town, Rich Hill should be encouraged to take his own sweet time before announcing the order of his starters.

Plotting strategy for a four-team, double-elimination tournament is a little more complex than consulting the calendar to determine whose turn falls next in the rotation. There are so many considerations to ponder that even the most stubborn one-game-at-a-time coach must peek past his next opponent to formulate a comprehensive plan.

"You have to set up your pitching staff that gives you the best chance to win," Hill said, simply. "That includes a lot of things: matchups, righty/lefty combinations, those kind of things."

For instance:

Though Matusz is ostensibly USD's ace and has been its designated Friday starter, he will likely take his turn later rather than revisit a Fresno State lineup that scuffed him for six earned runs over five innings on March 1.

Couch, the only USD pitcher to beat Fresno State this season, would seem a sensible alternative, except that the Bulldogs' season-long statistics show a pronounced problem against left-handed starters. Unlike Matusz and Romanski, Couch is right-handed, and though he threw seven strong innings against Fresno State on March 3, he might be a better match for Minnesota and its right-handed power.

That leaves Romanski, both by process of elimination and natural selection; both as the element of surprise and the embodiment of versatility. Because Romanski plays center fielder (and hits .336) when he's not pitching (9-1, 3.16 ERA), Hill's challenge is to extract maximum mileage from the player while imposing minimal wear.

Since playing a position tends to diminish Romanski's work on the mound, Hill is inclined to have the

sophomore pitch Friday against Fresno at full strength rather than risk Romanski's fatigue in a later start.

This, too, seems a sensible approach, until you consider that USD's Saturday opponent could be Cal State Fullerton. When the two teams last met, on March 14, Romanski pitched five perfect innings en route to a 5-1 victory.

Cloning, presumably, is not an option. "Pitching before I play the outfield, I think it would work out (well) for me," Romanski said. "If I pitch on Friday, then I'm good to go for the rest of the weekend in the outfield."

Another option would be to use Romanski as a designated hitter in Friday's opening game, then pitch him on Saturday. Yet that approach could compromise USD's outfield defense for two games, and might not conserve enough of Romanski's energy for an effective start.

When in doubt, preserve your pitcher.

"If I'm lucky enough when I'm DHing, I'm running the bases a little bit — maybe hitting an occasional double, legging out a single or something," Romanski said. "A lot of people

wouldn't think that DHing takes much out of you, but it definitely takes more out of you than sitting on the bench. And playing the outfield definitely takes a lot out of you. You're constantly on your feet."

Though Matusz leads USD in wins (10) and strikeouts (156), and owns the lowest earned-run average (2.73) among Hill's starters, he understands the rationale for giving Romanski the ball Friday night.

"I think I'm a different pitcher now than I was (in Fresno)," Matusz said. "I had a tough time with my control that day. My first four innings were strong innings, but then I started to lose it a little bit. But it's a whole different time of the season and I feel I'm in better shape. We'll see how it goes."

"But Fresno has not seen Josh, and that could be a plus for us. . . . If they decide to go with Josh, I think Josh will do really well."

When in doubt, keep the other guy guessing.

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SDSU Works with Cross-Town Rival USD

USD hosts as a No. 1 seed, but San Diego State's Tony Gwynn Stadium is the venue for the NCAA regional.

By Tom Shanahan

Tuesday, May 29, 2007 | When the NFL recently awarded the 2011 Super Bowl to Dallas over Indianapolis, San Diego was never in contention to host its fourth Super Bowl.

No city leaders have had the vision needed to build a new stadium to house the Chargers, San Diego State, college bowl games and the future Super Bowls.

On a much smaller financial-windfall scale, let's look at college baseball.

No one in San Diego had the vision to build a facility suitable of hosting an NCAA regional until Padres owner John Moores donated funds to build Tony Gwynn Stadium, named for the Hall-of-Famer who played for the Padres and SDSU and now coaches his alma mater.

Moores built it, and the NCAA regionals have come, to paraphrase the movie "Field of Dreams."

I've always thought that line from the movie corny, but in this case, it's been proven true. The NCAA tournament might even be here twice on consecutive weekends.

The University of San Diego, ranked No. 5 in the nation, is the No. 1 seed for the four-team, double-elimination regional that begins Friday with the Toreros facing Fresno State and Minnesota meeting Cal State Fullerton.

But the Toreros, gathered Monday morning at Jenny Craig Pavilion to watch the NCAA tournament selection show on ESPN, also learned they were awarded the No. 8 national seed.

USD head coach Rich Hill, who walked the room with the enthusiasm equal to his college-aged players, beamed, pumped his arms and thrust a fist into an open palm.

What the No. 8 national seed means is that, if the Toreros win their regional, they stay "home" the following weekend at SDSU to host the NCAA Super Regional for the right to advance to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

"To even think about being a No. 1 seed a few months ago was a dream," Hill said. "Then we were thinking about hosting, and that came about. People were throwing our name around with Texas, Rice, Vanderbilt, South Carolina and North Carolina. It was special to see our name up there today."

Moores built it, and USD and San Diego college baseball in general can thank SDSU's athletic director, Jeff Schemmel, and Gwynn for not standing in the way. Previous small-minded San Diego civic leaders and SDSU administrators might have done so.

USD's picturesque Cunningham Stadium only seats 1,200, so the Toreros asked SDSU for permission to bid for the NCAA regional at 3,000-seat Tony Gwynn Stadium.

"Jeff Schemmel and Tony Gwynn have shown extreme class and sportsmanship," Hill said. "We're

educators and we talk about working together to achieve a common goal in our profession. That's what those guys did. They see the big picture. They see we can get 2,500 to 3,000 fans into Tony Gwynn Stadium, and many of those fans have never seen a college game before.

"When you walk into that stadium, your jaw drops; for me it does, every time. It's a great place to play baseball and to watch baseball."

Some SDSU fans might complain that the Aztecs are aiding their rival, but having the NCAA in town benefits both the SDSU and USD programs, which feature homegrown recruited talent. ESPN is planning to televise some of the San Diego games, which benefits USD and SDSU if recruits are watching.

USD has two of the finest left-handed pitchers in the nation in sophomores Brian Matusz and Josh Romanski.

Matusz (10-3, 2.73 ERA) turned down a \$1 million signing bonus as a fourth-round draft pick by the Los Angeles Angels coming out of high school at St. Mary's of Cave Creek (Ariz.) in 2005 to play for USD.

Romanski (9-1, 3.16 ERA and batting .336 as the regular center fielder) turned down a chance to sign with the Padres coming out of Norco High in Corona, as a 15th-round pick.

"This is huge for us to be home," Matusz said. "We don't have to travel and we'll have our local fans. We never thought about having a home regional. We're in a spot to do something great."

Hill, in his ninth season at USD, has grown the program so fast, it has exceeded plans to fundraise and expand Cunningham Stadium. I light-heartedly mentioned to Matusz that he might someday be in position to spearhead fundraising efforts if he becomes a successful major leaguer.

"That would be nice," he said. "I hope I'm in that position some day."

Moore took care of that for San Diego State when no one else in San Diego had vision.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Toreros finish with a flourish vs. Gonzaga

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SAN DIEGO — Before the University of San Diego baseball team even took the field Sunday, the program was already having a great day.

As the afternoon rolled on, things only got better.

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Before facing Gonzaga in the rubber game of the West Coast conference

championship Series, the Toreros learned they were one of 16 teams selected to host an NCAA regional, which starts Friday.

If that wasn't a big enough boost to the nation's fifth-ranked squad, then its 13-1 drubbing of Gonzaga did the trick. With the victory, the Toreros captured their third WCC title in the past six years and what should be a favorable position when today's NCAA seedings are announced.

"Now that (today's game is) over, a feeling of excitement is starting to emerge," USD coach Rich Hill said. "This is great for San Diego."

After losing the opening game of the best-of-three se-

ries on Friday, when the Bulldogs' WCC pitcher of the year Clayton Mortensen was on the hill, the Toreros (43-16) showed why they're ranked fifth in the country by mashing 36 hits and scoring 26 runs in their two wins against Gonzaga (33-25).

"On Friday, we ran into a good pitcher, but the last two days we had a better plan at the plate," said Toreros second baseman Justin Snyder, who was named player of the championship series.

The Toreros bounced back from a 1-0 deficit with a three-run rally in the bottom of the first inning and a five-run explosion in the third. Snyder led the offensive barrage with three hits, including two doubles, and senior first baseman Daniel Magness went 4-for-4 with three RBIs.

"We have a lot of confidence right now at the plate," Snyder said. "As a team, we're collectively having good at-bats."

The Toreros also received solid pitching from Matt Couch, who went six innings while giving up just five hits and one run. Couch was named pitcher of the championship series.

"We know Couch well," Gonzaga coach Mark Mach-

tolf said. "He's a very good pitcher and he did a good job of throwing strikes. You have to tip your cap to not only him, but their hitters and their entire program."

With teammates Brian Matusz and Josh Romanski grabbing most of the headlines this season, Couch, the Toreros' No. 3 starter, was thrilled to deliver in the clutch.

"It was probably my biggest start because it was Championship Sunday, and it was do or die for us," Couch said. "It was fun to be in that position."

The Toreros, who have won 14 of their past 16 games, can now start thinking about the NCAA tournament, which is coming to San Diego for the first time. The Toreros will host the regional at San Diego State's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

"It's exciting to be able to do this, and it wouldn't be possible without San Diego State," said USD athletic director Ky Snyder. "I'm so glad they're willing to support us. It's a great opportunity for San Diego to see some great college baseball."

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One more honor for USD: host of baseball regional

Toreros secure bid to play at SDSU

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

For the first time, the Road to Omaha begins in San Diego.

The NCAA baseball committee selected USD yesterday as one of 16 host teams for the NCAA Regionals, the first step toward the 61st College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

"To be able to host a regional is going to be a great experience," USD coach Rich Hill said moments after the Toreros defeated Gonzaga 13-1 to clinch the West Coast Conference

USD pounds Gonzaga 13-1 to win its third WCC Championship Series title in six years. **D4**

The NCAA tournament selection show is at 9:30 a.m. today on ESPN.

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Championship Series. "What a great thing this is going to be for the city of San Diego."

The host site will be San Diego State's Tony Gwynn Stadium, which was provided by SDSU to enable the Toreros to bid. USD's Cunningham Stadi-

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Toreros also bid to host Super Regional

um does not have lights or adequate seating to host a regional.

The Toreros will find out who will join them in the four-team regional this morning at 9:30 when the 64-team field is announced on ESPN. The double-elimination regionals begin Friday.

San Diego was one of three sites selected in the West, along with Long Beach State and Arizona State. San Diego is one of four first-time hosts, along with Coastal Carolina,

Missouri and Vanderbilt.

The Southeastern Conference has the most host teams, with Arkansas, Ole Miss and South Carolina joining Vanderbilt. The other host sites are Florida State, North Carolina, Rice, Texas, Texas A&M, Virginia and Wichita State.

"San Diego on the field and in their conference deserved an opportunity to host," said NCAA baseball committee chair Larry Templeton, who is director of athletics at Mississippi State.

USD (43-16), ranked No. 5 in the nation, is the highest-ranked team on the West Coast. Some consideration for the site also was given because a regional has never been held here.

"It's not a decision-maker for us," said Templeton, "but certainly we're trying to promote college baseball in markets we normally have not been.

"The interest in college base-

ball and the interest in hosting have continued to grow, and that's what we want."

Winners in the regionals advance to one of eight Super Regionals, which will be played June 8-11. Super Regional winners advance to the College World Series, which begins June 15 in Omaha.

USD also has bid to host a Super Regional in the event it wins its regional.

Host teams have enjoyed tremendous success since the NCAA went to the 64-team format, winning nearly 75 percent of postseason regionals.

To accommodate the regional, the four CIF-San Diego Section championship baseball games originally scheduled for Saturday have been rescheduled for June 5-6 at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

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Gonzaga catcher Dustin Colclough appears stunned as the runs pile up for USD.

Toreros take it

USD pounds Gonzaga to win WCC Championship Series

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

So much for drama. The decisive baseball game between USD and Gonzaga in the West Coast Conference Championship Series was in doubt for all of about three outs.

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"Nothing could go right," said USD starting pitcher Matt Couch, who allowed the first three hitters he faced to reach base.

Gonzaga managed only one run in the inning.

"Once I settled in, I was good to go," said Couch.

So were his Toreros teammates. They answered quickly and decisively, pounding Gonzaga pitchers again in a 13-1 victory that delivered the Toreros' third WCC title in six years.

The No. 5 Toreros (43-16) led 3-1 after the first inning, 9-1 after the third and 12-1 after the fifth.

And that was fine with Toreros catcher Jordan Abruzzo.

"To get off to a big lead like that felt great," said Abruzzo, a senior from El Capitan High who waited four years for this moment.

Something was amiss, however.

"I was saying to the guys (late in the game) that since there wasn't a lot of drama to win it, are we going to dog-pile or whatever," said Abruzzo. "They were like, 'Heck, yeah, we're going to celebrate.'"

That they did, mobbing USD closer A.J. Griffin at the mound after he struck out Gonzaga pinch-hitter Mark Castellitto to end the game.

"The deal today was they



USD second baseman Justin Snyder was named Most Outstanding Player of the WCC Championship Series.

Nancee E. Lewis photos / Union-Tribune

swung the bats well again," Gonzaga coach Mark Machtolf said after the Toreros banded out 15 hits and collected 13 runs for the second straight game. "They deserve all the credit in the world."

USD's Daniel Magness went 4-for-4 with three RBI to lead the offense. Couch (9-2) followed the first with five shutout innings before giving way to Griffin in the seventh. Then Griffin retired nine of the 10 batters he faced to close out the Bulldogs (33-25) for his 11th save.

The win clinched an automatic postseason berth for the Toreros. Not that they needed confirmation. USD knew it was already in the tournament several hours earlier when the NCAA baseball committee named the Toreros as one of the host teams for the NCAA Regionals that begin on Friday.

There will be a bit of drama

this morning when USD tunes in to the NCAA selection show. The Toreros have an eye on getting one of the top eight national seeds in the 64-team tournament.

Vanderbilt, Rice, North Carolina, Florida State, Texas and Arizona State are expected to get six of the national seeds. USD, Coastal Carolina and Arkansas are in the mix for the other two spots.

"There are some really good teams being thrown around for that national seed," said USD coach Rich Hill. "I don't know what goes into that."

"I certainly think we're one of the top eight teams in the country, as evidenced by our play in and out of conference. I hope the committee will see that and reward us for it."

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Regional fate decided today

The 16 regional sites and host schools for the 2007 NCAA baseball tournament will be announced today on ESPN at approximately 12:15 p.m.

USD, which put in a bid to host a four-team regional at San Diego State, is among some 50 schools to bid for regionals. There were nearly a dozen West Coast schools that bid.

Western regional hosts each year have numbered as many as four and as few as two since the NCAA went to the 64-team field in 1999.

Both No. 5 USD and No. 7 Arizona State can make

strong arguments to host with their performances this season. A third site is likely at either Long Beach State, UC Riverside or UC Irvine. San Diego has never hosted a regional.

"I'll definitely be watching the show," said USD coach Rich Hill. "We hope the committee rewards us for our entire body of work. It's just uncharted waters (for us) in the factors that go into that. This is our first time down that road."

The complete 64-team tournament field will be revealed on ESPN tomorrow at 9:30 a.m.

— KIRK KENNEY

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WCC CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

No piling yet, Bulldogs

USD's 6-run seventh buries Gonzaga, forces Game 3

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

The infield dog-pile is the most common form of celebration in college baseball.

USD has participated in two piles the past five years — in 2002 and 2003 at Pepperdine after winning the West Coast Conference Championship Series.

And while they were enjoyable occasions, the Toreros can't imagine watching someone else celebrate on their field.

It was the thought of a Bulldog pile that helped motivate the Toreros in yesterday's 13-5 victory over Gonzaga at USD's Cunningham Stadium.

