Boyd named dean of Arts and Sciences

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Dr. Mary K. Boyd, the next dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, has a strong background of teaching and research, but she also has achievements that speak to her strengths as a person: when Boyd was teaching at Loyola University Chicago, she was nominated by her students to be featured “professor of the basketball game,” and she has a Facebook profile so she can be easily contacted.

Boyd is also a wife and mother to two young children, a daughter age nine and a son age seven. Her family is excited about the move to San Diego, where the art culture is vibrant and Sea World is right up the road. Boyd’s son, she said, “wants to move today,” and her daughter, a budding writer, thinks the move is awesome.

Boyd, who currently chairs of the department of chemistry at Georgia Southern University, is thrilled to be coming to USD.

“The university is a really special place,” she said. “The students are dynamic, engaged and focused on undergraduate research. There is a menu of wonderful things happening on campus that I hope to become involved in.”

The search committee, who was involved throughout the nine-month process of the screening of potential candidates for the new dean, also could not be happier.

Dr. Eric Pierson, the search committee chair and communications studies professor, spoke of Boyd’s dedication to “balancing the administrative responsibilities of the job with the needs of the faculty and students.”

Sam Mabry, as vice president of academics, was the undergraduate student representative on the search committee and had the opportunity to speak to Boyd on two occasions: once during a panel questionnaire and the second time in a more intimate setting, when she sat down to lunch with Boyd and various other students.

During the lunch Mabry see BOYD, page 3

Vigil protests hate crimes

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Authorities arrested 18 San Diego State University students Tuesday after a year-long drug investigation. Items seized in the sting included $100,000 worth of drugs, consisting of four pounds of cocaine, 50 pounds of marijuana, ecstasy pills and other narcotics, according to the San Diego Union-Tribune.

A total of 96 people have been arrested, including 75 SDSU students. SDSU campus police launched the drug probe, dubbed Operation Sudden Fall, after a student died of a cocaine overdose last year. The Drug Enforcement Administration joined the operation five months ago and made more than 130 undercover drug buys at fraternity houses and in front of campus dormitories, the Union-Tribune reported.

Authorities infiltrated seven campus fraternities and also confiscated a shotgun, three semiautomatic pistols and $60,000. The Daily Aztec reported that several fraternity members of Theta Chi were

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USD alumnus speaks about his $200 million journey

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In 1993, Tom Breitling moved to Las Vegas with only $100 in his pocket. In 2005, he and his partner, Tim Poster, sold the Golden Nugget properties for approximately $340 million.

Breitling, a USD alumnus, spoke about this 12-year portion of his life during his presentation “A 200 Million Dollar Journey” last Thursday at USD’s SBA Business Plan Competition, which he co-sponsored.

After growing up in a small town in Minnesota, Breitling began his college education at USD studying communication and business administration, where he met his future partner Timothy Poster.

During this time, Breitling had dreams of becoming an ESPN sportscaster. Soon after graduating from USD in 1991, he started off as the weatherman for KHIZ-TV in California. But Breitling’s broadcasting dreams changed soon after his friend Poster convinced him to pay him a visit in his hometown.

One night, while the two were sitting on a frozen lake in Minnesota, Poster asked Breitling to become his business partner. He told Breitling he would have an equal partnership, and with only a handshake the two became a pair of long-term business partners.

“Moments of trust define the

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