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Santa Cruz says UC broke growth promises

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The Santa Cruz City Council yesterday lashed out at UC-Santa Cruz, charging the university is not sticking to its promises of slow, controlled growth.

Mayor John Laird criticized UCSC Chancellor Robert Stevens for apparently not following his proposed six-year plan to hold enrollment growth at the university to 160 additional students per year.

Laird said based on his conversations with Stevens, UCSC will grow by 195 students next fall, but enrollment will grow by 400 students per year for the three years after that.

"The university is abandoning its growth plan with no plan whatsoever to put in its place," Laird said.

The city is so concerned

about UCSC growth because it says growth will have an adverse effect on the city's infrastructure, such as roads, housing and water and sewer services.

Stevens was at a conference in Berkeley today and not available for comment.

But Joe Allen, director of admissions for UCSC, said no decision has been reached yet on what yearly increments of enrollment growth will be in 1989 and beyond.

He noted that a number of options of getting the university to an enrollment of between 12,000 and 15,000 students by the year 2005 are being considered. But first those options must be discussed by the university's Academic Senate, which will meet in late May, Allen said.

"Personally, I would rather see us set an even growth rate than a very slow rate followed by a fast rate," Allen said.

An even growth rate would put the university at a rate of about 300 additional students per year.

Allen added that Stevens is under a great deal of pressure to increase his 160-student increase per year to a higher

figure. That pressure, Allen said, is coming from the University of California president and many on the faculty at UCSC.

But the City Council yesterday talked as if enrollment growth to 400 students per year was already a given.

Councilwoman Mardi Wormhoudt noted the purpose of Stevens' proposed slow-enrollment growth was to get enrollment in line with the university's 20-Year Plan. The university, with 9,152 students enrolled last fall, is at the enrollment level outlined in the 20-Year Plan to be reached in the 1992/93 academic year.

"There's not any planning going on at all," Wormhoudt said.

Also, the 20-Year Plan states UCSC will grow to an enrollment of between 12,000 and 15,000 students by the year 2005.

Laird said it appears at this point the lower 12,000 enrollment figure appears won't even be considered as things now stand.

"There's no genuine consideration being given at all to a 12,000-student enrollment," he said.