

Groundbreaking ceremonies for permanent Third College buildings will be held

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Groundbreaking ceremonies marking the start of construction of the permanent buildings for The Third College at the University of California, San Diego will be held, at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, August 20. The ceremony will take place at what will eventually become the main entrance to the Third College campus, adjacent to old U.S. Highway 101 and west of the Central University Library.

The traditional first shovel full of dirt will be dug by Dr. William D. McElroy, UCSD Chancellor, and Dr. Joseph Watson, Provost of the college. Actually, the initial groundbreaking, delayed for several months by labor negotiations in the construction industry, was done last week by a bulldozer.

Attending the ceremony will be representatives from the Los Angeles architectural firm of Kennard, Delahousie & Gault, which prepared a master site plan for the college and is executive architect for the first academic unit, and from Nielsen Construction Company, general contractors for the first unit. Also attending will be members of the UCSD Architects and Engineers staff, and faculty, staff and student-members of the Third College building advisory committee.

The general building area for the permanent campus of Third College is a 31-acre site between the existing Central University Library and John Muir College. The site is mostly open land except for a small portion which has been used as a temporary parking lot.

Third College will be built in three steps. The first academic unit is scheduled for completion by January, 1976. The second unit is scheduled to be built in 1978 with the third unit to follow.

The first unit will consist of four buildings constructed on about five acres. The buildings will provide some 60,000 assignable square feet of space of which about 60 percent is programmed for natural sciences, specifically for biology, chemistry, physics, and applied sciences. The remainder of the space is for Urban and Rural Studies, the communications program, and for classrooms.

Included in the first unit are a two-story science/teaching laboratory building, a three-story research/science building providing space for biology, chemistry, physics and applied physical sciences laboratories and offices, a one-story classroom/lecture hall building which includes a 300-seat auditorium, and a two-story communications building which will provide teaching facilities for television, radio and audio-visual sciences.

The buildings, designed to utilize the natural grades of the site, will be of concrete and concrete block with rough stucco finish in earth-tone colors. Total construction cost for the first unit, including construction of the four buildings, utilities, landscaping and paving, is \$7 million.

Plans for a 250-student housing project to accompany the first academic unit were approved by the University Board of Regents last spring. The housing is scheduled for occupancy by fall, 1975, and will be financed by income from the students living in it, not state funds.

Third College, currently located in staging area buildings at UCSD's Matthews Campus, enrolled its first students in the fall of 1970. This fall some 800 upper- and lower-division students are scheduled to attend classes in the lecture halls and laboratories on the Matthews Campus as well as Revelle and John Muir Colleges.

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