

## Clifford Grobstein appointment

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Dr. Clifford Grobstein, one of the nation's leading biologists, has been named Vice Chancellor for Medicine and Biological Sciences and Dean of the new School of Medicine on the San Diego campus of the University of California.

The appointment was announced today (Thursday, May 18) by Acting University President Harry R. Wellman and San Diego Chancellor John S. Galbraith following a meeting of the University Regents on the Santa Cruz campus. Dr. Grobstein succeeds Dr. Robert Tschirgi, Vice Chancellor-Academic Planning at UCSD, who has served as Acting Dean of the School of Medicine for the past year.

Dr. Grobstein, a member of the National Academy of Sciences and a leader in the field of biology of development, joined the faculty at UCSD as Professor of Biology and Chairman of the Department on July 1, 1965. He had served as Chairman of the Department of Biological Sciences at Stanford University for two years before coming to San Diego.

His appointment as Dean of the new School of Medicine is closely associated with the developing curriculum and its interrelationship with other graduate departments on the campus.

According to Chancellor Galbraith, "Dr. Grobstein came to UCSD from Stanford in large part because of his interest in participating actively in the development of a new school with a different approach to medical education -- that of 'interdigitation' of the general campus and the medical school departments."

The School of Medicine is scheduled to accept its first class of medical students in the fall of 1968. Cellular biology and chemistry, taught during the first year, will be directed and coordinated by the Department of Biology. First year instruction in physiology, biophysics, biomathematics, bioengineering, psychology, medical ecology and the humanities will be taught by other graduate departments.

Born in New York City in 1916, Dr. Grobstein attended City College of New York receiving a B.S. degree in biology in 1936. He moved to the Los Angeles campus of the University of California for graduate work and received his M.A. degree in zoology in 1938 and a Ph.D. degree in zoology two years later.

He began his teaching career at Oregon State College in 1940 as an Instructor in Zoology. During the war he was commissioned as an aviation physiologist in the U.S. Army Air Force. He returned to civilian life in 1946 as Public Health Service Senior Research Fellow with the National Institutes of Health. He later served for nearly ten years as a Biologist on the research staff of the National Cancer Institute.

Dr. Grobstein is in the unique position of being able to work and communicate in both the organismal and molecular areas of biology. His research has been in the biology of development of the mouse, particularly relating to the interaction between cells and tissues in controlling the appearance of specialized cell types.

He deals with embryos and how embryos come to be adults through translation of genetic instruction into the characteristics of adult organisms. In recent years Dr. Grobstein's studies have been of the pancreas and have'

focused on how digestive cells are formed in cultured embryonic mouse pancreas. His studies were recognized internationally by the Albert Brachet Award of the Belgian Royal Society.

Dr. Grobstein is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is a member of a number of international institutes and societies dealing with biology and embryology and has served as consultant to the U.S. Public Health Service on a number of matters, most recently on the Special Program Planning Committee of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

He is the past president of the American Society of Zoologists and the Society for the Study of Development and Growth. He held membership on the executive committees of the American Institute of Biological Sciences and of the Commission on Undergraduate Education in the Biological Sciences.

At UCSD Dr. Grobstein has been a member of the Committee for the Development of a Dental School and the Campus Planning Committee. He has also served as Chairman of the Committee to develop the first year curriculum for the School of Medicine and on the President's Advisory Committee to the Dean of the UCSD School of Medicine.

He is presently Chairman of the San Diego Academic Senate's Special Committee on the State of the University.