

UCSD celebrates 25th anniversary

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UCSD CELEBRATES FIRST 25 YEARS

To signify a quarter century of dramatic growth since its modest start as a technology school, the University of California, San Diego is planning a dynamic yearlong celebration.

An all-campus birthday party and faculty convocation on Nov. 18 will mark the date on which the University of California Board of Regents formally established UCSD as a full-scale university in 1960. The convocation will feature a keynote address by prominent educator Clark Kerr, UC president when the campus was founded.

The celebration's premiere event will be a Jan. 17-18, 1986, symposium in which the chiefs-of-staff for Presidents Eisenhower through Carter will offer a unique look behind the scenes at the intricate workings of the White House over the past quarter century. The historic symposium, "Twenty-five Years of the Presidency," is expected to include Sherman Adams from the Eisenhower administration, Theodore Sorenson (Kennedy), Harry McPherson (Johnson), Alexander Haig and H. R. Haldeman (Nixon), Donald Rumsfeld and Richard Cheney (Ford), and Hamilton Jordan (Carter).

In addition, the silver anniversary celebration will include a Marine Science Forum, tentatively scheduled for April 18, and a Molecular Biology Forum and a Pacific Basin Conference, to be scheduled in the spring. A Celebration Arts Festival will feature dance, theater and art throughout the academic year.

National Recognition

UCSD ranks among the nation's top six universities in the amount of federal dollars it receives each year for scientific research. It ranks tenth in the nation in the percentage of graduates who go on to earn a Ph.D. Among its distinguished faculty, UCSD numbers five Nobel Laureates, 47 members of the National Academy of Sciences and 52 members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The National Science Foundation recently selected the campus as one of four universities in the nation to house a \$100 million state-of-the-art supercomputer capable of handling one billion calculations a second. It will go into operation in the spring.

Seeds Sown in 1903

The seeds were sown for the San Diego campus in 1903 when a team of Berkeley zoologists set up a summer marine station in San Diego. In 1912, community backers deeded the research facility's land and building to the UC Regents, and Scripps Institution of Oceanography, today one of the world's foremost ocean research centers, took root on the shores of the Pacific. Its home was La Jolla, San Diego's affluent northernmost enclave.

Scripps remained the only UC facility in San Diego until 1960, when the brand new University of California, San Diego opened its doors to graduate students in science and engineering under the direction of the renowned oceanographer, demographer and humanist Roger Revelle.

Coming of Age

Today, UCSD has four interrelated undergraduate colleges--Revelle, John Muir, Third and Earl Warren--each offering a full range of academic courses on both the graduate and undergraduate levels.

The UCSD School of Medicine, which accepted its first students in 1968, is nationally known for excellence in the training of physicians and for contributions to biomedical research. Its eminent faculty, who staff the UCSD Medical Center, has made the school a world class center in heart, lung, cancer, genetics, bioengineering, and aging research.

In addition to its academic departments, UCSD has 20 organized research units in many different fields, including astrophysics and space sciences, music experiment, U.S.-Mexican studies, and nonlinear science.

Buildings are going up on campus to house two new research groups: the Charles Lee Powell Structural Systems Laboratory, the largest earthquake testing laboratory in the U.S., which will be able to measure stress and strain on full-scale buildings up to five stories high, and the Center for Magnetic Recording Research, a joint industry-university research effort on the technologies underpinning the magnetic recording industry.

Plans for Future

Future plans for UCSD include a University Center, an outdoor amphitheater, an expanded Institute for Research on Aging, a larger and enhanced Aquarium and Ocean Science Center at Scripps, a School of International Relations and Pacific Studies and a Humanities Institute.

The university, which receives only \$150 million of its \$500 million annual budget from the state, has embarked on an ambitious fund-raising campaign to bring its goals to fruition.

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