

Twenty-one Foreign students enrolled at UCSD

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Students from 21 foreign countries have enrolled at the San Diego campus of the University of California this year, Ted Forbes, Dean of Student Affairs, announced today.

India has the largest representation, with 14 students, Canada the second largest, with 13 Countries and number of students from each are:

Argentina (1), Australia (1), Brazil (1), Canada (13), Chile (1), England (4), Finland (1), France (2), Holland (2), Hong Kong (2), India (14), Ireland (1), Israel (1), Japan (7), Mexico (1), New Zealand (1), Norway (2), Republic of China (2), South Viet-Nam (1), Switzerland (1), West Germany (5).

Six of the students are women, 58 men.

The Physics Department, largest in enrollment on the campus, has attracted the largest number of foreign students, 25. Other departments are Biology (2), Chemistry (2), Earth Sciences (7), Marine Biology (7), Oceanography (19) and Philosophy (2).

In two instances, married couples are both enrolled as students: Mr. and Mrs. Seisaku Matsuda of Japan are both physics students; Mr. and Mrs. Chi Shing Wong, Hong Kong, are students of oceanography and physics, respectively. A third foreign student, Mrs. Lawrence J. Campbell, in physics, was Fumiyo Uchiyama of Japan) before she married Mr. Campbell this summer in Honolulu. He is also a student at UCSD and the couple met here.

In all, 27 of the students are married.

Assisting foreign students adjust to the customs of this country is the job of Mrs. Virginia L. Arnold, Principal Clerk in Dean Forbes' office. She also works with the approximately 60 foreign members of the research staff.

Mrs. Arnold deals with such problems as visas, income tax, transportation difficulties, the purchase of cars, loan problems.

Helping her in her work are two volunteer organizations. One is a national group called the Committee on Friendly Relations Among Foreign Students. Members meet foreign students wherever they arrive and see them on their way to their various destinations.

"Not long ago I met a Chinese boy who came by ship and put him on the bus for Missouri, where he is attending the University," says Mrs. Arnold. "Other members of the Committee reciprocate. We had a French student, Christian P. Decae, due to arrive at 9:00 p.m. at Los Angeles International Airport to register for the fall semester. A Los Angeles couple who are members of the Committee went to the airport to meet him. The plane was delayed. They patiently waited until 4:00 a.m., when Mr. Decae's plane arrived. They put him in their car and drove him to La Jolla."

When Mr. Decae arrived in La Jolla, he was assisted by another volunteer organization, the Foreign Student Hospitality Committee of the Oceanias, women's campus club at UCSD. Mrs. Roger Revelle is the chairman.

The object of her organization is to help arriving students "to understand some of the perhaps bewildering differences in our way of living, make them feel welcome in our town, and help them find and get settled in their new quarters, so that their initial impressions of our country will be pleasant.

"The student often arrives from his long journey tired and confused. His two most important problems are a bed for the first night and finding satisfactory lodging for the year. We want to find 'host-families' to provide the former and to help choose the latter from the University Housing Office list."

Mrs. Revelle's committee has enlisted 112 San Diegans who have volunteered to aid foreign UCSD students. She would like to see activities carried out not only for newly arriving students, but throughout the year for both new and old foreign students.

When Mr. Decae arrived in La Jolla after his long flight from France and drive from Los Angeles, he was taken by arrangement to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Nicoloff, who had given their names to Mrs. Revelle as willing to assist foreign students. The Nicoloffs entertained Mr. Decae as their guest for several days until he could find housing.

Foreign and American students at UCSD are eligible to join the University International Association. This organization, started two years ago, now has 139 members, including students, staff, and townspeople. A women's club, Zonta International of La Jolla, has made available to the Association members an "International House" at 7769 Eads. Here students meet for social events, music, cards, singing. International House has rooms where students without housing can stay for a short while.

The first month of his stay is usually the most critical for the foreign student, Mrs. Arnold says. "It costs them so much to get here, and the nonresident tuition fee is \$350 a semester. Usually they don't have much money to see them through. Many of them qualify for research assistantships on campus, but the wait for the first paycheck can be gruelling."

Formerly a social worker in the South, Mrs. Arnold has assisted with foreign student activities at UCSD for seven years. She has high praise for the cooperation she has received from the community: "I've never had a student in a difficulty where I didn't get someone to help instantly," she says. "San Diego is very generous and very University-conscious."

Her Christmas mail each year, she says, reflects the appreciation foreign students have felt for their welcome to San Diego. She receives Christmas cards from former UCSD foreign students from all over the globe.

How do foreign students learn about UCSD? "Classmates tell classmates," Mrs. Arnold says. "And our faculty is very famous. Professors urge their pupils to apply for admission. And students discover UCSD on their own. We have a boy in Biology this year who has come all the way from Ireland so that he could work with Dr. David Bonner."

Foreign students must meet the same high standards as American students. They have the added difficulty of classwork conducted in a language whose spoken forms may be rather unfamiliar to them. All are required to be able to read, write, and speak English before they are admitted.