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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

AUTHORITY ON GIFTED TO OPEN USD SPECIAL EDUCATION LECTURE SERIES

SAN DIEGO, Calif.--A nationally noted authority on the education of the gifted child will present the first of the Special Education Lecture series at the University of San Diego.

Dr. Virgil S. Ward, chairman of the department of education psychology, University of Virginia, will have as his topic "Program For the Gifted Child: A Look Into the 70s." The public lecture will be given at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9, in the auditorium of De Sales Hall. There is no charge. Dr. Ward is immediate past national president of The Association for the Gifted (TAG).

The series is sponsored by the special education division of the university's education department. Dr. DeForest Strunk, director of special education, is in charge of the series.

Dr. Strunk said the series was inaugurated as an enrichment program for teachers, students of education and the general public. The series is intended, Dr. Strunk said, to provide an opportunity to hear and question persons prominent in education, and theories, philosophies and new developments in the field of special education. The hope is, he said, to increase an understanding of the exceptional child and his needs.

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Dr. Ward, professor of education at the University of Virginia, is former project director of the Southern Regional Project for Education of the Gifted.

While on the west coast, Dr. Ward will present testimony in support of special education for the gifted and talented students at the congressional hearing in Los Angeles (Dec. 4 and 5), organized by the United States Office of Education.

While in Los Angeles he will also participate in the Western Regional Conference on Education of the Gifted, His presentation is titled "Program Evaluation in Differential Education for the Gifted."

He will also lecture on program evaluation for administrators of San Bernardino County schools, and on curricular designs in education for the gifted for the county teachers.

On Dec. 8 he lectures for the Riverside County Schools on counseling the gifted and the principles of education for the gifted.

Dr. Ward is the author of "Educating the Gifted: An Axiomatic Approach," and also collaborated on "The Gifted Student: A Manual for Program Improvement."

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