"We don't want these guys coming into our yard and winning it on our turf," said USD pitcher Josh Romanski. "We thought about that and it was on our minds and we took care of business."

Romanski (9-2) allowed six hits, two earned runs and struck out eight over seven innings to beat the Bulldogs (33-24).

That evened the best-of-three series at a game apiece, setting up a game today at 3 p.m. for the WCC's automatic postseason berth.

"This whole year when our backs are against the wall, there's no panic," said USD catcher Jordan Abruzzo. "We didn't think about it. We knew it. We just came out and fought for our lives and got it done."

Abruzzo led the way with four hits and three RBI. But he had plenty of help on a day No. 5 USD (42-16) collected 21 hits. Teammates Justin Snyder and Logan Gelbrich each added three hits and two RBI.

Gonzaga could have clinched its first postseason berth in 26 years with a victory but watched a one-run game

turn into a blowout when USD scored six runs in the seventh inning to make it 11-4.

"Once it gets like that, that's baseball and you just try to save your bullpen," said Gonzaga coach Mark Machtolf. "You want to make sure that you don't hurt your chances to win tomorrow."

Gonzaga scored six unanswered runs in Friday's 6-4 comeback win, and the Bulldogs erased a 4-1 deficit with three runs in the fourth inning yesterday.

That explains why USD coach Rich Hill was still concerned about a comeback late in the game. Hill had the Toreros stealing bases in the eighth and ninth innings with an eight-run lead.

"It's tooth and nail," said Hill. "It's such a brawl . . . It's college baseball. Aluminum bats. We want to build as big a lead as we can because it can turn pretty quickly."

Machtolf said he didn't feel the Toreros were trying to run

up the score.

"At this stage of the game, you take nothing for granted," he said. "It didn't surprise me at all. We always say it's up to us to keep the score down, not them."

USD pounded Gonzaga starting pitcher Brandon Harmon (6-8) for 15 hits and nine runs, chasing him with one out in the seventh. The Bulldogs' bullpen did not fare much better, allowing six hits and four runs over the final 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings.

Park and ride

Because of graduation ceremonies at USD, fans are again asked to park at the San Diego County Office of Education parking lot. It's located at the southeast corner of Via Las Cumbres and Linda Vista Road, just east of campus. Shuttle buses to Cunningham Stadium will be available.

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Gonzaga rallies to beat Toreros

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

Outstanding pitching performances and comeback victories have become commonplace at USD's Cunningham Stadium this season.

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What made yesterday's opening game of the West Coast Conference Championship Series so unusual is that it wasn't the No. 5-ranked Toreros rocking on the mound and rallying at the plate.

Gonzaga right-hander Clayton Mortensen overcame a shaky start and the Bulldogs overcame an early four-run deficit, scoring six unanswered runs for a 6-4 victory over the Toreros.

"You have to tip your cap to Gonzaga," said USD coach Rich Hill. "I think they're the best-kept secret in America.

"Mortensen did a phenomenal job. He showed why he's one of the best pitchers in the country. He made big pitches in RBI situations, and they got big hits in RBI situations."

The teams meet again today at 2 in the best-of-three series with the Bulldogs (33-23) one victory away from the school's



USD third baseman Kevin Hansen makes a diving stop that briefly blunted Gonzaga's comeback. *Jim Baird / Union-Tribune*

WCC Baseball

Best-of-three at USD; Gonzaga leads 1-0

Today at 2: Gonzaga's Brandon Harmon (6-7, 4.00) vs. USD's Josh Romanski (8-1, 3.20)

On the Web:
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first postseason appearance in 26 years.

USD (41-16) needs victories today and tomorrow in order to claim their third WCC championship and fourth NCAA berth in the past six years.

"This team won't quit," said

Gonzaga coach Mark Macholf, speaking to the team's resilience after USD took a 4-0 lead into the third inning.

Three of USD's runs came in the second, after which Mortensen stepped up and displayed the form that earned him WCC Pitcher of the Year this season. The senior right-hander shut out the Toreros over the final seven innings.

"You can't cave in," said Mortensen (9-2), who allowed seven hits and struck out six on the way to his sixth complete game of the season. "You just have to keep battling and maybe the ball will start rolling

our way. And that's what it did."

The Bulldogs (33-23) answered USD with two runs in the third, one in the fourth and two more in the fifth, finally claiming the lead on Brandon Blank's two-out triple.

All five runs were charged to USD ace Brian Matusz (10-3), who was all but unbeatable this season against everyone but the Bulldogs.

Gonzaga has pinned two losses on Matusz and accounted for 11 of the 35 earned runs he's allowed in 17 appearances this season.

"I felt like their hitters were

on all of my pitches," said Matusz. "Whatever I threw, they hit it. Whenever I made a mistake, they took advantage of it."

"I think they just have my number."

Gonzaga may have the Toreros' number, too. The Bulldogs took two of three from USD when the teams met in Spokane seven weeks ago. The Toreros were 17-1 against the rest of the WCC and had won 18 of 20 games coming into yesterday's contest.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Swagger, hit barrage pulls USD even

MICHAEL KLITZING
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SAN DIEGO — As the University of San Diego baseball team started its Saturday afternoon with its usual team breathing and visualization session, coach Rich Hill sensed something in his players that put his mind at ease.

The old swagger was still there.

"There was a little crinkle in the forehead," Hill said. "They were ready to get out here and get after it."

Bolstered by a rejuvenated offense, the No. 5 Toreros proved it. With underdog Gonzaga but a win away from clinching the West Coast Conference championship series,

USD let itself exhale with a 13-5 blowout of the Bulldogs at Cunningham Stadium.

The deciding game of the best-of-three set is at 3 p.m. today with the winner claiming the WCC's automatic berth into the NCAA tournament.

"I think our team plays well with our backs up against the wall," said Toreros pitcher Josh Romanski, who threw seven solid innings to improve to 9-2.

"I don't know if (Friday's 6-4 loss) was such a wake-up call, but we realized we don't want these guys coming into our yard and winning it on our turf. That was in our minds and we came out and took care of business today."

A day after having its potent lineup silenced by Bulldogs ace Clayton Mortensen, USD (42-16) backed up Romanski's effort with a 21-hit barrage and a six-run outburst

in the seventh inning that broke open what had been another dogfight. The sophomore left-hander, who allowed only two earned runs and struck out eight over seven innings, was the only Toreros starter not to record a multi-hit game.

But his one knock kick-started something big. Leading 5-4 after six innings (Gonzaga was the designated home team), USD sent 11 men to the plate in the seventh — starting with a Romanski single — to finally drive Bulldogs right-hander Brandon Harmon (6-8) from the game.

After a successful squeeze bunt by Kevin Hansen and an RBI single by Sean Nicol, senior catcher Jordan Abruzzo delivered the key hit of the rally with a one-out, bases-loaded single to center that drove home two runs.

"We finally just kept chip-

ping away and chipping away," said Abruzzo, who collected a team-high four hits. "Finally, the levee broke."

It meant the Toreros would not be haunted by blowing an early lead for the second straight game. USD jumped on top 4-1 in the fourth, but in the bottom of the inning second baseman Justin Snyder booted a potential inning-ending double play, eventually resulting in three runs.

Snyder made up for his blunder with RBI singles in the sixth and eighth.

Meanwhile, Romanski was able to shrug off the misfortune and throw up a pair of zeroes before the six-run rally put the Bulldogs (33-24) away.

"For him to come back and show perseverance after they scored on him and not backing down was a great sign for us," Abruzzo said.

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breathing and visualization session, coach Rich Hill sensed something in his

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Toreros start fast, but slow down late

■ Gonzaga gains upper hand in best-of-3 series

MICHAEL KLITZING
STAFF WRITER

SAN DIEGO — The University of San Diego baseball team was almost making it look too easy.

Scoring four times in the first two innings, the No. 5 Toreros seemed destined to send the West Coast Conference pitcher of the year to an early shower and turn the first game of the conference's championship series into a relaxing Friday afternoon at Cunningham Stadium.

The feeling proved fleeting.

Fortunes quickly changed in this battle of two of the top pitchers in college baseball, as Gonzaga ace Clayton Mortensen recovered and USD ace Brian Matusz unraveled, allowing the Bulldogs to claim Game 1 of the best-of-three set 6-4.

"I think if you ask the rest of our team, I think we felt pretty comfortable early on in the game," said third baseman Kevin Hansen, who led the Toreros with three hits. "We felt like we had the edge on (Mortensen) and we felt like we had a chance to get him out early. It didn't quite work out for us."

In fact, they didn't get Mortensen out at all. The senior right-hander cruised after his shaky start, turning in a 134-pitch complete game in which he had USD's potent offense beating the ball into the ground.

Keeping the Toreros (41-

16) off balance by mixing his fastball, slider and change-up, Mortensen (9-2) induced key double plays in the seventh and eighth innings.

"We took too long to make the adjustments," Hansen said. "We just couldn't catch up to him."

What caught up to Matusz (10-3) was a failure to get a feel for his pitches.

The sophomore Golden Spikes Award semifinalist struggled with command of his cutter and had little success with his curveball.

"(It was) just a rough day," Matusz said. "I didn't have anything going."

Gonzaga (33-23) scored twice in the third, once in the fourth, and chased Matusz from the game during a two-run rally in the fifth. The Bulldogs took the lead for good in the inning on Brandon Blank's RBI triple off Anthony Slama.

The Toreros scored an error-aided run in the first inning before scoring three runs in the second inning on Hansen's RBI double off the left-field wall and Mike Metzger's two-run double down the line in left.

They managed just four hits the rest of the way.

The postgame pall that hung over what remained of a gathering of 707 has been an unfamiliar feeling in Linda Vista lately.

It was the first time the Toreros dropped a home game since April 10, snapping a 10-game home winning streak.

The defeat also marked the first time since March 2 that the Toreros had lost consecutive games.

With the Bulldogs a win away from clinching the WCC's automatic bid into the NCAA tournament, USD sends Josh Romanski (8-1) to the mound today at 2 p.m. against Brandon Harmon (6-7).

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The catch is Abruzzo keeps aces lined up

■ USD catcher
among reasons
pitchers shine

MICHAEL KLITZING
STAFF WRITER

SAN DIEGO — Brian Matusz's breakthrough sophomore season at the University

of San Diego has had its perks. In compiling a 10-2 record and a 2.43 ERA, the left-hander has made himself a Golden



Jordan Abruzzo

Spikes Award candidate, a member of Team USA and the focus of starry-eyed scouts everywhere.

And, perhaps more importantly, he's finally gotten Jordan Abruzzo off his back.

"Freshman year, he seemed to come out and really give it to me; yell at me," Matusz said of his batterymate. "He'd really get (ticked) off, like he was my dad getting mad at me for something."

"This year, he's more calm, because I've just been growing and he tends to treat you a little bit different once you get older."

While national recognition for the fifth-ranked Toreros (41-15) has fallen mostly on their pair of stellar sophomore lefties — Matusz and Norco High product Josh Romanski — it would be wise not to overlook the senior catcher that keeps those

young phenoms in line.

These days, the veteran has nothing but kind words for the youngsters.

"Working with them has been a fun experience for me," said Abruzzo, who will be catching Matusz this afternoon in the first game of the West Coast Conference championship series against

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WCC baseball championship series

Game 1: Gonzaga at University of San Diego, today, 3 p.m.

Game 2: Gonzaga at University of San Diego, Saturday, 2 p.m.

Game 3: Gonzaga at University of San Diego, Sunday, 3 p.m. (if necessary)

Winner earns West Coast Conference's automatic berth into NCAA regionals.

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Gonzaga (32-23) at Cunningham Stadium.

"Their heads don't get too big, they're not prima donnas and they work hard. They're your buddies out there, so it's fun to see them have success."

But USD head coach Rich Hill considers it no coincidence that the underclassmen have flourished with a wily four-year starter behind the plate. He said Abruzzo's strength handling the Toreros' staff lies not so much in his ability to frame or call pitches (in college ball, coaches typically call the game from the dugout), but in communicating to make sure his pitchers are in the right frame of mind.

"What's been overlooked in the development of those two guys has been Jordan keeping them in the moment on a pitch-by-pitch mentality," Hill said. "You'll see Jordan take double-digit trips (to the mound) during the game. It's been phenomenal to have a guy like Jordie kind of walk these guys through it."

It's understandable he'd be so good at it. Working with aces is nothing new for Abruzzo.

From ages 10 to 18, the El Cajon native played club ball with the Encinitas Reds, where he was a backstop for a young Rancho Bernardo resident named Cole Hamels — now an ace starting pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Reds also produced local major leaguers Hank Blalock (Rancho Bernardo High/Texas Rangers) and



Toreros Report

vs. Gonzaga

What: West Coast Conference baseball championship series

Who: Gonzaga (32-23) at No. 5 University of San Diego (41-15).

Where: Cunningham Stadium

Probable pitchers:

Today — RHP Clayton Mortensen (8-2, 4.00 ERA) vs. LHP Brian Matusz (10-2 2.43), 3 p.m.

Saturday — RHP Brandon Hamon (6-7, 4.00) vs. LHP Josh Romanski (8-1, 3.20), 2 p.m.

Sunday — RHP Josh Monroe (6-3, 4.74) vs. RHP Matt Couch (8-2, 3.73), 3 p.m. (if necessary).

At a glance: With a series win, USD can clinch its second-straight NCAA regional appearance and fourth in six years. ... The Toreros dropped a three-game set at Gonzaga in their first WCC series of the year. It was their only series loss in conference and one of only three sets they dropped all season. ... Today's game has the makings of an epic pitcher's duel, as a Golden Spikes Award semifinalist (Matusz) takes on the West Coast Conference's pitcher of the year (Mortensen). The Bulldogs handed Matusz his only conference loss of the season on March 30, striking for six runs and 10 hits in his 6¹/₃ innings of work. Against the rest of the WCC, Matusz only allowed eight runs in 47²/₃ innings. The following day, Mortensen earned a no-decision in a loss to the Toreros, despite allowing just one run in seven innings. ... The Bulldogs have two products of North County schools on their roster. 1B Ryan Wiegand (Cathedral Catholic High) paces the team with six home runs and 45 RBIs, while OF Mark Castellitto (Poway) is hitting .240 as a key reserve.

— Michael Klitzing

Matt Chico (Fallbrook/Washington Nationals).

"It's funny, because I was just talking about that with a couple of guys," Abruzzo said. "You see guys you grew up with and you're watching them on TV, but it's the same game. The mound's still 60 feet away, it's just that they're 22, 23 years old dominating big leaguers now. It's pretty fun to see."

'Offensively, he's just been rewriting the USD record books and there have been some great guys coming through this program.'

— RICH HILL

USD baseball coach, on Jordan Abruzzo

And now, when he catches those Toreros aces, he gets a feeling of deja vu.

"I compare Matusz to Hamels the most," Abruzzo said. "I've said that from the start. He's got the same kind of delivery — tall, lanky guys that throw three to four above-average pitches for strikes and have a dominating presence on the mound.

"And Romanski, you can compare him to Chico, too. He's left-handed, throws three pitches for strikes and mixes in and out.

"These two guys have just been amazing this year."

So, too, has Abruzzo at the plate, where he's hitting .333 with eight homers and a team-high 56 RBIs. He was named to the all-WCC first team this week.

Abruzzo returned to USD for his senior year despite being selected in the 39th round of the major-league draft by the Boston Red Sox.

Hill said he recruited the El Capitan High alumnus based on his "bulldog" mentality and understanding of the game, but wasn't necessarily expecting such stellar offensive production. This season, the .320 career hitter

climbed to the top of the school's charts in hits (298) and RBIs (205).

"He's in every top-10 offensive category except for stolen bases," Hill said.

"Offensively, he's just been rewriting the USD record books and there have been some great guys coming through this program.

"To do all that stuff offensively, while playing a premium defensive position is unbelievable, really."

