

Statement on budget by Dean Stokes III

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Following is a statement issued today by Dean Joseph Stokes III, M.D., Dean of the School of Medicine, University of California, San Diego:

I join President Kerr and Chancellor Galbraith in their concern regarding the \$167,448 cut in the budget for the Biomedical Library and the \$152,768 (25%) cut in the operating budget for 1965-66 at UCSD School of Medicine. These cuts would either sharply curtail or all but eliminate any expansion in our programs next year.

The School of Medicine is now at a very critical stage of development. A cut of this size would always be painful to sustain. If we were more fully developed, it would either slow our pace or limit our size. However, at this point when we are recruiting crucial department chairmen and laying plans for the future, there is real danger that a cut of this magnitude can blight all future development. This would mean that we would never reach our full potential and could never provide the people of California with the kind of medical care and medical school which they deserve.

We have recently received more than 8 million dollars from the Federal Government with which to build our Basic Science Building. I hope that 60% of our capital outlay can be funded from Federal sources. However, it will not be possible to attract these capital funds unless California can demonstrate its willingness to give continuing operational support to the Medical School.

I believe that we are being used as pawns in a political struggle between Governor Brown and the Legislature. If this is true, the health of the State and its educational institutions are bound to suffer.

If there are other voters in San Diego County who feel as I do, I hope that they will make their views known to the Governor and to their Legislative representatives.

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