

Trepte Construction awarded gymnasium contract

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The Trepte Construction Company, Inc., of San Diego has been awarded the contract to construct a \$1 1/2 million gymnasium facility at the University of California, San Diego. Work on the two-story, reinforced concrete structure is scheduled to begin by the end of February, and is expected to take one year to complete.

Liebhardt and Weston of La Jolla are architects for the building and the firm of Wimmer and Yamada will handle the landscaping. Mac Cason is Campus Architect for UCSD and Don McCarty is serving as UCSD Project Architect.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the gymnasium, featuring the women's modern dance class from UCSD, will take place at 1:30 p.m. Monday, February 20, on the building site north of Revelle College at the junction of Highway 101 and La Jolla Shores Drive. The gymnasium will be directly east of the student-funded natatorium (covered swimming pool) now under construction and will be connected to the natatorium by a passageway.

Money for the construction of the gymnasium was included in the Proposition 2 bond issue passed by California voters in the November, 1966, election.

Men's and women's shower and locker facilities (including those for the natatorium), weightlifting room, combatives room, adaptive physical education room and other similar facilities will be located on the ground floor, level with the natatorium. The main gymnasium playing floor, classrooms, and office space will be located on the second floor. The gymnasium floor will be marked for basketball and other physical education teaching activities and will be used temporarily as an assembly hall able to accommodate up to 2,300 students at one time.

Future additions call for the installation of folding bleacher type seats for 2,300 persons around the main floor and on a mezzanine level. The mezzanine level will also be used as a multi-purpose area for such activities as women's modern dance and gymnastics.

The project also includes the construction of outdoor playing fields, tennis court, and basketball courts. The gymnasium is designed to meet the needs of the first cluster of four colleges to be built at UCSD which will serve approximately 10,000 students when complete.