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"Picnic on the Green", a fund raiser for Friends of UCSD Library, to be held on library lawn

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The grassy slopes surrounding the entrance to the Central University Library at the University of California, San Diego will be covered with picnickers Friday evening, Sept. 6.

The occasion, billed as a "Picnic on the Green," will be a fund-raising party for the Friends of the UCSD Library who are co-sponsors along with Chancellor and Mrs. William D. McElroy.

Guests will gather at 6 p.m. for no-host cocktails as the late afternoon sun filters through the eucalyptus trees which circle the library.

A champagne picnic supper served in individual Mexican straw baskets will begin at 7 p.m. The menu will include a hearty soup and chicken, the traditional picnic fare. The covered baskets which were made in the Mexican state of Michoacan were selected especially for the event by the Friends.

Diners may choose to sit at tables or bring blankets and eat while seated on the ground in true picnic fashion.

During the cocktail hour, music will be provided by the Friends of the Family, a folk group. Country and western singer Martin Henry will entertain during supper and Marv Decker and the Contemporaries will perform later in the evening for those who wish to dance.

Admission for the benefit is \$12.50 per person. Tickets may be purchased by calling the UCSD library administration office before Sept. 3 at 453-2000, ext. 1963.

All proceeds from the event will be used by the Friends to make special purchases for the UCSD library collections.

Mrs. William J. Watson and Mrs. Parker V. Foster Jr., both of La Jolla, are co-chairmen of the event. Serving on the committee are Mrs. George E. Osborn, La Jolla, decorations; Mrs. Herman F. Froeb, La Jolla, hostesses; Ward W. Deems, Del Mar, invitations; John R. Haak, Solana Beach, music; Mrs. Keith Robertson, San Diego, arrangements, and Robert Mosher, La Jolla, lighting.

The picnic, first event of the 1974-75 year for the Friends, will launch a county-wide drive for 1,000 new members, according to Mrs. E. Laird Landon, president. Current membership includes approximately 1,000 persons throughout San Diego County.

Founded in 1962, the Friends is the oldest community support group affiliated with UCSD. The organization has helped the UCSD libraries acquire rare and significant books which would not be purchased with library funds.

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