

The San Diego Campus of the University of California will dedicate new buildings of the SIO and celebrate groundbreaking of SSE on May 18th

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The San Diego campus of the University of California will dedicate four new buildings of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and celebrate the beginning of construction of the new campus of the School of Science and Engineering on Thursday, May 18.

The ceremony will be held in connection with the meeting of the University's Regents on the campus. The Regents will hold committee meetings on Thursday. The meeting of the entire Board will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19.

Roger Revelle, Director of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and Dean of the School of Science and Engineering, will preside at the dedication and groundbreaking ceremonies. Chairman Edwin W. Pauley of the Board of Regents and University President Clark Kerr will also speak.

The ceremonies will begin at 4:15 p.m. on the campus of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography in La Jolla. Following brief dedicatory exercises, the group will assemble at the site of the new School of Science and Engineering near the junction of La Jolla Shores Drive and Torrey Pines Road to celebrate the beginning of construction of the first buildings of the School of Science and Engineering.

The buildings to be dedicated include Harald Sverdrup Hall, named in memory of the great Norwegian oceanographer who was the third Director of the Scripps Institution. Completed last year, Sverdrup Hall is a three-storey laboratory-and-office building of 63,000 square feet. Attached to Sverdrup Hall by an arcade is a new 250-seat auditorium which has been named Francis B. Sumner Auditorium in honor of the late Professor of Biology.

Also to be dedicated is a new wing of William E. Ritter Hall, a three-storey addition of 47,000 square feet- that was completed in 1959. Biologist William E. Ritter was one of the founders of the Scripps Institution and its first Director.

The last building is the one-storey structure which surrounds the George H. Scripps Memorial Laboratory and is attached to it. The two structures are to be called George H. Scripps Building in memory of the brother of E. W. and Ellen Browning Scripps.

The ceremony at the site of the School of Science and Engineering celebrates the beginning of construction of the first two buildings of the School's campus. (Faculty and staff of the School are at present located on the Scripps campus.) These buildings are a central utilities building and a seven-storey, laboratory-and-office building. They are expected to be ready for occupancy by January 1963.

Both events will be open to the public.