

Construction to begin for John Muir College

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Construction of the \$23 million John Muir College at the University of California, San Diego will begin Friday, May 26, with groundbreaking ceremonies for Building 2A, a seven-story laboratory and classroom building for the physical sciences.

The ceremony is scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on the building site north of Revelle College and the UCSD natatorium-gymnasium complex. The groundbreaking will be led by UCSD Chancellor John S. Galbraith, John Muir College Provost John L. Stewart, Mr. Ernest W. Mandeville, a Fellow of John Muir College, and UCSD Chief Architect Mac A. Cason.

Also taking part will be Robert Mosher of Mosher and Drew of La Jolla, architects for Building 2A; S. Falck Nielsen of Nielsen Construction Company, contractors for the building; Kenneth Anderson, project architect for UCSD on the building; and UCSD students Robin Phillips and David Wing who will enroll in the College this fall. Members of the John Muir College faculty have been invited to attend.

John Muir College, the second of 12 interrelated colleges planned for UCSD, will hold classes in temporary buildings on the Matthews Campus until its permanent buildings are completed.

Building 2A, which is scheduled for completion in February, 1969, will house the Departments of Applied Electrophysics and Mathematics, the UCSD Computer Center, and the Institute of Radiation Physics and Aerodynamics. It will provide offices and laboratories for these disciplines as well as general assignment classrooms for John Muir College.

Building 2A, to be built at a cost of \$4.8 million, is actually two buildings, placed at right angles to one another and joined at each level by bridges. The larger section will be seven stories with a full basement and the smaller section, five stories with a full basement. The building will contain 103,000 assignable square feet of floor space.

It will be built of reinforced concrete with most of the textured concrete left exposed in its natural color. An exception will be the window walls which will consist of a more refined pre-cast concrete. The floor system will employ the use of steel pans for casting the cement, forming a coffered exposed ceiling on the interior spaces. The two-foot square coffers serve both as a weight saving and acoustical device.

Building 2A, as the first building of John Muir College, will set the architectural character of the College through the use of materials, similarity of architectural detailing, and repetition of colors and textures.

Construction of the second building, Building 2B which is designed to house the Departments of Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and College administrative offices, will begin this fall. The first John Muir College dormitories and Building 2C, housing the Departments of Psychology and Linguistics, will begin construction by the first of next year.