

McHenry Asks Understanding Of UCSC Mission And Goals



Dr. Page Smith, provost of Cowell College, confers the honorary degree of doctor of laws upon Eugén Rosenstock-Huessy, social philosopher and educator, during yesterday's first commencement exercises at the University of California at Santa Cruz.

At right is Dr. Glenn F. M. Willson, who on July 1 will assume duties as provost of Stevenson College, UCSC. Dr. Rosenstock-Huessy is professor emeritus of social philosophy at Dartmouth and a lecturer and visiting professor at UCSC.

An appeal for public understanding of the mission and goals of the University of California at Santa Cruz was voiced yesterday by Dr. Dean McHenry, chancellor, during the first commencement exercises at UCSC.

In addition to 86 bachelor of arts degrees, two master of arts degrees and one doctorate of philosophy, the university also conferred four honorary degrees.

Addressing the graduates and some 1000 persons in the audience, Dr. McHenry reviewed the first 20 months of what he called "an experiment in higher education."

Said he, "In a nutshell, we are testing whether it is possible for a campus to secure both the advantages of a large university and the benefits of a small college—at a cost to the state no greater than a campus organized conventionally."

Dr. McHenry declared, "It is far too soon for a verdict on how we are doing." He told the class, "Those of you graduating today had closer instruction than will be available to any future Santa Cruz generation. Most of you received more attention in upper division than you will have in the graduate schools you attend this fall."

Explaining this was possible "because we allowed some 'baby fat' in the first two years of operation," the chancellor predicted "the teacher/student ratio will get leaner. Graduate work will take more faculty time. In the future we must rely more on self-teaching, courses by examination, and closed circuit television, and other ways to save faculty time for close personal relations with students . . ."

Pleading for students to aid in securing better public understanding of UCSC, Dr. McHenry stated, "At this stage the image of Santa Cruz over the state is confusing. Some of our supporters oversell what we are doing. Some of our detractors condemn us for things we have not thought of doing."

He said further, "Your special responsibility may well be to help explain your own generation, and especially that part of it at Santa Cruz, to the citizenry of your community. Unreasoning hostility toward unconventional attitude and behavior appears to be increasing. It has already made our task of securing donations for scholarships harder. Anything you can do will be appreciated."

Dr. McHenry also asked for students' continued help as alumni in areas of student recruitment and financial aid.

He appealed for aid in finding those "future leaders who are mature enough for the social freedom and the academic honors program offered here," and for help in "recruiting students with underprivileged backgrounds and in supporting them while here."



Preceded by the newly-designed banner, graduates of Stevenson College march from the upper quarry at the conclusion of yesterday's first commencement exercises at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Some 1000 persons attended the ceremonies during which 20 Stevenson students

and 66 Cowell College seniors received bachelor of arts degrees. Ceremonies also were highlighted by the award of UCSC's first doctor of philosophy degree. It went to Michael Evans of Cadillac, Mich., a biology student.

City Trustees To Consider K-8 Budget

The budget for the 1967-68 year in the Santa Cruz Elementary School District will be presented tonight to the city board of education.

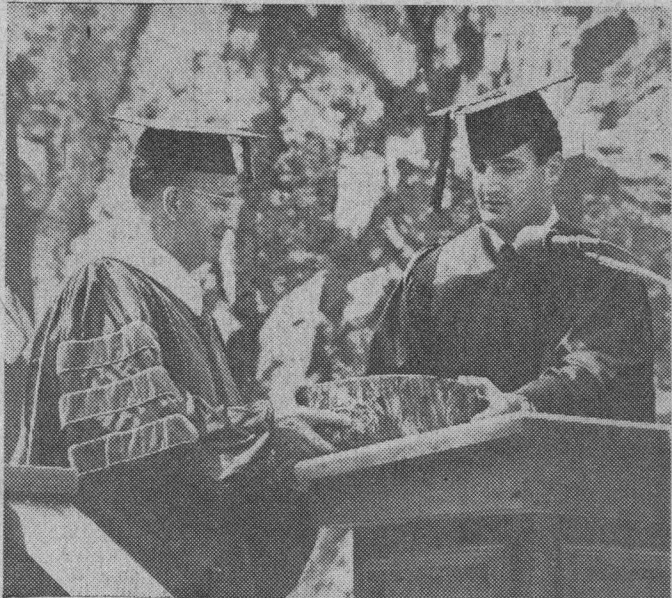
The board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the music room of Santa Cruz High School.

Trustees also are scheduled to conduct a public hearing on dedication of property to the city at Natural Bridges School for curbs and gutters and a similar hearing on the dedication of a right of way to Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

Other business to come before the board will include a report on the use of vending machines, appointment of an advisory committee to aid in formulation of a dress code for students, and a report on construction at DeLaveaga School.

Although the board's preliminary agenda includes an item on the high school tax election, Superintendent Denzil Morrissey said he plans to recommend that discussion of last week's unsuccessful financial problems in the high school district be deferred until a special meeting.

Morrissey said he would make the recommendation to assure that adequate time is available at tonight's session for



Dr. Clark Kerr, former president of the University of California, receives a redwood plaque from Allan Jamie Goodman, president of the California Club at UCSC, during yesterday's commencement exercises. The plaque honored Dr. Kerr for his role in "giving the spark of life to a dream at Santa Cruz" and was similar to plaques presented to former president by California Club groups at other university campuses. The club last march gave a grove of trees to Dr. and Mrs. Kerr for their mountain cabin. Goodman, from Los Angeles, was awarded his bachelor of arts degree in government from Stevenson College, UCSC, during yesterday's ceremonies. The California Club, representing a cross-section of university students, serves in an advisory role to the president.

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