

UCSD to christen its new four-oared racing shell

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The University of California, San Diego will christen its new four-oared racing shell, the N.D. "McElroy" in honor of UC San Diego Chancellor William McElroy at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 20.

The ceremony, which will feature a row-by of the UCSD crews, will be held at the Mission Bay Aquatic Center on Santa Clara point in Mission Bay. UC San Diego shares the facilities at the aquatic center with San Diego State University, the University of San Diego and the Mission Bay Rowing Association.

McElroy will take part in the dedication of the \$4,000 plastic Pocock racing shell which was purchased recently in Seattle, Washington. The San Diego campus has three eight-oared racing shells which were donated to the campus but has had to borrow a four-oared shell from the other groups at the aquatic center.

Through budgetary savings in the Department of Physical Education and the allocation of funds by the chancellor, the school was able to purchase its own boat this spring. There are currently some 40 students participating in the rowing program at UC San Diego under the direction of Coach Jack Vallerger.

The ceremony will begin with a row-by featuring two eight-oared shells and the new four-oared shell. The christening of the N.D. "McElroy" will be held immediately after with speeches by Greg Baker, chairman of the UCSD Rowing Club, Bonnie Sullivan, a senior in community medicine and a member of the crew, and Judy Sweet, UC San Diego athletic director.

The ceremony will be followed by a brunch at 10:30 a.m. In addition, an opportunity will be offered to those attending the ceremony to try their hand at rowing in the training barge housed at the aquatic center.

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