And with the Toreros bound for the postseason in the midst of a banner year — and with those young lefties causing him considerably less grief — Abruzzo is enjoying the ride.

"It's kind of nice to go out being No. 5, and who knows — the sky's the limit this year," he said. "To be a part of that, making the program Top 25 with guys like Shane (Buschini) and the guys who got drafted last year, we came in together and we definitely improved the program every year. It's a good feeling of accomplishment."

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Sometimes short happens

Soph transfer Nicol wasn't in USD plans

By Kirk Kenney, STAFF WRITER

Shortstop is the most important position on the baseball field. That's why USD coach Rich Hill began developing a plan — and several contingency plans — to identify the Toreros' 2007 shortstop the moment the 2006 season ended:

- Plan A: Sit back and relax with All-West Coast Conference shortstop Steve Singleton returning if he wasn't taken high enough in the June draft. Then Singleton signed with Minnesota after being selected in the 11th round.

- Plan B: Bring in touted freshman recruit Danny Garcia to play shortstop. Then Garcia signed with Florida after being selected in the eighth round.

- Plan C: Move starting second baseman Keoni Ruth to shortstop. Then Ruth left school.

Before Hill got to Plan D — moving starting third baseman Kevin Hansen to shortstop — a player came along who never figured in the Toreros' plans at all.

His name is Sean Nicol, a sophomore transfer from WCC rival Portland who has started all 56 games at short this season.

Hill calls Nicol one of the Toreros' biggest surprises.

"Ever," said Hill. "That's how much he means to this team. Offensively and defensively."

"We wouldn't be where we're at today if it weren't for Sean."

Where the Toreros (41-15) are today is ranked No. 5 in the nation, and preparing to play host to Gonzaga (32-23) in the opener of the best-of-three West Coast Conference Championship Series. An automatic NCAA tournament berth goes to the winner.

Nicol is among the Toreros' offensive leaders with a .302 batting average, five home runs, 26 RBI and nine stolen bases.

But it is on defense where the 5-foot-11, 175-pounder from Scottsdale, Ariz., has really made a difference. Or do Toreros pitchers think their 3.37 team ERA (10th in the nation) is all their own doing?

Ace pitcher Brian Matusz knew Nicol would have his back. The two were middle school teammates and high school rivals in Arizona.

"It's unbelievable the ability he has to make a hard play look so easy," said Matusz. "It's unbelievable the balls where he will make a clean dive, pick it up and throw 92 (mph) across the diamond for a strike."

Nicol displays tremendous range, whether going after balls hit in the hole or up the middle.

"I'm not the fastest guy," said Nicol. "I kind of anticipate from their swing where the ball's going and I'm able to get a great jump even before the ball's on the ground."

"My strong point would be quickness. And I've had that gift of a strong arm."

Hill got an idea of what was to come during fall workouts.

WCC Championship Series

Best-of-three at USD's Cunningham Stadium: Gonzaga (32-23) vs. No. 5 USD (41-15)

Today, 3 p.m.: Gonzaga's Clayton Mortensen (8-2, 4.00 ERA) vs. USD's Brian Matusz (10-2, 2.43)

Tomorrow, 2 p.m.: Gonzaga's Brandon Harmon (6-7, 4.00) vs. USD's Josh Romanski (8-1, 3.20)

Sunday, 3 p.m. (if necessary): Gonzaga's Josh Monroe (6-3, 4.74) vs. USD's Matt Couch (8-2, 3.73)

On the Web: www.usdtoreros.com

"He made some ESPN Web Gem-type plays," said Hill. "Then it really took effect in January when we had all that (practice) time and could really see what he was able to do. That's when we knew we had something special."

That's also when Hill realized he could plan ahead for 2008. No contingencies needed.

Parking note

Parking will be at a premium this weekend because of graduation ceremonies at USD. Fans coming to games tomorrow and Sunday will be directed to the San Diego Office of Education parking lot located at the southeast corner of Via Las Cumbres and Linda Vista Road, just east of campus. Shuttle buses to Cunningham Stadium will be available.

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USD leads selections

USD right fielder Shane Buschini was named West Coast Conference Player of the Year yesterday, leading a list of eight Toreros who were first-team selections on the 25-man All-WCC club.

Buschini led the conference with 13 home runs and his 55 RBI were second only to teammate Jordan Abruzzo (56). Buschini hit .352 on the season, including .418 in conference play.

Joining Buschini on the all-conference team were Abruzzo, second baseman Justin Snyder, DH Logan Gelbrich, two-way player Josh Romanski

MWC TOURNAMENT

YESTERDAY'S SCORES

(Seeds in parentheses)

(6) UNLV 6, (3) Utah 3, 10 innings

(5) New Mexico 1, (4) SDSU 0

SDSU 12, Utah 1

TODAY'S GAMES

(2) BYU vs. (5) N. Mexico, 11 a.m.

(1) TCU vs. (6) UNLV, 3 p.m.

BYU/N.M. loser vs. SDSU, 7 p.m.

and pitchers Matt Couch, A.J. Griffin and Brian Matusz. USD first baseman Daniel Magness and third baseman Kevin Hansen earned honorable mention.

USD's Rich Hill was selected WCC Coach of the Year after guiding the Toreros to a school-record 41 victories.

Pepperdine was second with five first-team picks, followed by Gonzaga and USF with four each. Gonzaga first baseman Ryan Wiegand (USDHS) also earned first-team honors.

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Toreros, Aztecs make close calls on freshmen



A.J. Griffin went 6-1 with 10 saves and a 2.76 ERA for the No. 5-ranked Toreros.

Jim Baird / Union-Tribune

Youngsters will be go-to guys in conference tournaments

By Kirk Kenney, STAFF WRITER

In college baseball, the head coach is about as likely to hand the ball to a freshman pitcher to protect a ninth-inning lead as he is to toss his car keys to a 10-year-old after a game.

In both instances, you want someone with considerably more experience to bring you home.

"You hate to put too much expectations on a young kid," said USD coach Rich Hill.

But that didn't stop the Toreros from making freshman A.J. Griffin the team's closer this season.

"I could just tell mentally that he was tough and he wanted to pitch all the time," said USD pitching coach Eric Valenzuela.

And that's just half the story.

Across town, San Diego State made freshman Stephen Strasburg its closer.

"I thought he was going to be a dominant

MWC BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

San Diego State vs. New Mexico

When: Today, 3 p.m.

Where: Las Vegas

TV: The mtn. | Webcast: www.goaztecs.com

At stake: Double-elimination event determines the conference's automatic entry for NCAA tournament.

ing guy," said SDSU pitching coach Rusty Filter.

The Aztecs are hoping Strasburg sees plenty of action this week at the Mountain West Conference Tournament in Las Vegas. SDSU (28-28) opens the tournament today at 3 against New Mexico.

The No. 5-ranked Toreros (41-15) will no doubt be eager to get the ball to Griffin

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With seven saves, Aztecs closer Stephen Strasburg was named Co-Freshman of the Year in the MWC. Jim Baird / Union-Tribune

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Freshmen had difference in mound presence

when they play host to Gonzaga this weekend in the West Coast Conference Championship Series.

Both players have thrived in the closer's role — Griffin going 6-1 with 10 saves, a 2.76 ERA and 59 strikeouts in 58²/₃ innings; Strasburg going 1-3 with seven saves, a 2.50 ERA and 46 strikeouts in 36 innings.

Success is but one thing they have in common. Both prepped locally at Grossmont North League schools — Griffin at Grossmont High and Strasburg at West Hills — and both are 6-foot-5, 215-pound right-handers.

There had been one striking difference between the two coming into the season —

mound presence. Griffin, who pitched Grossmont to two CIF titles, had it. Strasburg didn't.

"Griffin was a more polished pitcher," said a National League scout who observed both pitchers throughout their high school careers. "He always showed that he was tough and a winner and everything else.

"That guy's not afraid of anything."

And the impression scouts got when they watched Strasburg?

"That he's afraid of his shadow," said the scout.

That's why there was some surprise when Strasburg got the ball in the ninth inning early this season.

Filter saw something as far back as the fall, when Strasburg shed 30 pounds to get in the best shape of his life. The coach also saw a fastball that topped out at 96 mph.

"It was more believing in himself," said Filter. "He didn't have any type of awareness of what he actually looked like.

Physically he's a big guy, he throws hard, he's got a good breaking ball. We said, 'Come in and be that guy. Live up to that.'"

Strasburg struggled to close an early-season game against USC, allowing four runs in the ninth inning of a game the Aztecs came back to win. But he was right back out there for the next game, pitching three innings against Cal State Fullerton. Strasburg retired nine straight batters from the sixth through the eighth.

"As he walked by me, he said an expletive that I can't repeat," said SDSU coach Tony Gwynn. "But that's when I knew that he was going to be fine. From that point on, he was the ninth-inning guy."

Said Strasburg, who was named Co-Freshman of the Year in the MWC yesterday: "I've started all my life, and it was definitely different (being the closer). I think I've gained that mentality."

The transformation has been

impressive.

"He's come a long way in a year," said the NL scout. "I can't believe what they've done with him."

The Toreros didn't need to do much with Griffin. Just point him toward the mound.

"You've got to be pretty cocky out there and have a lot of confidence to get people out," said Griffin. "If you're out there and look like you have the upper hand, the batter's going to see that."

Griffin pitched three straight days in the season-opening series against Cal Poly, picking up a win and a save. He's demonstrated the availability and durability — appearing in 36 of 56 games and throwing anywhere from one to five innings an appearance — that has helped USD to the most successful season in school history.

"He stands up there like he's king of the world and he's going to get it done," said Hill.

That's just what a coach wants to see — even if it is a freshman with the ball.

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USD hosts Gonzaga

No. 5-ranked USD plays host this weekend to Gonzaga in the best-of-three West Coast Conference Championship Series.

The winner gets an automatic postseason berth, although the Toreros (41-15) have earned an at-large berth regardless of the outcome.

— KIRK KENNEY

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WCC Standings

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
USD	18	3	41	15
Gonzaga	15	6	32	23
Pepperdine	14	7	35	20
USF	9	12	27	28
Santa Clara	9	12	27	29
LMU	9	12	22	33
Portland	7	14	21	30
Saint Mary's	3	18	21	29

MWC Standings

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
TCU	20	3	43	12
BYU	17	7	35	18
Utah	12	12	24	29
SDSU	12	12	28	28
New Mexico	12	12	26	28
UNLV	10	14	22	34
Air Force	0	23	8	44



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Up a Hill

University of San Diego coach Rich Hill has led the baseball team to a No. 5 ranking and national recognition.

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Rich Hill
at a glance

Residence: Carmel Mountain Ranch
Playing career: San Diego State (1981-82), Cal Lutheran (1983-84)
Head coaching experience: Cal Lutheran (1988-93), San Francisco (1994-98), USD (1999-present)
Career record: 640-436-3

WCC title series

What: West Coast Conference best-of-three championship series
Who: Gonzaga (32-22, 15-6 WCC) at No. 5 USD (41-15, 18-3)
Where: Cunningham Stadium
When: 3 p.m. Friday; 2 p.m. Saturday; 3 p.m. Sunday (if necessary).

USD's energetic coach leads unlikely ascension

MICHAEL KLITZING
STAFF WRITER

SAN DIEGO — Speaking into a telephone some 1,300 miles away, Augie Garrido's enthusiasm is unmistakable.

Though the legendary University of Texas baseball coach has claimed five national titles and won more games than anyone in NCAA Division I history, he seems genuinely blown away by the accomplishments of a youthful, board-shorts-clad coach of a small Catholic school on

the West Coast.

"It's pretty amazing, just a fabulous success story," Garrido said of the University of San Diego's Rich Hill. "When you think of where they are in the national rankings and RPI and how many schools they've gone by — including us — that are national powers, it's really remarkable what Rich and his staff have been able to do."

Glance at Baseball America's national rankings, and it's easy to understand the praise. The University of San

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Diego has climbed to the No. 5 spot; Garrido's Longhorns, who dropped two of three games against the Toreros in February, are two spots behind.

It all seems so unfathomable. USD (41-15), which plays in a cozy 1,200-seat stadium with no lights or locker rooms, has emphatically staked its spot among the nation's elite.

Surrounding the Toreros in the poll are mostly name schools that boast big conferences, big stadiums and big budgets.

"On paper, everything says, 'What in the world are we doing with this group of schools?'" Hill said. "All these schools we're lumped in there with have states across their chest. People can look at it as an aberration or lightning in a bottle, but I don't know."

"I'm a daydreamer, man. I basically think that miracles can happen."

In Hill's ninth year on the job, this miracle season has hardly come out of nowhere. The Carmel Mountain Ranch resident has produced winning teams every year since his arrival from the University of San Francisco before the 1999 season, and he has led the Toreros to three NCAA regional appearances.

How has he done it?

The answer goes far beyond an outgoing personality and surfer-dude image.

No-nonsense approach

It's wise not to be fooled by those shorts and shades. Beneath Hill's laid-back demeanor lies a seriousness that sn't take long to detect.

"Growing up with a single mom up in Saratoga, all my coaches up from Little League through college, really, every one of them had a huge impact on me," he said. "That's why I treat this profession with kind of a sacred outlook."

That outlook makes the former infielder at San Diego State and Cal Lutheran demanding of his players. Hill said he places "extreme emphasis" on accountability and discipline in his program, and opts to recruit players that are just as strong in the classroom as they are on the field.

USD's most recent Academic Progress Rating figure of 938 is above the Division I average.

"Any player that isn't extremely self-motivated to be the best he can be is going to have a hard time playing for me," Hill said.

Toreros pitcher/outfielder **Romanski** said missteps — on or off the field — rarely go uncorrected in the Toreros' program.

"He's a tough coach to play for, and not everyone can play for him," Romanski said. "But if you can handle his toughness, and his sarcastic sense of humor, then you'll be all right in the program."

During games, Hill is known as a live wire, often chattering between pitches to get his players in the right frame of mind.

"We approach every game like it's a Friday night football game," Hill said. "It's attention to detail, and we're very focused and prepared on game day. And then I want the players to play the game like they did when they were 10 years old, when they were playing wiffleball in the backyard."

'Attack mode'

USD's starting rotation features two left-handed pitchers — Romanski and Brian Matusz — who were selected this week to the U.S. national team. Garrido even said Matusz may be the best pitcher in col-

lege baseball.

The stellar sophomores were both major-league draft picks out of high school, making them far from your typical West Coast Conference recruits. Then again, Hill's recruiting apparatus is a little better than most.

Hill's knack for landing big recruits recently earned him a speaking engagement. He obliged when asked by USD athletic director Ky Snyder to give a presentation on his recruiting methodology in front of the rest of the coaches in the department.

The key, Hill said, is being connected in every geographic region in the West and developing a solid plan of attack. In this area, he leans heavily on assistant coaches Eric Valenzuela and Jay Johnson, a duo he says excels in organization and the ability to build a rapport with recruits.

Then there's what Hill calls "attack mode."

"We have the philosophy that nobody is going to outwork us on the recruiting trail," he said. "It's a very personalized approach with a lot of home visits and a lot of campus visits. It's personal interaction rather than a lot of mail."

The personal touch combined with Hill's high energy is what helped sell Romanski, a heavily recruited all-state selection out of Norco High.

"He was fired up," he said. "It was something I wanted to be a part of. I like to play for coaches that have a passion for the game."

Quality players landing at a mid-major program like USD is far from unheard of in the world of college baseball, where the availability of only 11.7 scholarships can restrict big-money schools from fully flexing their muscles.

But institutional parity can only explain so much.

"Any school can get top-flight players; the NCAA has provided that opportunity, but that doesn't necessarily spell success," Garrido said. "That has to do with Rich Hill and his staff — their abilities in recruiting and player development."



Rich Hill has USD poised to play in its fourth NCAA regional since he took over as head coach in 1999.

