

The Physics Department begins a move to new quarters on the upper campus

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The Physics Department, largest at the University of California's San Diego campus, has begun a move to new quarters on Torrey Pines Mesa. Since its founding in 1960, it has been housed in quarters originally designed for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography.

By the end of next week, approximately 200 members of the Department, including staff and students, will be housed in new, \$4.0 million Building C, a five-story concrete structure visible to motorists on 101.

Building C is the second large structure of the University's First College to be occupied. Building B was put into use last year.

Seventy-three offices and 28 laboratories will be freed at Scripps. And Scripps is getting ready to occupy the space almost immediately.

It has taken four years from the first planning of the building until its occupation, J. H. Clark, Assistant Chancellor-- Business and Finance, points out. "The construction of a major building such as this one, is a long-term job. The building contains over a hundred thousand square feet. It had to be designed to meet the special needs of research. Working drawings were financed by The Regents in 1960-61. Construction started in 1962. The building was completed with funds from the State construction bond issue of the 1962 general election."

The project, including landscaping as yet not installed, cost approximately \$4.0 million. Of this about \$0.5 million can from the Federal government; the remainder was supplied by the State.

The Physics Department will occupy more than half of Building C. Later this year several members of the Chemistry Department staff will be housed there. Building C also contains offices and classrooms that will be used for undergraduate instruction starting in September.

The move into Building C will free much-needed space for the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, says F. N. Spiess, Chairman of the Department of Oceanography. Several activities that have been cramped for space will be enabled to expand, he said.

Still remaining on the Scripps campus are the Department of Earth Sciences, the Department of Biology, and the Department of Chemistry of the First College. Biology and the remaining staff of the Chemistry Department will move to the Torrey Pines Mesa site when Building D, devoted to the health related sciences, is opened next fall.

Buildings C and D are connected by a multi-storied arched walkway.