

Media Advisory - Groundbreaking for student recreation facility

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EVENT: GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY FOR UCSD STUDENT RECREATION FACILITIES PROJECT

DATE: Friday, June 11, 1982

TIME: 11 a.m.

LOCATION: Old Miramar Road east of Pryatel playing field (see enclosed map) CONTACT: Paul Lowenberg, 452-3120

BACKGROUND: Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson along with other campus officials will be on hand to perform the groundbreaking ceremonies for the \$1.8 million construction project.

The project, which will include a 50 meter Olympic size swimming pool, an outdoor whirlpool bath, four handball/racquetball courts and locker facilities, was approved by the UC Board of Regents during its May meeting.

Funding for the project comes from a student assessment of \$12 per student per quarter for the next 30 years. This assessment was approved by a student referendum held in spring 1981.

The expected date of completion is March 1983.

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO STUDENT RECREATION FACILITIES PROJECT
BACKGROUND

The Student Recreation Facilities project, San Diego campus, will provide additional student recreational facilities at a location near the center of the campus. These facilities would include an outdoor 50-meter Olympic size swimming pool; an adjacent outdoor whirlpool bath; four handball/racquetball courts; men's and women's showers and locker rooms; and associated equipment, custodial spaces, and landscaping.

The project will be funded by a student assessment of \$12 per student per quarter for a period of thirty years. This fee was approved in a student referendum held in Spring, 1981 by 73 percent of the students voting. Under the Recreational Facilities Charter, approved in the vote, continued operation and maintenance of the facilities after retirement of the debt will be subject to a new vote one year prior to the termination of the debt period.

The proposed site is north of Old Miramar Road and east of the Pryatel Playing Field and adjacent parking lot. This site is in conformance with the Long Range Development Plan approved by The Regents in January 1982. The project is the winner of a turnkey or design/build competition conducted by the San Diego campus.

Interested bidders were requested to submit two fixed-price proposals which would conform to the program specifications and other contractual obligations as required by the University. The request for bids included as alternative four or five handball/ racquetball courts and either a 25-meter swimming pool or a 50-meter Olympic size swimming pool. The maximum acceptable cost bid was established in the bidding documents as \$1,100,000 for the 25-meter pool scheme and \$1,500,000 for the 50-meter pool scheme. On March 29, 1982, ten design proposals were received and on April 5, 1982 cost proposals were received for each design proposal. Prior to receiving cost proposals (bids) the design proposals were evaluated on the basis of a precise quality point system and given a score; it was intended that each responsive bid then would be divided by the appropriate quality-point score and the lowest bidder determined on the basis of the lowest price per quality-point ratio. The Harper Development Co., Inc. submitted a proposal for a 50-meter pool in the amount of \$1,489,500. Because this proposal was the only one for either the 25-meter or 50-meter scheme which was within the prescribed budget, it was the only responsive bid received. It has also been judged the best proposal from an overall design viewpoint, having been awarded the highest quality-point score for the 50-meter scheme.

The total project cost for this proposal is \$1,800,000 including interest on the construction loan. The original program for the project also includes a whirlpool bath at the existing natatorium and lighting for Muir College field. These facilities are not included in the project as described above but will be constructed at a later date in order to fulfill the obligation of the student referendum which will provide the bulk of the funding for the project. Estimated cost is \$120,000.

In June, 1981, The Regents approved the project for inclusion in the 1982-83 Budget for Capital Improvements and the 1982-85 Capital Improvement Program at a total cost of \$1,350,000. The project as described at that time included a 25-meter pool and five racquetball courts. Also in June, 1981 The Regents authorized a loan in an amount not to exceed \$1,350,000 from a commercial lending institution to finance construction. Because of the favorable bid received on the alternative with a larger pool, the design of the larger project is being recommended for approval by the Committee on Grounds and Buildings.

Design Characteristics

Of the ten proposals entered in the design competition, the Harper proposal was rated the highest in quality, and most responsive to the program requirements of design simplicity and low cost maintenance characteristics. The overall design projects an image of a private recreational retreat in a park-like setting.

The pool area has been designed to meet the requirements for spectator access and seating at intercollegiate swim meets, as well as providing smaller sheltered outdoor spaces for the normal social gatherings of small groups of students. Landscaping of gently graded slopes, and fencing and walls would create visually pleasant and functional screens between recreational areas and the prevailing winds from the northwest. An outdoor whirlpool bath would be provided in the vicinity of the pool area for visual control by the life guard, but physically separated from the pool with landscaping and grade separations to create a semi-private environment.

The quality of the pool construction, its associated equipment and maintenance characteristics were judged significantly superior to the other proposals in this competition.

The recreation building would provide all the facilities required by the program except for one racquetball court. The quality of the building materials within these spaces and their maintenance characteristics are considered superior to other proposals received.

The building structure consists of a slab-on-grade with tilt-up concrete walls and heavy timber roof construction. Exposed beams and wood decking combined with textured concrete walls and carpeted floors in the public areas would create a warm and inviting environment.