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### OFFICE OF THE PROVOST

#### Academic Calendar, 1978-79 and 1979-80:

As reported in the Newsnotes of November 9, 1977, the ad hoc Committee on the Academic Calendar met on October 31, 1977. At that meeting it developed its recommendation for the academic calendars for 1978-79 and 1979-80. The proposed calendars were attached to the Newsnotes and comment was invited from the faculty and students.

Concern was expressed by several faculty and, via petition, by students in the science areas over the proposed number of weeks in the semesters. It was felt by this group that it would be desirable to lengthen the semester by a week or so of calendar time (as opposed to class minutes). The ad hoc Committee, upon the instruction of the Cabinet, reconvened on December 5, 1977, to hear the arguments and review its recommendation. The Committee reaffirmed its recommendations and, on December 7, the Cabinet approved the proposed calendars. You will find, therefore, the calendars, as approved for the College of Arts and Sciences, and Schools of Business, Education, and Nursing, on pages 10-12 of the November 9, 1977 Newsnotes.

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### COMING EVENTS

#### Fulbright Alumni Association:

The Fulbright Alumni Association, Pacific Division, will hold a meeting of all former Fulbright grantees in this area on February 4, 1978, at the Kellogg-West Conference Center located on the campus of the California State Polytechnic University, Pomona. The meeting will bring together grantees from every discipline to discuss the nature and purpose of the alumni organization. The one-day program will include addresses by several outstanding individuals in the areas of diplomacy and international education. There is wide-spread feeling among those former grantees already contacted that, unlike most alumni organizations, this one can make a substantive and continuing contribution to both scholarship and international affairs.

#### Afro-American Catholic Liturgy Workshop:

There will be a workshop entitled "Afro-American Catholic Liturgy" on January 13-15, 1978, at St. Rita's Church Hall. The workshop will be conducted by Mr.

Grayson Warren Brown, an accomplished musician, composer, lecturer and author, who has also produced an album, Mass for a Soulful People, featuring Howard University's Gospel Choir. There is a \$20.00 registration fee, and it is necessary to contact as soon as possible, Mrs. Audrey Chung, Chairperson, San Diego Diocesan Commission for Black Catholics, P. O. Box 5731, San Diego, California, 92105. The phone number is 583-4370.

For those unable to attend Grayson Brown's workshop, there will also be a workshop entitled "Christ and Black Culture" on Monday, January 16, at 7:00 p. m. This will also be held at St. Rita's Church Hall. This workshop is presented by Father Giles Conwill, formerly associated with USD's EOP Program, and currently on loan from the San Diego Diocese to the National Office for Black Catholics in Washington, D. C. There is no charge for this workshop.

#### VARIA

Dr. Patricia Lowry, Associate Professor of Education, recently attended the Association of Mexican American Educators' Conference held in Long Beach at the Conference Center on the Queen Mary. Dr. Lowry participated in a panel presentation on the topic: "Bilingual/Cross Cultural Education - An Alternative Curriculum in California Schools."

Dr. Lowry also attended a two-day working seminar as a National Advisory Board Member for Bilingual Children's Television in Oakland, California on December 1 and 2, 1977. Dr. Lowry has been a curriculum consultant and Advisory Board Member for Bilingual Children's Television for the past five years.

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Professor Robert L. Simmons, Law School, was a recent panel member on KPBS-TV "Crosstalk" featuring a one-hour Criminal Law and Justice Forum.

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James Vergari, Adjunct Professor of Law at USD, is writing a textbook, Law and Bank Transactions, for the American Bankers Association. He will also speak at the Bank Administration Institute Regional Conference on February 28, 1978, in Dallas, Texas.