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The University of the Third Age, a special program offered by the University of San Diego's Continuing Education division for persons over the age of 55, will convene for its fourth session beginning January 4, 1982.

The program will run for three weeks, January 4 through January 21, Monday through Thursday, with daily sessions from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. in the Philip Y. Hahn School of Nursing, room 106, at the USD campus just off Linda Vista Road. Students must be able to provide their own transportation and be in reasonably good health. The fee is \$35. Persons seeking additional information or registration forms may contact U3A coordinator Sandra Kraemer at the USD campus, 714/291-6480, extension 4585.

A three-week program which opens the campus to U3A students during the University's intersession, the U3A project, according to Continuing Education director Malachi Rafferty, "is designed to fascinate, stimulate, and re-expose people to a variety of ideas and mental challenges within the University atmosphere but with no academic tests, exams, or expectations."

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Course topics in the upcoming sessions include dealing with depression, equal rights, paramedical services, medical quackery, finances, music, cults, jazz, estate and tax planning, and many other subjects. Among the faculty, in addition to several University of San Diego professors, are Donald Bauder, financial editor of the San Diego Union; Dennis Hart, executive director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; Dr. Thomas Flanagan, president of the Psychiatric Center, San Diego; and Dr. J. Edwin Seegmiller, director of the Human Biochemical Genetic Program, Department of Medicine, University of California at San Diego.

Commenting on the program, James Gordon, alumnus of the U3A and president of its alumni association, said, "In these days of high costs, so difficult for persons with fixed incomes, to be able to participate in this worthwhile, invigorating course for just \$35 is a real boon. It is a gift of the University to the community."

Gordon, who will join USD president Dr. Author E. Hughes in welcoming students at the January 4 convocation, went on to say he would recommend the program to "virtually anyone. Mal Rafferty and his staff have lined up a roster of experts--all of whom serve on a volunteer basis--who will speak on about twenty topics covering a broad spectrum of interests. And I know from my own experience that the U3A faculty really make their subjects come alive."

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