

## PACIFIC COAST FOAM COMPLETES ORNATE ARCHITECTURAL FOAM ACCENTS AND DETAILS FOR NEW DONALD P. SHILEY CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY ON UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO CAMPUS

SAN DIEGO — May 14, 2003 — Pacific Coast Foam (PCF) has provided the ornate custom exterior architectural shapes and accents for the Donald P. Shiley Center for Science and Technology, located on the campus of the University of San Diego (see attached photo). This is the fourth USD building which PCF has provided architectural details — others include the Jenny Craig Pavilion, the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice and the East Campus Student Apartments.

Pacific Coast Foam partnered on the Donald P. Shiley Center for Science and Technology with Plastering Specialties (the plastering contractor and foam accent installer), to manufacture a myriad of architectural foam details, including molding details, columns, spires, finials, decorative arches and interior moldings.

Pacific Coast Foam, San Diego's largest supplier and installer of expanded polystyrene (EPS) foam architectural shapes and accents, worked closely with a project team that included Carrier Johnson, the design architect; Rudolph and Sletten, Inc., the general contractor; Hope Engineering, the structural engineer; Latitude 33, civil engineering; Michael Wall Engineering, electrical engineering; Van Atta Enterprises, landscape architect; GEM Engineering, mechanical plumbing; Plastering Specialties, plastering contractor and foam installation; and Johnson Consulting Engineers, telecommunications. The Donald P. Shiley Center for Science and Technology houses the Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Marine Science, and Environmental Studies departments. The 150,000-square-foot center will contain 70 laboratories, aquariums, a greenhouse, fluid dynamics lab, aviary, and astronomy deck. Classrooms are designed with separate demonstration areas and work spaces, so students can move quickly from theory to practice. A \$458,000 grant funded by NASA will enable the Science Center to purchase a slew of high-tech tools for the new building including high-speed computers, portable telescopes, a digital telescope camera, a wave tank, a weather station, a high-temperature ceramic superconductor and viewer, and an atomic absorption spectrometer for testing water samples. In addition, a \$1 million grant from the Fletcher Jones Foundation will fund an interdisciplinary biochemistry and molecular biology wing. The creative architectural design features the form of an inverted microscope intersecting a four-floor atrium, illustrating the landmark 1883 experiment identifying the colors of light most conducive to photosynthesis.

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