

Gift to help UCSC scientists to eavesdrop on dolphins

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SANTA CRUZ — Did you hear what one dolphin told the other while swimming around the marine mammal tank UCSC's Long Marine Lab the other day?

Someday, you might.

A \$650,000 gift from UCSC benefactor Joseph M. Long, co-founder of Longs Drug stores, will provide a tank for dolphins and other sea-living mammals that is wired for sound.

The tank will be at Long Marine Laboratory, named after the drug-store chain owner following an earlier gift.

UCSC scientists already have a "real time spectrum analyzer" donated by Hewlett-Packard to allow them to turn the sounds from the

swimming mammals into graphs that can be studied as the animals' activity is observed.

The gift was announced today by UC President David Gardner during his visit at UCSC.

UCSC Public Relations Officer Karen Rhodes said the tank is a needed addition to the laboratory which has a "bioacoustics" system, but lacks a tank to allow observation of activities while the animals communicate.

Long, 71, was to be on campus today when the gift was announced, but reportedly suffered a minor accident and couldn't make it.

He's the first chairman of the non-profit UCSC Foundation.