

Invitation to public to visit exhibit of UCSD campus and future plans.

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La Jollans are invited to visit the first new building of the University of California's School of Science and Engineering this weekend to inspect plans and models of the great general campus that will rise on Torrey Pines Mesa, Chancellor Herbert York said today.

The exhibit, prepared by Robert E. Alexander, Master Planning Architects and shown recently to The Regents of the University, will be on display on the ground floor of the new, seven-story Building B, located just southwest of the stoplight at Highway 101 and Miramar Road.

The exhibit will be open from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3.

Maps trace the growth of the campus area from the earliest days of San Diego to the year 2000, when the San Diego campus will serve a student body of 27,500.

In the exhibit are landscaping plans designed by Wimmer and Yamada, San Diego; a model of the school of Science and Engineering, the first unit of the campus to be built, with four buildings already under construction; and a model of a 360-foot tower which will serve as the focal point of the entire campus.

The main feature of the exhibit is a large, three-dimensional model showing the layout of the entire campus at its maximum growth.

The plan was presented to The Regents when they met here on February 15. Although the architect was commended, motion was withheld until "serious problems" with the City of San Diego could be resolved. These problems chiefly involved the costs of relocating roads and city-owned utility lines in and around the proposed campus site, President Clark Kerr said.

Since The Regents met, University and City authorities have expressed confidence that a satisfactory agreement can be reached.

Planned to accommodate eventually 27,500 students, the San Diego campus will be divided into three clusters of four colleges each. Each college would have an enrollment of around 2,300 students. Each cluster, according to the proposed plan, would have about 9,000 students.

The three clusters would be grouped about a nucleus containing the central administration building, library, auditorium and theater, and possibly some large lecture halls and laboratories.

One cluster, the first element of which is now under construction (School of Science and Engineering) would be located at the south edge of the campus, just west and southwest of present Highway 101 and Miramar Road.

North of this cluster would rise the central administrative core of the campus-- the library, administration buildings and a large auditorium. North of these there would be placed another cluster of four colleges.

The third cluster would be located east of the administrative center. All clusters will be within walking distance of each other.

The medical school would be located southeast of the administrative center.

Each college is planned to have its own classrooms, teaching laboratories, research laboratories, faculty offices, residence halls, dining facilities and shops. Each would have distinctive leanings in its courses. However, the basic core of courses would be sufficient for a student to be able to take at least two-thirds of his entire course in his college and the remainder in colleges within his cluster.

Each college would have essentially the same distribution of lower-division, (25 percent); upper division, (37 percent); and graduate work (38 percent). Each would be headed by a "master."

The organization of the campus plan will permit some functions to be completely decentralized in colleges, others to be centralized at three points to serve the three clusters, and some to be centrally located to serve the entire University.

Students have been attending a new graduate School of Science and Engineering in temporary quarters since 1960. It is anticipated that the first undergraduate students would be admitted in 1964. Enrollment is expected to reach 2,300 around 1968.

Other features of the proposed long-range development plan:

ACCESSIBILITY--The plan is so arranged that the pedestrian will take precedence over the automobile on the campus. Major vehicular traffic will be routed around the campus. Buildings will be arranged so that students can conveniently walk from one to another within a cluster during the 10-minute class break. Parking for faculty and staff will be a maximum of four minutes' walking time away from their offices. Parking for others will be arranged so that they are a maximum of 10 minutes away from their destination.

PARKING--Parking will be peripheral. Space will be provided for 15,000 cars plus 4,500 for the medical school. Since parking areas must be self-supporting, surface parking (cheaper to staff and students than multistory parking garages) will be used where ever possible.

BUILDING HEIGHT--The maximum height of an undergraduate academic building shall be four stories (three stories plus basement).

RECREATION AREAS--There will be 2-2/3 acres per college, plus 2 acres per cluster, plus 35 acres centralized. Major sports events will be held in a stadium located east of Highway 101.

LANDSCAPING--Existing trees will be saved where possible. New trees will be limited in type to provide unity to the campus.

COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIPS--Continuing liaison will be maintained with officials of San Diego and with community organizations such as the La Jolla Town Council to help resolve development problems of mutual concern.

DESIGN--Unity within each college and differentiation between colleges on the campus shall be encouraged. Each college shall have its own unity within a strong framework which unifies the campus as a whole.

SPACE REQUIRED--About 500,000 gross square feet of academic space are required for each college. Some facilities (for example, gymnasiums) will serve a cluster rather than a single college.

HOUSINGEach college will include housing for 800 students and a general services building, including cafeteria for residents and non-residents.		