

San Diego campus of U.C. to be scene of Far Western Conference on Higher Education 6/1 through 6/4

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The San Diego campus of the University of California will take on an international air June 1 through June 4 when 56 foreign scholars gather at the International Center to take part in the Far Western Conference on Higher Education.

The gathering is one of three regional conferences to be held this year for foreign senior scholars who are studying in this country under the Fulbright-Hays Program. The conference is sponsored by the Committee on International Exchange of Persons which has backed similar conferences throughout the United States for many years with the assistance of a grant from the Department of State.

This will be the first time that such a conference has been held at UCSD. Chairman for the four-day meeting is Dr. Roy Harvey Pearce, Dean of Graduate Studies and Research at UCSD.

The foreign scholars, many of them traveling with their families, represent 22 nations ranging from Afghanistan and Australia to the United Kingdom and Yugoslavia. Also represented will be Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Chile, France, Finland, Germany, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Japan, The Netherlands, Poland, Republic of China, Romania, Sri Lanka, and Turkey.

The scholars, most of them faculty members of colleges and universities in their home countries, are currently studying at universities throughout the United States. Two of the 56 have spent the past academic year on the UCSD campus.

The regional conferences were established several years ago to give the visiting scholars an opportunity to explore current problems of world-wide interest in the area of higher education. Most of the scholars will return to educational and research activities in their home countries and have expressed a desire to meet with Americans and other scholars from abroad to discuss issues of international concern.

The visitors are scheduled to register at the Holiday Inn on Interstate 5 near the UCSD campus on Friday afternoon, June 1. The first scheduled event is a buffet dinner set for 7:00 p.m. at University House hosted by Dr. and Mrs. Pearce and UCSD Chancellor and Mrs. William McElroy.

Consuls from the various countries represented by the scholars and who live San Diego have been invited to attend along with UCSD faculty members who will serve as hosts during the four-day conference.

The scholars will gather at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 2, at the UCSD International Center to hear a talk by Dr. Herbert F. York, Professor of Physics and former Chancellor of UCSD on, "UCSD: Origins and Aspirations." Chancellor McElroy will follow Dr. York with a talk on "UCSD and the New University."

Following lunch at the International Center the delegates will conduct on-site visits and workshops at the various institutes and research centers on the campus including the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and the School of Medicine. A buffet dinner, served at the International Center, will be followed by a program of music by the Project for Music Experiment of the UCSD Department of Music.

On Sunday, June 3, a discussion of "Problems of Minority Education in the New University" is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. in the International Center. Dr. O'Neil Ray Collins, Professor of Botany and Associate Dean of the Graduate Division at Berkeley, and Dr. Percy J. Russell, Associate Professor of Biology and Associate Dean of the UCSD School of Medicine, will take part.

A group picnic is scheduled for Sunday noon on the UCSD Matthews Campus with the conference delegates spending the afternoon with their host families from UCSD.

An address on "Internationalism and the New University" is scheduled for 10.30 a.m. Monday, June 4, in the International Center. It will be given by Dr. Murray Todd, Executive Secretary of the National Academy of Sciences in the Office of the Foreign Secretary.

The conference is scheduled to adjourn following lunch at noon in the patio of the International Center.

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