

UCSD to welcome record number of freshmen as fall quarter gets underway Sept. 22

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The move into cyberspace continues at the University of California, San Diego as students arriving for the fall quarter beginning Sept. 22 find a "port at every pillow" in their dorms.

Available in each dorm room will be access to cable TV, electronic mail and the internet; before the end of the year students will be able to register for classes on the world wide web, find out about university bills and financial aid, and have access to the schedule of classes and student directory.

Approximately 3,250 new freshmen, the largest such class in UCSD history, is expected to be on hand when classes begin Sept. 25. "That's 250 more than we had planned," noted Richard Backer, assistant vice chancellor-Admissions, who attributed the increase to the mounting popularity of the campus.

Although enrollment figures for the fall term won't be known for a few weeks, the projected total enrollment of undergraduate and graduate students is about 18,500, according to Robert Starkey, UCSD's analytical study officer.

This total includes 15,050 undergraduates, counting 3,250 new freshmen and 950 new transfer students. Graduates total approximately 3,450, including 175 at UCSD's Scripps Institution of Oceanography and 1,225 at the School of Medicine and Medical Center.

There were approximately 25,000 applicants for freshmen enrollment, of these, the 3,300 accepted had an average GPA of 3.90 and an average SAT composite score of 1,232.

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

While campus construction has slowed in the past several years, one new building slated for completion in October is the \$3 million dance studio, the third component in UCSD's theatre district on the Reville College campus. Designed by award-winning architect Antoine Predock, the facility will provide the Department of Theatre and Dance with three state of the art studio spaces to support its dance/movement courses.

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