

New running track

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Where there is brain, there also can be brawn. Such is the feeling of Dr. Theodore Forbes, chairman of the Department of Physical Education, University of California, San Diego.

Dr. Forbes is anxious to see the University play a greater role in making available physical education and for all students. "Although the University now has 31 sections in physical education activities, we want all of the students to emerge into the broader program of intramural sports and Intercollegiate athletics," Dr. Forbes said.

This week a step is being taken in that direction. R. E. Hazard Contracting Company began grading dirt for an area which will be the new University running track. It will be located parallel to Miramar Road, immediately west of Interstate 5. The track is not too far from the newly completed Muir College dormitories.

Presently the site of the Basic Science Building of the University's Medical School is being used for a track.

Features of the new quarter mile track include a 220 yard straightaway, a sprinkling system and redwood headers marking borders of the track.

In the near future there will be turf in the center of the track, making possible such sports as rugby, which is expected to begin the first part of next year, Dr. Forbes said.

Boyle Engineering of San Diego is the executive engineering firm coordinating plans with Robert L. Johnson, University project engineer and Mac Alfred Cason, campus architect.

Coincident with the construction of the track is the remodeling of two quonset huts on the Matthews Campus area. One building will have ten showers with locker rooms. This will be primarily for use by visiting athletic teams. The other building will be used for athletic equipment issue and storage. Leon Tuck is the acting general contractor.

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