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Regents Give OK To McHenry Plan For Santa Cruz Campus

Berkeley (AP) — A radical departure from American organization for public higher education will be unveiled in 1965 at the University of California's new Santa Cruz campus, university regents announced Thursday.

The regents said they gave provisional approval to a big shift in university planning which would introduce a liberal arts-oriented school composed of 30 or more colleges.

Each college would be limited to about 800 students and would include living accommodations for most of them. Each would be composed of a cluster of classrooms, dormitories and apartments. Total enrollment would eventually reach 27,500.

Other large University of California campuses, especially in Berkeley and Los Angeles, emphasize the physical sciences.

President Clark Kerr told the regents that students in the individual Santa Cruz colleges will live with instructors and a dean, and should feel part of a small, intimate academically-oriented group.

Dr. Dean McHenry, the uni-

versity's dean of academic planning, said the new system will cost no more than the traditional plan because private funds will provide non-academic structures.

The school would operate under the tri-mester plan — three equal academic sessions of nearly four months each—instead of the semester and short summer sessions plan.

Spokesmen said teaching, rather than research and publication, would be emphasized in selecting the faculty. A central laboratory science area would serve all the colleges.

About two-thirds of the colleges will be for undergraduates. A 2000-acre campus is planned.

The small college residential plan is most widely known at Oxford and Cambridge universities in England. It also is used by the private Claremont colleges in southern California.

The first college will be named Cowell college in honor of the family which donated \$800,000 toward its construction and which originally owned the Santa Cruz site.