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Veteran journalist and NBC News commentator John Chancellor will speak at the University of California, San Diego (UCSD) at 7 p.m. on June 5 at the Price Center Ballroom. Following his free public lecture, Chancellor will sign copies of his forthcoming book, "Peril and Promise: A Commentary on America," by Harper & Row.

"Peril and Promise: a Commentary on America," is an assessment of the crisis facing the United States as it approaches the 21st century and outlines what can be done to avoid it. In his book, Chancellor argues that while the dangers of foreign competition are real and growing, the United States is uniquely positioned to maintain its world leadership despite problems of debt, deficits, poverty, education and drugs. What the country needs, says Chancellor, is a reorganization of government, politics, business, and education; a national pledge to overcome the greatest threat to American security since World War II; and a return to the wartime spirit of sacrifice and commitment that won the war.

As senior commentator for NBC News, Chancellor appears three times a week on the NBC Nightly News, a program watched by more than 13 million people. A veteran broadcaster and NBC's senior political analyst, Chancellor was host of the Today program for 12 years, and has covered every presidential election since 1956. As a foreign correspondent, he reported from more than 50 countries and served two years as director of The Voice of America.

Chancellor visited UCSD in January of this year to moderate the highly acclaimed symposium and public television filming of "The Presidency, the Press and the People." His June lecture is free and open to the public.

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