BILL WECHTER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Rich Hill at USD

Year	Record	WCC Finish	Postseason
1999	28-27-1	Third	None
2000	34-27-1	Third	None
2001	35-21	Second	None
2002	39-23	First	NCAA regional
2003	32-30	First	NCAA regional
2004	35-21	Second	None
2005	30-27	Second	None
2006	33-25	Third	NCAA regional
2007	41-15	—	—

Attractive candidate

If Hill wasn't already a candidate for the short lists of big-time athletic directors, this season has surely cemented his status as a sought-after commodity.

Cal State Fullerton coach George Horton compared the rise of Hill's star with that of Andy Lopez in the early 1990s. Lopez, now at Arizona, coached Pepperdine to the 1992 national title before being snatched up by Florida in 1994.

"I can definitely see that happening with Rich," Horton said. "He had success at Cal Lutheran, and it took him a while to build up USD, but they're rolling now."

"He's young and energetic — a good person who has good people around him. I definitely think he would be a guy who would have a lot of opportunities if he wanted to move on."

Hill said he has been on the radar of larger schools in past years, occasionally being contacted by inquiring boosters. But he remains in Linda Vista, working in a job and living in an area that suits him.

What they're saying

College baseball coaches weigh in on USD's Rich Hill (pictured):

"I've always had a lot of respect for him when our paths have crossed in the past few years, and we've been able to have some success against them, including in a regional. But this year, they have arrived in a big way at the national level, and that's kudos to Rich. I like him a lot and he's a good guy, and I pull for them whenever we're not playing them. I just hope their success (this year) doesn't come at our expense."

— George Horton, Cal State Fullerton head coach

"I don't wonder (how he's done it), I know. It's a commitment to excellence and an ability to overcome adversity. It's about finding players that fit your program and getting them to reach their pro potential."

— Augie Garrido, Texas head coach

"I'm an Aztec, don't get me wrong, and I live and die with what happens on this campus, but you can't help but tip your cap to what he's done. He's been to a regional (three times), he's got 40 wins and two of the best pitchers in the country — he's done a great job."

— Tony Gwynn, San Diego State head coach

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As for the details of his current contract, Hill said only that it is a multiyear deal he's happy with. He added that it would take a "real crazy" offer to woo him away from USD.

"The grass isn't always greener — that's the mentality that I have," he said. "That being said, I definitely want to be in the College World Series and be at the highest level possible. So you never say never.

"But at this point, I have a great job and I'm extremely happy."

Happy, but not yet satisfied. Another thing keeping Hill firmly grounded at USD for the time being is the unrealized goal of taking the Toreros to Omaha for the first time.

"It's not like you go to bed visualizing No. 5 in the country or 'X' number of wins," Hill said. "It's about championships. So we're going to complete the job or die trying."

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FIELDING 'EM

Cunningham is still a driving force for Toreros

John Cunningham knows why the University of San Diego's baseball program is one of the best in the nation.

It's the quality and character of the players that coach Rich Hill recruited for a team that's ranked fifth in the nation and will be in the NCAA regionals in June.

"There is not a bad apple in the bunch," Cunningham said. "Coach Hill has recruit-



STEVE SCHOLFIELD

ed an awesome group of men of character."

Cunningham, 69, can view the Toreros from more than one perspective. For 35 years, he was the school's baseball coach before handing over responsibility to Hill after the 1998 season.

Now he has the fancy title of director of transportation, which allows

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him to remain close to the ballclub.

"I don't direct anyone. I'm a bus driver," Cunningham said.

He not only chauffeurs the baseball team to road games, but other teams as well. It allows Cunningham, a longtime Escondido resident, to keep his hand in the USD sports scene. Now in his 45th year at the school, he likes what he sees, especially the success of the baseball team.

"They are not only good athletes but good people," Cunningham said of the Toreros, who fashioned a 41-15 regular-season record.

Cunningham recalls an incident last month that indicates the character he sees on the team. He was returning from a long trip to Sacramento with the USD crew team. It was around 11 at night when he dropped the team off at the dorm.

Freshman baseball player AJ Griffin noticed Cunningham pulling up and said, "Coach, you doing anything?" "No, do you need a ride?" Cunningham said.

Replied Griffin: "No, I was just going to help you clean up the bus if you need any help."

Cunningham told Griffin that he planned to clean the bus the next morning but thanked him for the offer.

"That's the quality of player on this team, and give Coach Hill credit for recruiting them," Cunningham said.

It's nice of Cunningham to recognize Hill, but Cunningham is a major reason why USD has a Division I baseball program. His efforts over the years to promote the sport and produce winning teams and players help explain why he's in the American Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

What he sees today is a far cry from what he inherited in 1964. The school was not exactly on firm financial footing back then.

"We couldn't buy equipment on credit," Cunningham recalled. "It was cash and carry. We did a lot of things on a

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J. Cunningham

wing and a prayer.”

But the school gradually began to support the program because Cunningham won games while graduating his players.

One of his biggest tests came in 1979, when the school moved up to Division I. USD wasn't giving out full scholarships and Cunningham did not have a full-time assistant. Despite those barriers, the Toreros won 32 games.

“The program now is fully funded and has a full staff and I'm all for it,” Cunningham said.

A lesser man, one might think, would be envious of Hill's success.

“I'm not jealous of anything,” Cunningham said.

Cunningham has many warm memories of his lifetime of work at the university. He receives e-mails from former players seeking advice.

“One of my players e-mailed me last week and wanted to know the words to our pregame prayer because he is now coaching his son,” Cunningham said.

The prayer is one that Cunningham made up years ago and tells much about his faith and dedication to the sport he loves.

It is worth repeating: “Oh Lord, as we prepare to enter this game, we dedicate our play to your honor and glory. Recognizing our human weaknesses, we ask for the courage to contribute maximum effort at all times, regardless of the score, and the fortitude to accept the outcome as a direct result of those efforts and as learning experience for future growth. Through Christ, our Lord, amen.”

What a thoughtful, inspiring educator. USD is a better place because of him.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

USD submits bid to host at SDSU

MICHAEL KLITZING
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SAN DIEGO — The University of San Diego submitted its bid on Thursday to host an NCAA baseball regional at San Diego State's Tony Gwynn Stadium.

With a No. 5 national ranking heading into the West Coast Conference championship series next weekend against Gonzaga, the Toreros (41-15) figure to have a solid shot at hosting one of the 16 four-team regionals set for the 1-4 — especially now that their bid includes a facility considered among the top college venues in the country.

Host sites will be announced on May 28.

"I think we would have as good a chance as anybody else," said USD coach Rich Hill. "Our RPI is strong, and

our body of work this season is extremely good."

But a shot at hosting may never have happened were it not for cooperation between the city's two Division I programs.

"It was a great show by (Aztecs athletic director) Jeff Schemmel and (head coach) Tony Gwynn of sportsmanship and class," Hill said. "We're in the business of education, and for those guys to step up and realize that this could be great for college baseball in San Diego is awesome."

Said Schemmel: "This was about being a good neighbor and a good brother to USD. They deserve to host, and we were glad to help."

USD athletic director Ky Snyder said the school looked at other possibilities, including Petco Park and trying to make something work at

1,200-seat Cunningham Stadium on campus, but Tony Gwynn Stadium was always the most attractive option.

The Toreros, who will pay rent to San Diego State for use of the facility, will be responsible for all costs of hosting the event.

USD also has permission to use the site for a super regional bid if it advances that far.

Gwynn said having the Toreros host a regional locally would have a positive impact on both schools, helping to build enthusiasm for college baseball.

"The bottom line for me is that if they can get there and they can host it here, that makes it good for everybody here," Gwynn said. "People are going to see some pretty good facilities if they're hosting here."

"And it wouldn't hurt things if we could win the (Mountain

West Conference) tournament and be the four seed."

USD stadium plan

Hill said Thursday he has received architectural renderings of a new Toreros baseball stadium that would potentially be built on the site of Cunningham Stadium. The plans call for seating down both base lines as well as behind home plate. A clubhouse and locker room will also be added.

Cunningham Stadium's seating area is solely behind home plate.

"We're ready to go with that project," said Hill, who added the project will require raising "a lot of zeroes" to become a reality.

"I really think that has to happen for us to take the next step and maintain (this level). It's going to be really difficult to do year in and year out without that stadium."

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USD submits a bid to host regional at SDSU's ballpark

Toreros also have plans to renovate own facility

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

USD baseball coach Rich Hill has been a frequent visitor to Tony Gwynn Stadium since San Diego State's ballpark was renovated 10 years ago.

Two thoughts run through Hill's mind virtually every time he visits:

- It would be the perfect place to host an NCAA Regional.
- He would give anything to have such a facility at USD.

Hill may realize both dreams — one in the next few weeks, the other in the next few years.

USD announced yesterday — with

the approval and support of SDSU coach Tony Gwynn and his athletic director, Jeff Schemmel — that it has submitted a bid to host an NCAA Regional next month at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

Amid that announcement also is this: USD is in the early stages of plans to renovate its own facility into one befitting a Top 25 program.

The Toreros, ranked No. 5 in the nation, have played themselves into position to be a regional host. The problem facing the Toreros is USD's Cunningham Stadium does not meet NCAA requirements as a host site.

That's where SDSU, with a ballpark considered among the best collegiate facilities in the nation, became part of

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Renovations to stadium could exceed \$12 million

the discussion.

"What Tony Gwynn and Jeff Schemmel have shown is phenomenal," said Hill. "In coaching, we talk about working together to achieve a common goal, and that's exactly what those guys have done. They've shown exemplary class and sportsmanship, which is awesome.

"We're excited at the possibility of bringing an NCAA Regional to San Diego and being on the national stage. This is the greatest city in America and for us to pack that stadium and feel the energy of college baseball is going to be phenomenal."

The 16 sites and host teams for the playoffs will be announced May 27. The entire 64-team tournament will be revealed the following morning. Each four-team regional will be played June 1-4.

"We're their archrivals and they're our archrivals and all that," said Gwynn. "You have to put the rivalry stuff aside and do what's best for college baseball in the city of San Diego.

"We have the facility right now. They have the team. Let's see if we can pull it off."

While Hill has an eye on all that can be accomplished this season, he also has an eye on the future.

"What we're doing this year is off the chart," said Hill. "It's remarkable that a school with our resources is lumped in with schools that have states across their chest. For us to continually be at this level or near this level, then our facility definitely has to improve. It's a must."

When USD traveled to Texas for a three-game series in February, the teams played at the minor league facility in nearby Round Rock because the Longhorns' Disch-Falk Field was in the midst of a \$28 million renovation.

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Approximately \$12 million has been committed for renovations of North Carolina's Boshamer Stadium and Florida State's Dick Howser Stadium.

Defending national champion Oregon State next year will complete approximately \$8 million in improvements to Goss Stadium.

Facility improvements are not limited to national powers. In the West Coast Conference, Gonzaga, Santa Clara, Pepperdine and Loyola Marymount all have upgraded their facilities in recent years.

Among the items on Hill's checklist for a renovated facility are lights, expanded seating (the NCAA prefers venues that seat at least 3,000), expanded dugouts, a locker room, Hall of Fame room and training room. The footprint of the stadium, located in a picturesque canyon setting, would remain the same.

"We have architectural renderings in my office," said Hill. "It's not just a vision. It's actually on paper. The wheels are in motion and I really believe it's going to get done."

Hill figures "somewhere north" of \$10 million to \$12 million will be required to make it happen. Such an amount would not surprise Ky Snyder, USD executive director of athletics, although a specific figure remains to be determined.

"There's a broad range of what this could cost," said Snyder. "We've got to take that next step and get a little more than just a schematic drawing and start narrowing down what really is the cost here."

"This is going to be privately funded through, hopefully, our alumni and donors and members of the community. It's hard to set timelines for those types of things."

All in good time. For now, the Toreros are simply thankful for a place to play across town.

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No Crash Landing for Abruzzo

The USD record holder for hits and RBIs made a good decision to stay in college another year.

By Tom Shanahan

Tuesday, May 15, 2007 | University of San Diego catcher Jordan Abruzzo is a senior, so he offered a "Bull Durham" baseball movie reference when asked about establishing USD career records for hits and RBIs this season.

"It's sort of a Crash Davis record," said Abruzzo, referring to Kevin Costner's Bull Durham character, a catcher, setting a career minor league record for home runs.

Hey, it was good line for a laugh, and it shows Abruzzo isn't above poking fun at himself. College baseball players are eligible for the draft following their junior year, so if players return for their senior seasons it means they aren't happy with their draft positions.

Abruzzo, a switch-hitter from El Capitan High, was drafted in the 39th round by the Boston Red Sox. The \$50,000 or so of scholarship money he still had coming to him to finish his degree was more than the bonus money he would pocket for signing that late in the draft.

It was a good business decision for the sociology major to return to school. He'll earn his degree and he's improved his draft position in 2007.

And he's also enjoying a USD season that could end up in the College World Series in Omaha, Neb. The Toreros won regular-season West Coast Conference title with a 41-15 and are ranked No. 5 in the nation in Monday's latest "Baseball America" poll.

"I knew we had a great team coming back," Abruzzo said. "This season has been unbelievable. In my four years here, I've seen this program turn into a Top 25 program and this year we're ranked (No. 5.)"

USD is a lock to earn a berth in the NCAA regionals no matter what happens when the Toreros host WCC runner-up Gonzaga in a best-of-three series May 25-27 at Cunningham Stadium for the WCC tournament title.

Abruzzo, who was 5-for-5 with three home runs in a NCAA regional win over St. Louis University last year at Cal State Fullerton, could always swing a bat. As a junior, he hit .314 and led the team in doubles (18), home runs (8) and RBIs (58.)

But he learned scouts saw some holes in his game when he went so late in the draft.

"It was an eye-opener for him," USD head coach Rich Hill said. "His focus has always been to become a major league player and get his college degree. He felt it was in his best interest to come back for his senior year. He's had a great year and improved his draft status."

As a senior, Abruzzo hit .333 with eight home runs and led the team in RBIs again with 56. But the similar numbers belie the changes in his game.

Abruzzo said he played at 240 pounds on his 6-foot-2 frame as a junior, but this season he weighed between 215 and 220. He reduced his body fat from 18 percent to 10. He credits working with Alex Fiorni of Elite Nutrition.

"The feedback from scouts was I needed more agility behind the plate," Abruzzo said. "I changed my eating habits and worked on my conditioning and speed. I'm like any college student, and fast food was too easy to eat. Now the food I eat is organic, high protein and low fat. I feel quicker and more confident."

But Abruzzo contributes more to the Toreros' success than his steady bat and improved defense. He is only the second team captain Hill has appointed in 20 years as a head coach. Hill spent 11 years at Cal Lutheran and the University of San Francisco before arriving at USD nine years ago to build an emerging national power.

"We think leadership should be in all of our starters," Hill said. "I don't like to put that pressure on a specific player. Their leadership skills have to be above and beyond to be named captain."

Abruzzo is thankful he spent another year in the college environment instead of beating around the bush leagues like a Bull Durham character.

"We've talked since the beginning of the year we wanted to win the WCC tournament and go far in the post-season," Abruzzo said. "The College World Series has been something that was realistic to talk about this year. We don't shy away from talking about it, but we know we have to stay in the moment, too."

He sounded a little like Crash Davis giving his teammates mature advice on a bus ride.

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LOCAL COLLEGES

USD pitchers make National Team

Sophomore left-handers Brian Matusz and Josh Romanski have provided a potent 1-2 punch for No. 5-ranked USD this season.

Matusz and Romanski hope to do the same this summer for the U.S. National Team. The pair were among the first 11 players named to the 20-man squad yesterday by USA Baseball.

"It's an unbelievable feeling knowing I'm going to put on a shirt that says USA on it," said Matusz. "And it's great knowing that Josh is also on the team and that USD is going to represent the country in that way as well."

Matusz (10-2) recently broke USD's single-season strikeout record. Romanski (8-1), who plays center field when not pitching and is batting .335, was selected as a two-way player.

