

Chancellor's NEWSLETTER points out three UCSD Lecture Series

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Although living in a scientific and technological age, a smaller and smaller percentage of citizens understand or appreciate the real achievements of science, Chancellor Herbert York of the University of California's San Diego campus says in his January Newsletter.

"Some of the most thoughtful men of our time are gravely concerned with the widening of the gap between the professional scientist and the average well-informed man," says York, "And in a modest way at UCSD, we are trying to help narrow this gap."

The Chancellor points out that three UCSD-sponsored lecture series this year-- all open to the interested public-- are among the helpful steps being taken on the San Diego campus to achieve a rapport between scientist and layman.

"Science has grown astonishingly," York says, "Ninety percent of all the scientists who have ever lived are still alive. But many laymen have given up the attempt to keep abreast with this burgeoning field of thought, and it is grave irony that this should have happened during an era in which science is playing an increasingly important role in society as a whole."

UCSD lectures in 1963 will present distinguished faculty members from not only the local campus, but from other campuses as well.

The Chancellor noted that the Faculty Lecture series, co-sponsored with the Theatre and Arts Foundation of San Diego County, is deliberately planned to appeal to a wide section of the public. E. W. Fager, Chairman of the Department of Oceanography at UCSD, will inaugurate the eighth year of the Faculty Lecture series on January 15 speaking at Sherwood Hall in La Jolla on "The Ecology of Communities."

Faculty Lectures to follow will include Stanley E. Mills, an Assistant Professor of Biology on the faculty of the School of Science and Engineering, to speak on Monday, February 11; Hans Kohn, the famed historian from the City University of New York, on Thursday, March 21; and Alfred S. Romer, director of Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology, who will speak on April 25.

"By looking over the list of past Faculty Lectures," York says, "one is impressed by the enormous variety of subjects discussed-- a true reflection of this scientific age-- and the caliber of scientists who thus tried to share with the general public the trends in their fields of research."

Another lecture series to which the public is invited is the Professors' Inaugural Lectures, held on the campus in Sumner Auditorium, which serve to introduce new UCSD faculty members to the students and staff. Presenting lectures in the series this spring will be Victor Vacquier, Professor of Geophysics; Norman M. Kroll, Professor of Physics; and Norman Rostoker, Professor of Physics.

The All-University Lecture Series will bring speakers to San Diego selected from the faculty of other campuses of the University of California.

This series, says York, is "a part of the University's new Intercampus Exchange program designed to enrich the cultural opportunities for students, faculty, and the surrounding communities of each campus."

In the coming months, York noted, speakers in this series will include Jack F. Evernden, Professor of Geology at Berkeley, Richard E. Powell, Professor of Chemistry at Berkeley, and Garrett Hardin, Professor of Biology at Santa Barbara.