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Newly-inaugurated University of California President Jack W. Peltason will make his first official visit to the University of California, San Diego, campus Feb. 25 during a ceremony which also will mark rededication of UCSD's renovated Central Library and the University's 125th anniversary.

The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. on the forum level of the library. Light refreshments and tours of the enlarged campus landmark will follow. Joining Peltason as speakers at the ceremony will be UCSD President Richard C. Atkinson; Acting University Librarian Phyllis S. Mirsky; Meredith Khachigian, Board of Regents chair; Dr. Mary Berglund, Friends of the Library president; George E. Backus, representing the UCSD faculty, and Michael Holmes, representing UCSD students. Members of the UCSD faculty, staff and community have been invited to attend.

During his daylong visit Peltason also will meet with a student group hosted by Student Affairs and with faculty members of the San Diego Division of the Academic Senate. A reception for President and Mrs. Peltason to meet members of the community will follow at University House.

Two other special events will continue celebration of the library's completion after three years of expansion and renovation work. On Feb. 26, the Friends of the Library will sponsor a public lecture by the distinguished American writer N. Scott Momaday, considered the dean of American Indian writers. The lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the Price Center Theater is open to the public. Admission is \$15 for Friends of the Library; \$20 for non-members.

Additionally, on Feb. 27, the San Diego Chapter of the American Institute of Wine and Food will hold a "Celebration of America's Culinary Heritage" with a program at 3 p.m. in Room 111A and a reception in the Special Collections Atrium of the Library. The local chapter donated and supports the AIWF Culinary Collection housed in the library's Special Collections area. Among speakers will be well-known chef and author Mark Miller of Coyote Cafe in Santa Fe, N.M. and the Red Sage Restaurant, Washington D.C.

Work on the Central Library, begun in the spring of 1990, consisted of adding 200,000 square feet--all 30 to 35 feet underground--and renovating the original library structure to bring it up to current safety standards. The unusual underground design was selected to preserve the library's commanding and symbolic image, and incorporates a "light canyon" and unique glass "curtains" to bring light into the addition.

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