

San Francisco architectural firm appointed to design first increment of student housing for the Third College at UCSD

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The San Francisco architectural firm of Worley K. Wong, Ronald G. Brocchini and Associates has been appointed to design the first increment of student housing for The Third College at the University of California, San Diego.

The appointment of the firm, made by the University Board of Regents, was announced by Dr. Joseph Watson, Third College Provost.

The residence halls are scheduled to begin construction in September, 1974, with completion and occupation scheduled for the start of the fall, 1975, quarter to coincide with the completion of the first academic unit at the college. The building site is east of Academic Unit 1 near the existing Central University Library.

The project, which will house 250 students, will include 56 four-student apartments and 26 single rooms with kitchenette and half bath. Also included will be snack bar facilities, student lounge and commons space, and auxiliary facilities. Total cost of the project is \$2,730,000.

Third College enrolled its first students in 1970. More than 1,000 undergraduate students are expected to be enrolled in the college by the time the first academic unit and the residence halls are completed in 1975. Future increments of housing will be built over a five year period to accommodate the on-campus housing needs of the permanent Third College student body of 2,000.

According to Watson, Third College students, faculty, and staff and UCSD administration all participated in the selection of the architect for the project. Wong, Brocchini and Associates has a strong design orientation with a fine record of performance on projects similar to the Third College Residence Halls, he said.

Past projects include the design of Merrill College on the UC Santa Cruz campus, married and single student housing at Stanford University, a dining commons at California State University, Hayward, and senior citizens housing in Mill Valley and Santa Venetia.

The firm has also successfully completed other large projects for the University of California and others, including a marine biology laboratory at Bodega Bay.

The architectural firm was founded in 1968. Both principals are graduates of UC Berkeley and both have been involved in civic, cultural, and social activities including the San Francisco Planning and Urban Renewal Association, and the Citizens Urban Design Advisory Committee for the City of Oakland.

Donald H. Sites, UCSD Campus Architect, is in charge of overall supervision of the design project for the campus with Charles B. Powers, Associate Architect at UCSD, serving as project architect for the housing units.

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