

Statement on budget issued by Chancellor Galbraith

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Following is a statement issued today (June 22, 1965) by Dr. John S. Galbraith, Chancellor of the University of California, San Diego concerning the cuts in the California state budget that affect the San Diego campus.

The proposed cuts in the University of California, San Diego budget would be devastating to the development of our campus. It would be the most serious setback since the creation of UCSD.

The drastic reduction of more than \$200,000 in funds for the library would be a severe blow. The effect of this decision, if not modified substantially upward, would be disastrous. It would blight the prospects of our developing distinction in the humanities and the social sciences, and would harden the "science institute" image of UCSD-- which we are anxious to change.

Our library has fewer than 300,000 volumes. To make of this campus what it can be, a great university, the book budget must be raised substantially beyond the current level of the Regental proposals and far beyond what is proposed by the Department of Finance. If the "bare-bones" budget remains, the general campus library will be able to purchase only 25,000 volumes, including science publications. This is a shockingly low level for a university with pretensions to excellence.

The proposed cuts in salaries would seriously handicap us in our recruitment program to attract distinguished faculty members. Competition for outstanding academic people is now nationwide. Already we are finding it difficult to match offers of some other institutions.

We are on a tight schedule to develop the School of Medicine for opening in 1968. If the proposed cuts become effective, development of our School of Medicine would be adversely affected.

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