The National Team will open play in the New England Collegiate Baseball League in preparation for several international events, including the Pan Am Games in Brazil and World Port Tournament in The Netherlands. In addition, the team will host series against Japan and China.

Others selected on the squad of college sophomores were pitchers Brett Hunter (Pepperdine), Lance Lynn (Ole Miss), Tyson Ross (Cal), Cody Satterwhite (Ole Miss) and Jacob Thompson (Virginia); and infielders Pedro Alvarez (Vanderbilt), Justin Smoak (South Carolina), Brett Wallace (Arizona State) and Jemile Weeks (Miami).

The other nine players and two alternates will be selected in June.

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USD moves to No. 5 in nation

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SAN DIEGO — The University of San Diego baseball team climbed up one spot in the latest Baseball America Top 25 poll to a school-record No. 5.

The Toreros, who ended their regular season last weekend with a record of 41-15, also moved up one spot in the latest Rivals.com Top 25 poll to No. 6. They are also No. 6 in the latest Collegiate Baseball Top 30 poll.

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**Santa Clara ends
USD's win streak**

SANTA CLARA — The sixth-ranked University of San Diego baseball team saw its 12-game winning streak come to an end with a 6-5 loss to Santa Clara in its final regular-season game of the season. The Toreros (41-15, 18-3 West Coast Conference) return to action on May 25 when they host the WCC championship series at Cunningham Stadium against Gonzaga.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

USD comes up short at Santa Clara in regular-season finale

USD suffered its first loss in the past 18 West Coast Conference games, falling 6-5 yesterday at Santa Clara in the Toreros' last regular-season game.

USD (41-15, 18-3 WCC) tied the game 5-5 in the eighth inning on Kevin Hansen's RBI single, but the Broncos (25-28, 9-12) pushed across a run with two outs in the bottom of the

ninth to avoid becoming the sixth straight conference opponent to be swept by the No. 6-ranked Toreros.

Despite the loss, USD could still move up in the national rankings because No. 2 Florida State and No. 3 Virginia both lost two of three games over the weekend.

USD has this week off for

finals before beginning preparations for the best-of-three WCC Championship Series that begins May 25. The Toreros, the regular-season conference champions, will play host to second-place Gonzaga at USD's Cunningham Stadium. The series winner receives the WCC's automatic berth in the NCAA Tournament. The Tore-

ros have all but assured themselves of an at-large bid.

Before yesterday, Gonzaga (32-22, 15-6) was the only WCC team to beat USD. The Bulldogs won two of three games between the teams in Spokane, Wash., during the opening weekend of conference play.

— KIRK KENNEY

WCC Standings

	Conference		All Games	
	W	L	W	L
USD	18	3	41	15
Gonzaga	15	6	32	22
Pepperdine	11	7	32	19
USF	9	12	27	28
Santa Clara	9	12	25	28
LMU	9	12	22	32
Portland	7	11	20	27
Saint Mary's	3	18	21	29

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Toreros beat Santa Clara for 12th straight victory

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Kevin Hansen's RBI single in the 10th inning lifted the sixth-ranked University of San Diego baseball team to an 8-7 victory over host Santa Clara on Saturday afternoon.

The Toreros (41-14, 18-2 West Coast Conference) have won 12 straight games and 17 consecutive WCC games.

USD's Sean Nicol opened the 10th inning with a single and moved to second on Daniel Magness' groundout. Hansen then drove in Nicol with a single to center.

The Toreros trailed 7-6 heading into the top of the ninth inning, but Justin Snyder scored the tying run on a sacrifice fly to center by Shane Buschini.

Hansen went 3-for-5 with two RBIs for the Toreros.

Ricardo Pecina (5-4) picked up the win, not allowing a run or hit in two-thirds of an inning of relief. Freshman AJ Griffin picked up his 10th save.

Jeff Lombard (3-5) took the loss for the Broncos (24-28, 8-12), allowing two runs on three hits in two innings.

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USD outlasts Santa Clara

A late three-run deficit failed to fluster No. 6-ranked USD, which rallied for an 8-7, 10-inning win at Santa Clara.

Kevin Hansen drove in the winning run for the second straight game, hitting a single to center in the 10th that drove in teammate Sean Nicol.

That gave the Toreros (41-14, 18-2 West Coast Conference) their 12th straight win overall and 17th consecutive WCC victory.

Santa Clara (24-27, 8-12) had a 7-4 lead through seven innings, but Nicol hit a two-run homer in the eighth to make it 7-6. A sacrifice fly by USD's Shane Buschini in the ninth made it 7-7.

Ricardo Pecina (5-4) got the victory in relief for USD. A.J. Griffin pitched the 10th for his 10th save.

At Pepperdine, Gonzaga defeated the Waves 7-1 to wrap up second place in the conference and a berth in the WCC Championship Series.

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USD clinches WCC title

USD won its 16th straight West Coast Conference game and set a school record for victories with a 3-1 win at Santa Clara that clinched the WCC regular season championship for the Toreros.

Securing the title means USD (40-14, 17-2) will play host to the best-of-three WCC Championship Series, which will determine the conference's automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament.

Gonzaga took a step toward becoming USD's opponent in the championship series, scoring three runs in the ninth inning yesterday for a 5-3 win at Pepperdine. The Bulldogs (31-21, 14-5) can clinch the second spot with a victory today or tomorrow over

Pepperdine (31-18, 10-6).

Against Santa Clara, USD starting pitcher Brian Matusz broke the school's single-season strikeout record held by Steve Davis (148 in 1968).

Matusz (10-2), who allowed five hits and did not walk a batter in seven innings, struck out 11 against the Broncos (24-26, 8-11) to give him 152 strikeouts in 111 innings this season.

USD's A.J. Griffin closed out the Broncos over the final two innings for his ninth save.

Kevin Hansen's two-out, bases-loaded single drove in two runs to break a 1-1 tie in the sixth inning.

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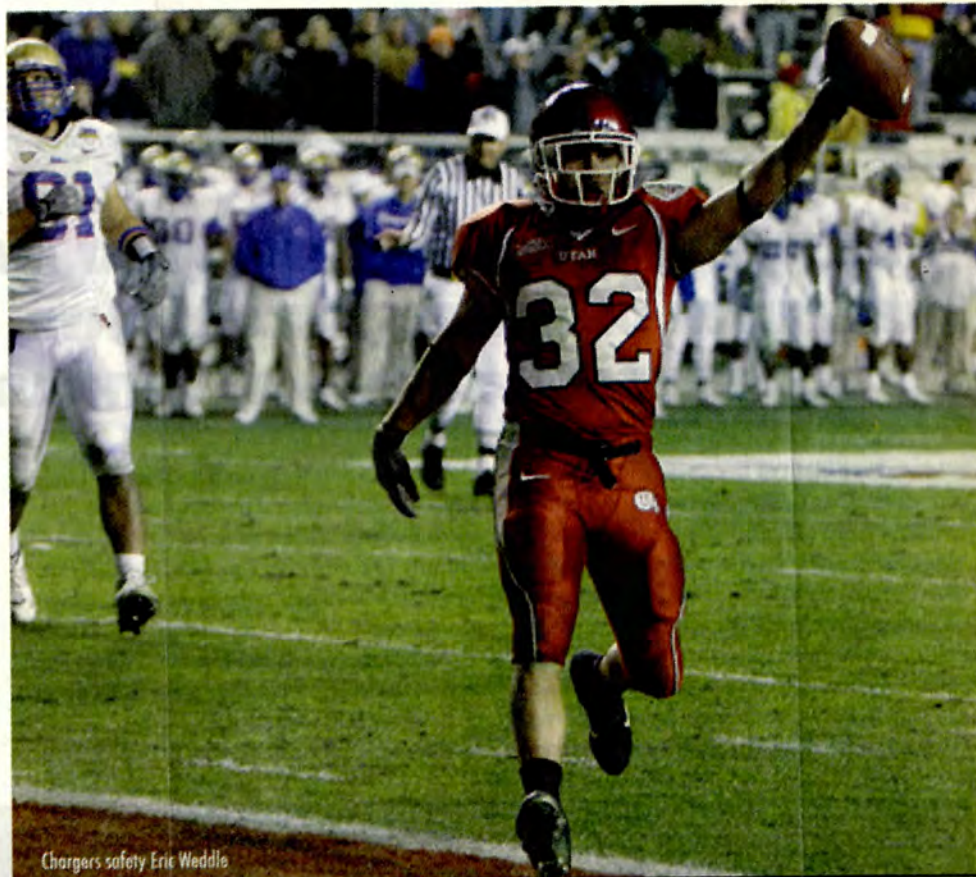
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USD baseball wins

The sixth-ranked University of San Diego baseball team beat host Santa Clara 3-1 to claim the regular-season West Coast Conference title outright.

SPORTS ROUND UP

BY JEFF PRAUGHT



Chargers safety Eric Weddle



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SAN DIEGO GAY BOWLING

As mentioned in my last column, the San Diego Gay Bowling Fall/Winter Season wrapped up at the end of April, with both the High Rollers and Rainbow Leagues holding their championships at Kearny Mesa Bowl.

The High Rollers title was captured by "My Dixie Wrecked," who eked out a tight six-pin victory over "6 Balls 2 Splits." The winners, whose highest individual average was 159 throughout the season, included Brooke Cornell, Don Nott, Kristina Ritzau, Jon Simpson, and Jack Wade. Coming in third was "We're Not in Charge."

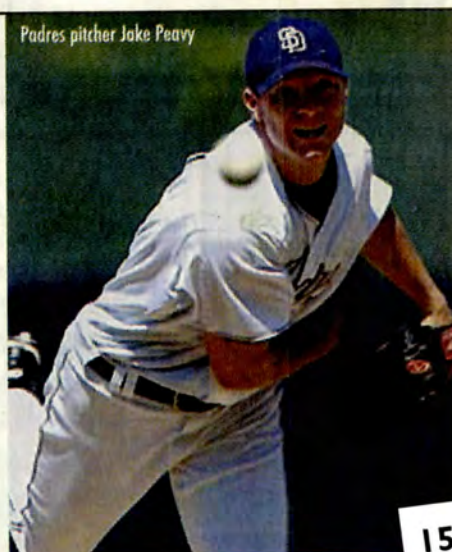
Taking the Rainbow League title honors

rather handily was "Gutter Sluts," who are represented by Tim Dowling, Rob Hisey, Paul Ospina, Ruben Rodriguez and Larry Sanchez. Second place went to "Davidtangredi.com" while "Star 94.1 Pit Crew" finished third.

The Spring/Summer season has begun, but it's not too late to join if you haven't already. Visit the San Diego Gay Bowling website at sdgaybowling.org for more information.

SAN DIEGO PADRES

The old adage in baseball is that you wait until Memorial Day to really gauge a team and see how it's going to define itself. The 2007 Padres, so far, seem to be just what we thought



Padres pitcher Jake Peavy

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they would be. The bullpen, which went nearly 30 scoreless innings to begin the season, has been phenomenal. Minus a couple of hiccups, Trevor Hoffman has continued to get the job done, as he inches closer to career save number 500. Cla Meredith and Heath Bell have been nearly unhittable.

The starters, save Clay Hensley, have been as advertised. Jake Peavy strung together dominating starts in April, including a 16-K performance at Arizona that saw him strike out nine consecutive batters, one short of the major league record held by Tom Seaver. Senior statesmen Greg Maddux and David Wells have not been dominating, but they've been more than adequate at keeping their team in games. Chris Young has had sort of a Jekyll and Hyde beginning to the season, which mirrors his first month from last year. Hensley never really got on track, as a blister injury rendered him ineffective in the beginning and, just as he was putting together back-to-back good performances, he popped his groin and landed on the disabled list.

Offensively, the biggest questions were at third base and left field and for manager Bud Black, they still are. Kevin Kouzmanoff has looked lost at the plate, but has been given every chance to work his way out of his slump. In left, Terrmel Sledge was supposed to be the everyday starter, but Jose Cruz Jr.'s hot hitting has turned that position into a platoon. Marcus Giles has ignited the top of the order and Adrian Gonzalez tied a team record with seven home runs in April, helping compensate for the slow starts by Kouzmanoff and Mike Cameron (notoriously a slow starter who heats up with the weather).

The team has already played a heavy dose of extra-inning and one-run ballgames and look for that trend to continue. With the steady pitching and lights-out bullpen, it looks like the Padres are well-equipped for another division title run.

UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO BASEBALL

The Toreros have earned mention because of their record-setting season. At the time of this writing, head coach Rich Hill had captained USD to 15 consecutive West Coast Conference victories and a 38-14 record (16-2 in the WCC), and a number-nine ranking nationally. The team is on pace to set a record for victories and its highest ranking ever. Included in their suc-

cesses was a series win at Austin, home of perennial college baseball powerhouse Texas.

Junior second baseman Justin Snyder is hitting well over .400 on the year, and left-handed sophomore hurler Josh Romanski has earned consecutive WCC Pitcher of the Month honors. We'll be keeping an eye on the boys in blue and white as they follow their quest towards the College World Series in Nebraska this June.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

The April draft was, of course, the hot topic in the NFL in recent weeks. The Chargers used the 30th overall pick on six-foot-one wide receiver Craig Wilson out of LSU. Wilson was on the receiving end of 56 catches for 834 yards from QB JaMarcus Russell, who went first overall in this draft to the Raiders. Wilson will also be in line to return punts for the Bolts. Other receivers such as Dwayne Jarrett (USC) and Sidney Rice (South Carolina) were available at the time, so GM A.J. Smith will be heavily criticized if Wilson doesn't pan out at a position that is undoubtedly the Chargers' biggest

area of need.

In the second round, San Diego traded multiple picks in order to move up and select Eric Weddle, a strong safety from Utah. While some experts wondered if the Chargers gave up too much to draft him, there's no doubt that Weddle fills a need, and with a team as stacked talent-wise as San Diego, they could probably afford the risky move.

Clemson linebacker Anthony Waters, chosen in the third round, has a chance to start immediately on the inside.

Receivers are much easier to find than decent safeties, so in my eyes the success of this Chargers draft depends on Weddle. The team cut loose the problematic Terrence Kiel despite having a questionable secondary, so Weddle's growth will be vital to supporting one of the league's top defenses.

Know an athlete in the local community whose story should be told? Care to comment on this column? Send comments, with first name and location, to buzzsports_sd@yahoo.com and look for your question in the next mailbag.

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USD wins 10th in a row; Aztecs lose

The sixth-ranked University of San Diego baseball team ran its winning streak to 10 games Tuesday with a 4-1 victory over No. 13 UC Irvine at Cunningham Stadium.

USD (39-14) tied the program record for single-season victories. UC Irvine fell to 31-14-1.

Meanwhile, San Diego State lost its ninth straight game with a 6-3 loss to No. 16 Long Beach State at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

Charles Nolte (0-3) suffered the loss for the Aztecs (27-26). Long Beach State (31-14) won its ninth in a row.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Funny hop adds to Toreros' fun at Anteaters' expense

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

Good pitching, good hitting and good defense have USD poised for the best season in school history.

The No. 6-ranked Toreros added good fortune to the list in yesterday's 4-1 victory over No. 13 UC Irvine at Cunningham Stadium.

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"When things are going good for you, they go good for you," said USD coach Rich Hill.

Here's how good:

With two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning of a 1-1 game, USD's Jordan Abruzzo hit a ball toward first baseman Taylor Holiday that appeared so routine those watching all but assumed the inning was over.

"I thought it was just a regular two-hopper," said Abruzzo.

But Abruzzo noticed something as he was running toward first base.

"The spin on the ball was sideways," he said.

So sideways that the ball darted away from Holiday, who froze in his tracks and never got a glove on it. He still isn't sure what happened.

"It hit a rock or divot or something and just kicked the other way," said Holiday. "It was just a weird deal."

