

Dedication of Revelle College to honor Dr. Revelle's past.

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The work of Dr. Roger Revelle in the development of the San Diego campus of the University of California, will be recognized by his associates Friday, October 1, at the formal dedication of Revelle College on the San Diego campus.

The ceremony honoring Dr. Revelle, former Director of Scripps Institution of Oceanography and, since September 1964, Director of the Institute of Population Studies at Harvard University, will begin at 4:00 p.m. in the Building B Plaza on the University's Torrey Pines Mesa campus. An outdoor informal reception near the campus will follow.

Earlier in the day, Mrs. Revelle will take part in the dedication ceremony of the research vessel Ellen B. Scripps, most recent addition to the Scripps fleet of oceanographic ships.

Dr. Revelle received his Ph.D. in oceanography from the University of California in 1946 and joined Scripps as Professor of Oceanography in 1948. He was named Director of Scripps in 1950 and University Dean of Research in 1962. During his long association with Scripps he saw it develop into the largest oceanographic institution in the world and is the first alumnus to become Director of the Institution.

While serving at Scripps, Dr. Revelle envisioned the development of a science and engineering school on land adjacent to the oceanographic institution. The School of Science and Engineering was established in 1958 but the name was changed to The First College as plans were developed to build a general University campus with 12 interrelated colleges at San Diego.

During this time, Dr. Revelle served as the chief campus administrator and was able to initiate developments and set the guidelines which led to the establishment of UCSD as a general campus. On January 22, 1965, the University Board of Regents unanimously approved renaming the college in his honor. The college accepted its first undergraduates, a freshman class of 181 students, last fall. This year nearly 900 undergraduates are expected to study at Revelle College.

Dr. John Galbraith., Chancellor of UCSD, will preside and Dr. Walter Munk, Associate Director of the Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics, and a longtime associate of Dr. Revelle's. will serve as master of ceremonies during the dedication ceremony. Dr. Edward Goldberg, Provost of Revelle College, will lead off the series of speakers by recounting insights into the career of Dr. Revelle.

Dr. Carl Eckart, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs for UCSD, will recount Dr. Revelle's contributions to science and Dr. Herbert York,, Professor of Physics and former Chancellor at UCSD, will talk on Dr. Revelle's contributions in public service. Dr. James Arnold, Professor of Chemistry and Acting Dean of Graduate Studies, will talk on Dr. Revelle's contributions to education.

The principal address will be given by Dr. Revelle.

The informal reception will be held in the area of Ellentown Road near the campus, sponsored by the University. During the party an effort will be made to allow as many of the UCSD students as possible to meet and talk with Dr. Revelle.

The dedication ceremony for the research vessel Ellen B. Scripps will take place at 11:00 a.m. Friday at the B Street pier near the foot of Broadway in San Diego. Dr. William A. Nierenberg, Director of Scripps, will preside and Dr. Warren Wooster, Chairman of the Department of Oceanography, will speak.

Mrs. Revelle, a great niece of Ellen Browning Scripps, will dedicate the ship and Captain Frank Miller, skipper of Ellen B Scripps, will read his assignment of command. The Naval Training Center Band is scheduled to perform at the ceremony.

Dr. Revelle was born in Seattle, Washington, March 7, 1909. He received his A.B. degree from Pomona College in 1929 and his Ph.D. from the University of California seven years later.

During World War II, he was a Commander in the Naval Reserve, serving first at the U.S. Navy Electronics Laboratory, San Diego, and later with the Bureau of Ships in Washington, D.C. Immediately after the war, he was head of the Geophysics Branch of the Office of Naval Research., and in this position had responsibility for the expansion of the United States research efforts in all the earth sciences.

In 1946, as a staff member of Operation Crossroads, the atomic bomb test at Bikini, Dr. Revelle was in charge of oceanographic measurements. In 1947 he organized the resurvey of Bikini.

In the summer of 1950, Dr. Revelle led the joint Navy-Scripps Mid-Pacific Expedition. Two years later he led the University of California's Capricorn Expedition to the South Pacific.

He is the author or co-author of numerous scientific articles on oceanography, and is a member of the board of editors of three scientific journals.

While at Scripps his off-campus participation in scientific activities included the Presidency of the Special Committee on Oceanic Research of the International Council of Scientific Unions; the Chairmanship of the Divisional Committee for Mathematical, Physical and Engineering Sciences of the National Science Foundation; and membership in the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Oceanography. He also served on the Panel on Science and Technology of the Congressional Committee of Sciences and Astronautics, the Panel on Basic Research and Graduate Education of the President's Scientific Advisory Committee, the Naval Research Advisory Committee, and the United States National Commission for UNESCO.

In 1957, Dr. Revelle was elected to the National Academy of Sciences. He is also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and of the American Philosophical Society. He was President of the First International Oceanographic Congress, held at the United Nations in New York in August and September of 1959.