

UCSD will hold 'first-ever' homecoming; astronaut Sally Ride to give keynote address

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The beginning of yet another tradition will be marked by the University of California, San Diego on Oct. 25-26 as the young campus holds its first homecoming with a potpourri of planned events.

Activities range from a keynote address by UCSD faculty member Sally K. Ride, America's first woman astronaut, to readings from Dr. Seuss; from the inauguration of newly-named UCSD Chancellor Robert C. Dynes to individual college and class reunions.

The inauguration ceremony for Chancellor Dynes will be held at 10 a.m. Oct. 25 in the Recreation/Intramural/Athletic and Event Center (RIMAC). The chancellor then will be honored at a homecoming closing reception hosted by the UCSD Alumni Association at 4:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Faculty Club.

Also scheduled on the inauguration date is an Eleanor Roosevelt College symposium on "Children's Rights and Issues" at 10 a.m. in the Price Center.

Additionally, a 6 p.m. "Reunion Rendezvous" is planned for members of the classes of 1971 and 1976 at the Stephen Birch Aquarium Museum, and an 8 p.m. performance is scheduled in Mandeville Auditorium of classical dance from Eastern India.

Homecoming officially begins Oct. 26 with Ride's address on "UCSD and the Space Program" following a 9:30 a.m. welcome by Provost Pat Ledden and Chancellor Dynes.

Faculty presentations on a wide range of topics are slated from 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and from 1:45 to 3:30 p.m. The speakers and topics include Russell Doolittle, Exploring Our Molecular Roots; Yen-Le Espiritu, Changing Demographics of Race Relations in California; Cecil Lytle, Chopin Boogiedown; Paul Pickowicz, What If Den Xiaoping Dies Tomorrow?; Samuel Popkin, Popkin on Politics; Paul Saltman, The Yang of Nutrition...The Yin of Food; Quincy Troupe, poetry readings; Chris Wills, Safety in Diversity: How diseases help maintain the richness of tropical rainforests, and Kent Wilson, Multimedia and Virtual Reality for Education.

Tours of the campus and open houses at all five undergraduate colleges will follow at 3:30 p.m.

Other activities available during the day include the first annual "Fall Fun Fest," sponsored by Associated Students from 1 to 6 p.m. in the Price Center plaza, and a reception for engineering alumni from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Faculty Club.

The UCSD Libraries will have two exhibitions on display: one of the original drawings by Theodor ("Dr. Seuss") Geisel in the Geisel Library, and another on "The Continuity of Her Being There: Women and Words," a major exhibition of recent books, manuscripts, ephemera and art works with words by women writers, also in the Geisel Library.

Additionally, from 11 a.m. to noon and again from 2 to 3 p.m., the Cat in the Hat and other volunteers will read from Dr. Seuss works in the Seuss Room of the Geisel Library.

Tours of the Geisel Library are scheduled at 10:30 and 11:30 a.m and 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. and an introduction to the electronic universe of a "library without walls" will be held at 10 and 11 a.m. and 2 and 3 p.m.

The photographs of Tina Modotti--actress, political activist, icon of glamour and sexuality--will be shown at the University Art Gallery from 3-5 p.m. Oct. 25 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Oct. 26, preceding the exhibition's formal opening Nov. 7.

Another special feature of the day will be an opportunity to walk the Scripps Institution of Oceanography's Ellen Browning Scripps Memorial Pier, rarely open to the public.

UCSD's School of Medicine will host a variety of events to welcome back 5, 10, 15 and 20 year alumni. Included is a family picnic at 12:30 p.m. on the lawn of the Basic Science Building, and a dinner dance at 6:30 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency of La Jolla.

A number of alumni athletic events also are scheduled Oct. 26, including men's water polo and women's and men's soccer. A UCSD alumni athlete reception will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Green Room of the Recreation/Intramural/Athletic and Event Center (RIMAC).

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