Abruzzo was safe at first, teammate Mike Metzger scored from third and the Toreros had the lead.

USD's Shane Buschini followed with a two-run homer — his team-leading 13th — to make it 4-1.

"That team's playing with a little more passion right now," said UC Irvine coach Dave Serrano. "They've got a swagger and confidence, and that's what happens when a good

team's rolling like they are."

It was the 10th straight win for the Toreros (39-14), who tied the school record for victories in a season.

It had added significance because USD displayed the pitching depth essential for postseason success.

Weekend starters Brian Matusz, Josh Romanski and Matt Couch are a combined 25-5, but the Toreros know the pitching staff has to go more than three deep if they are to go places — like Omaha, Neb., and the College World Series.

Ricardo Pecina started and limited the Anteaters (31-14-1) to four hits and one run over 5 $\frac{2}{3}$ innings. Relievers Rusty Holzhauser and Anthony Slama shut out UCI on two hits the rest of the way.

"Our seniors have been stepping up all year," said Slama, a senior from Garden Grove who earned his second save. "It felt good to get in there and show what I can do, too."

"We showed today that we're definitely an Omaha team and we have the depth to do it."

Dirtbags down SDSU

San Diego State rallied late before losing 6-3 to Long Beach State at Tony Gwynn Stadium.

Frank LoNigro hit a three-run homer in the eighth against the No. 22 Dirtbags (31-14) and the Aztecs (27-26) had the tying run at the plate in the ninth, but it wasn't enough to avoid their ninth straight loss.

To add injury to insult, SDSU also will be without No. 1 starting pitcher Donnie Hume for the remainder of the season. The junior left-hander underwent surgery Monday to remove a small bone spur from his left elbow.

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Tim Sullivan

USD slugger's hitting as good as he believes



The secret to Shane Buschini's success is summarized on a small slip of paper he carries in his wallet.

Here, on a sheet maybe four inches square, is the distilled

wisdom that drives the biggest bat on the University of San Diego's sixth-ranked baseball team. Here, twice folded and frequently unfolded, are some of the key phrases that make up Buschini's mantra: Believe, Focus, Greatest Feeling In the World.

These are the small reminders that help fuel the Toreros' torrid outfielder; the buzzwords behind Shane's comeback.

"Just believe you're 5-for-5," Buschini said, translating the abbreviated advice of a sports psychologist. "That's how good you're feeling every single one of your at-bats."

Lately, this ambitious attitude has hardly tested Buschini's imagination. The slugging senior had 12 hits in 18 at-bats last week, extending his hitting streak to 18 games, raising his batting average by 30 points and leading USD to the highest ranking *Baseball America* has ever conferred on the school.

Buschini appeared for a poolside interview yesterday afternoon on the USD campus wearing a team T-shirt

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USD's Buschini now bats with confidence

with the single word "Omaha" across the chest. The 38-14 Toreros are angling for a June visit to Nebraska, site of the College World Series, and they have the pitching to make it possible.

They have a hitter, in Shane Buschini, who at 6 feet 4, 225 pounds and armed with an aluminum bat, can make a ball-park feel like a broom closet.

"He's always had that strength that no one else had," said USD outfielder Mike Metzger. "But he's really stringing it together this year. He's having an unbelievable year."

With 30 hits in his last 58 at-bats, Buschini has sustained a .517 tear over the last month, and raised his average to a team-leading .367. Yet his prolonged production has been no more impressive than a single swing he took on April 15 against Portland.

Buschini struck two of his team-leading 12 home runs that afternoon, but one of the balls has yet to be recovered. It cleared the dormitory building closest to USD's Cunningham Baseball Stadium, and may have come to rest on an adjoining roof.

"Probably the only ball I could compare it to is the ball that (Barry) Bonds hit off of (Troy) Percival (in the 2002 World Series)," Metzger said. "If somebody else did that, it would drop jaws. But we see it every day."

Like a lot of young power hitters, Buschini has had to learn to temper his cuts for the sake of contact. This newfound discipline, particularly on two-strike counts, is largely the product of USD assistant coach Jay Johnson's preaching. It has helped transform Buschini from a free-swinging .290 hitter who went undrafted last year to a more discerning major league prospect.

"My approach every day has become more consistent," Buschini said. "I just refined it and just think about staying in the present. All that matters is this at-bat, and then the next at-bat, and then the next at-bat. . . . I know it's mundane and monotonous saying that, but that's really what I focus on.

"If I'm down 0-and-2 (no balls and two strikes), I'm not taking a big swing like I might have two years ago, trying to hit one out. I'm just trying to make consistent contact with two strikes and drive the ball somewhere. I think I've been doing a lot better job of that recently, about the last month or so."

If this sounds simple, and obvious, it's amazing how many hitters never seem to shorten their swings or protect the plate when the count runs against them. It's amazing how many guys never seem to grasp that situational hitting involves more than swinging for the fences or periodically taking a 3-and-0 pitch.

Buschini recognized last season that his approach was askew; that a slow start caused him to concentrate on statistical goals that could not be achieved in a single at-bat. Back home in San Ramon, he sought out a sports psychologist, whom he prefers not to name, in an effort to bolster his shaken confidence and tighten his concentration. He wanted to learn how to heed coach Rich Hill's dictum to concern himself with process rather than results.

"He (the psychologist) was telling me that people have to bungee jump or do something like that to get their thrills," Buschini said. "But I get it every time I step into the (batter's) box and have a full count facing a big pitcher. That's a thrill that only baseball players can have.

"It's an amazing feeling when you hit the ball, when you square it up and see it travel. It's one of the greatest feelings in the world."

Hence the Greatest Feeling In The World notation on the slip of paper in his wallet. And on the sign above his bed. Buschini loves hitting so much that he has been known to head for the batting cage right after opening his presents on Christmas morning, but he has not yet learned so much that he knows it all.

"You're never perfect," he said. "Whenever you think you are, you're not. You can never be good enough. You can always work on something."

Yesterday afternoon, Shane Buschini had three papers to finish. He was hoping, however, to find time for more hitting.

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Toreros move up to No. 6 in the nation

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The USD baseball team jumped three more spots in the latest *Baseball America* Top 25, rising to the highest ranking in school history at No. 6 in the nation.

The only teams ranked ahead of USD are top-ranked Vanderbilt, followed by Florida State, Virginia, Rice and North Carolina.

The Toreros were briefly ranked No. 8 early last season before falling out of the Top 25 later in the year.

USD (38-14), which has won nine

straight games, plays host to No. 13 UC Irvine today at 3 p.m. with a chance to tie the school record for wins in a season. The 2002 team compiled a 39-23 record.

The Toreros conclude the regular season with a three-game West Coast Conference series this weekend at Santa Clara.

In other news, USD right fielder Shane Buschini was selected WCC Player of the Week after going 12-for-18 with three doubles, six RBI and seven runs scored. Buschini leads the Toreros with a .367 batting average and 12 home runs, and is second on the team with 52 RBI.

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USD sweeps USF

USD clinched second place in the West Coast Conference and a spot in the WCC Championship Series with an 8-2 victory over USF at Cunningham Stadium.

It was the 15th straight conference victory for the No. 9-ranked Toreros (38-14, 16-2 WCC), who can clinch the WCC regular-season title with

one win this weekend at Santa Clara or one loss by Gonzaga in its weekend series at Pepperdine.

The regular-season championship hosts the best-of-three championship series May 25-27.

USD starting pitcher Matt Couch (8-2) allowed one run and six hits over seven innings to beat the Dons (24-26, 6-12). Center fielder Josh Romanski led the Toreros' offense with three hits and three RBI. Teammates Shane Buschini and Logan Gelbrich added two RBI apiece.

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USD responds bigger than USF

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

When USF broke open a scoreless game yesterday with nine runs in the fourth inning, it looked as if this wasn't going to be USD's day.

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When the Toreros responded with nine runs in the bottom of the inning at Cunningham Stadium, it was a reminder

that this may be USD's year.

One of USD coach Rich Hill's motivational phrases is: "Win the inning." That's what Hill told his players when they returned to the dugout in the fourth.

"The guys looked at me like, 'Yeah, right,'" said Hill. "I said, 'Let's make something crazy happen. You never know.'"

"Then it was a matter of taking good at-bats and timely hitting."

The No. 9-ranked Toreros used the nine-run fourth and followed it with two more big innings to beat USF 19-9 for their 14th straight West Coast Conference victory.

The game left players and coaches on both sides scratching their heads.

USD starting pitcher Josh Romanski, who was named WCC Pitcher for the Month for April, allowed a total of five earned runs during an eight-game stretch that covered 65²/₃

innings.

Romanski added three more scoreless innings against the Dons (24-25, 6-11), then watched everything fall apart in a fourth inning that seemingly lasted forever. Romanski allowed nine hits and was charged with nine runs before reliever Rusty Holzhauser got the Toreros (37-14, 15-2) out of the inning.

"They sat on my offspeed (pitches) and when they got it over the plate they hit it, and they hit it often," said Romanski.

Romanski wasn't shellshocked, though, recalling a high school game in which he allowed nine runs in the first inning without getting an out.

"I made it to the fourth this time," he said with a laugh.

It looked like a laugher was in store for the Dons — until things got crazy when the Toreros came to the plate.

USF starting pitcher Jason Dufloth walked the first hitter in the fourth after the long layoff. Then he threw three straight balls to Romanski (serving as the DH), called time, had the Dons trainer come out and left the game with an injury.

Reliever Cole Stipovich completed the walk to Romanski, walked Logan Gelbrich, then gave up a two-run double to Sean Nicol.

USD's Kevin Hansen hit a sacrifice fly for another run to

make it 9-3. Mike Metzger doubled home Nicol to make it 9-4. Justin Snyder hit a two-run homer to make it 9-6. And Romanski completed the rally with a three-run homer to right that made it 9-9.

USD's Jordan Abruzzo boosted his team-high RBI total to 55 with a two-run single that capped a six-run sixth. Shane Buschini's two-run single in a four-run eighth gave him 50 RBI.

Anthony Slama (4-4) earned the win with 4¹/₃ innings of scoreless relief.

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No. 9 Toreros blast USF, win 8th straight

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

The ninth-ranked University of San Diego baseball team rallied to score 19 runs to claim a 19-9 win over the visiting University of San Francisco in a West Coast Conference game Saturday.

With the win, the Toreros improve to 37-14 overall, 15-2 in the WCC, claim the series over the Dons (24-25, 6-11), have run their winning streak to eight games and have strung together 14 consecutive WCC wins.

Every batter USD sent to the plate recorded at least one hit and all represented one

run scored. Shane Buschini went 4-for-6 with a double and three RBIs. Kevin Hansen also had a solid day at the plate as he went 3-for-4 with one RBI.

Anthony Slama (2-2) picked up the win for the Toreros as he allowed no runs on four hits in 4 $\frac{1}{3}$ innings.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

USD shows it can win a pitching duel, too

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

USD's offense has been so productive in recent weeks that the Toreros can barely remember the last time they were

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locked in a pitching duel — but they haven't forgotten how to win one.

Catcher Jordan Abruzzo singled home the winning run in the bottom of the ninth inning yesterday at Cunningham Stadium to give the Toreros a 2-1 West Coast Conference victory over USF.

It was the 13th straight WCC victory for the No. 9-ranked Toreros (36-14, 14-2), who lead the conference by three games with five games to play.

"Early on in the year we were winning those kinds of games," said USD coach Rich Hill. "It's been awhile since we had a dramatic kind of win like that in the ninth inning.

"If this team is going to do some special things down the road, then we need to win these 2-1 games."

The game matched two of the nation's best left-handers in USD's Brian Matusz and USF's Aaron Poreda. The two dueled to a 1-1 tie through eight innings before USD brought in closer A.J. Griffin to pitch the ninth.

Griffin (6-1) set down the Dons without incident, then watched the Toreros load the bases with one out in the bottom of the inning and Poreda still on the mound.

That set the stage for Abruzzo, who lined the first pitch from Poreda (6-6) into center field to score Chris Viegas.

"Against great pitchers like that you have to try to get them early," said Abruzzo. "If he gets ahead in the count, you're basically done.

"I was going up there looking for a first-pitch fastball and trying to jump on it. He missed over the plate and I got the winning run in."

Matusz was named a semifinalist this week for the Golden Spikes Award, given annually to the nation's best amateur baseball player. He was not as dominant yesterday as most have come to expect, striking out just three, but he limited the Dons (24-24, 6-10) to one fourth-inning run.

The Toreros made it 1-1 on Logan Gelbrich's RBI single in the sixth.

USD pitcher/center fielder Josh Romanski watched the game from the stands while serving a one-game suspension for what Hill called "conduct unbecoming a USD baseball player."

Hill said Romanski would return to the lineup today and start on the mound.

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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Toreros eye SDSU as potential regional site

NORTH COUNTY TIMES

SAN DIEGO — The University of San Diego has spoken with San Diego State about the possibility of the Toreros' baseball team using Tony Gwynn Stadium to host an NCAA regional, a source familiar with the negotiations speaking on the condition of anonymity said.

The discussions are still in their early stages.

Host bids do not need to be submitted to the NCAA until May 18 for the June 1-4 regional round.

Both USD athletic director Ky Snyder and San Diego State athletic director Jeff Schemmel declined to comment on the talks Friday.

"The only thing I can say at this point is that we're exploring all options, and we're going to pursue any option that's plausible," Snyder said.

Despite a No. 9 Baseball America ranking and a record of 36-14, it is unlikely the Toreros would be allowed to host at Cunningham Stadium, their on-campus venue. The facility seats just 1,200 with no seats down the baselines.

Tony Gwynn Stadium, which opened in 1997, has a capacity of about 3,000.

"I really don't know," said USD coach Rich Hill. "My focus is on (games) this weekend and next weekend."

No San Diego team has ever hosted a Division I regional.

— Michael Klitzing

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Toreros' ace golden in win against Dons

MICHAEL KLITZING
STAFF WRITER

SAN DIEGO — University of San Diego pitcher Brian Matusz lives with the reality that he could have easily been a millionaire by now, possibly even on the fast track to the big leagues.

And he now calls turning down the cash the best decision of his life.

"All that money flashes in front of your face, and it's a tough decision," said the sophomore left-hander, who was drafted by the Angels out of high school and received pre-draft offers of up to \$1 million.

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"But the reality is that I really wanted to come to San Diego, and I really knew that this was a special place and that we can go somewhere."

His instincts are proving to be pretty good. Matusz, who was named a semifinalist for the Golden Spikes Award earlier in the week, pitched another gem Friday afternoon at Cunningham Stadium as No. 9 USD beat the University of San Francisco 2-1 on catcher Jordan Abruzzo's bases-loaded RBI

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single with one out in the ninth inning.

Matusz walked away with a no-decision, despite allowing just one run in eight innings as San Francisco ace Aaron Poreda (6-6) matched him pitch for pitch.

Toreros closer A. J. Griffin (6-1) pitched a scoreless ninth to earn the victory.

It was an impressive outing nonetheless for Matusz, who kept first-place USD (36-14, 14-2 West Coast Conference) in the game, even though his strikeout pitch (slider) wasn't working. He entered the game leading the nation in strikeouts, but fanned just three Dons to lift his season total to 141.

"It's a different game when you're not striking out 13 guys a game," he said. "But it's good to get those quick outs — those fly balls and those ground balls."

Either quick outs or punch outs, Matusz has been getting them this year. The Arizona native sports a 9-2 record and an ERA that dropped to 2.51 on Friday. He has formed a potent one-two punch with fellow sophomore pitcher Josh Romanski (8-1), who chose USD after being drafted by the Padres.

"It says that our recruiting coordinators Eric Valenzuela and Jay Johnson are doing a phenomenal job," USD head coach Rich Hill said about the significance of Matusz's candidacy for the Golden Spikes, which goes to the nation's top amateur player.

"I bet, anybody in the country, they couldn't find

two better guys on a staff."

