

Drs. Penner, Bada and Wilson are honored by the Chancellor's Club for their contributions to public service, teaching and research

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Three University of California, San Diego faculty members, selected for their contributions to public service, teaching and research, were honored by the members of the UCSD Chancellor's Club Saturday (June 21) at the group's annual summer meeting at University House.

The three are: Dr. Stanford S. Penner, Professor of Engineering Physics, honored for his contributions to public service; Dr. Kent R. Wilson, Associate Professor of Chemistry, honored for his teaching; and Dr. Jeffrey L. Bada, Associate Professor of Marine Chemistry at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, honored for his research.

The UCSD Chancellor's Club was formed in 1966 to involve community leaders in the growth and well-being of UCSD. It now has more than 100 members. Rather than a "booster" club, the group is a means through which UCSD Chancellor William McElroy can seek advice and assistance from the community in solving problem facing the university and in maintaining the quality of the campus academic programs.

Certificates of recognition were given to Penner, Wilson and Bada during the meeting by Frank L. Hope, Jr., chairman of the club.

Penner, a member of the UCSD faculty since 1964, was instrumental in the establishment and development of the Energy Center on the San Diego campus. The Center has brought together faculty members from the pure and applied sciences, as well as from such disciplines as economics, political science and oceanography to focus their attention on fundamental issues in the energy crisis facing the nation.

Wilson joined the UCSD faculty in 1965. In addition to his outstanding ability in the classroom, he is the founder and serves as the leader of the "Senses Bureau," a program funded by the National Science Foundation which encourages undergraduates to enter the various fields of contemporary science. Under Wilson's direction, a series of studies and films have been made that have received national and international recognition.

Bada, a member of the Scripps faculty since 1969, is a chemist with a strong interest in paleontology. He developed the amino-acid dating technique which has an accuracy to several hundred thousand years greatly extending the 40,000-year limit of the carbon-14 dating system. Among his most recent findings is the dating of human fossils from the San Diego area at nearly 50,000 years, more than twice that of any previous New World recorded dates.

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