

Announcement of freshmen students

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The San Diego campus of the University of California has had to stop admitting freshmen who plan to major in the sciences, Chancellor Herbert York announced today, but will have room for a few more, particularly if they are girls or if they plan to major in the humanities.

Applications for admission to the 1964 undergraduate class of approximately 150 students were first accepted in February. By last week, 191 students had been admitted.

The move to limit further applications came when the number of applications far exceeded predictions. "If we had not limited applications, the 1964 class might have reached 450--three times capacity," says Keith A. Brueckner, Dean of Letters and Science.

A secondary factor in the decision was a survey of students already admitted. This showed that an unexpectedly large percentage definitely plan to enter UCSD as freshmen in the Fall of 1964. Of 115 students polled, 100, or 87 percent, said they were planning to attend UCSD. As a general rule, only about 60 percent of students admitted will eventually enroll.

"We are very sorry that we are going to have to disappoint so many fine students by telling them we cannot accept them," Chancellor York said. "But we are also very pleased that we have been able to reach our target figure of 150 freshmen so rapidly.

"There will be room for many more undergraduates in 1965. We will try to have a non-diversion policy, taking in between 500 and 700 freshmen.

"There may also be room for transfers at the junior level, students who have taken their first two years at other institutions.

"We are suggesting that the students we cannot accommodate seek to enroll at one of the other University campuses, since admission standards are uniform throughout the University system."

Of the 191 students so far admitted, 133 are men, 58 women. "We would like to see more girls enrolling," Chancellor York said.

The great majority of the students (156) come from San Diego County. Thirty-three are Californians who live outside San Diego County, and only two are from out of state. These latter two were among the 48 high school students who worked on the UCSD campus last summer under a National Science Foundation trainee program.

High schools from which five or more students were admitted are:

La Jolla (14), Point Loma (14), Helix (12), Clairemont (8), Kearny (8), Crawford (8), Granite Hills (7), Hoover (7), Mission Bay (7), Hilltop (6), San Dieguito (6), Grossmont (6), San Diego (5), Mount Miguel (5), and Coronado (5).

Students at UCSD will not be allowed to select a major field of study until they enter the junior year. Of the 191 students, 41 of the men, 25 of the women, indicate that they may go on to major in biology; 12 men, five women, chemistry; three men, one woman, earth sciences; two men, two women, English; 37 men, 18 women, mathematics; three men, two women, philosophy; 26 men, no women, physics; and nine men and five women are undecided as to their majors.

"It is not surprising that so many of the students may be thinking of majoring in the sciences," Chancellor York said. "As a graduate school, UCSD has specialized in the sciences and has a fine reputation in the field. We feel sure that while the sciences will continue to play an important role in the curriculum, in a very short while we shall have a more balanced distribution, as we add a more varied program in the humanities and social sciences.

York and others at UCSD believe that the next few years will see a strong upswing in enrollments in the humanities and the social sciences as the faculty becomes more diversified and fully developed.

Applications for admission to graduate studies are also unusually heavy this year, says Norris W. Rakestraw, Dean of the Graduate Division. By March 15, 459 applications had been received, as against 276 on the same date a year ago. Of these physics had the most applications, 137, with 78 for marine biology and 77 for oceanography. The campus will enroll an estimated 350 graduate students this year, as against 283 in 1963.