

UC Regents approve funding for proposed \$33.5 million athletic complex at UCSD

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REGENTS APPROVE FUNDING FOR PROPOSED UCSD ATHLETIC COMPLEX

Financing for the proposed \$33.5 million Recreation/ Intramural and Athletic Complex (RIMAC) at the University of California, San Diego, was approved today during a meeting of the UC Board of Regents in San Francisco.

Also approved was the appointment of Parkin Architects of Los Angeles, recognized nationally for the design of athletic/recreational structures, as project architect.

Funding sources for construction of the 170,000 gross square foot complex include \$29.5 in external financing (bonds), \$2 million in campus discretionary funds and \$2 million in University registration fees. Once the building is completed, students will be assessed \$70 per quarter for the construction and operation of RIMAC. Revenue from special events, concessions and gifts also will go toward operating costs.

The proposed facility, expected to be completed in 1994, will address inadequacies of the current facilities and meet projected demand into the next century, according to Tom R. Tucker, assistant vice chancellor, Undergraduate Affairs, Student Programs and Facilities, and J.Douglas Willen, graduate student and RIMAC Building Advisory Committee co-chair.

The proposed RIMAC project will consist of approximately 130,000 assignable square feet and will house recreational activities such as weight training/exercise, racquetball, basketball, aerobics, martial arts, dance and associated uses including showers, locker rooms, storage, concessions, lobby areas and office space.

The main gymnasium area will accommodate five basketball courts for intramural competition and also will be utilized for campus events such as guest speakers, graduations and concerts. Seating in this portion of the facility will consist of 3,000 retractable seats with the option for up to 2,000 additional portable seats at the floor level for the various events.

The proposed project will be located on approximately four acres in the northwest campus area adjacent to present outdoor playing fields, near parking facilities and the Super Computer facility.

The firm of Parkin Architects, approved as architect for the project, designed the \$14 million John Wooden Center at UCLA, the award-winning student recreation center for the University of Arizona, the Bren Events Center at UC-Irvine, and the student recreation center at Vanderbilt University, among many national projects.

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