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UPDATE:

\$9 MILLION UNIVERSITY CENTER
CONSTRUCTION SET FOR SEPTEMBER

Because of extensive site preparation, construction of a \$9 million University Center at the University of San Diego is not scheduled to begin until early September.

Originally, the start of construction of the 76,000-foot, three-level building was set for July 15, but grading and soil compaction required more time than anticipated, according to John Zeterberg, USD physical plant director.

The site where the center is to be built had been a dumping ground for uncompacted soil in the 1950s, when some of the first campus buildings were constructed.

The site was later transformed into a parking lot, a use that did not require compacted soil. But, Zeterberg said, if the soil remained uncompacted, the University Center could be damaged when the soil settled under the heavy weight of the structure.

The delay, however, is not expected to push back the Fall 1986 opening of the facility, which has been described as the future "living room of the campus."

The center will house a lounge, student and faculty dining areas, student affairs offices, a game room, a student union office, student publications and conference rooms.

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Currently, student offices and food services are spread throughout campus.

The University Center is being built just east of DeSales Hall, and will be designed in 16th century Spanish Renaissance, conforming to the rest of the campus.

"In late October or early November, the steel will be going up and you'll be able to see the building taking shape," Zeterberg said.

Trepte Construction Co. is the general contractor in charge of construction. For more information, call John Nunes at 260-4600, ext. 4296.

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