

Galbraith to attend conference on Cluster College Concept

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Dr. John S. Galbraith, Chancellor of the University of California, San Diego has been invited to participate in the National Conference on the Cluster College Concept to be held at The Claremont Colleges, March 30 and 31.

"The Problem of Size in Higher Education" will be the theme of discussion by 43 college and university administrators invited to attend the conference by The Claremont Colleges. Sir John Maud, Master of University College, Oxford, England, and Dr. John A. Hannah, President of Michigan State University and Chairman of the American Council on Education, will deliver major addresses at the conference.

Sir John will speak on "Oxford and the Collegiate University Idea" at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 30, in Bridges Auditorium. Oxford, which introduced the cluster college idea in England, now embraces 31 colleges. President Hannah in recent years has been a leader in the movement to apply the cluster college principle to large universities in an effort to break them up into small academic and social units. He will address a dinner meeting in Platt Center of Harvey Mudd College on March 30 on "The University as a Matrix."

The University of California, San Diego is building a major university on the college concept. Plans call for 12 colleges, each serving 2,300 to 2,500 students, to be built on the Torrey Pines Mesa campus. They will be arranged in three clusters of four colleges each with total enrollment expected to reach 27,500 by 1995.

Most of the sessions of the two-day working conference at Claremont will be closed, but there will be an open panel discussion at 3:00 p.m. Thursday in Garrison Theater on "Why the Cluster College?" President Louis T. Benezet of Claremont Graduate School and University Center will preside.