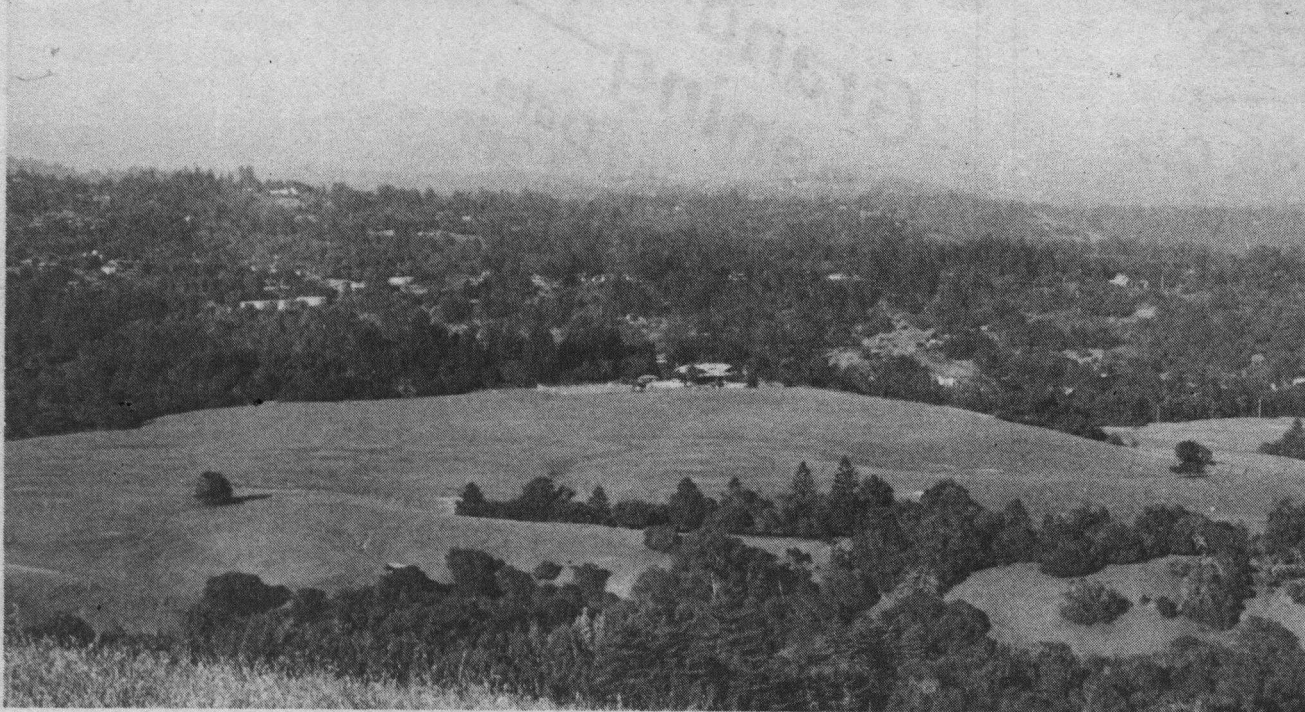


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UCSC's Controversial R & D Center



UCSC overlooking Pogonip.

UCSC will not consult the city of Santa Cruz about plans for a research and development center because it doesn't have to, and officials feel any discussion "could tie up (the project) forever," according to project director Dick Pierce.

"There already are enough people on the city council who would like to

stop the project dead," said Pierce.

The university, literally a city on a hill, is exempt from city zoning ordinances. A local group, Santa Cruz Action Network (SCAN), is trying to challenge that autonomy with an initiative on the November ballot.

The initiative would re-

quire the city council to ask the University Regents and state lawmakers not to fund the project unless it adheres to local zoning ordinances.

The R&D center, a 108-acre research and development project, would employ 2,000 people and raise between \$1 and \$2 million for UCSC per year.

Sixty percent of the center would be devoted to manufacturing, according to university officials. A report on the project's possible environmental impact is expected this fall.

Some councilmembers have already voiced their concern over the project's impact on the area. "It's one of the worst sites possible," said Mike Rotkin. •