

Two-day "Gay Nineties Happening" celebration

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The spirit of the gay nineties will be revived Memorial Day weekend during a two-day celebration planned at the University of California, San Diego.

A carnival, billed as a "Gay Nineties Happening," will be held Friday, May 24, and Saturday, May 25, with contests, games, concessions and dances.

Most of the activity will occur on the UCSD Soccer Field between the Revelle and Muir College campuses.

The public is invited to dress in costumes reminiscent of the era and to join UCSD students, faculty and staff in the weekend of fun.

Activity will begin at noon, May 24, with a tennis marathon on the Muir courts and three-legged races on the Soccer Field. Operation of booths with traditional carnival games and displays sponsored by UCSD student organizations will also begin on the field.

In the marathon, members of the UCSD tennis team will take turns playing two to three-hour doubles matches with individuals who pledge 50¢ per game to play them. Donations will also be solicited from spectators and proceeds will be used to help send several team members to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national tournament to be held in June in Kansas City. The marathon will continue throughout the weekend to noon Monday, May 27.

The carnival booths will be open until 7:30 p.m. May 24 and from 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. May 25.

Amusements the first afternoon will include kissing booths, a greased pole for climbing, bicycles built for two, peach-basket basketball and a hammer-bell strength test.

Special events planned are a goldfish swallowing contest at 2 p.m., the demolition of a car with a sledge hammer at 3 p.m. and two contests at 3:30 p.m. to see how many people can be stuffed into a telephone booth and a Volkswagon.

Highlighting the activities of the first evening will be rides in a hot-air balloon which will be tethered 150 feet above the Soccer Field. The rides, which will be raffled off during the afternoon, will begin at 7 p.m.

Also scheduled Friday evening is a barbeque dinner priced at \$2 and served from 5 to 7 p.m. in the classroom of the Recreation Gym. Silent films will be shown at 8 p.m. in room 1330 of the Humanities & Social Sciences Building on the Muir campus and a square dance will be held at the same time in the Recreation Gym.

The next day's events will begin with a pancake eating contest at 9 a.m. on the Soccer Field followed by a paper airplane contest at 10:30 a.m. on the same field. A croquet game will be staged at 11 a.m. on the athletic field west of the Revelle dorms and an egg tossing contest will be held at the same time on the Soccer Field. Participants in the croquet game will be expected to dress in typical gay nineties fashions.

Campus personalities wearing outlandish, old-fashioned attire will compete in a bathing suit contest at 1 p.m. on the Soccer Field. There will also be relay races all afternoon, a gay nineties costume contest at noon, a pie eating contest at 2 p.m. and a baseball pitch and dunk booth beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Other activities will include a lunch box raffle, a contest to see who can make the longest straw and a "needle in the haystack" contest with items symbolizing prizes hidden in a haystack on the Muir tennis courts.

Another contest will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the natatorium with two 25-member teams trying to push a greased watermelon to their opponents end of the pool.

The day will end with a poker game at 4 p.m. in a smoke-filled room in the new Student Center and a dance at 8:30 p.m. on Revelle Plaza.

Contest and booth prizes have been donated by La Jolla and San Diego merchants. Most events will be free with minimal prices charged for the concessions and some of the activities.

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