

Media advisory on minority and low-income students taking part in information conference here

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SUBJECT: Some 800 minority and low-income students representing 61 high schools and community colleges in San Diego and Imperial counties will take part in the first annual Information Conference at the University of California, San Diego.

At the same time, some 70 high school and community college counselors from the same schools will meet with local and system-wide university officials.

DATE: Wednesday, March 30, 1977 **TIME:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PLACE: Students - Mandeville Auditorium Counselors - Student Center (The students will gather between 9 and 9:45 a.m. in the Mandeville Auditorium to hear a keynote address by Frank Montez, chairman of RACHE, Raza Administrators & Counselors in Higher Education. Following the talk they will break into workshop groups around 10:30 a.m.)

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REMARKS: The conference, sponsored by the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) at UC San Diego, will involve the students in a series of workshops dealing with higher education, EOP admissions, financial aid and tips on finishing high school. Representatives from each of the nine UC campuses, at least eight of the state colleges and universities, and some eight private colleges and universities will take part. Most of the students will be high school sophomores and juniors but community college students will also take part.

The counselors will join in separate workshops and group discussions meeting with Dr. William McElroy, UC San Diego chancellor; Lyle Gainsly, director of UC system-wide admissions; William Byrd, dean and director of special educational programs at UC San Diego, and EOP staff members.

Following lunch (students in the Revelle College cafeteria and counselors in the Revelle south dining hall) the two groups will come together around 1 p.m. for slide shows presented by the various colleges and universities and entertainment presented by a live band on the steps of the Main Gymnasium.

NOTE: This is the fifth, and last, in a series of EOP information conferences in Southern California but the only one to include the student counselors in the program. Usually they are relegated to drinking coffee while the students work. The others were held at UC Riverside, Claremont Colleges, East Los Angeles Community College and Cal-State Fullerton.

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