Said Matusz: "I knew that this was a winning program and that we had the ability to win the WCC. I've really set my (personal) goals high to be one of the best, and it's really working out for me."

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Josh Romanski, who also is USD's starting center fielder, was held out of Friday's game for what coach Rich Hill termed, "conduct unbecoming of a USD baseball player." The left-hander will start on the mound today.

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USD, SDSU may bid to host a baseball regional

Toreros' 'home' could be Tony Gwynn Stadium

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

It is rare to find the words San Diego State, USD and cooperation in the same sentence.

The Aztecs and Toreros may not be bitter enemies on the scale of USC-UCLA or North Carolina-Duke, but they are cross-town rivals nonetheless.

As the college baseball season builds toward the postseason, the schools may have a mutual interest in working together.

In 1999, the NCAA expanded the field for the playoffs from 48 to 64 teams. There are 16 four-team regionals in the first round and 71 percent of the host schools have won their regionals. Regionals winners advance to one of eight two-team Super Regionals, where 75 percent of the host teams have won and advanced to the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

"The road to Omaha," said SDSU coach Tony Gwynn, "is a whole lot

easier, no question, if you're fortunate enough to be one of those 16 teams that can host."

SDSU and USD are expected in the next few days to submit bids to the NCAA Baseball Selection Committee to host a regional. Bids are due by May 18 for the playoffs, which begin June 1.

A regional has never been hosted in San Diego.

"It would be great for the city," said Gwynn. "Interest in college baseball would shoot through the roof."

Here's where it gets interesting: Both SDSU and USD are expected to bid to host at the same venue — Tony Gwynn Stadium at SDSU.

The schools have been close-mouthed on the subject, but officials from both schools were said to have met yesterday on the SDSU campus.

"Preposterous" may be the initial — printable — reaction from Aztecs alumni and boosters. But, beyond the graciousness of the gesture, allowing USD to use their facilities also could benefit the Aztecs if they qualify for postseason play.

Jeff Schemmel, SDSU director of athletics, was out of town yesterday and

unavailable for comment.

SDSU (27-22), which opens a three-game home series tonight against UNLV, is aiming to reach the playoffs by winning the Mountain West Conference Tournament and securing an automatic postseason bid (no MWC team ever has received an at-large berth). Even then, the Aztecs most likely would be sent on the road as a No. 4 seed because of their low RPI (currently 109).

If USD were to secure a regional here, however, it could compel the selection committee to keep the Aztecs close to home.

"It's too early to comment right now," said Gwynn. "We've started to see the scenario set up, but I can't comment until I know something."

"Obviously, USD is playing great and they're going to be one of those teams worthy (of hosting). But, from where I sit, I'm trying to get my team there, too. I'm trying to do what I can to help get us in."

The No. 9 Toreros (35-14), who open a three-game home series today against West Coast Conference rival USF, have virtually assured themselves of an at-

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large berth with an RPI of 14.

USD could earn the conference's automatic berth by winning the WCC Championship Series, which pits the top two finishers from the regular season in a best-of-three series. The Toreros lead the WCC by three games over Pepperdine and Gonzaga with six conference games remaining.

USD's recent surge — the Toreros have won 11 straight conference games — and rise in the national rankings led school officials to investigate hosting a regional.

"Our focus right now is on the field with San Francisco this weekend," said USD coach Rich Hill, "but if you don't think about the future and plan ahead you'd be left out in the cold if it does materialize."

Ky Snyder, USD executive director of athletics, said, "We are taking a look at all sorts of options and we're starting to flesh them out." Snyder would not elaborate on what those options include.

It is clear, however, that USD's Cunningham Stadium is not among them. The ballpark does not have lights and, more importantly, its limited seating ca-

capacity is not adequate to be a host venue.

Randy L. Buhr, associate director of championships for the NCAA, said one of the requirements for hosting is that 200 tickets be available to each of the visiting teams, within a prime location between the first- and third-base lines.

Cunningham Stadium does not even have seating along the baselines. All of the ballpark's 1,200 seats are located behind home plate in an amphitheater-type configuration.

The most viable local options are Petco Park and 3,000-seat Tony Gwynn Stadium. The cost to rent Petco for a four-day event is prohibitive, however.

There is one other hurdle to clear.

The CIF-San Diego Section baseball finals are scheduled for Tony Gwynn Stadium the same weekend as the NCAA Regionals.

"We would want to work with them to make this a positive thing for everybody," said section Commissioner Dennis Ackerman, who could move the high school event from the weekend to two midweek evenings.

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USD pitcher honored

University of San Diego sophomore left-hander Brian Matusz is a semifinalist for the USA Baseball Golden Spikes award, given annually to the nation's premier amateur baseball player. The award will be presented June 29.

USD rides Waves to No. 9 in nation

By Kirk Kenney
STAFF WRITER

Joining the ranks of national-caliber programs like Texas, Florida State, Rice and Arizona State used to be the aspiration of the

Toreros USD baseball team.

7 In recent years, it became an expectation for the Toreros.

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Now it is a realization.

USD vaulted eight places yesterday morning in the most recent *Baseball America* Top 25 rankings, the Toreros climbing all the way to No. 9 in the nation.

"It's a great accomplishment to be where we're at right now," said USD coach Rich Hill. "To be in the Top 10 in the country and be around all those great teams with great tradition is a tremendous honor."

The honor was punctuated yesterday afternoon with an unprecedented victory over Pepperdine.

In 22 years of meetings between the West Coast Conference rivals, the Toreros had never swept a three-game series against the Waves. They have now, after pitchers Matt Couch and A.J. Griffin combined for a 7-3 win at Cunningham Stadium.

"I just tried to go out there and give us the best chance to win," said Couch (7-2), who took a shutout into the sixth inning as the Toreros (35-14, 12-2 WCC) built a 4-0 lead.

No. 17-ranked Pepperdine (30-16, 10-5) rallied for two runs off Couch in the sixth and another run in the seventh when Griffin came on in relief to make it 4-3.

USD came right back with two runs in the bottom of the seventh, both runs coming on one of Pepperdine's season-high five errors.

That provided some breath-

room for Griffin, who worked in and out of trouble before getting his eighth save.

It was the 11th straight conference victory for the Toreros, who have three-game series remaining with USF (at home) and Santa Clara (on the road) to conclude conference play. If the hot streak continues, the climb up the rankings should be as well.

USD's lofty standing is not unprecedented — the Toreros reached No. 8 briefly early last season — although it is more meaningful. In 2006, the ranking was primarily the product of a season-opening sweep of Texas. But USD slid down and finally out of the Top 25 as the season progressed. This year, the Toreros are peaking when it means the most.

USD's stretch run has all but assured the Toreros a postseason at-large berth and their fourth NCAA Tournament appearance in the past six years. Within their grasp is the WCC regular-season title, a WCC Championship Series title and perhaps a No. 1 seed in an NCAA Regional.

Asked what was going through his mind moments after beating Pepperdine, Hill said: "San Francisco . . . We're going to desensitize and detach from the stakes at hand and focus on our play and stay in the moment."

Still . . .

At 35-14, USD is 21 games over .500 for the first time in the school's Division I history. The 1971 team was 22 games over .500, going 34-12. That club reached the NCAA Division II World Series.

This team has aspirations — expectations? — of something similar. What the Toreros realize remains to be seen.

"It's going to be awesome to see how far we can take this," said second baseman Justin Snyder.

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Toreros play up to their ranking

■ USD celebrates
top 10 spot by
sweeping Waves

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SAN DIEGO — The University of San Diego baseball team needed only a few hours on Monday to prove that its latest helping of national acclaim was well-deserved.

On the same day the Toreros vaulted to No. 9 in the Baseball America rankings, they defeated No. 17 Pepperdine 7-3 at Cunningham Stadium to finish off a three-game sweep in a series of West Coast Conference heavyweights.

It was the Toreros' first series sweep against the Waves, and it allowed them to grab a three-game lead in the WCC race with six to play.

"It's not really surprising because our team is really clicking on all cylinders," said first baseman Daniel Magness, who went 2-for-5 with two runs scored and two RBIs.

"We're just going back to work. We're not getting too big-headed; we're just staying calm and doing what we do."

That kind of even-keel outlook has come at the behest of coach Rich Hill, whose Toreros improved to 35-14 (13-2 WCC).

"It's a great accomplishment to be where we're at right now," he said. "To be in the top 10 in the country, around all those great teams with great tradition, is a tremendous honor, but that's basically what it is."

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"We think we can get better tomorrow, and I think we have to get better before we play San Francisco this weekend. We're going to kind of desensitize and detach from the stakes that are at hand and focus on our play and stay in the moment."

For one tense moment in the seventh inning Monday, it

seemed as if Pepperdine (30-16, 10-5) was primed to ruin USD's big day in the rankings. The Waves battled back from a 4-0 deficit with two runs in the sixth off Toreros starter Matt Couch (7-2), and they chased him from the game in the seventh by loading the bases with no outs. That's when Hill called on closer A.J. Griffin to put out the fire.

After hitting the first batter he faced to force in a run, the freshman did just that.

Griffin induced a foul popup from Matt Aidem and an Adrian Ortiz bouncer that third baseman Kevin Hansen fired home for an out. When Pepperdine's Luke Salas took out catcher Jordan Abruzzo as he threw to first base, it was ruled a double play.

Griffin also left the bases loaded in the eighth and stranded two more runners in the ninth to record his eighth save of the year.

"He's done an absolute

amazing job for us all year, and we had all the confidence in the world," Magness said. "I knew he was going to get out of it."

Magness delivered a two-run double to key a three-run Toreros' first inning, drilling a Brett Hunter (6-4) offering just inside the bag at third and into the left-field corner.

Pepperdine helped USD's cause by committing five errors, two of which came in a two-run bottom of the seventh to provide needed insurance.

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Softball

USD (24-26, 8-12 PCSC) took a doubleheader from visiting **Portland State** (23-34, 8-11 PCSC), winning the first game 5-4 in 11 innings and the second 7-4. Carey Casciola and Kathleen Bonja had three hits each for USD in the first game and Jennifer Ellenbeck had three in the nightcap. . . . **SDSU** (30-22, 6-10 MWC) fell to **UNLV** 1-0.

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USD adds assistant

USD women's basketball coach **Cindy Fisher** has added former Toreros standout **Tiara Harris** to her coaching

staff. Harris, who most recently played professionally in Iceland, was an All-West Coast Conference performer as a USD senior in the 2005-06 season.

— NICOLE VARGAS



Smith is shining in the USA

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Golf Round Up, Allan Boughey Evening Gazette

Teesside's Dale Smith is making strong progress on the tough US college circuit.

The former England Under-18 boys captain has just completed his first year at the University of San Diego where he is under the tutelage of Phil Mickelson's brother Tim.

And the 19-year-old from Saltburn can't wait to get back on home soil for an exciting summer of golf on the regional amateur scene.

Dale has played a big individual and team role for the San Diego golf team in the NCAA Division One - regarded as one of the better mid-major collegiate conferences in the United States.

He recently joined his college team-mates at the West Coast Conference Championships at La Purisima Golf Club at Lompoc, California.

San Diego managed a second place finish behind the eventual winners, Pepperdine.

Dale said: "Going into the last round we were ten shots behind and in fourth place, but we managed to claw our way back into second, finishing five shots behind the winners.

"It was disappointing for us as a team not to win the WCC Championship, as we believed that we had a good chance, but that second place finish meant we had finished in fifth place or higher in every tournament of the spring season."

Dale is now looking back on what's been a highly exciting and successful debut season in American golf and added: "On an individual note, I finished in sixth place at the WCC Championships with scores of 74, 74, 73 (+5) and I was very pleased to close out the season on a high note.

"That performance, combined with my results throughout the collegiate season, has also meant that I was named in the ten-man All-West Coast Conference First Team.

"To be included is something that is very nice to achieve in my first collegiate season out here."

Dale attributes part of his success to the excellent facilities at San Diego.

He added: "The golf programme at San Diego is continuously improving, and the 07/08 season should be very exciting."



Dale will be back on Teesside at the end of May and is planning to get stuck into more golf over the summer, particularly for his home town club.

He said: "I'll be turning my attention to the amateur circuit back in Britain. I'm now looking forward to what will hopefully be a successful season at home, and also in helping my home club Saltburn make another run at the Teesside Union Division One title after coming so close in 2006.

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"We will also be looking to continue our progress through the Yorkshire divisions, and with the strength of team we have there is no reason why we can't not only get to the Yorkshire First Division, but get there and have a really good chance of winning it."

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Tim Sullivan

USD coach took golf-cart path less traveled



Bill Grier paid his dues until he was almost destitute. By his own reckoning, the University of San Diego's new

basketball coach spent the first decade of his career "below the poverty line" in order to keep his hand in hoops.

He worked as a banquet waiter. He delivered room service. He coached golf, after a fashion, so he could afford to continue coaching basketball.

"Coaching is a bad label for that job," Grier said of his stint as Gonzaga's women's golf coach. "I was an organizer. I got them where they needed to be, set up all the deals with the local courses in town where they

could practice and play.

"But if they asked me what to do, I'd say, 'Hang on.' I'd grab the (club) assistant and say, 'Can you help this gal? I don't want to lead her astray. She'll be hitting it as bad as I do.'"

Heeding Harry Callahan's advice that "a man's got to know his limitations," Bill Grier endeavored to coach golf without actually coaching golf. He

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was then about a 14 handicapper who took the job to augment his meager salary as Gonzaga's "restricted earnings" basketball assistant.

Unable to offer golf scholarships at first, Grier recruited at registration, distributing flyers that underscored his desperation.

Prospective players were expected to like the outdoors, to own their own clubs and to be enrolled as full-time students. Jokingly, Grier also stipulated

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Until he arrived at USD as head coach, Bill Grier didn't have a basketball court he could really call his own. K.C. Alfred / Union-Tribune

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Coaching in Grier's blood; only later on his résumé

that they should "be able to get it airborne off the first tee."

This was not, it turned out, a requirement.

"The first year was just awful," Grier said. "The first tournament we played, my No. 5 girl, her two-day total was like 286. The pro who was doing the board says, 'This can't be right.' He looks at it again and says, 'She hits it 14 more times, she'll roll a perfect game.'"

When a man is passionate about his chosen path, he will do what he must to make it work. Like all of those aspiring actors who wait tables between auditions, Bill Grier wanted to coach basketball badly enough to take second jobs to subsidize his starting at the bottom. He became known to his golfers as "Billy Idol," because they thought him head-turning handsome, not because he was rich and famous.

"I definitely knew that he was scraping by," said Boise State women's golf coach Lisa Wasinger, one of Grier's first scholarship recruits. "Probably one of the biggest days of his life was when he told the golf team he was quitting to coach basketball full time."

Grier had played junior college basketball, but graduated from the University of Oregon without the kind of connections that could have jump-started his career. So he broke into the business in 1986 by coaching the freshman team at Cottage Grove High School, his alma mater, and there commenced the long, low-paying climb to USD and his first Division I head coaching job.

Grier coached Cottage Grove's freshmen for two years before being elevated to oversee the junior varsity, supplementing his income by toting trays at Eugene's Valley River Inn. One day this entailed delivering lunch to a La Leche assembly.

"I had no idea what it was," Grier said. "So I walk out and every woman is breast-feeding her kid as I'm serving them lunch."

Nor were the cheap thrills confined to the banquet rooms.

"Before that, I had been a room service waiter," Grier said. "That's where you made the tips. Then, every once in a while, you also got the 70-year-old woman who orders the late-night meal and you go to the door and she's got the see-through nightgown on."

Horrifying as that must have been, and hard as it was to stay solvent, Grier was undeterred. He landed a head coaching job at Creswell High School and then, in 1991, latched on at Gonzaga as Dan Fitzgerald's "restricted earnings" assistant. Starting salary: \$5,000.

"What made it work was myself and (fellow assistants) Dan Monson and Mark (Few) all lived together," Grier said. "Dan had bought a house and Mark and I rented from him and he kept my rent really low. That's how I survived."

