

UCSC growth plan pushed



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UCSC Chancellor MRC Greenwood, above, leads visiting University of California regents past a handful of protesters during their tour of the science buildings Thursday on campus. A UCSC student, below, heckles the regents.

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Chancellor touts campus accomplishments, need for expansion to UC regents

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SANTA CRUZ — UC Santa Cruz Chancellor MRC Greenwood asked the UC Board of Regents on Thursday to back large-scale future development on campus — including building in the forested north section.

The prospect of north campus development is likely to raise the hackles of area hikers, mountain bikers and environmentalists. The area is set away from UCSC's power lines, utility poles and other infrastructure, and is criss-crossed with recreational trails.

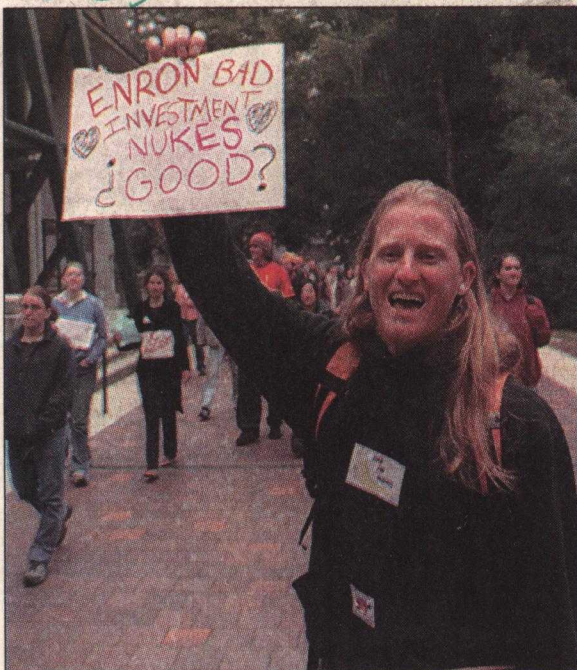
Greenwood addressed the UC Board of

Regents during its first official tour of campus in the university's 35-year history.

Greenwood lauded the school's high-profile participation in the human genome project and its growing reputation in the physical sciences but said development at the 2,000-acre campus must continue to meet the university's needs, including increased enrollment.

The northern section of campus stretches about three-quarters of a mile north of Kresge College, and a quarter-mile north of the Crown-Merrill apartments. Much of it is covered with pine trees, chaparral

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and meadows. The area includes fire roads popular with local mountain bikers, joggers and hikers traveling between UCSC and Wilder Ranch State Park.

Development of the northern part of campus is part of the university's 1988 long-range development plan. The plan outlines two new colleges, graduate and undergraduate student housing, possible faculty housing, physical education facilities and parking, said Charles Eadie, director of campus and community planning.

The campus currently is home to eight colleges, and two more are under construction.

The rare access to the regents drew the attention of about 150 chanting, drum-playing and banner-holding student demonstrators from UCSC and other campuses, including UC Berkeley, Cabrillo and Mills.

UCSC police stepped up security for the occasion.

Protesters chided the regents because UC runs the Los Alamos and Lawrence Livermore labs, which are involved in weapons research. They held signs saying "stop the war machine" and criticized the labs for slipshod security.

UCSC spokesman Liz Irwin said the campus itself is not involved in weapons research, and that the protest was aimed at the UC system as a whole.

But UCSC alumna and protester Tara Dorabji accused the campus of investing millions in engineering and genome research "without addressing the social impact" including bioethical concerns.

Regent Odessa Johnson said UC could not shut down the labs.

"They are here to protect us," she said. "Our mission is research. I realize part of it is for defense and for the service of the American people."

Another protest aimed at regents featured clerical workers, who say the hiring freeze instituted in November because of the state's budget crisis makes it difficult to meet student needs.

The Coalition of University Employees, which represents 18,000 clerical workers at UC campuses, contends the university system has \$2 billion in unrestricted funds that could be spent to lift the freeze and improve pay.

More than 50 protesters had gathered at



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UCSC Chancellor MRC Greenwood leads University of California regents on a tour of the science buildings.

the base of campus around 7 a.m., and the workers rallied at noon.

During the meetings with regents, Greenwood touted \$400 million in completed or ongoing new developments ranging from science buildings to a new bookstore and student housing. But she said the university was still hard-pressed for office and classroom space.

During a visual presentation to regents, Greenwood included a slide showing herself behind the wheel of a backhoe, which drew laughs from the audience.

"We have tried to be as aggressive as we can with new construction," she said.

Greenwood, who became UCSC chancellor in July of 1996, also urged regents to help

"eliminate lingering ideas that we don't have these first-rate programs."

Regents reported positive changes in the school's academic reputation under Greenwood's tenure. The board's chairwoman, Sue Johnson, said she's seen the difference.

"Students now view it as an extremely attractive place, but before (MRC Greenwood's tenure) applications were dropping," Johnson said.

There are now 12,002 undergraduates and 819 graduate students at UCSC. Enrollment has risen steadily since 1996 when UCSC had 9,841 students. In the five years prior to 1996, enrollment was flat and even declined in some years.

But Johnson expressed concern about a

scarcity of faculty housing, and urged the campus to fulfill its environmental requirements for new projects as quickly and thoroughly as possible.

Greenwood urged the planners of the upcoming UC Merced campus to develop important bridges and access roads early in the process because it would be difficult to come back years later and propose such projects.

She mentioned that UCSC had planned to get an eastern access to campus, through the Pogonip area, but has found that it is "logistically very difficult and is probably not to ever happen."

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