

Mac Alfred Cason appointed head of Office of Architects and Engineers.

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Mr. Mac Alfred Cason, Chief Architect for Los Angeles County since 1960, has accepted appointment as Chief Campus Architect for the University of California, San Diego, it has been announced by San Diego Vice Chancellor Robert H. Biron.

Mr. Cason will join the staff at UCSD on January 11. He will assume the present duties of Mr. J. W. Tippetts, Building Program Coordinator and head of the Office of Architects and Engineers at UCSD since 1957. Mr. Tippetts will move to the newly established post of Assistant to the Chancellor for Planning and Analysis.

As Chief Architect for Los Angeles County, Mr. Cason supervised more than 150 engineers, architects, writers and technicians in the Architectural Division. He was charged with administering the multiple operations of the division which served as architectural consultant to the County of Los Angeles and as processor of the county building program.

At UCSD, Mr. Cason will head the Office of Architects and Engineers which serves as coordinator between the University, the state, and the various contractors and architectural firms involved in the multi-million dollar building program under way at the Torrey Pines Mesa campus.

Mr. Cason became a Supervising Architect for the State of California in 1952 after serving as an architectural and engineering designer for two different engineering firms and operating his own professional office in Sierra Madre, California, for four years. In the past seven years he has worked with over 80 private architectural firms and consultants representing approximately \$500,000,000 in building and facilities in Southern California.

During World War II he served as a Naval Reserve Officer in the Amphibious Forces with the 8th Fleet. He also served in the Korean War and is currently a member of the Naval Reserve.

His formal studies were done at the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta, Georgia, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Architecture in 1939 and a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1940. While doing graduate work at Georgia Tech, he competed in the Architectural Paris Prizes, winning a First Medal Award. In 1943 he received a Certificate from the Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration.

He is a member of the American Institute of Architects.