

McHenry Minorities Study Plan Decried

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Chancellor Dean E. McHenry suggested today that College 7 at UCSC should concentrate on problems of cities and minorities, with emphasis on Afro-Americans and Mexican-Americans.

But he said it is unlikely that the college will be named for Malcolm X, although he added that he wasn't entirely ruling out the possibility.

McHenry's proposal was greeted with immediate cries of protest by spokesmen for the

Black Liberation Movement, which last August launched the proposal for Malcolm X College at UCSC to teach the "black experience," and the Committee for the College of Malcolm X, a faculty-student group that has been working for the proposal.

Said William Moore of the Black Liberation Movement, "Obviously, it's not satisfactory. It's impossible. Where's Malcolm? The college must be named Malcolm X. This is nothing but out and out tokenism reflecting a racist mentality. The Black Liberation Movement will not settle for less than Malcolm X."

McHenry's suggestion came in a statement

read during an hour-long press conference at the Barn Theater at the campus entrance.

Outside the venerable building, an estimated 50 or 60 students milled about while the conference was in session. Some students carried placards reflecting their determination to press the issue. Inscriptions included "Santa Cruz Must Have Malcolm X," "No Compromise — The Name is Malcolm X," "How Much More Time? Malcolm X Now!" and "Third World Demands Malcolm X."

At the same time, McHenry was telling

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reporters he doubted if his suggestions would satisfy the 1500 students and faculty who have signed petitions urging Malcolm X College.

His statement was in the form of a letter to Dr. Frank Andrews, chairman of the Academic Senate's Committee on Educational Policy, whose recommendations on the issue were released Wednesday.

The chancellor stated that it is too early to plan in detail the college's program, noting that it may not open until the fall of 1974 or later because of the failure of Proposition 3, the higher education facilities construction bond issue, at the November election.

Dr. McHenry also explained why College 7 originally was slated to probe the problems of the city.

"The United States was 69.9 per cent urban in 1960 and may be 75 per cent now. California is over 90 per cent urban. A large proportion of cultural, social and technological changes take place in urban areas," he said.

"Recognizing the close relationship of the urban crisis and minorities problems, I suggest that we link the two by attaching to College 7 the following description in the 1969-70 catalog: 'A college which will focus on the problems of cities and of minorities, with special attention to Afro-Americans and Mexican-Americans.'" Dr. McHenry stated.

"couched in language of reasonable politeness."

He also pointed out that in the immediate area served by the Santa Cruz campus, problems of Mexican-Americans are "much more a natural for a first effort at Santa Cruz than Afro-Americans."

The chancellor warned faculty members that he is bound to enforce all rules of the university, including those that pertain to faculty participation in strikes. Those rules call for immediate termination.

The warning came as a student reporter asked the chancellor to comment on students' plans for a boycott of classes on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Dr. McHenry replied, "Boycotting classes — or a student strike — really causes loss on only one front — to the student who came here to learn."

Following the press confer-

ence, students said the boycott is intended to focus attention on the Malcolm X issue, to seek free speech on campus and to protest harassment of faculty members for "holding political ideas that are contrary to the chancellor's."

The last was an apparent reference to charges now pending against Professor Ralph Abraham and Robert Bonic for actions during last October's meeting of the Regents.

However, Paul Mann, a senior at Cowell College, said the boycott next week, sponsored by the Student Mobilization Committee, is "not a student strike, but an effort to explore the university; not a student protest, but a student affirmation."

Students also are planning a late night visit to McHenry's home on Monday following a meeting of the Third World Liberation Movement.

Another student declared that next week's boycott will show "what it means to be a student in the university and not merely a cog in a machine run by the capitalist establishment."

In a two-page statement, the Committee for the College of Malcolm X repeated its demands and asked for an early meeting with Dr. McHenry.

Reporters pressed McHenry on the name issue, but the chancellor explained that only the Regents have the authority to select a name of a college or a building. He said he didn't plan to forward recommendations until at least six months before the college is scheduled to open.

McHenry added that he has reservations about the Malcolm X name and that he is "not convinced" that it would be appropriate.

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