

Playing field dedicated in honor of Charles J. Pryatel

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A new playing field at the University of California, San Diego will be dedicated Tuesday, June 10, in honor of Charles J. Pryatel, equipment manager and trainer for intercollegiate athletics at the school for eight and a half years.

The ceremony, officially naming Pryatel Field, will be held at 1 p.m. on the field which is located north of Old Miramar Road and east of the Central University Library at UC San Diego.

Pryatel was a staff member in the Department of Physical Education from July 1969 until his death on December 6, 1977. In addition to his duties as equipment manager and trainer, Pryatel assisted in the development of the cross country track and other outside facilities and designed and built inside court equipment to aid in class instruction.

In June 1972, Pryatel suffered a massive coronary but returned to full-time work five months later and began a program of physical activities under the consultation of the department. Dr. Ted Forbes, physical education supervisor and former chairman of the department, said Pryatel served as an excellent model for UC San Diego students.

"He dedicated himself to the principles of healthy physical activity as set forth by the department," Forbes said. "At the same time, he contributed in a great many ways to the growth of the programs in the physical education department."

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