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UNIFICATION ULTIMATE U. S. D. GOAL

SAN DIEGO, Calif. --The aim to unify the colleges on the Alcala Park campus was again stressed by the two undergraduate college presidents and the dean of the law school in a statement issued Tuesday to faculty, staff and students.

The administrators, who form the executive committee of USD said they accepted "the need for unification without equivocation." They announced that special committees will be formed "to work towards creating the structure of a unified university."

Representing the administrations were Sister Nancy Morris, president of the College for Women, the Very Rev. John E. Baer, president of the College for Men and Joseph A. Sinclitico, Jr., dean of the School of Law.

"It is the unanimous agreement between the administrations that unification in some form is the ultimate destiny of the schools," said the statement. "All who have the true interest of the campus at heart are urged to work in a spirit of cooperation and goodwill towards the goal of unification, even if at this moment in time the specific form cannot be exactly defined."

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"Unification is a fact, particularly in the light of the professional advice which has been sought," said the administrators. "The best form may yet arise from the results of the deliberations of the campus committees to be set up."

Calling for a unified spirit, the statement concluded, "Let us proceed forward together in this spirit with the determination to find the most worthwhile and effective form of unification without destroying the inherent special qualities and unique pattern of the integral parts of the university."

Initial steps towards unification of USD came in January this year when a professional study was agreed upon to find the best form. Since then various aspects of campus activity and administration have been gradually combined.

In the Spring semester certain courses were coordinated between the College for Women and the College for Men and an identical academic calendar was adopted.

The first Provost to administer the entire university came in April when the Most Rev. John A. Quinn, auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of San Diego, was appointed.

Complete unification of catering, bookstore, recruitment, security and registration services has been achieved, and joint meetings have been held for the first time of faculty and of student bodies.

In the Fall semester almost complete coordination and coeducation of courses was provided between the two undergraduate schools resulting in more than 500 students taking reciprocal or joint courses, involving more

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than 1600 credit hours.

The setting up of a university advisory board and the appointment of the first lay members of the Board of Trustees of the College for Men have been other landmarks in the current year of progress towards the goal of unification. The first fulltime development and public relations office was established in September .

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