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# McHenry Tells Of Progress Toward Establishment Of UC At Santa Cruz

A potpourri of information heralding the birth pangs of the new University of California at Santa Cruz—which to the public will eventually surpass in size its mother campus at Berkeley—was presented by Chancellor Dean McHenry at Cabrillo college last night.

The last in a series of three progress-reports, accompanied by colored slides, was given before about 120 persons.

McHenry, obviously in love with his job and the forested rolling foothills upon which he will guide into existence a revolutionary experiment in education, spoke of both present constructional realities and of the academic future.

There will be an extraordinary divergence of architectural styles among the colleges, made possible by the tree coverage which will separate the units.

He said the grassy areas on the site will be left largely open and cattle will be allowed to graze upon them until the areas are needed for future development.

McHenry thumbnailed the history of the Cowell ranch, the former uses of oak tanbark for the leather industry, the quarry lime and kilns and felt, poetically, that these were "waiting hills" for the enterprise now in the making.

Planners see in the rock-rough quarry on the site a magnificent outdoor amphitheater for summer drama and musicals.

The old Cowell carriage house is being renovated for use as the business, architectural and engineering headquarters.

The old cook house is being remodeled and will become the chancellor's temporary office and the office area for academic planning. This building once fed the cow hands and could serve up to 200 meals at a time.

The old cooperage building, built on rock columns above the kilns, is too far gone to be retained, but McHenry said the kilns will be preserved for a historical exhibit. For years these have remained unnoticed to Santa Cruzans. Now they have taken on monumental importance. McHenry said the rubble and stone resembles the ruins of Athens and Rome.

The old stone scale house at the entrance to the university site is being reorganized and will house offices for the buildings and grounds superintendent and the security people.

According to present hopes, the college will open to students October, 1965.

To be eligible will require a "B" average in the solid subjects. Formal applications for entry will be accepted this October and local students, will not be especially favored, he said.

The new branch campus is to be an "experiment in learning and living." McHenry quoted UC president Clark Kerr: "We want to make this campus seem small as it grows large."

The progressive academic steps will begin with arts and science curricula for undergraduates, later move into the graduate field and later include professional research work.

He mentioned four separate colleges, each with a planned student body of from 250 to 1000.

Under construction now is Cowell college for ultimately

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Dean McHenry, squinting into the sun, appears in a full page photograph of the Santa Cruz campus site in the May 16 Saturday Evening Post issue now on the newstands.

The photo accompanies an article by William Trombley entitled "The Exploding University of California." The Santa Cruz campus plans are described.

600 students—400 of whom will live on the campus. This campus will specialize in liberal arts.

The future second campus will cover the social sciences and contain about 700 students; the third college will be the smallest, and accommodate about 500 math and natural science students.

The fourth college will teach fine arts and performing arts.

Sports on the campus will be of an intra-mural nature.

The main library, when completed, will open with "a modest 75,000 volumes", and in 10 years will contain "500,000 volumes", said the chancellor.

Educational television eventual

ly will be employed and McHenry said the university is expected to have a computer center and keep in stride with "programmed learning."

The first buildings to come into being will be a library-administration space and a science building.

So far the \$4 million in financing has come from the following sources. Federal loan, \$2 million; \$200,000 in loans from Regents; \$1 million state money; \$80,000 from the Cowell Foundation.

However the University is eager to accept donations to help with future colleges on the campus.

Another building which will appear early is a field house to seat about 700 persons. It is the most modern in appearance so far.

Among the colored slides McHenry showed were shots of two helicopters which McHenry said visited the area before the dedication.

This was a secret visit by Washington security officers, scouting the area in preparation for a visit by the late President John F. Kennedy who was to participate in the UC dedication.

Kennedy was killed before he could make the visit.

In answer to questions following his talk, McHenry said the university would be run on a quarter system and that the student-teacher ratio would be about 16-1.