

## **UCSD Training Facility named in honor of Chargers owner Alex G. Spanos**

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### UCSD TRAINING FACILITY NAMED FOR CHARGERS OWNER ALEX SPANOS

The University of California Board of Regents today (September 16) approved naming of the new recreation building at UC San Diego the "Alex G. Spanos Training Facility."

Spanos is chairman of the board of the A.G. Spanos Construction Company of Stockton, CA, and owner of the San Diego Chargers of the National Football League, who have trained at UCSD every year since 1976.

The \$1.1 million training facility opened this summer in time for the Chargers to hold their annual preseason camp.

The facility, located near the northern edge of campus, houses separate locker, shower and bathroom facilities for men and women, a physical therapy area, a weight training area, office space and an equipment storage area.

It is one of the key elements in UCSD's developing north campus recreation area, which will include two major athletic fields, an all-weather track suitable for intercollegiate competition and a combination field house and gym.

The Chargers built the training facility and have donated it to the campus in exchange for a long-term commitment by UCSD allowing them to use the campus for their summer training camp.

When the Chargers are not training there during the summer, the UCSD recreation department will have use of the building, and it provides the campus with significant space for its own intramural/recreational and athletic needs.

"The building is the cornerstone of our master plan for developing greatly needed additional recreational and athletic facilities for our students," said UCSD Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson. "The school's relationship with the Chargers is a strong one and the generosity of Mr. Spanos and the team in donating this wonderful building is deeply appreciated by all of us. Future generations of students will enjoy it."

Spanos was born of Greek immigrant parents in Stockton and attended the University of the Pacific there. He is currently an honorary regent at UOP and a trustee at two hospitals--the Eisenhower Medical Center and Children's Hospital in San Francisco.

Spanos has made major contributions to the Children's Hospital and Health Center in San Diego, and in 1987 was chairman of both the San Diego County Easter Seal Telethon and the Loaned Executive campaign for the United Way.

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