

UCSD's Geoffery Burbidge honored

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Dr. Geoffrey Burbidge, emeritus professor of physics at the University of California, San Diego, has been selected by trustees of Associated Universities, Inc., operator of the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO), as the Jansky Lecturer for 1985.

In selecting Burbidge for the prestigious lectureship, NRAO directors recognized "his enthusiastic dedication to and support of all aspects of astrophysical research."

Burbidge is scheduled to give the first of two lectures Oct. 29 at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, where the NRAO is headquartered. He'll give his second talk at a later date in Socorro, New Mexico, the site of the largest radio telescope array in the world. In both lectures he plans to address "some aspect of the violent universe."

The UCSD scholar has been widely acclaimed for his early pioneering work on stellar evolution and nucleosynthesis. His current broad range of research interests includes cosmology and quasars.

Burbidge, who recently served a six-year term as director of Kitt Peak National Observatory, has taught at UCSD since 1962. His professional affiliations include memberships in the International Astronomical Union, the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the Societe Royale des Sciences de Liege and the Royal Society of London. He received his Ph.D. in theoretical physics from the University College of the University of London.

Burbidge lives in La Jolla.

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