

Sports luncheon to be held

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A sports luncheon honoring San Diego citizens who have made rowing a permanent and growing sport at the University of California, San Diego will be held at noon, Tuesday, November 21, at the University's boat house on Santa Clara Point in Mission Bay.

A box lunch, sponsored by Tom Ham, owner of the Bali Hali Restaurant, will be held for some 30 people who have been directly and indirectly involved in establishing a rowing program at UCSD. It will be the first "sports" luncheon in the short history of UCSD. During the luncheon a new 60-foot, eight-oar racing shell will be accepted by UCSD. The shell was purchased by funds donated to UCSD by San Diego rowing enthusiasts interested in getting the sport established in this area.

Last month UCSD accepted the gift of a used racing shell from UCLA. The gift allowed the San Diego campus to put a rowing team in the water a year earlier than expected.

The new shell, built in Seattle and costing more than \$3,000, will be accepted for the University by Dr. Ted Forbes, Chairman of the UCSD Department of Physical Education, and by John Slaybaugh, crew coach at UCSD. A nine-man varsity team will put on an exhibition of competition collegiate rowing in Mission Bay for those attending.

According to Slaybaugh, who is a graduate student in Aerospace Engineering as well as crew coach, the campus has 23 varsity and freshman oarsmen working out each morning at 6:30 a.m. in Mission Bay. Slaybaugh served for three years as coxswain for the Princeton University varsity crew and came to UCSD as a graduate student last fall.

Varsity competition will begin for UCSD March 30 at the University of California, Irvine. Competition with San Diego State College, the University of California at Santa Barbara, and the University of Southern California will take place during April and May. The season will end on May 18 with a collegiate meet in Seattle.