

Professor Errett Bishop memorial

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A memorial meeting honoring the late Professor Errett Bishop and sponsored by the Department of Mathematics at the University of California, San Diego will be held on the campus Saturday, September 24.

The meeting, scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., will be held in Sumner Auditorium at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

Dr. Bishop served as a professor of mathematics at UCSD for 18 years and was considered one of the nation's most eminent mathematicians. He died April 14 in his home in La Jolla after a brief illness.

A highlight of the day-long meeting will be the announcement of the establishment of the Errett Bishop Scholarship in Mathematics funded by a personal gift of \$50,000 from Mrs. Helen Bishop of La Jolla, Professor Bishop's mother. The money will be placed into an endowment with the annual earnings to be used as an undergraduate scholarship in the field of mathematics.

The annual grants will be made on the basis of proven scholarship and financial need with the intent that any outstanding student be assured of completing his or her undergraduate education regardless of financial need.

A number of Professor Bishop's former colleagues have been invited from throughout the United States to discuss the impact of his work. They include Dr. Stefan Warschawski, professor of mathematics emeritus at UCSD, Dr. John Wermer from Brown University, Dr. John Kelley from UC Berkeley, Dr. Halsey Royden from Stanford University, Dr. Irving Glicksberg from the University of Washington and Dr. Gabriel Stolzenberg from Northeastern University.

Professor Bishop was born in Newton, Kansas. He majored in mathematics at the University of Chicago where he received a bachelor's degree at the age of 19 and a master's degree at 21.

From 1950 to 1952 he served in the U.S. Army performing mathematical research for the Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. He returned to the University of Chicago and was awarded the Ph.D. in mathematics in 1954. He then joined the faculty at Berkeley and in 1965 transferred to UCSD where he remained until his death.

During his career, Professor Bishop made significant advances in the area of mathematical analysis. There are theorems and methods which bear his name in the fields of function algebras, approximation theory and analytic functions of several complex variables.

In the late 1960s his interests turned to the philosophical foundations of mathematics and he successfully developed a large area of mathematical analysis on the constructive foundations he had created.

Professor Bishop was awarded the U.S. Army Commendation Ribbon with Pendant for Mathematical Research on Ordnance and served as a Sloan Foundation Fellow and as a member and grantee of the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton. He was a member of the National Research Council and a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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