

Constitution Convention to be held by freshmen

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The 181 members of the freshman class at the University of California, San Diego, will take their first fledgling steps into organized government Friday (November 20) when they hold UCSD's first constitutional convention.

If the students can agree on the wording of the articles of a proposed constitution at the day-long convention, the document will be put to a ballot vote Wednesday (November 25). Two-thirds of the student vote is necessary for approval.

If it is approved by the students, they will be able, for the first time, to operate together under the time-honored tradition of student government as the Associated Students, University of California, San Diego.

The convention will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Sumner Auditorium on the Scripps Institution of Oceanography campus and, with time out for lunch, will continue until the constitutional wording is threshed out and approved. Three speakers, not members of the student body, are scheduled to address the convention during the day.

Dr. Edward D. Goldberg, Professor of Chemistry at UCSD, will give the welcoming address at 10:00 a.m. He will be followed by Dr. Jacob Bronowski, Deputy Director of the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, who will give the keynote address. Dr. Bronowski, a Fellow of the Institute since 1962, will present a comparison of the British and American forms of government.

Dr. James R. Arnold, Professor of Chemistry at UCSD, will address the convention at 1:00 p.m.

Freshmen students Mike Koziniak, of San Diego, a graduate of Grossmont High School last June, and Chris Hollinshead, of San Diego, a graduate of Crawford High School last June, are in charge of arrangements for the convention.

The constitution, as it now stands, will be read to the student body by freshman Janet Albin, of La,Mesa. Miss Albin, a graduate of Grossmont High School last June, headed a 10-member volunteer Constitutional Committee which held its first meeting last summer long before classes started at UCSD. The Committee has since held one or two meetings a week developing the constitution.

The first job of the Committee was to draw up an Enabling Document which allows the Freshman Class of 1968 to officially function as an organized student body until the constitution is ratified. The Enabling Document was completed and approved shortly after the school year began in September and was printed in the "Freshman Bulletin," a mimeographed page of announcements and comments published by the freshman class.

Through the Enabling Document, the Constitutional Committee selected a five-member Advisory Committee to operate the student government until elections under an approved constitution are held.

In an effort to give all students an equal opportunity to participate in student government, the terms of the Enabling Document restrict the members of the Constitutional Committee from serving on the Advisory Committee. They also hold that the members of the Advisory Committee are ineligible to run for elective office in the first election held under the approved constitution.

The first election of student government officers under an approved student body constitution at UCSD is scheduled to take place next month just prior to Christmas vacation.