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Christensen inaugurated as UCSC's second chancellor

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With traditional pomp and before a crowd of approximately 1,300 persons, Mark N. Christensen, 44, was inaugurated as the second chancellor of UCSC.

The ceremony took place under a warm May sun in what had been an otherwise foggy day, but shortly before the program began at 3:30 p.m., the fog cleared.

Attending the ceremonies were delegates from 30 colleges and universities throughout the state, UC board of Regents members, including the chairman of the board, William French Smith, who presided.

Christensen was invested in his new post by retiring UC President Charles J. Hitch.

Hitch recalled that Christensen was a "highly effective and popular man in the classroom," and that "he proved to have a special flair as well for administration and university service."

Hitch said he first got to know Christensen while he was serving as chairman of the Berkeley division of the Academic Senate, a post to which he was elected in 1970.

"Had I been told then that in four years, he would be a chancellor, I would not have been at all surprised," Hitch said.

"He is a splendid choice in every way, and as president, as his colleague and as his friend, I am honored and delighted to install him in office."

Watching the investiture from a post on-stage, among the honored guests, was Chancellor Emeritus Dean E. McHenry, who had overseen the birth of the university campus, 10 years before. His introduction to the audience was greeted with hearty applause.

During the two-hour ceremony, Christensen was praised for his prowess as a teacher and an administrator, but it was Norman O. Brown, speaking on behalf of his fellow UCSC faculty members, who pinpointed his and his colleagues' feelings.

"This is our opportunity to work for one of our own kind," Brown declared.

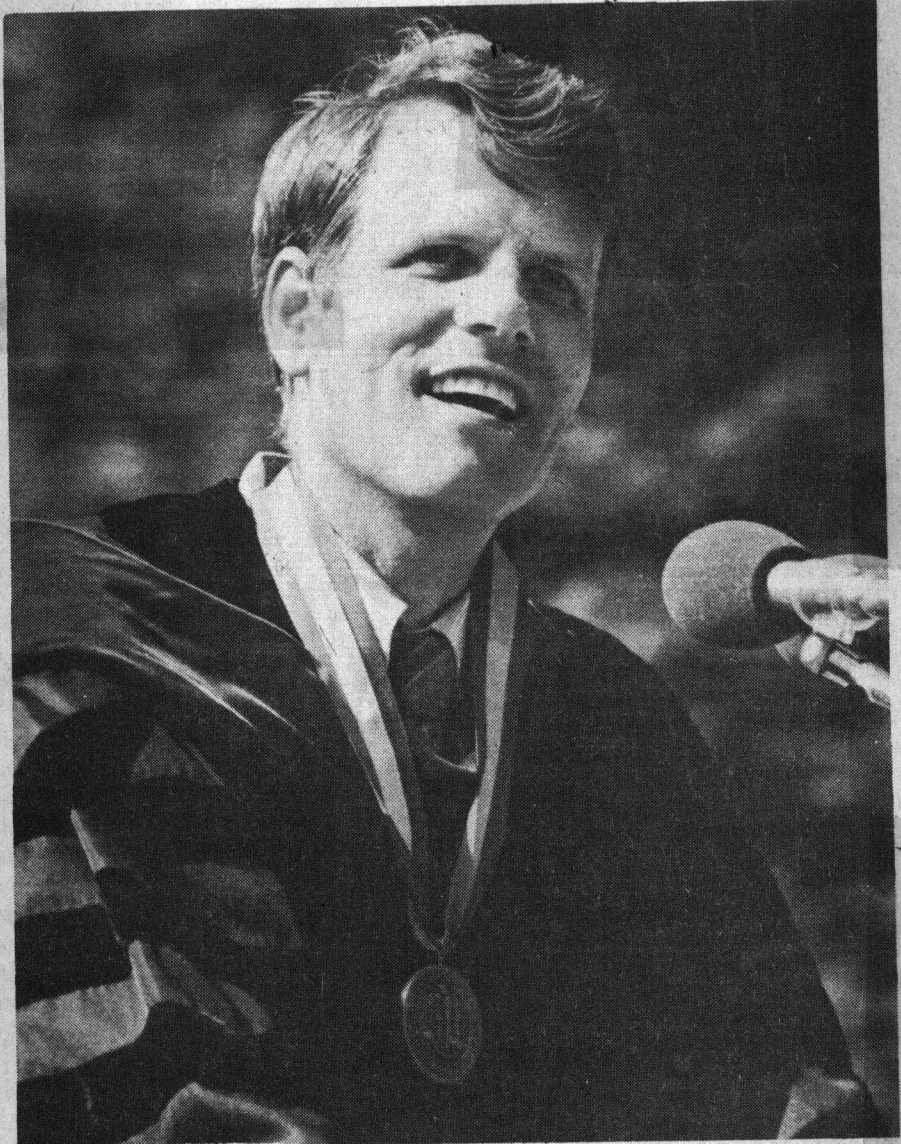
And he added a light note to his greeting of the new chancellor, with a line of poetic phrase.

"This day in May, it is our wedding day, for better or for worse."

He continued, "I am here to say, 'I do' for better or for worse, and to hope for the better."

Christensen, with his wife Helen looking on from her place among cap-and-gown assemblage of educators on stage, spoke about his views on education.

"I subscribe to the view that the purpose of education is neither utilitarian skill nor scholarly knowledge, but rather something that comes closer possibly to the notion of



Chancellor Mark Christensen delivers inaugural address

wisdom . . . that the purpose is to develop readiness for any human situation . . . to cultivate the powers of being able to see in any set of circumstances the best response which a human being can make to those circumstances.

"Such a purpose," Christensen said, "must link knowing closely to doing. Such a purpose makes knowledge an integral part of living and not a specialized end in itself . . ."

The new chancellor said, "Most universities are structured to pursue knowledge as an end in itself." And he added, "Knowledge as an end in itself is not a suffi-

cient function to sustain the viability of the university in the coming environment."

Other speakers at the ceremonies Thursday included Daniel G. Aldrich Jr., chancellor at Irvine; Lerita M. Coleman, a UCSC psychology senior; and Richard Lyman, President of Stanford University.

During Christensen's speech, some young protesters in the audience, held up large paper signs, lettered in colored ink.

Prior to the talk, a sign was displayed reading "Fertility, not Sterility," and during Christensen's speech, two young men held up a sign, apparently in reaction to the talk, which read, "Bland on Bland."