Grier ultimately received a settlement check as part of a class action against the NCAA's "restricted earnings" designation, but he would spend six years in that entry-level job. The women's golf gig was Fitzgerald's way of helping him stay afloat.

He would hold that job for four years, until Fitzgerald's retirement. When Monson succeeded Fitzgerald, Grier became a full-fledged assistant. When Monson later left for Minnesota, Grier moved up again behind Few.

College basketball has become a billion-dollar business, but the revenues rarely trickle down to the guys logging the longest hours. Bill Carr, the former UCSD coach who has taken the title of associate head coach at USD, once moonlighted in the men's department at Nordstrom's.

"I got good at matching colors by the end," Carr said. Then, channeling his salesman voice, Carr declared: "That tie goes *perfectly* with that shirt."

Sharing lunch with a couple of sportswriters last week, Grier laughed at Carr's account of his adventures in haberdashery. The two coaches have moved up in the world, but they have not really moved on. Though their paychecks have improved, they are still driven by the desire to coach and compete.

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"There were a lot of times when I was frustrated," Grier said. "It was basically surviving. You don't see much light at the end of the tunnel. But I had a passion. I wanted to do it so bad. I was surviving enough that I wasn't hung up with making a ton of money. It wasn't like I needed much money, anyway."

Sounds like the model employee.

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BILL GRIER,

USD basketball coach, on lean years before coaching

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Toreros men's basketball finds new radio home on 1090

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The University of San Diego and XX Sports Radio 1090 have signed a three-year deal to carry Toreros men's basketball on 1090 and football on KASH 1700.

In addition, John Lynch, president and CEO of the Broadcast Company of the Americas, said 1090 will carry Notre Dame football in the fall.

"I truly believe USD is building a great program in men's basketball, and we want to be a part of it," Lynch said. "We're working close with the university to beef

up the schedule, bring NCAA tournament teams into the Jenny Craig Pavilion, an arena I think is one of the best on the West Coast."

Ky Snyder, athletic director at USD, said 1090 gives the Toreros the strongest radio signal in the West Coast Conference.

"We're very excited about this agreement," Snyder said. "If you want sports news in Southern California, where do you go? 1090."

— John Maffei

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Flipping channels

• Getting XX Sports to carry USD basketball and weekly shows for the football and basketball coaches is a good deal for the school, which has had little or no over-the-air radio coverage. **John Lynch**, who runs the station, said he will do a "national search" for someone who can announce the games and host a talk show.

• While USD football airs on Cash 1700-AM, Lynch said XX Sports will carry Notre Dame games. USC football will continue to be heard on ESPN Radio 800 (or not heard, depending on the time of day).

• By the way, XX Sports recorded a 2.0 share of the audience during the first three months of the year, according to Arbitron. That was up 11 percent from the same period last year. But I'd be willing to bet the current ratings weren't helped Wednesday when **Darren Smith** and **Bill Werndl** spent more than 10 minutes at the top of their show discussing the Mavs-Warriors series and teasing colleague/Warriors fan **Josh Rosenberg**. Maybe it was fun for those three, but next time they should keep it in the office and off the air.

• CSTV has two SDSU events coming up: softball vs. UNLV at 6 p.m. tomorrow and baseball vs. Long Beach State at 6 p.m. Tuesday. The latter game will be preceded by a half-hour "One2One" interview with **Tony Gwynn**.

• **Lee Hamilton**, who is doing a four-hour show every Saturday and Sunday at 11 a.m. on XTRA Sports 570, said he will have an interview — live! — with **Christine Daniels** at 1 p.m. Sunday. Daniels used to be *Los Angeles Times* sports writer **Mike Penner** before announcing a gender change last week . . . **Steve Quis** will work the Padres' next six telecasts on Channel 4 San Diego, three in Florida this weekend and three in Atlanta next week.

Parting shots

• I wish I were making this up, but on the same "That Sunday Sports Show" where **C.S. Keys** of XETV Channel 6 said the Dodgers beat the Padres on a hit by "former SDSU standout" **Brady Clark**, who actually starred at USD, he reacted to a highlight

shown by co-anchor **Andrea Nakano** by saying, "I call that play 'Andrea,' because it's a rarity." Seriously, they expect people to watch that?

• I wish I were making this up, part II: After the Padres lost in the ninth inning for the second time in three nights last week, **Ernie Martinez** said on the XX Sports postgame show, "There's no reason why Padres fans should be frustrated." Why, because the weather's nice? I'm sure the Padres were frustrated; why should their fans feel any different?

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SDSU's exit opens XX door for USD

John Lynch wasn't pulling his punches.

Lynch, the president and CEO of the Broadcast Company of the Americas, wanted San Diego State football and basketball for XX Sports Radio 1090.

But when the Aztecs opted to go across town and signed



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a deal with Clear Channel, which will carry football and basketball on KOGO (600). Lynch didn't hesitate. He moved across town himself, signing a three-year deal with the University of San Diego, with a two-year option.

USD basketball will be on 1090. The Toreros' football team, a non-Division I program, will be shipped out to Cash 1700 AM.

"Let's just say the timing was good," Lynch said. "I was on USD's board of trustees 20 years, and I have a great amount of respect and admiration for the school and its athletes. So when the opportunity to carry USD games presented itself, I jumped on it."

USD athletic director Ky Snyder, a former San Diego State football player, couldn't be happier with the deal.

"When San Diego State went to another station, it created an opportunity for us," Snyder said. "We now have our games on a powerful, all-sports station with the signal carrying all over California. We now have the best signal in the West Coast Conference."

Snyder and Lynch both emphasized a priority has been set on improving the school's basketball schedule.

Despite a winning record, part of the reason coach Brad Holland was let go was because his men's team couldn't fill the 5,000-seat Jenny Craig Pavilion. The team just didn't create a buzz on campus or in the community.

"The players want a better schedule, and the fans want it, too," Snyder said. "We need quality opponents — NCAA Tournament-type teams coming in here. It's a challenge, and it will take time. But I have a contract on my desk that will hopefully get things started."

The deal between USD and 1090 also includes weekly shows for Snyder, new basketball coach Bill Grier and new football coach Ron Caragher.

Plus, Lynch said the station could broadcast some other sports such as baseball — especially if the No. 9-ranked Toreros advance to the College World Series — and women's basketball on 1700.

Who's behind the mike?

Neither Lynch nor Snyder was ready to announce who will call USD basketball games — and the decision must be a mutual one.

Lynch's choice is Ted Leitner, the radio voice of the Padres on 1090. Leitner, however, would like to continue to call San Diego State football and basketball — even if it means a move to KOGO.

"I want the USD announcer affiliated with my station," Lynch said. "I love Ted's work, and he knows that. I feel the USD announcer should be part of our family."

Leitner doesn't have a major role on 1090, but does

brief morning and afternoon call-ins to the station. Should he decide to call the Aztecs, that gig would go away, although he would continue to call Padres games — at least until his contract is up at the end of the season.

Andy Masur, the new man in the Padres' radio booth, is also a candidate to call USD games. He has made a solid first impression in San Diego and he has basketball experience, working Loyola of Chicago games for a number of years.

Jim Stone of Channel 39 has called USD games in the past and could be a candidate again.

Jack Murray, a solid and loyal guy, has called USD football for years and should be allowed to stay in that role.

Irish find a home

Lynch also announced 1090 will carry Notre Dame football in the fall, great news for football fans and the school's subway alumni.

Lynch tried to work deals with USC and UCLA, "but the strength of our signal, which carries into L.A., hurt us there," he said.

USC games are on KSPN (710) in L.A. and ESPN 800 in San Diego, with UCLA on KLAC (570).

"Notre Dame is a big-time program," Lynch said. "Plus, there are a lot of West Coast ties."

This season, the Irish play USC, UCLA, Stanford and Navy. The schedule also includes Georgia Tech, Penn State, Michigan, Michigan State, Purdue, Boston College, Duke and Air Force.

Lynch said he's working on carrying a weekly coach's show, featuring Charlie Weis.

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XX Sports Radio to carry USD basketball

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USD basketball games will air on XX Sports Radio for the first time, the school and the all-sports station announced yesterday. The contract, which also calls for football games to air on XX's sister station, Cash 1700 AM, is for three years with a two-year option. No announcers were named.



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Dougherty inducted into USD Athletic Hall of Fame

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SAN DIEGO — A Yucca Valley High School multiple sports athletic standout while taking part in Trojan football and baseball in the early 1990s, Jebediah "Jeb" Dougherty was inducted into the University of San Diego's Chet and Marguerite Pagni Family Athletic Hall of Fame during a program in Craig Pavilion April 21.

Dougherty is among 22 USD athletes named to the Athletic Hall of Fame since the first three were honored more than a decade ago in 1994.

While attending Yucca Valley High School in the early 1990s, Jeb quarterbacked the Trojan football team for Coach Mark Beckham and was Trojan baseball's catcher for Coach Bob Hettig.

Hettig, his wife Cheri, and former Trojan baseball player Scott Moore attended the honors program.

Dougherty, who graduated in 1997 from the University of San Diego with a Bachelor of Arts degree in business, was a two-sport athlete and a classroom standout at USD.

He earned Academic All-American honors in football and baseball prior to earning a bachelor's degree in business in 1997.

Dougherty, a defensive back in USD football, ranks among the top three in career tackles, pass breakups, kickoff-return average and forced fumbles.

He was third-team Associated Press All-American selection, USD's defensive MVP, a first team All-Pioneer League selection and USD's scholar-athlete choice for the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame (San Diego chapter) his senior year. He was a three-time Pioneer Football League All-Academic selection and a four-time Pioneer Football League Player of the Week.

Dougherty was an outfielder in baseball. He was the University of San Diego's Co-MVP in 1996, a first team All-WCC All-Academic selection and an Academic All-American for District V111. He led the USD teams in hits, runs and batting average his junior and senior years. He was a four-time WCC All-Academic selection.

He signed with the California Angels following his senior year and advanced to the double-A level before retiring after four years in 2001.

In addition to his career in the medical sales field, Dougherty runs youth baseball spring training camps.

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They Want to Put a Tiger in Your Bag

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The San Diego golf industry is aiming to create happier golfers via better equipment, faster courses and programs to improve performance



SAN DIEGO'S GOLF INDUSTRY wants you. Anybody, really. The reality is, there aren't enough players to go around. Insiders concede participation in the game is flagging as a result of the "three toos": golf is too expensive, too frustrating and, in a time when a game of Madden video football can be played in a half-hour, too slow.

But the golf industry is mobilizing to overcome the terrible toos, and San Diego-based businesses are leading the back-nine charge. If your swing propels golf balls onto freeways instead of fairways, they'll sell you a golf club that will compensate for your slice. If you look like John Daly and shoot like Fred Flintstone, they'll design a fitness and nutrition program to put a little Tiger in your tank. They're even working on designing links that get you on and off the course in three hours, instead of five.

Golf 20/20 is a program initiated by the World Golf Foundation in 1999 to bring the influence of the PGA Tour, PGA of America and the United States Golf Association to grow the game. A report on participation commissioned by Golf 20/20 found that, in 2003, 495 million rounds were played in the United States, compared to 502 million rounds in 2002. Hardest hit were the mid-Atlantic and Northeastern states, off 13 and 5.6 percent respectively. Weather was blamed in the East, but the region including California, Nevada and Southern Arizona was off 2.3 percent.

"It's no secret that, from a participation perspective, the golf industry has been generally flat for a decade or more," says George Fellows, president and CEO of Callaway Golf, headquartered in Carlsbad. "The number of rounds played have remained relatively consistent over that time—as has the number of players—but the golf equipment category was up 11 percent. What this indicates is pretty clear: If golfers are presented with new products that promise to improve their game, they will respond."

Callaway, celebrating its 25th anniversary in 2007, has landed 21 of its products on the *Golf Digest* "Hot List," including awards for the best driver (FT-5), best fairway woods (Big Bertha), best game-improvement irons (X-20) and best-value performance golf ball (HX Hot). Investors have taken notice, bidding up shares 12 percent in January, when Callaway announced it expected 2006 profits to beat Wall Street estimates with

earnings of about 35 cents a share—up from 19 cents in 2005—on more than \$1 billion in sales.

Callaway's Carlsbad neighbor and rival, TaylorMade-Adidas Golf, a unit of Germany's Adidas, is also shooting birdies.

"We've had unbelievable growth," says Sean Toulon, executive vice president of product and brand marketing. Toulon says when he joined a new executive team at TaylorMade in 1999, sales were about \$290 million. Last year, sales exceeded \$1 billion.

TaylorMade's sales are being driven by its line of r7 drivers, which aim to overcome a golfer's handicap.

"The r7 has four weights in the club that the golfer can move," Toulon explains. "It's a more forgiving club, because, properly placed, the weights can cancel a tendency to slice by changing a player's left-to-right tendencies."

THE R7 AND OTHER innovative technologies highlight the two major trends in golf equipment: "mass customization," or moving parts in the club to suit a player's needs, and new driver shapes that allow a player to hit for distance even on a less-than-stellar shot.

"Ours is a stretched bullet shape that increases the ability of the club to hit farther, even if you don't hit the ball in the 'sweet spot' of the club," says Toulon.

Similarly, the TaylorMade Performance Lab at the Four Seasons Resort Aviara uses "motion-capture" photography to produce a three-dimensional movie of a golfer's swing that can be analyzed from multiple viewing angles, such as underneath or overhead. The program was developed by TaylorMade to test golf clubs, but subsequently was used by touring pros and is now available to the public. Herb Meistrich purchased the licensing for the performance lab from TaylorMade and now operates labs in Portland, Georgia, South Africa, Spain and Dubai.

"The motion-capture technology uses nine cameras and infrared sensors to create a 3D image of a player's swing on the screen," says Meistrich. "It's similar to the technology used in video game production."

Once the performance lab has analyzed the player's swing (at a cost of \$350), a set of clubs can be customized to correct any flaws. "Most players can drop their handicap by 25 to 50 percent without doing anything but changing their clubs," says Meistrich.

Of course, players could decide to change their swing mechanics, but switching clubs is quicker and easier, satisfying two of the three "toos."

"Most players are not willing to take the time and energy to make major swing changes, which would require two to three hours a day, for 21 days in a row," Meistrich says.

Not content just to improve golf equipment, some in the industry have turned to the more daunting task of improving the golfer.

Dr. Peter Mackay is a member of the advisory board of the Titleist Performance Institute in Oceanside. The TPI (mytpi.com) offers a series of tests and fitness programs designed to help players improve their games through fitness.

"If you look at golfers who are in top physical condition, their decision-making skills are better, and they operate better on the course when they're more on top of things," says Mackay. "If you are less fit, you are more likely to make a mistake."

AN EXAMPLE of the successful and fit golfer is Tiger Woods. "Tiger does everything he can do to be the best, and it shows," Mackay says. "When you see him, he is striding with authority, not slumping down the fairway. When the body is working more efficiently, there's a psychological effect too."

A session at the TPI runs in the neighborhood of \$5,000, but weekend warriors can check out the Golf Fitness Academy on the mytpi.com Web site, complete with archived exercises and other fitness information. And certified TPI professionals Bob Townsend, Devin FitzMaurice and Derek Uyeda are available for consultations at the San Diego Golf Institute at Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley.

For young careerists raised in the Apprentice generation, golf can be their entrée to the boardroom. That's the theory behind the Professional Golfers' Association's Golf and Business Program, which the PGA has launched on 59 campuses, including the University of San Diego (with a \$50,000 grant).

"A lot of business is done on the golf course, so if you're a good golfer, you get a little extra form of respect, which can be a foot in the door," says Steve Kaese, director of instruction at Riverwalk Golf Club in Mission Valley, where the 10-week USD classes are held. About that business pitch: It's probably best to wait, says Kaese, till your party is on the back nine—or better yet, in the clubhouse.