

Departmental move-ins beginning this month and continuing through December marks completion of new Clinical Sciences Building

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A series of departmental move-ins beginning this month and continuing through December will mark completion of a new UCSD landmark--the unique Clinical Sciences Building designed by internationally famed architect Arthur Ericson.

No formal dedication ceremony is planned concurrent with the building's completion.

Located across from the V.A. Hospital at the corner of Villa La Jolla and Gilman Drive, the four-story, green glass structure is unlike any of the largely concrete buildings that dominate the campus. Ericson's design consists of two "wings" separated by a center cylindrical tower in which are located the elevators, stairs, restrooms and ductwork, making the striking tower both a design element and a functional entity.

The rounded, post-Modern building has an open, airy style, with large walkways dotted with planters and benches connecting the wings to the tower. A patio to the rear of the building-- facing the School of Medicine campus--provides a bright resting spot, and the area in front of the building will be landscaped with trees and grass. A wide path connects the building to the nearby Medical Teaching Facility.

Total assignable square feet in the building is 63,626, making it the third largest School of Medicine structure. Building cost was approximately \$26 million.

The building will house research programs in AIDS, immunology/oncology, musculo-skeletal disorders and population based studies as well as research carried out under the auspices of the Sam and Rose Stein Institute for Research on Aging, including geropsychiatry, neurogenerative diseases and sleep disorders, and Dr. Dennis Carson's Arthritis Research Unit.

(The move of the Stein IRA into its new quarters will be celebrated at an "Evening in Vienna" dinner/auction to be held in the Faculty Club Oct. 25 by the Institute's Community Board.)

In addition, through a special lease with the VA under final negotiation, the building will accommodate one and a half floors of VA investigators involved in programs complementary to those of School of Medicine investigators, including aging, diabetes, dementia, AIDS and immunology.

Arthur Erickson Architects, headquartered in Vancouver, designed the new San Diego Convention Center. The firm is known for its design of public buildings of varying types and has won a number of international awards and honors.

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