Achieving the Extraordinary

The excitement is building, and the preparation has begun, for UC San Diego’s 50th anniversary commemoration next year. Festivities will commence in September 2010 and last through June 2011. This incredible milestone anniversary will be an opportunity to celebrate our many achievements over the last five decades. We’ll also have an eye on the next 50 years, looking forward to the future discoveries and successes of our students, alumni, faculty and staff.

I invite you to join us as we celebrate Achieving the Extraordinary - UC San Diego’s 50th Anniversary. We want to share this anniversary with you - our community. You are a vital player in the university’s past, present and future. During the celebration year, we will honor our founders and our supporters, our partners and our community members who shaped our history and continue to shape our future. We will showcase our impressive trajectory as a local, national and global leader in undergraduate and graduate education, academic research and innovation. We will soon launch a website devoted to our 50th anniversary celebration; it will feature a full calendar of events, a timeline of our history and accomplishments, and an interactive page where you can submit your UC San Diego stories and photos. You will be able to access that site from our main webpage - www.ucsd.edu.

UC San Diego has grown immensely since its founding in 1960, physically and in its innovative, intellectual and collaborative spirit. I invite you to learn more about the university, visit the campus and join us in our commemoration to celebrate how far we have come, and look forward to the university’s future contributions through our local impact, national influence and global reach. I’m excited to share this anniversary with you.

Marye Anne Fox
Chancellor
UC San Diego

The Hustle and Bustle... Students Back on Campus!

The beginning of a new academic year brings a renewed sense of vitality to the campus. The overall vibrancy and energy of the students is amplified by orientation sessions, campus fairs, a wide variety of student activities and the weekly farmer’s market. One can feel the “heartbeat of the campus” return as the students bring the University back to life, making the campus a great place to learn, live, grow and play.

An estimated 28,500 undergraduate, graduate and health sciences students began classes this fall, including an estimated 814 new international students, representing 58 countries. Due to the budget restrictions, UC San Diego has enrolled 550 fewer freshmen - 3,740 this fall as compared to 4,295 last year. However, an increased continuing student population keeps the University at the same undergraduate level (22,550) as last fall.

The freshmen bring with them an average high school grade point average (GPA) of 3.96 and SAT test scores of 601 reading, 655 math and 615 writing. The 1,860 new transfer students come with an average GPA of 3.41.

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 the new Village apartments featuring an array of green innovations (see article on page two for more information). This comprises 8,647 undergraduates, 2,312 graduate professional students, and 301 faculty and staff housed on campus.
The Moores Cancer Center and the UC San Diego Medical Center recently opened a new radiation oncology building on the La Jolla campus that expands clinic and office space, while adding to the program’s advanced imaging and treatment technologies. The technology makes radiation therapy more readily available to children who need it by cutting the delivery time from approximately 15 minutes to two minutes. This new facility houses two linear accelerators thereby expanding the Department of Radiation Oncology patient treatment and research capabilities.

The facility comprises a welcoming wrap-around courtyard at the entrance and transitions to a light and airy interior. Interior spaces are simultaneously expansive and cozy. The generous use of opaque glass for interior spaces and some exterior windows capture as much light as possible while also affording privacy.

“Bricks and mortar form half of the expansion equation. The other half relates to the organizational component, and the radiation oncology team has been in high gear to ensure that our expansion of services is seamless, efficient and supportive to our patients,” said Arno J. Mundt, M.D., Professor and Chair of the Department of Radiation Oncology.


The Village at North Torrey Pines, the first transfer student housing project at UC San Diego, opened its doors to incoming students this fall. The Village, located just north of Eleanor Roosevelt College and across from the Rady School of Management, enhances the opportunity to participate in the academic and extracurricular life of the campus. This housing project (343,000 gross square feet) comprises 1,060 student beds and three professional staff in apartment units consisting of two, three, and four bedrooms. Each apartment has a living-dining-kitchen area, shared bathrooms, and a storage area. Also included are common spaces such as vending, laundry, mail areas and administrative offices, and a cafe and satellite bookstore to serve the North Campus population.

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For more information visit http://hdh.ucsd.edu/thevillage

RIMAC (the Recreation and Intramural Athletics Center) is a multi-use facility that accommodates a wide variety of activities ranging from large spectator events to athletic competitions and tournaments.

Just completed is RIMAC Annex which complements and expands RIMAC and introduces new services and facilities to the campus. Included in the Annex are the Softball Field improvements with a press booth behind expanded softball bleachers, improved dug-outs and playing field, a netted backstop and additional storage facilities.

The building (15,237 gross square feet) located adjacent to RIMAC along RidgeWalk, at the highest point of north campus, unites various physical elements of the Annex building structure with the Softball Field Complex. It includes a sports and fitness-themed café, convenience store, large meeting room, Peet’s Coffee and terraced lounge spaces overlooking the playing field and exterior terraced patios.

The RIMAC Annex has taken proactive steps towards sustainability. Cooled by tempered air, the Annex takes advantage of its location and the natural environment. Eligible for Silver LEED certification, the RIMAC Annex is doing its part to move the campus toward a greener future.

The completion of the Annex along with the Rady School of Management, Eleanor Roosevelt College and North Campus Housing brings students, alumni and the community to campus, enlivening the north campus.

