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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Resignation:

I regret to announce that Mr. Robert Hunt, USD's Director of Physical Plant, has tendered his resignation, effective March 1, 1975, to accept a position at the University of California at San Diego. All of us at USD deeply appreciate Bob's long service to the University, and wish Bob and Marh well in their future.

Faculty Meetings:

I have asked the Deans of the Schools/College to schedule meetings with the various faculties in groups, in order that I may go over areas of interest to the members of the faculty in a setting conducive to discussion.

The Deans will communicate the agenda and place for the meetings to their respective faculties. I will be joined by several members of the administration who have responsibilities in the areas of the agenda. The meetings will be held at the following times:

Arts and Sciences: Departments of Humanities, History and Political Science, and Behavioral Sciences: Monday, February 24, 1975 at 3:15 p. m.

Departments of Math-Science, Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Foreign Languages: Tuesday, February 25 at 11:15 a. m.

Education, Business Administration, Nursing: Tuesday, February 25 at 2:30 p. m.

School of Law: Wednesday, March 5, 1975 at 12 noon.

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Intersession Statistics:

Intersession, 1975, enrollment totalled 322 students (151 men, 171 women). Budgeted enrollment was 290 students, so enrollment was a splendid 32 over budget.

Spring Semester Enrollment: Undergraduate:

Any report on spring semester enrollment involves two categories: 1) actual FTE and head count; and 2) the number of new students brought in by the Admissions Office.

The Admissions Office report indicates that there are 129 new students at USD, 35 freshmen and 94 transfer students. Eighty-three of the new students are full-time students. These figures don't include new students in the Evening College, on whom we will report later. The Admissions Office deserves the congratulations and gratitude of all members of the USD community for their superb work in bringing in so many new students in the spring semester.

Undergraduate head count for spring semester on-campus students is 1753, just 7 short of the 1760 head count for fall semester. Fall semester undergraduate on-campus FTE was 1332. Budgeted FTE for spring semester was 1173, which is 1332 minus approximately 12%, our usual spring net attrition figure. Actual FTE for spring semester is 61 students higher than the budgeted figure, or 1234, a net undergraduate attrition rate of less than 7-1/2% - our lowest in some years. Only a combination of more students brought in by the Admissions Office and fewer students leaving the institution at mid-year could have given us this low net attrition figure.

Graduate and Professional Enrollment: Spring, 1975:

Our budgeted FTE for graduate students in spring semester is 151. Actual FTE is 168. Statistics are not yet finalized for off-campus programs.

School of Law spring semester enrollment is 875: 634 day students, 225 part-time and 14 special students.

Career/Life Planning and Placement Service:

Brother Tom Kane and Dr. Patricia Watson proposed to the University Cabinet the following statement of the approach to the concept in our new Office of Career/Life Planning and Placement in the EDC. The University Cabinet unanimously approved the statement, which reads as follows:

The University of San Diego offers opportunities to students to investigate, explore and plan for their careers after they leave the University. This is achieved principally through directed workshops offered by the personnel of the Career/Life Planning and Placement Office.

Other services of this Office include organizing seminars on various careers, arranging for professional recruiter interviews, testing for skills and interests, and individual counseling.

However, students will receive the most practical and long-range assistance by participating in workshops planned to help them assess their own skills and interests, to explore a large spectrum of careers, and to acquire techniques useful throughout life in obtaining entry and later level positions. While seniors are given first choice on course sign-ups, all students in any year or school, or in any major field of study are invited to participate.

VARIA:

Dr. Ross Dingman, Associate Professor of Biology, has initiated a survey of the small mammals of the northwestern portion of Anza Borrego Desert State Park. The study is being done in conjunction with the USD Environmental Studies Laboratory, and grew out of an invitation by the State to initiate the study at a meeting of southern California mammalogists co-chaired by Dr. Dingman last October. Dr. Dingman and a field crew of USD students spent 2 weeks in the Park over Intersession. In addition to this program, the long term study of rodent populations on the USD study plot at Miramar Naval Air Station is continuing. The plot is sampled monthly by a field crew of USD students. In December, Dr. Dingman presented a seminar at San Diego State University on the ecology of fossorial rodents. Much of the seminar was based on Dr. Dingman's work in Nevada under a U. S. International Biological Program Grant.

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The Admissions Office has announced that the third annual College Visiting Day will be held at USD on Saturday, March 15, from 10:00 a. m. to 2:00 p. m., for accepted students, applicants and parents.

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Dr. James Burns, Acting Dean of the School of Business Administration, addressed the Executive Performance Seminar of the U. S. State Department on January 23 in Washington, D. C. His topic was "Authority and Power in a Complex Organization."

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Sister Sally Furay will be a panelist for the California Association for Institutional Research conference to be held in San Francisco on February 18 and 19. The topic of the panel will be "Evaluation of Accreditation Methods."

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