

## **Student Recreation Center to open in Camp Matthews area**

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Only the name will change Monday, April 19, when Building 250 on the Camp Matthews area of the San Diego campus of the University of California opens as the Student Recreation Center.

The building was the Noncommissioned Officers Club when the area was used by the Marine Corps as a rifle range. At that time the patrons were corporals and sergeants. Now the customers will be undergraduate and graduate UCSD students.

The official opening ceremony for the Recreation Center will take place at noon Monday with campus officials and students invited to inspect the refurbished building for the first time. Soft drinks and potato chips will be served and a few short speeches will be delivered.

The UCSD students are considering themselves lucky since any type of student union building or recreation center is a rarity on new university campuses. The Camp Matthews site came ready equipped with the necessary facilities. A minimum of painting and a good polis on the tile floor were all it took to get the building in shape.

A reading room and a conference room, both for student use, have been set aside in the Recreation Center. Also included are small offices to serve the student newspaper and yearbook staffs and members of the student government. Much of the main recreation room is furnished with movable furniture allowing for a good sized dance floor. A pool table and several ping pong tables have been installed and located in one corner are vending machines dispensing soft drinks, hot coffee and chocolate, hot and cold food, milk and candy.

One item sure to be a main attraction is a new color television set for "leisure time" use.