

4,700 students begin fall quarter

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More than 4,700 students are scheduled to begin classwork Monday, September 29, on the San Diego campus of the University of California, marking the start of the fall quarter.

Nearly three-quarters of the student body are undergraduates, divided between Revelle College, with about 2,242 students, and John Muir College, with about 1,200. Of the 1,150 graduate students expected to begin classes, Scripps Institution of Oceanography will enroll 200, the School of Medicine will enroll 90 and the Graduate Division will enroll about 850. In addition, some 51 interns and 103 residents will be assigned to University Hospital in downtown San Diego.

Last fall UCSD enrolled a total of 3,800 undergraduate and graduate students. Long range plans call for the campus to grow by at least 800 additional students each year until a total of 27,500, equal to the sizes of the UCLA and Berkeley campuses, is attained.

The recently-completed buildings at John Muir College, located north of Revelle College, will be in use for the first time this fall. The Departments of Mathematics and Applied Physics and Information Science have moved into office and laboratory space and classrooms and lecture halls are being readied for students.

Two large residence halls, providing space for 617 residence students, and a central facilities-dining commons at John Muir College are scheduled to be ready for use by the opening day of school. However, a plumbers' strike has held up completion of the buildings and may force the UCSD Housing Office to double up students scheduled to live in the new buildings with students assigned to older, completed buildings.

UCSD currently has space to house 1,173 resident students in dormitories at Revelle College and on the Matthews Campus. Approximately 1,500 requests for living space have been received by the University and indications are that the number could go as high as 1,580 before opening day, leaving the University more than 400 beds short.

Due to the recently initiated pre-registration system at UCSD, the usual two to three day registration period normally preceding classes has been eliminated. Class work will start on Monday, the first day of the quarter.

One of the first events scheduled for the UCSD social calendar is a reception for new faculty members to be held at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, October 5, at University house. More than 500 guests are expected to attend the affair hosted by Chancellor and Mrs. William J. McGill.