

University of California, San Diego will celebrate the 94th Charter Anniversary on March 25 with Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg as main speaker

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The San Diego campus will celebrate the ninety-fourth Charter Anniversary of the University of California with a speech by Dr. Glenn T. Seaborg, Chairman of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, on Sunday evening, March 25, Chancellor Herbert York announced today.

The ceremony will be held in Sherwood Hall, Art Center in La Jolla, at 8:00 p.m. Seats will be available for the public.

Dr. Seaborg, Nobel prize winner and former Chancellor of the University's Berkeley campus, will speak on "New Paths in Education," Chancellor York said.

The Charter Anniversary commemorates the founding of the University in 1868. It is observed annually on each of the University's campuses. The principal speaker on the Berkeley campus this year will be President John F. Kennedy. Dr. Seaborg will accompany him to the Berkeley ceremony before coming to San Diego.

Dr. Seaborg, 49, was born in Michigan. His family moved to southern California when he was 10. He attended David Starr Jordan High School in Los Angeles and the University of California, Los Angeles. In 1934 he went to the Berkeley campus for graduate studies, receiving the Ph.D. in chemistry in 1937. He was a 28-year-old instructor in chemistry when in 1940 he and Edwin M. McMillan discovered plutonium, research which won for them the Nobel Prize in chemistry in 1951.

During World War II, Dr. Seaborg worked on the Manhattan Project. He returned to the Berkeley campus in 1946, taking responsibility for direction of nuclear chemical research at the Lawrence Radiation Laboratory operated for the Atomic Energy Commission by the University.

In postwar research, Dr. Seaborg and his colleagues at the University discovered element 97 (berkelium) in 1949 and element 98 (californium) in 1950. In 1952, working with University scientists and scientists of the AEC's Argonne National Laboratory and of the Los Alamos Scientific Laboratory, he discovered elements 99 (einsteinium) and, in 1953, element 100 (fermium). He was co-discoverer of element 101 (mendelevium) in 1955 and element 102 in 1958 at the University of California.

The body of information assembled in Dr. Seaborg's laboratory has made it possible to predict the radioactive characteristics of many isotopes of elements still to be found.

Dr. Seaborg has won many honors, among them, in 1959, the AEC's Enrico Fermi Award for his outstanding work in the field of nuclear chemistry and for his leadership in scientific and educational affairs. He holds honorary degrees from nine universities.

Speakers at the Charter Anniversary ceremony, in addition to Dr. Seaborg, will include Chancellor York and a representative of the President of the University.