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WESTERN SOCIETY OF NATURALISTS

MEETS AT USD DECEMBER 27-30

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

San Diego, California

Naturalists of the Western Hemisphere will convene for the 54th Annual Meeting of the Western Society of Naturalists, December 27 - 30 at the University of San Diego.

Dr. Ross E. Dingman, Associate Professor of Biology at USD, is chairman of the 1973 meeting. He will be assisted by Drs. Bernice Farrens and Dessie Severson, Professors of Biology.

The program will consist of two symposia, the first, on December 28 entitled "Marine Food Webs -- Warp and Woof". Nutrient accumulation and utilization in marine communities will be discussed by a panel of eight speakers chaired by Dr. Laura Cheng and Dr. Ralph Lewin of Scripps Institute of Oceanography.

On December 29, "The Natural History of the Macroalgae" will be explored by a panel of five in a symposium chaired by Dr. Nancy Nicholson, of the Allan Hancock Foundation, University of Southern California. Each symposium is open to the public as well as to member scientists, from 8:30 - 12:00 p.m. in Salomon Lecture Hall, De Sales Hall.

According to Dingman, the program will also include three afternoon sessions based on discussion of the 110 papers to be presented. Among the topics are Invertebrate and Vertebrate Biology, and Marine Algae.

Membership in the Western Society of Naturalists numbers 1330, with scientists from the Western United States, British Columbia, Hawaii, Guam, Florida, South Carolina, Puerto Rico, and Quebec. This is the first annual meeting of the Society sponsored by the University of San Diego.

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