

PREFACE



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With the publication of this issue of *The Journal of San Diego History*, the University of San Diego (USD) is pleased to inaugurate its new relationship with the San Diego Historical Society. Professors of History, Iris H. W. Engstrand and Molly McClain, have generously offered their expertise and editorial skills to the Journal and brought our University into the heart of the enterprise. USD's own history suggests why this match is good.

For more than fifty years, the University of San Diego has been a vital participant in the growth and development of San Diego and the surrounding region. At a time when jackrabbits dominated the landscape of our Linda Vista mesa, the founders of USD—Bishop Charles F. Buddy and Mother Rosalie Clifton Hill, RSCJ—imagined and then built something grand: a scholarly community where the sons and daughters of San Diegans might seek the truth and beauty on a hill overlooking the sea.

The founders intended to preserve the rich legacy of learning and culture imported to San Diego by the Franciscan missionaries from Spain through the art, architecture, and curriculum of the colleges. The inspiration for this project was the great Spanish University of Alcalá de Henares, the home of our city's namesake,

San Diego de Alcalá. This humanistic center of learning educated people like Ignatius of Loyola and Teresa of Avila during Spain's Golden Age. Today, a San Diegan who visits the remnants of the old university at Alcalá de Henares immediately recognizes the architectural inheritance given to the University of San Diego. Our campus contains some of the best revival Spanish Renaissance architecture outside of Spain.

It is fitting, then, that the University of San Diego join in a new and vital partnership with the San Diego Historical Society. *The Journal of San Diego History* will benefit from the editing of two superb historians, Professors Iris H. W. Engstrand and Molly McClain. USD's commitment to this joint venture with the Society offers readers all that they have come to expect from a scholarly chronicle and, more, the insightful and creative influence of academics who are themselves invested in preserving and celebrating our region's vitality.

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