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FOOTBALL TO RETURN TO UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

SAN DIEGO, Calif. --Football will return to the University of San Diego with a varsity football schedule in the fall.

Although the University started with football as the main campus game 15 years ago, it was dropped in favor of basketball eight years ago.

Now, with the introduction of club football, administered, supported and sponsored by the associated student body, the stadium on Linda Vista Road will again be the home for a football team flying the "Toreros" pennant.

Rev. William F. Phillips, dean of students at USD College for Men, said the main difference between club and ordinary football is that club football is not administered by the college. "Club football is paid for by game receipts and student projects. There are no scholarships, no league. Games are played against teams at varsity level offering the same level of competition, and within reasonable travelling distance."

Opening game of the 1969 season for the new football team will be Sept. 27. It will be an away game against Loyola University, Los Angeles. Father Phillips said it is hoped to schedule six games during the 1969 season, against such opponents as the University of California, San Diego (UCSD), Pasadena City College and Azusa Pacific College. "Negotiations are now in progress," he said. "We hope to play five of the six games on USD home ground."

"There are nearly 300 club football teams now, and its popularity is growing," said Father Phillips. "We hope the return of varsity football to

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USD will give an additional boost to the spirit of loyalty and unity on campus generated by the coeducational, coordinated courses now offered. "

Father Phillips as ASB moderator and ASB vice-president Brian Riley will administer the program. They are now interviewing prospective coaches.

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