

Building 2B of John Muir College breaks ground

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Groundbreaking ceremonies for Building 2B, the second building to begin construction in John Muir College at the University of California, San Diego, will be held at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 23, at the building site just north of Miramar Road.

Building 2B is a five-story concrete structure with full basement which will provide 46,000 square feet of space for undergraduate and graduate biology classrooms, biology research laboratories, and the John Muir College administrative offices. Award of the construction contract for the \$2.5 million building to the M. H. Golden Construction Company of San Diego was announced this week by Robert Biron, Vice Chancellor - Administration at UCSD.

Architects for the building are Frederick Liebhardt and Eugene Weston of La Jolla. Mac Alfred Cason is Chief Campus Architect for UCSD and Robert F. Messmer is UCSD Project Architect for Building 2B.

UCSD Chancellor John Galbraith, John Muir College Provost John Stewart, and Department of Biology Chairman Herbert Stern will head a small delegation of University personnel scheduled to take part in the groundbreaking. In addition, representatives from the construction and architectural firms will also attend.

Building 2B is scheduled for occupancy in the fall of 1969. It will provide space for more than 60 biological research personnel and teaching faculty. When the building is occupied, the department will have from 60 to 80 full-time graduate students working in programs toward Masters and Ph.D. degrees. At present, about 30 percent of the John Muir College undergraduates have listed biology as their major and the percentage is expected to continue at this level for the next several years.

The complex of permanent buildings for John Muir College, the second college to begin classes at UCSD, was begun May 26, 1967, with the start of construction of a seven-story laboratory and classroom building for the Departments of Electrophysics and Mathematics and the UCSD Computer Center.