

Students get electronic help as UCSD fall quarter opens September 23

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The University of California, San Diego, is providing a new electronic tool designed to make life easier for students as they begin the fall quarter September 23.

The Registrar's Office, in a joint effort with Administrative Computing, has made available to all students a new web-based service called StudentLink. According to Bill Brown, assistant registrar, "it's brand new and it's going to be very helpful to students in a number of ways." StudentLink provides students access to their student records, an updated version of the Schedule of Classes, and a Student Directory. Included in the student record information are grades, a weekly schedule grid showing the times and locations of their classes, and current addresses.

StudentLink may be accessed on the World Wide Web through the university's Infopath or directly using the web address (<http://studentlink.ucsd.edu/>). "Students are able to use their own computers or computer labs available around campus," Brown said.

Another convenience offered for the first time this school year is free electronic mail accounts for all incoming students. As is the case with StudentLink, students can connect through their own computers or the computer labs on campus.

"With E-mail they are able to communicate with other students, faculty on campus or with family and friends around the world," Brown said. Previously, electronic mail accounts were available upon request, but this year they are being assigned to all new students to facilitate and encourage their use.

Enrollment figures for the fall term won't be known for a few weeks, but it is projected that total enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students will be about 18,135, according to Robert Starkey, UCSD's analytical study officer.

This number includes 16,725 undergraduates, counting 2,750 freshman and 875 transfer students. Graduates total approximately 1,410, including 185 at Scripps Institution of Oceanography and 1,225 at the School of Medicine and Medical Center.

There were approximately 24,000 applicants for freshmen enrollment; of these, the 2,750 accepted had an average GPA of 3.9 and an average SAT composite score of 1,223.

Resident fees this quarter are approximately \$1,400, unchanged from last year.

A new Science and Engineering Research Facility, one of the largest buildings on campus, will open in early October. The \$29.2 million structure is located in the center of the campus, east of the Price Center. Tenants will include the Center for Astrophysics and Space Sciences, the Center for Information Engineering, and faculty and staff in bioengineering and structural engineering research.

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