

UC Regents approve Fifth College

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UC REGENTS APPROVE FIFTH COLLEGE AT UCSD

The University of California Board of Regents today (March 18) approved the establishment of Fifth College at the University of California, San Diego.

"I am grateful to the Regents for approving the new college, which I believe is one of the most forward looking and unusual general education programs in international studies offered anywhere in the country," said James Lyon, provost of Fifth College.

Currently there are approximately 3,000-3,500 students in each of UCSD's four undergraduate colleges. Under the new enrollment plan, the campus is expected to grow to 15,000 undergraduates by 1995 and 17,500 undergraduates by the year 2000.

To maintain the colleges at an acceptable size, the campus proposed the addition of a fifth college. Fifth College, as it will be called until a name is chosen, is the first new undergraduate college since Earl Warren College was founded in 1974. Fifth College's entering class of approximately 400 freshmen will enroll in the fall of 1988. It is expected that Fifth College will reach its full complement of 3,000-3,500 students by 1995.

The Fifth College general education requirements will have an international focus, exposing students to comparative cultural, historical and political aspects of the world around them.

As in Revelle, Muir, Third and Warren Colleges, Fifth College students will be able to choose any major offered at UCSD. Fifth's curriculum, however, will include a six-quarter requirement titled "The Making of the Modern World," which has been underwritten by a three-year, \$151,000 grant from the Ford Foundation. This interdisciplinary, cross-cultural sequence will be taken by all Fifth College freshmen and sophomore students.

Other general education requirements will include three quarters of foreign language, two quarters of fine arts, a three-course regional specialization, and two courses each from the areas of physical or biological science and mathematics or computer science.

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