

"Richard Jessop," new racing shell, to be christened

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The fleet of competitive eight-oar racing shells at the University of California, San Diego will be doubled at noon Monday (February 24) with the christening of the "Richard Jessop."

The 60-foot, \$3,500 racing shell was donated to UCSD by the Jessop family of San Diego and named in honor of Richard Jessop Sr., a booster of competitive rowing in this area. Christening will take place at UCSD on the campus soccer field, west of the swimming pool. A luncheon for those taking part in the ceremony will follow in the north dining hall of Revelle Commons.

Among those invited to attend the ceremony are Richard Jessop Sr.; Joseph Jessop Sr.; Anderson Borthwick, retiring chairman of the board of the Southern California First National Bank; Tom Ham, owner of the Bali Hai Restaurant; Pauline La Grange, San Diego City Recreation Department; and Del Beekley, crew coach at San Diego State College.

Representatives from UCSD will include Chancellor William McGill; Vice Chancellors S. S. Penner and Herman Johnson; Dean of Students George Murphy; Dr. Frank Thiess, Chairman of the Chancellor's Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Board; and Dr. Ted Forbes, Chairman of the Department of Physical Education.

UCSD crew coach William Gebor and members of the varsity crew will be on hand to accept the new vessel. Gebor is starting his first year as rowing coach at UCSD. He rowed for four years at San Diego State and was named to the 1968 Olympic rowing team.

Intercollegiate rowing competition began for UCSD one year ago when the university's first competitive racing shell was donated by a group of San Diego rowing enthusiasts including Borthwick, Ham and Jessop.

The first competition for UCSD this season will be Saturday, March 29, against the Santa Barbara campus of the University of California. The rowing course in Mission Bay opposite Santa Clara Point will be used. On Saturday, April 12, a four-way meet including UCSD, San Diego State, Occidental College and St. Mary's College of California will be held on the Mission Bay course.