

Racing shell given to UCSD

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The sports program at the University of California, San Diego has taken a giant step forward this year with the gift of a racing shell from UCSD's sister campus to the north, UCLA.

Eight-oar racing shells cost more than \$3,000 new and are not easy for a young campus with a growing sports program to acquire or afford.

According to Dr. Ted Forbes, Chairman of the Department of Physical Education at UCSD, the gift of the shell from UCLA has allowed the San Diego campus to get into the water and enter into competition this year. Without the gift, rowing could not have been offered at UCSD for at least another year or two, he said.

The gift is a 60-foot, eight-oar racing shell, of the type used in international, collegiate and olympic competition. It is named the "Ben Wallis" after a man who was an oarsman and coach at Yale University and later started the rowing programs at the University of California, Berkeley and at UCLA in 1933.

The shell was brought to UCSD through the efforts of Mr. Tom Ham, owner of the Bali Hai Restaurant and a rowing enthusiast. It was presented to Dr. Forbes and John Slaybaugh, crew coach at UCSD, by John Bisset, crew coach at UCLA. The ceremony took place at the UCSD boat house on Santa Clara Point in Mission Bay.

According to Slaybaugh, who is a graduate student in Aerospace Engineering in addition to crew coach, UCSD has 23 varsity and freshmen oarsmen working out each morning at 6:00 a.m. in Mission Bay. Slaybaugh served for three years as coxswain for the Princeton University varsity crew and came to UCSD as a graduate student last fall. He said he doesn't expect any miracles from his crews this year but at least UCSD is now in the water and the program is under way.