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COLUMNIST RUSSELL KIRK TO SPEAK ON AMERICAN EDUCATION

SAN DIEGO, Calif.-- Dr. Russell Kirk, columnist, author and educator, will speak at the University of San Diego Tuesday, Feb. 16. His talk, open to the public without charge, is titled, "Decadence and Recovery in American Education."

Kirk will speak at 7:30 p.m. in Camino Hall Theatre. His appearance at USD is sponsored by the Political Science Club through a special grant to the University from the Campus Studies Institute.

Kirk's syndicated column, To the Point, appears in more than 100 daily newspapers, including some in San Diego County. Author of 16 books, his best known work is "The Conservative Mind." His most recent book is "Enemies of the Permanent Things: Observations of Abnormity in Literature and Politics."

TIME and NEWSWEEK have described Kirk as one of the nation's leading thinkers. Kirk writes and speaks on political thought, educational theory, literary criticism and foreign affairs, among other themes.

His books on education include "Academic Freedom," "The
Intemperate Professor, and Other Cultural Splenetics." He recently completed an educational television series on his ideas, "Conversations with a Bohemian Tory."

He is the only American to have earned the highest arts degree, a doctor of letters, from St. Andrew's, the senior Scottish University. He has been a professor of history or of political science at several colleges and universities.

Honorary doctorates from Boston College, St. John's University, Park College, LeMoyne College and Loyola College have been conferred upon him. He has also been a Guggenheim Fellow and a senior fellow of the American Council of Learned Societies.

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