

Donation of computer equipment to UCSD

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The University of California, San Diego has received a donation of computer equipment worth more than \$2 million as part of a national \$32 million program conducted by AT&T Information Systems.

Announcement of the gift was made today (Wednesday, March 6) during a ceremony in the office of UCSD Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson. The ceremony was attended by Atkinson; Raleigh Wilson, AT&T Information Systems branch manager for San Diego; Dr. Lea Rudee, dean of the Division of Engineering at UCSD, and Dr. Donald W. Anderson, coordinator of academic computing at UCSD.

The AT&T 3B computer products donated to UCSD, estimated to have a fair market value of \$2.4 million, will be used in the university's Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences.

"AT&T is committed to furthering computer research on our nation's college campuses," Wilson said. "With decreasing government participation in the funding of research and education in universities, more and more responsibility for the role has fallen upon private business. We have chosen to step up to this most important role."

Chancellor Atkinson said the very generous gift from AT&T Information Systems will further strengthen the programs in computer science and engineering on the campus and will provide expanded opportunities for students.

"Programs such as AT&T's computer donation program help to ensure that UCSD and other major universities can remain in the forefront in both education and research far into the future," Atkinson said.

The equipment donated to UCSD ranges from AT&T's 3B20 super-minicomputer to its desktop 3B2 super-microcomputer. Appropriate terminals and high-speed networking products to link the 3Bs also are part of the donation. AT&T will install the equipment and provide one year of maintenance and support free of charge.

According to Wilson, UCSD was selected to receive the computer donation from AT&T because of its developmental efforts in the computer science and electrical fields, its commitment to "campus of the future" technology, and its willingness to involve faculty, students and administration in the program.

UCSD will use the donated AT&T equipment in computer science and electrical engineering undergraduate and graduate instruction and research.

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