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# A Hopeful Look Toward a Birth In Santa Cruz

## Undergraduates Will Get The Attention at a New California University

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.

The University of California at Santa Cruz has never held a class. Some of its administrators work in a converted barn, its library is barely more than a hole in the ground—it has no completed building. There are more cattle grazing on the campus than there are students enrolled.

But so high is the interest in the academic world that more than 4,000 professors from colleges all over the country have inquired about the possibility of a faculty appointment. And so high is interest among the people of California that campus roads must be blockaded to keep tourists from interfering with construction.

Santa Cruz is, perhaps, the most eagerly awaited new institution in the history of higher education. It is designed as the classic combination of two great American developments: The small liberal-arts college concentrating on teaching excellence and close student-faculty relationships; and the giant state university, with outstanding scholars, vast facilities, and the research that comes with important private and government grants.

### Nine Campuses Now

UCSC will greet its first students Sept. 28 and hold its first classes the following week. It is one of two new campuses of the gigantic University of California to open this fall; including the other at Irvine near Los Angeles, the total will be nine.

With 5,000,000 youngsters going to college in the United States this year and twice that many expected in little more than a decade, opening new campuses is barely news these days. Most private and public schools are expanding, many states are creating new four-year institutions, some are making four-year schools out of junior colleges, and others are creating a junior-college system.



Besides growing, institutions are also experimenting. For example, the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Mount Holyoke, and Smith, four neighboring schools that have co-operated with faculty and curriculum for years, announced recently that they would staff and run an entirely private college called Hampshire in their central Massachusetts pocket, beginning in 1968.

### A Collection of Colleges

But Santa Cruz is different from all the others. It is to be a collection of residential colleges for undergraduates and centers for graduate students, semiautonomous but operated as one university campus. When fully developed by 1990, it is to have 27,500 students, half of them graduate students. But there are to be no graduate students at Santa Cruz for four years, so that the principal goal—

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