

## **Anthropologist Birute Galdikas to lecture; sponsored by the University Events**

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### ANTHROPOLOGIST BIRUTE GALDIKAS LECTURES AT UCSD

Anthropologist Birute Galdikas, who raised her own baby amongst the orangutans she studied in the jungle of Borneo, will give a lecture at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 2, in the Mandeville Center Auditorium at the University of California, San Diego.

Galdikas has spent the past 16 years studying orangutans in the rain forests of Indonesia. She will discuss the potential for extinction faced by these primates, due to the great sections of rain forests being turned into farms and logging sites, and because many Indonesians try to keep the orangutans as exotic pets. The Indonesian government recently has placed a priority on preparing formerly captive orangutans to return to their natural environment, Galdikas has reported.

Orangutans are, by Galdikas' description, solitary, easy-going creatures in the wild. Once accustomed to human companionship the apes tend to behave like spoiled children, becoming very dependent, and waiting to be fed. Young, motherless orangs adopted Galdikas as their mother, and expected to be carried by her. They would follow her, clinging to her legs, she said.

"The apes," Galdikas said, "used tools, liked to wear bits and pieces of clothing, loved junk food and candy, and wanted constant affection and attention. They expressed emotions such as anger and embarrassment in a way that seemed very like humans. I was actually beginning to doubt whether orangutans were all that different from human beings."

Born in Germany, Galdikas was raised in Canada, and completed her undergraduate and graduate studies in anthropology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Galdikas' lecture will be illustrated with slides, and followed by a question and answer session. The lecture is sponsored by the University Events Office.

Tickets for the Birute Galdikas lecture are available at the UCSD Box Office and at TicketMaster outlets for \$7 general admission, \$6 seniors and \$5 students. For information call the UCSD Box Office at 534-4559.

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