

Establishment of a Fourth College has been approved for UCSD by the University's Board of Regents

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Establishment of a Fourth College emphasizing preprofessional and career-oriented education has been approved for the University of California, San Diego by the University's Board of Regents, according to Dr. Patrick J. Ledden of UCSD.

Ledden, assistant professor of mathematics, was appointed acting provost of the new college in July. In his new position, he will oversee the development and direct the academic planning of Fourth College which will admit its first class of 200-300 students in fall of 1974.

The Fourth College program will be designed to prepare students for graduate work in law, health sciences and business administration and careers in government and industry.

Students in Fourth College will be able to major in any field available on campus, as in the other colleges at UCSD. However, their program will have special emphasis on career preparation including field experience related to their area of study.

A student interested in economics and public policy might work as an aide to some office in the city or county planning departments. Similar off-campus work could be a feature of the program for prelaw and sociology students.

The new college, not yet named, is expected to relieve over enrollment at John Muir and Revelle Colleges. It will also perform the functions that neither Revelle, Muir or Third College perform at the present time.

Ledden, formerly the assistant provost of Muir College, was named the outstanding faculty member and also the outstanding staff member of Muir College by the Muir students during the 1972-73 academic year.

He received a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Catholic University of America in 1958, a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Michigan a year later and his Ph.D. degree in mathematics from Stanford University in 1965.

Ledden joined the UCSD faculty in 1966 and is a member of Phi Beta Kappa and the American Mathematical Society.

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