PROJECTS

**SOUTH WEST FISHERIES SCIENCE CENTER**
The groundbreaking for the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, took place on September 15, 2009.

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) proposes to develop, construct and operate a new research facility for use by the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC). The new building will be located on an undeveloped parcel on the UCSD/Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO) campus, across La Jolla Shores Drive from the existing SWFSC site.

The project is slated for completion in December 2011 and will provide safe and modern accommodations for SWFSC and support the research collaborations between SIO and SWFSC.

**MARINE ECOSYSTEM SENSING, OBSERVATION & MODELING (MESOM) LABORATORY**
The groundbreaking for the MESOM Laboratory was held in conjunction with the SWFSC Project on September 15, 2009. The project is currently in the Preliminary Design Phase and will be going through the process seeking project approvals as necessary.

The proposed 30,200 gross square feet project will be located in the SIO Hillside Neighborhood and will construct space for research and education in marine ecosystems, climate variability and change, and marine ecosystem forecasting at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography. The project will facilitate coordination of interrelated marine ecosystem research from various disciplines in one centralized location.

**NORTH CAMPUS HOUSING PHASE 1**
North Campus Housing Phase 1, now referred to as the Village at North Torrey Pines opened its doors recently to house transfer students. The 14-story building enhances the opportunity of students to participate in the academic and extracurricular life of the campus. The Village comprises 1060 beds in apartment style living. Each apartment has a living-dining-kitchen area, shared bathrooms and a storage area. Also included in the project are common spaces such as vending, laundry, mail areas and administrative offices, and a café and satellite bookstore to serve the North Campus population.
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**UCSD Community Planning Website Information**
The second issue of the Newsletter and project information sheets along with an interactive map of campus projects is available on the UCSD Community Planning website http://commplan.ucsd.edu. Visit the website to learn more about campus development with accompanying information on specific projects.

**UCSD News**
For UCSD News see http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/

**UC San Diego Ranked 2nd in the Nation in Washington Monthly New College Rankings**
University of California, San Diego ranked second in the nation in the Washington Monthly in what colleges are doing for the country. The noted publication bases its list on three criteria: social mobility, research and service. “In our eyes,” the editor writes, “America’s best colleges are those that work hardest to help economically disadvantaged students earn the credentials that the job market demands. They’re the institutions that contribute new scientific discoveries and highly trained PhDs. They’re the colleges that emphasize the obligations students have to serve their communities and the nation at large.”

UC Berkeley topped the list of 253 public and private universities, with UCLA ranked in third place and Stanford University in fourth.

UC San Diego, one of the 10 campuses of the world-renowned University of California system, has consistently ranked in the top 10 in numerous national and international rankings. Last month UC San Diego was named seventh best public university in the nation in the 2009 U.S. News college rankings.

“It is a true honor to be recognized not only for the quality of our education, but also for our innovative research, our commitment to service and our extensive community outreach programs, including those that help first-generation college students,” said Chancellor Marye Anne Fox.

**Students Back On Campus**
An estimated 28,500 students undergraduate, graduate and health sciences students began classes this fall. Due to budget restrictions 550 fewer freshmen were enrolled, however, an increased continuing student population keeps the University at the same undergraduate level of 22,550 as last fall.

In addition, the population of general campus graduate students is expected to grow by an estimated 6% from 3,750 in 2008 to 3,985 in 2009.

A total 11,260 students, faculty and staff will live on campus this coming year, including 1,060 transfer students in new Village apartments featuring an array of green innovations. This comprises 8,647 undergraduates, 2,312 graduate professional students, and 301 faculty and staff housed on campus.