

Welcome Week activities begin the fall classes at UCSD

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A different campus landscape, a record number of new students, and important academic changes face students returning to the University of California, San Diego as Welcome Week activities begin on Sunday, September 19. Fall classes start on Thursday, September 23.

Anticipated enrollment this fall is 12,552 students, approximately 250 more than last fall. Nearly 3,200 new students will enroll this year, as contrasted with 3,000 who enrolled for the 1981-82 academic year, according to the campus Planning Office. Final enrollment statistics will not be available until after classes start this quarter.

Enrollment this year is expected to include 10,005 undergraduate students; 1,250 graduate students; 197 students at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and 1,100 medical students, interns, residents, and nurse practitioners at the School of Medicine.

Eight days of orientation meetings and entertainment have been planned for new and returning students. Welcome Week begins at 4 p.m. Sunday, September 19, with the Chancellor's Convocation in Mandeville Center Auditorium, when Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson and other officers in traditional caps, gowns, and hoods will welcome students and parents to the university.

Students will find the physical face of the campus altered this year by monumental outdoor sculptures, a new 500-seat theater, and the construction of new athletic facilities. Academic and administrative changes include the creation of the Division of Engineering, the Department of Communications, and the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies.

Two contemporary outdoor sculptures, part of the Stuart Collection, will be installed on the campus grounds this fall. Robert Irwin's piece, two V-shaped configurations of stainless steel poles connected by a purple screen, will be installed in the eucalyptus grove north of Mandeville Center. A 23-foot-high colorful bird form by Niki de Saint Phalle titled "Sun God" will later be constructed atop a walk-through archway on a lawn close to Mandeville Center.

The Mandell Weiss Center for the Performing Arts will formally open to the public on November 11 with the drama department's first production of the season, Brecht's "The Threepenny Opera." The new theater, located at Torrey Pines Road and La Jolla Village Drive, is a joint project of the University of California and the Theatre and Arts Foundation of San Diego County.

Construction has begun on the new Student Recreation Facilities project, expected to be completed in March 1983. The project, located on Old Miramar Road east of Pryatel Field, will include an outdoor 50-meter Olympic size swimming pool, an outdoor whirlpool bath, and handball/racketball courts.

The Division of Engineering, created last July 1, encompasses the campus departments of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences, and Applied Mechanics and Engineering Sciences. Dr. M. Lea Rudee is dean of the division.

The Department of Communications, chaired by Dr. Michael Schudson, was given departmental status at the end of last spring. The department currently has 500 majors, and expects 50 more new students this quarter.

The U.S.-Mexican Studies Program soon will become the Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, a new research unit focusing on bilateral relations between the two nations. Energy problems, the peso devaluation, and the tuna trade are major current concerns. The center publishes reports, produces video documentaries, and sponsors briefing sessions for the San Diego business community.

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