

Dr. June Louin Tapp resigned post as provost of Revelle College

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Dr. June Louin Tapp, professor of psychology and provost of Revelle College at the University of California, San Diego for the past two years, has resigned her post as provost to return to the University of Minnesota.

Tapp, one of the top women academic administrators and the only woman provost on the UC San Diego campus, will return to the University of Minnesota for the fall term as professor of child psychology and criminal justice studies, the position she held when she left to come to the San Diego campus in 1976. In addition, she will hold a new appointment as adjunct professor of law in the School of Law on the Minnesota campus.

Tapp will take a leave of absence from her position as professor of psychology at UC San Diego giving her the option of returning to the San Diego campus at some future date.

A problem of long distance commuting led to Tapp's decision to return to Minnesota. Her husband, Dr. Robert B. Tapp, an eminent scholar in his own right could not join her on the west coast. He is chairman of the humanities as well as professor of religious studies and south Asian studies at the University of Minnesota.

"The opportunities for a professional in Bob's field are not available in San Diego at this time," she said. "Were conditions to change, I would expect to return to UCSD to participate in its growth and development," she said.

"I'm not leaving because I don't like it here or because I haven't enjoyed it," she said. "UCSD is intellectually exciting and is an excellent place to work."

"It has been a privilege to be both Provost and a Professor at Revelle College with its superb faculty, excellent student body, and extraordinary administration."

Tapp began her duties as Provost of Revelle College in September 1976 after serving for four years as professor at Minnesota. She is an internationally known authority on the interrelationship of psychology and the law and has written extensively on such topics as emergent notions of law and justice, what makes a fair juror, and children's rights and the law. She is the author of a recently published book "Law, Justice and the Individual in Society: Psychological and Legal Issues."

According to Dr. Paul Saltman, vice chancellor for academic affairs at UC San Diego, an acting provost for Revelle College will be appointed within the next month. In addition, a search committee will be brought together to screen candidates from throughout the United States with the intention of appointing a new provost within the next year.

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