

Thomas Wolfe is Kiwanians' "Athlete of the Year"

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Thomas Wolfe, an outstanding track athlete and scholar at the University of California, San Diego, will be honored as UCSD's first Kiwanians' "Athlete of the Year" at 4:30 p.m., Thursday, June 12, in the office of Chancellor William J. McGill.

Wolfe, a chemistry major who has a grade point average of 3.7 out of a possible 4.0, holds the school record for the long jump and the 100-yard dash. He has qualified for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Track and Field National Championships both last year and this year and competed in the long jump at the Nationals, June 6-7, in Billings, Mont.

Wolfe is the first UCSD student to receive the "Athlete of the Year" award, which is sponsored jointly by the La Jolla and Torrey Pines Kiwanis Clubs. President L. Gale Haggart of the La Jolla club and president Rob Jackson of the Torrey Pines club will present the award, an engraved watch, to Wolfe.

Wolfe is a graduate of University High School where he lettered in track and football. At UCSD he serves as campus representative on the Intercampus Athletic Advisory Board to University President Charles Hitch. Despite the heavy school workload, Wolfe works part time at Gulf General Atomic during the school year and full time during the summer.

Wolfe set a school mark of 23 feet, 6 1/4 inches in the long jump and a school mark of 9.8 seconds in the 100-yard dash. He also competes in the triple jump and runs the hurdles and the relays. He is a member of the 440-yard relay team which holds the school record.

Wolfe is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Wolfe, residing in San Diego.