

University picks a new 'Voice of the Ducks'

By Mike Sims
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Hal Ramey, the radio voice of San Jose State University football and basketball since 1972, has been selected by the University and the KUGN radio station as the new "Voice of the Ducks."

KUGN executives announced Ramey's hiring at a Friday morning press conference at the station. He was selected from a field of 161 applicants after what General Manager Jim Torrey called "the heaviest analysis of potential play-by-play announcers ever made" by the station.

KUGN has held broadcast rights to Duck football, men's basketball and track and field since 1957.

Acting-Athletic Director Bill Byrne and University coaches also took part in the hiring process. "We're really excited to have Hal on board," Byrne said. "We need continuity in the (athletic) program, and he'll help bring us that."

Ramey is the eighth Duck announcer in the last 12 years. He replaces Bill Johnson, sports director of KXL in Portland. Johnson was University play-by-play announcer for one season and spent two seasons doing color commentary for Duck games.

Ramey called soccer games for the San

Jose (now Golden Bay) Earthquakes of the North American Soccer League until this year, when the club lost its radio contract. He has also periodically hand-



Photo by Michael Clapp

Hal Ramey, a longtime sportscaster at San Jose State University, was chosen KUGN and the University as the new 'Voice of the Ducks.'

led play-by-play coverage of baseball's Oakland A's and the Golden State Warriors of the National Basketball Association.

An SJSU graduate, Ramey began his sportscasting career as Spartan play-by-play announcer on the school radio station. He also served as sports information director at SJSU before his employment at a succession of Bay Area stations.

Torrey cited Ramey's employment at big-market stations KCBS and ABC-owned KGO as an indication of his ability. "Those stations have the wherewithal to hire the best.

"The true test of a play-by-play announcer is that he can make you visualize in your mind the action on the field," Torrey said. "Hal is that sort; he adds an element of visual color to his broadcasts."

Torrey said the rapid turnover rate for Duck sportscasters has been a source of concern in the community over the past few years. "We'll work closely with Hal to ensure that this will be a long-standing relationship between KUGN,

the University and the community," he said.

Johnson's being based in Portland was another common concern because it prevented him from getting involved in University and community activities to the degree KUGN and the University wanted. Torrey and Byrne expressed confidence that the hiring of Ramey would help improve that state of affairs.

"One of Hal's strengths is that he is very involved in community activities," Torrey said. "We'll be having him speak before community organizations and take part in local activities. We want the name of Hal Ramey to be synonymous with U of O sports."

In addition to his duties as Voice of the Ducks, Ramey will hold KUGN's regular 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekday air shift.

Ramey will no doubt have first-hand familiarity with this fall's University football squad. The Ducks and the Spartans met on the gridiron during each of the last two seasons. They also clashed on two other occasions during Ramey's stint at SJSU.

ASUO to host student congress

By Julie Shippen
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The United States Student Association will hold its 37th annual summer congress at the University in August, recognizing the ASUO's increasing importance in the nation's largest and most influential student organization, an ASUO executive says.

The ASUO's involvement in USSA, which began again last May under former ASUO Pres. Mary Hotchkiss after two years of non-participation, has been a continued success, says Sherri Schultz ASUO executive assistant. But the USSA's acceptance of the ASUO's bid for the conference did not come overnight.

"We had to do a lot of lobbying to get this congress here. It was very difficult," Schultz says. "This is the first congress to be held on the West Coast since the last one here; that was in 1980."

Usually the four yearly congresses are held on campuses in Eastern cities such as Atlanta, where seven members of the ASUO executive staff attended a congress in March, she says.

Between 300 and 400 campuses nationally are taking part in USSA, which represents approximately a 3 million student population, Schultz says. Such size and strength lends a growing effectiveness to lobbying on Capitol Hill and educating student governments, which are the main functions of USSA, she says.

According to Schultz, it was the recruiting efforts of organizations like the Oregon Student Lobby and the Community College Association of Oregon that successfully joined the state's public colleges and community colleges.

An estimated 200 to 300 people will be

attending the summer congress, scheduled to run Aug. 4-9, most of whom are members of student governments from around the country, she says. Schultz believes the Oregon-held congress will be educational, in more ways than one, for many of the participants.

"People from Chicago and Pennsylvania need to come out and see Oregon. It'll be very interesting for them," she says. "I think they will be impressed by Oregon — just the beauty of the state itself."

Other conference participants will include community activist groups, professors, politicians and students, most of whom will be locally drawn to fill the workshop panels, Schultz says.

One of the items on the conference agenda is the election of USSA officers, who will be selected from voting delegates representing the nationwide colleges at the conference, Schultz says. Depending on size of enrollment, a college may have between three and eight delegates to vote on USSA bylaws and next-year's policy platform.

Last year, three of the five University voting delegates were elected to the 39-member board of directors, placing Oregon second only to New York in delegate nominations, she says. Although it cannot be guaranteed, the ASUO is hoping for similar success for this year's seven delegates, who are yet to be chosen, Schultz adds.

Voting delegates, as well as the rest of the conference participants, will be attending many workshops and general sessions at the week-long summer congress, she says. Activities begin around 8 a.m. and end each evening around midnight, making rest and relaxation a low

priority during the conference, Schultz says.

Among the important issues facing USSA this year are the Freedom Summer '84 campaign, which is a national drive to register the 45 million eligible voters still unregistered, she says. The drive involves thousands of student-volunteers who are presently working in more than 60 cities in 20 states, she adds.

Several caucuses within USSA, including the women's, Third World, veterans', and gay and lesbian, will also hold meetings during the conference and make their individual recommendations on the USSA platform.

Voter education and students' involvement are other high priorities for the organization this year, Schultz says. Representatives from various student governments will present their proven techniques for informing voters.

Areas of local interest will also be examined in conference workshops, such as campus divestiture of South African financial holdings and another workshop on environmental issues.

Other workshop topics include the gender gap, sensitivity for men, women's safety on campus, Central America and racial violence. There will also be an international forum that will feature student groups from El Salvador, Nicaragua, Canada and England.

So far, the ASUO has allocated \$3,800 for the congress, of which 80 percent has gone for lobbying and 20 percent for campus use, Schultz says. The monies used by ASUO for USSA have come largely from fund-raisers, such as film series and the street fair, and from additional incidental fees provided by the passage of the USSA ballot measure in April.

CBA expands faculty posts

Seven new faculty members will join the University College of Business Administration in September, a CBA representative has announced.

Replacing four positions made available by internal turnovers and expanding the CBA faculty by three, the new members are "top-notch" said Richard Steers, CBA associate dean. "We looked long and hard for these people."

The expansion is a result of increasing enrollments and the initiation of a business-minor program, said CBA Dean James Reinmuth. It is also intended "to allow for the expected growth of the business school," Reinmuth said.

In reference to the new faculty, Reinmuth sees the addition as an improvement in the sense that it will make the college more complete. "They complement the faculty that we already have. I think it will add some depth and fill in some weak areas," he said.

The new members of the faculty are Paul M. Bobrowski, operations management; Robert T. Clemens, quantitative business analysis; Peter S. Davis, strategic management; Pamela C. Maret, industrial relations; Alan D. Meyer, organizational behavior; Wayne K. Mikkelsen, a returning faculty member; and Donna R. Philbrick, financial accounting.

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