

Regents meeting 9/16/83: - approved Turnkey apartments and Florence Riford Chair

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The University of California Board of Regents Friday (September 16, 1983) approved the design of a 225-unit college apartment project scheduled for construction on the university's San Diego campus.

The Regents, meeting Thursday and Friday in San Francisco, also approved the establishment of an endowed chair for the study of Alzheimer's disease at the UCSD School of Medicine. Both items were part of a full Regents' agenda covering the entire University of California system.

The \$14.6 million college apartment project consists of 225 two-bedroom apartments, each designed for four students. Each apartment unit is approximately 880 square feet and includes two bedrooms, living and dining areas, a kitchen, a bathroom, deck or patio space and storage facilities. The apartments will be clustered around a central facilities core which will include elevators, a laundry/community room and bicycle storage. In addition, there will be a central facilities building containing lounge and meetings rooms, outdoor meeting and patio space, a mailroom, and office and work space for a resident dean.

The apartment project, to be constructed of earth-toned textured concrete block, will be grouped into four buildings of approximately 50 apartments each around the central core facilities. The project cost also includes parking for some 550 cars and full furnishings for the apartments. Each apartment will be equipped with telecommunications outlets allowing students to access their personal computers to the campus mainline computer.

The building site is east of the UCSD Central University Library and north of Old Miramar Road. The project was designed by the Leonard Veitzer architectural firm of San Diego. Construction will be by Turnkey Design and Construction Company of San Diego.

UCSD currently houses some 3,300 single undergraduate students - about one-third of the total undergraduate population - in on-campus housing. The campus housing office maintains an "extensive" waiting list which should be eliminated when the new student apartments are completed.

The endowed chair for the study of Alzheimer's disease is to be called the Florence Riford Chair for Alzheimer's Disease Research in recognition of Mrs. Florence Riford of La Jolla whose gift of more than \$840,000 made the research position possible.

Mrs. Riford's gift creates the first fully funded endowed chair at the UCSD School of Medicine. It is anticipated that the research funded by an endowment from the gift will focus on a search for the cause and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. It will also strengthen research and training activities in the recently approved Institute for Research on Aging located on the UCSD campus.

Alzheimer's disease afflicts over one-and-a-half million adults in the United States and is the most common form of senile dementia.

Mrs. Riford has lived in La Jolla since 1941. She has been active in La Jolla community affairs and has a history of philanthropy which has benefited all segments of the community.

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