

R. Buckminster Fuller to give commencement talk

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R. Buckminster Fuller, Distinguished University Professor at Southern Illinois University (Carbondale) and author of the best selling book, "Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth," has been selected to give the commencement address at the University of California, San Diego Sunday, June 14.

The commencement ceremony, the fourth in the school's history, will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Revelle Plaza located in the center of Revelle College. A total of 473 undergraduates and 250 graduates are expected to be eligible to take part in this year's ceremony.

In addition to Fuller, others taking part in the ceremony will be Dr. Charles J. Hitch, President of the University of California; Dr. William J. McGill, Chancellor of UCSD; the Rev. John Huber, Campus Pastor for University Lutheran Church; and two student speakers yet to be chosen by the graduates.

The ceremony will begin with the traditional Triton Fanfare played on Conch Shells. The official party and the graduates will march to the accompaniment of music played on an electronic Moog.

Fuller is, by his own words, a "comprehensive design scientist." He is an inventor, engineer, architect, philosopher and world traveler and holds world patents to a great number of structural designs. Perhaps his best known design is the geodesic dome of which there are now more than 10,000 in 50 countries including a U.S. Research dome situated exactly on the South Pole of Earth.

In recent years his efforts have been directed toward the problem of giving every human being a fair share of the world's vital resources.