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Robert Bocking Stevens sports banana slug tie.

## New chancellor tours university

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SANTA CRUZ — UCSC's new chancellor, a British-born legal historian and university president of 10 years, made a whirlwind tour of the campus and town this weekend after being named to the post Friday by UC Regents.

Robert Bocking Stevens, 53, an articulate and gregarious man, met with more than a dozen campus groups and local officials, leaving behind the message that he will lead an open and communicative administration when he takes over in July.

Robert Sinsheimer will leave the post June 30, at the mandatory retirement age of 67.

Stevens is one of four new chancellors appointed Friday by the regents. The appointments include the first women in the history of the nine-campus system.

Barbara S. Ueling was appointed to head UC Santa Barbara. Theodore L. Hullar, now chancellor at UC Riverside, was approved as chancellor for UC Davis.

Rosemary Schmidt Jenkins Schraer, the executive vice chancellor at Riverside, was approved to succeed Hullar as chancellor there.

The vote was unanimous and followed two days of closed meetings of the university's regents at UCLA.

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In a Saturday-morning meeting with Santa Cruz Mayor Jane Weed and Councilman Arnold Levine, Stevens said that "while we will inevitably have occasional differences, the important thing is to develop an air of open communication. You must tell me about your concerns before they become big problems."

A chipper man with a moderate British accent, Stevens was born in England and educated at Oxford and Yale universities. He came to the United States at the age of 23, gaining U.S. citizenship in 1971.

He was a professor at Yale and has taught at Oxford, London School of Economics, Stanford, the University of Texas and the University of East Africa. He was provost at Tulane University for two years before becoming president of Haverford College in 1978.

Oxford and Haverford were the major models for Dean McHenry's vision of UCSC's college system.

Stevens said he has high regard for the college system and its effects on the quality of undergraduate education. He called UCSC "the ideal place for me, in my mind. It is a first-class research institution combined with a commitment to undergraduate education through the college system."

The selection process began in earnest in November when UC President David Gardner appointed

selection committees to fill each of the vacant posts. The 16-member committee to replace Sinsheimer came to UCSC later that month to ask campus and community groups what kind of person they wanted in the office.

High on many lists was a woman or person of color — a hope that failed to materialize — and anyone with good communication skills and a sense of diplomacy.

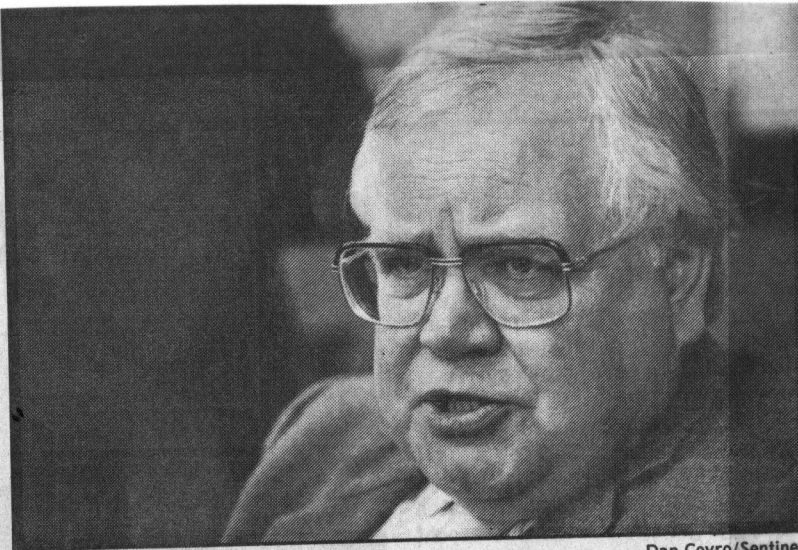
"I wouldn't describe myself as a diplomat, but I can be diplomatic," Stevens said cheerfully. "I have a very open style. ... I'm leaving a Quaker campus, but I am not a Quaker. The Quaker style of total consensus is too difficult, very unrealistic."

He said at Haverford he learned the virtue of consultation, of involving many people in decision-making and being sensitive to the needs of others. But, he said, "you almost never can reach complete consensus," and at some point someone must make a decision.

Stevens, his wife, Katherine, and Sinsheimer met Friday and Saturday with student, faculty and staff groups, administrators, reporters, and city and county elected officials.

Stevens' wife, an elementary school principal, said the meetings were very positive and "more than just social. It's really been an opportunity for Robert to hear what their concerns are."

His children from a previous mar-



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## Robert Stevens calls UCSC 'ideal for me.'

riage, Carey, 23, and Richard, 20, have not decided whether they will move with their father to California, Stevens said.

Sinsheimer said after one meeting that the prospect of retirement is not unappealing now.

"It's really more bittersweet for my wife, Karen, than for me. The things she is involved in are very important to her, and she will miss them. I feel I've done what I can do here. In my view, the campus is in a more promising state than when I arrived."

He and his wife have not decided where they will settle after June, but have started planning some globetrotting.

At Davis, Hullar, 52, who had been chancellor at Riverside since 1985, replaces retiring Chancellor James H. Meyer.

Santa Barbara's Uehling, 54, recently left the University of Missouri at Columbia after eight years as chancellor. She succeeds Daniel G. Aldrich Jr., acting chancellor at Santa Barbara since last July when Robert A. Huttenback resigned amid allegations of improper use of university funds on his off-campus home.

Huttenback, 59, and his wife, Freda, 55, were arrested Monday and charged Tuesday with fraudulently appropriating \$174,000 in university funds between 1983 and 1986.