

Chancellor's club honor 3 faculty members at party

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Three University of California, San Diego faculty members, selected for their contributions to public service, teaching and research, were honored by the members of the UC San Diego Chancellor's Club Friday (July 9) at the group's annual summer party held at the Kona Kai Club.

The three are: Dr. Meredith Somero, lecturer in the Department of Biology, honored for her teaching; Dr. Robert Hamburger, professor of pediatrics and head of the pediatric immunology and allergy division in the School of Medicine, honored for his research, and Dr. Hugh A. Frank, director of the Regional Burn Treatment Center at University Hospital, cited for his public service.

The UC San Diego Chancellor's Club was formed in 1966 to involve community leaders in the growth and well-being of the San Diego campus. It now has nearly 120 members. Rather than a "booster" club, the group is a means through which Chancellor William McElroy can seek advice and assistance from the community in solving problems facing the university and in maintaining the quality of the campus academic programs.

Certificates of recognition were given to Somero, Hamburger and Frank during the party by Frank L. Hope, Jr., chairman of the club. Somero, a member of UC San Diego's Third College faculty since 1973 has been extremely effective in teaching the Science and Technology program. Her students, through course evaluations, have called her an "excellent lecturer who is helpful and concerned about students." In addition to her teaching, Somero has worked with the Office of Academic Support and Instructional Services (OASIS) in developing instructional models to assist those students inadequately prepared to deal with some aspects of the educational program at UC San Diego.

Hamburger, who came to UC San Diego in 1964, was one of the early planners for the School of Medicine serving as Assistant Dean for Faculty and Curriculum Affairs. His recent development of a possible method of blocking allergic reactions in humans received international attention as the possible starting point for a new treatment for allergies.

Several years ago Hamburger developed a simple blood test measurement which can effectively predict whether an infant will become allergic later in life. He is a founder, and currently a director, of the Allergy Physician's Assistant Training Program in San Diego which prepares students to be allergy-environmentalists advisors on ways of making allergy sufferers' homes more comfortable and healthy.

Frank, a clinical professor of Surgery and director of the Burn Center since it opened in August 1973, first saw the need for such an installation as a private physician in La Mesa. Through his leadership the Burn Center has recently been enlarged from 6 to 14 beds and a skin bank has been added. Frank is considered an excellent teacher and was awarded an "Excellence in Teaching" award this spring by the School of Medicine students.

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