

Back to school with Welcome Week activities

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New students, new housing, new escort officers and a new vice chancellor share the spotlight as Welcome Week activities begin Wednesday, September 16, at the University of California, San Diego. Fall classes begin Monday, September 21.

Anticipated enrollment is 11,670, compared with last year's fall enrollment of 11,418. Final enrollment figures are not available until after the quarter begins.

Enrollment this year includes 9,300 undergraduate, 1,250 graduate students, 190 Scripps Institution of Oceanography students and 930 students enrolled at the School of Medicine. The School of Medicine figure includes about 500 medical students, with residents, interns and nurse practitioners constituting the remainder of the total.

A series of orientation events have been planned for new students during the five days of Welcome Week. Some of the workshops include: "The Odd Couple: Adjusting to New Roommates," "Time Management and Study Strategies," "How to do the University Before it Does You" and "Living Poor In Style--Or, Residence Halls May Not be the Hilton But..."

Other events planned are more of a social nature and include beach parties, cookouts, field trips and a reception at the home of Chancellor Richard C. Atkinson.

Completed during the summer were 240 student and faculty apartments and a new Residential Apartments Office located east of Interstate 5 on Regents Road. This year the 190 student apartments and 50 faculty apartments will be primarily occupied by single undergraduates, graduate students and married student families.

Finding enough off-campus housing is again a problem, according to Gloria Spencer of the Off-Campus Housing Office. In addition to the students, accommodations are needed for visiting faculty members and researchers. Only 3,900 can be housed on campus, just a fraction of the number of people looking for housing.

Persons with available rentals can list their openings free at the Off-Campus Housing Office in Building B of the Student Center Complex at UC San Diego. Phone 452-3670 for more information.

The newly established Community Service Officers will provide a campus escort service from 5 p.m. until 1:30 a.m., including weekends. While the student escorts are not law enforcement officers, they are equipped with two-way radios so they can communicate directly with campus police.

Any staff, student, faculty or visitor wishing to use the escort service should call the campus police department at 452-HELP (university extension 4357).

A familiar face in a new job this fall will be Dr. Joseph W. Watson, the former Third College provost who began as vice chancellor of undergraduate affairs on July 1.

Watson's post is a new position created by Atkinson to deal more effectively with student retention and minority recruitment. He replaces Dr. Richard Armitage, who is returning to teaching and research after serving for more than two years as vice chancellor for student affairs.

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