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UCSC graduates first students, confers honors

Chancellor McHenry issues appeal to University's new alumni

Amid fluttering heraldic banners, identifying Cowell and Stevenson colleges; beneath a benevolent sun, which took this occasion to rise and shine (after dominating the days with mist and clouds), they came, the first to graduate from UCSC.

Some 1800 spectators, made up mostly of families and friends of the 86 undergraduates, destined soon to become alumnus, witnessed the first commencement ceremonies in the two-year history of Santa Cruz' beautiful contribution to UC.

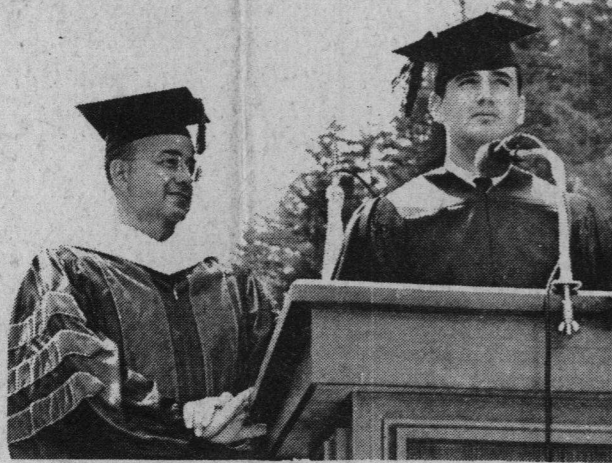
Following the Invocation, given by The Very Reverend George M. Benigsen, fellow at Cowell college and Dean of the Holy Virgin Russian Orthodox Cathedral, New York, appeared UCSC's popular chancellor, Dean E. McHenry, who delivered the "message to the candidates."

After addressing himself to the purpose of UCSC, its colleges, and recalling the intimate joys that both faculty and students found during those first formulating months, as UCSC went through a period of incubation, then he turned to the subject of his address -- "The Good Alumnus."

"Now you face the task of being a good alumnus," he told the graduating students. "This requires that you keep in touch with your alma mater, know her problems, and do something about them."

One of the "somethings" he cited was capitol. "To grow and prosper Santa Cruz must have not only state and federal construction funds, but about \$1 million per year in private gifts and grants," he said.

"This money is very hard to raise. Major foundations often ban grants for construction. Most well-to-day individuals and some foundations



DR. KERR HONORED -- Dr. Clark Kerr, until recently president of the University of California, was singled out for honors during Sunday commencement ceremonies at UCSC by the local chapter of the California Club, which presented him a redwood plaque, engraved "For giving the spark of life to a dream in Santa Cruz." Presenting the plaque is Jamie Goodman, right, chairman of the UCSC group. The California Club consists of 25 select students at each of the nine campuses, whose duties it is to advise the president of the university on student matters. Last March, the California Club, as a whole, presented Dr. and Mrs. Kerr with a grove of trees for their Auburn home -- News Photo.

will not grant to a public institution," he continued, adding with a twinkle in his eyes: "Please let us know when you come upon a good prospect."

Undergraduate degrees were conferred by Acting UC President Harry R. Wellman. Each of the candidates for the Bachelor of Arts degree was presented in turn by the Provost of his college, Dr. Page Smith of Cowell college and Dr. Charles Page of Stevenson college.

Presentation of the degrees was followed by a performance of Handel's "Andante" and William Van den Burg's "Campus Song," by the commencement day orchestra, under the direction of William Van den Burg, acting professor of music and fellow of Crown college.

Acting President Wellman conferred the graduate degrees. King-Thom Chung, of the Republic of China, and Kung Wu Lee, of Korea, were both granted Master of Arts

degrees; Michael Leigh Evans, of Cadillac, Michigan, received his Ph.D. All are graduates in biology.

Honorary degrees were conferred on Eugen Rosenstock-Huessy, educator and social philosopher, presented by Provost Page Smith, LL.D. (Doctor of Laws) degree; Norman Hulbert Strouse, book collector and chairman of the board and chief executive officer, J. Walter Thompson Company, presented by UC Regent H.R. Haldeman, L.H.D. (Doctor of Humane Letters) degree; Charles Delorma Wheelock, retired rear admiral, USN, research engineer, and educator, presented by Chancellor Dean E. McHenry, D.Sc. (Doctor of Science) degree, and Abe Mordecai Zarem, vice president and a director, Xerox Corporation, and chairman of the board, Electro-Optical Systems, Inc., presented by UCSC Vice Chancellor Francis H. Clauser, LL.D. (Doctor of Laws) degree.

The University hymn and the Benediction, delivered by Father Benigsen, were followed by the Recessional as The Commencement Day Orchestra played "March," by William Van den Burg, and UCSC had passed through another first.



ENTRY OF CANDIDATES -- To the accompaniment of "Pomp and Circumstance" marched the first graduates of UCSC, with the academic procession, all decked out in a colorful display of academic dress, ranging from Harvard's

crimson to Cal Tech's orange. It was a moment of contrast, as the marching undergraduates, in their caps and gowns took their seats in the Upper Quarry of the campus -- News Photo.



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