For more information on UC San Diego Sports facilities visit http://sportsfac.ucsd.edu

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RIMAC ANNEX

NORTH CAMPUS HOUSING PHASE I

RADIATION ONCOLOGY LINEAR ACCELERATOR FACILITY
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS STATUS MAP

The Capital Improvements Status Map is an interactive map available online at http://commplan.ucsd.edu/UCSDprojects.htm. Each interactive project link leads to a detailed project information sheet.

PLANNED ENHANCEMENTS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH, PATIENT CARE AND STUDENT LIFE

Location of instructional and research facilities, as well as necessary campus support facilities, such as housing and parking, is directed by UCSD’s Long Range Development Plan (LRDP), which is prepared in response to campus enrollment and population projections.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION - EAST CAMPUS

Cardiovascular Center and Thornton Hospital Expansion — 134,000 GSF (gross square feet), anticipated completion March 2011. A state-of-the-art facility (on UCSD’s East Campus medical complex), in heart and vascular disease, and stroke management.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION - WEST CAMPUS

Cogeneration Plant Expansion — The project will increase the campus’ overall energy efficiency, advance sustainability and result in utility cost savings. Existing and new cogeneration facilities will supply over 80 percent of the campus’ normal electrical demand.

Sanford Consortium for Regenerative Medicine (SCRM) — 135,000 GSF, ground lease project, anticipated completion June 2011. SCRM, a 501(c)3 non-profit, public benefit corporation is formed by the Burnham Institute for Medical Research, the Salk Institute for Biological Studies, The Scripps Research Institute, and UC San Diego. The facility will serve as a hub of innovative multidisciplinary, basic, translational, and preclinical research programs, and outreach programs that will advance stem cell research and education.

Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) — 124,000 GSF, ground lease project, anticipated completion December 2011. The project is developed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The facility will provide safe and modern accommodations for SWFSC and support the research collaborations between SIO and SWFSC.

Structural and Materials Engineering Building — 169,000 GSF of instruction and research space for the Department of Structural Engineering and Department of Visual Arts. The facility will merge the areas of advanced materials testing with scientific visualization.

Student housing projects with anticipated completion in 2011 include: Health Sciences Graduate Housing - 452 beds, North Campus Housing Phase 2 - 806 beds, Revelle College Apartments - 500 beds and Muir College Apartments - 275 beds.

Telemedicine and Prime HEq Facility — 92,000 GSF to accommodate a new program in Medical Education and support a major new telemedicine initiative to improve health care access to medically underserved populations and other “at risk” populations.

Wedge Phase IV Open Space — The project will provide aesthetic and functional open space development and include pedestrian linkages between North Campus Housing and Eleanor Roosevelt College (see article in next issue).
TRANSPORTATION SUCCESSES AT UC SAN DIEGO

UC San Diego commuters are setting new records in alternative transportation when commuting to the La Jolla and Hillcrest campuses. According to a study done by UC San Diego’s Transportation Services more than half of the commuters are using alternatives to single-occupant vehicles. The annual survey showed that 54 percent of commuters entering the La Jolla campus and 52 percent entering the Hillcrest Medical Center use alternative transportation, including campus shuttles, public transit, carpooling, vanpooling, walking and bicycling.

“In the future, we will achieve even greater success and continued public sustainability support when we begin operating America’s first fast-charging electric buses,” said Brian d’Autremont, Transportation Services director.

“We are ecstatic that 32,460 UC San Diego commuters are using alternative transportation on a daily basis to get to and from the La Jolla and Hillcrest locations,” said Sam Corbett, Transportation Services assistant director. “This clearly demonstrates that the university’s strong commitment to sustainability is significantly reducing traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions throughout the region. In fact, our alternative transportation programs offset an estimated 18,972 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions.”

Annual survey highlights:
- Alternative transportation - 28,399 people enter the UCSD La Jolla campus on an average day
- Public transit use - 186% increase from 1,295 riders in 2006 to 3,708 riders in 2009
- Campus shuttle ridership - 15% increase from 5,163 daily riders in 2008 to 5,951 riders in 2009
- Average daily bicycling - 76% increase from 802 riders in 2007 to 1,412 riders in 2008

TRANSPORTATION FACTOIDS

UC San Diego was recognized recently with the following three awards:
- SANDEE Special Achievement in Transportation Award
- SANDAG Diamond Award in both Program Excellence and Innovation
- Clinton Global Initiative for Commitment to Launch All Electric Hybrid CNG Micro-turbine buses by Fall 2009

Reduced drive-alone rates from 66% in 2001 to 49% in 2008;
- UCSD Climate Action Plan, has set an ambitious goal of further reducing single-occupant vehicle commuting to 39% by 2018

In 2008 UCSD’s Free Bus Zone program transported more than two million passenger trips on all bus routes that serve campus

Transportation Services in 2008 celebrated 30 years of UCSD vanpooling. Vanpool program includes a fleet of 51 vans and transports over 350 participants to and from locations throughout San Diego County (and beyond)

In 2008, an average of 8,157 daily carpools commuting to UCSD offset an estimated 9,818 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions for the year

Almost 40% of the campus fleet is alternatively fueled - 100% of the diesel fleet uses Ultra Low Sulfur B100 or B20 biodiesel

The Campus Shuttle Service transports approximately three million passenger trips per year on its 10 different routes

INFORMATION YOU MAY BE LOOKING FOR

Useful websites:
- Homepage - http://ucsd.edu
- News - http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu
- Events - http://calendar.ucsd.edu
- Campus Tours - http://ucsdnews.ucsd.edu/tours/index.html
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