

## History of Watermelon drop and feast

**June 6, 1975**

11TH ANNUAL UCSD WATERMELON DROP AND WATERMELON FEAST

1 p.m. Friday, June 6

Urey Hall, Revelle College

Watermelon: 26 pounds

Watermelon queen: Kathleen Doyle, 19, a Revelle College freshman from Santa Clara, Calif., selected at a "non-sexist, equal opportunity" pageant from seven contestants (five females, two males) Wednesday evening, June 4. Queen must be a Revelle College freshman.

The toss: Queen required to carry watermelon up outside stairwell of Urey Hall forsaking nearby elevator and allowing crowd to follow her progress. Watermelon dropped from the seventh-floor balcony of the building to the pavement. Purpose is to see how far the pieces of watermelon will fly following impact.

1974 splat: 167 feet 4 inches measured from the farthest flung pieces to the north and the south. Best toss is disputed since no official records kept.

Watermelon feast: 1,500 pounds of watermelon served following the toss. Watermelons to be piled in the fountain on Revelle Plaza.

Watermelon drop history: First held in spring 1965 when the initial UCSD freshman class sought an outlet following the freshman physics exam. Idea for splat and feast came from a problem on the test which concerned the path of a watermelon falling from Urey Hall to the ground. Last question on physics exam really a ballot for selection of a queen.

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