

UCSD admits record number of students

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The watchword is "new" at the University of California, San Diego, where for the 24th consecutive year a record number of students will arrive for classes which begin September 22.

Beginning the weekend of September 17-18, UCSD will welcome 14,050 undergraduates and about 2,000 graduate students, not including the approximately 1,000 students enrolled in the School of Medicine.

Undergraduate enrollment will increase about three percent over last fall, according to registrar Ron Bowker.

"This is what we were planning on," Bowker said. "It's all part of our long range growth program. We wanted 2,900 freshmen, and it looks like that's what we're going to come in at. Transfer students should be about 600. This is somewhat higher than we expected."

When the students arrive they will find a new information center, new buildings, a new college, a new International House and soon, a new university center.

About 400 freshmen will be enrolling in the newly created Fifth College, which, under the leadership of Provost James K. Lyon, bills itself as UCSD's "International College."

The emphasis at Fifth will be on international studies, comparative culture and foreign languages. Although not a requirement, Fifth College students will be encouraged to spend some time studying abroad. While at home, they will be required to take a special six-quarter course called "The Making of the Modern World," created by a \$151,000 matching grant from the Ford Foundation.

Engineering students and faculty will be working in labs in their new \$46.1 million Engineering Building Unit I, which opened this month. The massive building is the largest on campus and houses the departments of Applied Mechanics and Engineering Sciences and Electrical and Computer Engineering. A third department, Computer Science and Engineering, will remain housed in the Applied Physics and Mathematics Building.

As students and visitors alike approach the campus along Gilman Drive, they will find a new information center at the entrance to campus. There, specially trained staff will be on hand to sell them a parking sticker, hand out a campus map or direct them to a classroom or an event. The booth will be staffed from 7 a.m. until 9:15 p.m. on weekdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sundays.

This fall also marks the opening of UCSD's International House, the second such "house" within the University of California system. International House, which is actually a portion of the Pepper Canyon apartment house development, will house 197 students from 30 different countries.

"It will be an integral part of UCSD's international thrust and will work closely with the UCSD International Center and the Friends of the International Center," said Harriet Marsh, dean of Fifth College and acting director of International House.

The usual hassle over getting into classes should be pretty much alleviated thanks to a new telephone registration system put into action last spring.

"Telephone registration worked exceptionally well," said Bowker. "We offered it in May for fall quarter for all 10,500 continuing students and about 10,000 took advantage of it. They actually enrolled in classes via touch-tone telephone.

"Reaction from all academic departments and students was unanimously positive," added Bowker. "In 20 years here I have never experienced such an enthusiastic response to anything."

But student response should be even more enthusiastic when the new \$20 million Price University Center opens next March. Under construction for the last 18 months, the center features a 500-seat theatre, a ballroom which can accommodate up to 2,000 people, 14 meeting rooms, four student lounges, seven restaurants, a post office, automatic teller machines, a computer lab, information center, box office, travel agency, record store, a new and enlarged bookstore and a variety of student services and offices.

Students are scheduled to begin moving in to campus housing beginning September 17.

There will be residential space for about 1,000 more students than last year with the opening of the new Third College Residence Halls, with room for 400, and the Pepper Canyon Apartments with 600 spaces. Third College has also opened a new food facility called Ocean View Terrace.

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