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UC REGENTS APPROVE UCSD'S PLAN FOR FINANCING AND BUILDING WARREN COLLEGE RESIDENCE HALLS AND DINING FACILITY

The University of California Regents in a meeting today at UC Riverside gave the go-ahead to the University of California, San Diego to build a much-needed apartment/residence hall complex and dining facility for UCSD's Warren College.

The Regents voted to approve financing \$39,723,000 of the \$42,098,000 total building cost, and appointed the San Diego- based architectural firm of Delawie Bretton Wilkes Associates for the project.

Construction for the multi-use site will begin in 1991 and be completed in 1993. The complex will contain 150,577 assignable square feet, including 400 residence hall spaces and 200 apartment spaces. The project also includes an ancillary use/450-seat dining facility for use by Warren College residents and occupants of a nearby Fifth College residence hall, for whom no dining facility exists.

The project will also include a maintenance facility of 2,000 asf, an outdoor parking space for 350 bicycles, two outdoor basketball courts, two sand volleyball courts, and open lawns.

The addition of the Warren College residence facility will help to meet the existing housing demands of the present 3,700 Warren College student population, which makes up approximately 23 percent of the total UCSD undergraduate student population.

Currently, there are about 670 students who are in line for on-campus housing; the average waiting period is approximately two years. Warren College currently has 900 apartments, but has no residence halls, dining facilities or student conference areas.

The option of residence hall living is beneficial to lower division students as they receive additional support services and community living arrangements conducive to students' academic pursuits.

The addition of the new residence facility will help to reduce the number of students who commute to campus on a daily basis, thereby lessening the impact of traffic and pollution on the community. The university also enforces a policy of housing guarantees to all incoming freshmen for two years and to all new transfer students for one year.

Delawie Bretton Wilkes Associates has designed such projects as the New Group Housing Project at the University of California, Irvine; the award-winning Third College residence hall and dining facility, UCSD; the Perlman Ambulatory Care Center, UCSD; the Engineering Building addition at San Diego State University; the San Diego Police Academy, Miramar College and the School for the Creative and Performing Arts, San Diego.

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