

UCSD to honor special Chamber of Commerce committee for drive to establish UC campus in San Diego

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The members of a special Chamber of Commerce committee, brought together nearly 20 years ago to spearhead a drive to establish a campus of the University of California in the San Diego area, will be honored at a luncheon Thursday, October 24, as part of a year-long recognition of the 10th anniversary of undergraduate education on that campus.

University of California, San Diego Chancellor William McElroy will serve as host for the luncheon at noon in University House, 6930 La Jolla Farms Road.

The 17-member committee was appointed on March 23, 1955 by then Chamber president Robert M. Golden to give cohesion to community-wide interest in the establishment of a new campus. The "University of California Committee," as it was named, was successful in rallying the support of civic, educational, industrial, business, professional and labor leaders as well as the community at large.

Ground was broken on May 18, 1961 at the Torrey Pines Mesa site for the School of Science and Engineering. California Governor Edmund Brown, San Diego Mayor Charles Dail, and UC President Clark Kerr were among those who took part in the ceremony. The University Board of Regents authorized the school to be a general university campus in 1959 and five years later, in the fall of 1964, the first 181 undergraduate students began classwork.

The Chamber of Commerce University of California Committee was headed by Robert Biron. Two members, James W. Archer and H. Philip Anewalt, served as vice chairmen. The other committee members were: John F. Borchers, Anderson Borthwick, Harry Callaway, Hiram G. Dillin, Chester Dorman, and Robert M. Golden.

Also, Ewart Goodwin, Vice Admiral G. R. Henderson, Captain Gould Hunter, Patterson N. Hyndman, Arnold Klaus, John W. Quimby, Fred H. Rohr and O. W. Todd, Jr.

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