

A New Campus Races the Calendar

By Francis Hamilton

A band of California's luckiest teen-agers will assemble Sept. 27 in a redwood forest on a rolling plateau overlooking Monterey Bay.

They are lucky to be the pioneer class of a university that, without yet opening its doors, already has the mark of greatness.

Lucky, although the first year of the University of California at Santa Cruz will be mostly mud, dust and sweat.

THE 640 of the first class will surely remember it all their lives:

- Living in trailer homes eight students in each. Eating in a spectacular copper-roofed, big skylighted structure that some day will be the gym.

- Bussing through a thick forest of second growth redwood and madrone on the way to eight o'clocks.

"We asked for Peace Corps types," explained Dean E. McHenry, Santa Cruz' first chancellor, the man who dreamed up its whole educational format and was told by UC President Clark Kerr:

"All right, you thought it up, now do it."

CHANCELLOR McHenry said quite a few potential students said "excuse me," when they heard that conditions the first year might be unusual for a great state university.

"But plenty more said 'I can take it'. I think it's the greatest UC class I've ever seen, and I've been around the University since 1928," explains McHenry.

So far, Santa Cruz has been a race against the calendar.

The first self-contained

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will be a general classroom the first year, and the field house, to be used as a dining room.

"We were worried this summer," said Chancellor McHenry, alluding to the building trades strike. "But we'll make it now."

Year by year, additional college units will blossom on the 2,000 acres that once was a working cattle ranch, a redwood lumbering enterprise and a source of limestone for Santa Cruz cement.

EVENTUALLY it will be a 27,500 student institution, same size as the Berkeley campus.

But McHenry's idea, backed by the UC Board of Regents and the State of California itself, is that a campus can be giant-sized yet retain the good things that go with small colleges.

Each college living unit, for example, will have about 12 faculty members who will eat with the students.

Faculty members are appointed both as professors of a particular discipline, English for example, or history, or biology, and also as a fellow of the college.

ing lot was achieved without disturbing a forest giant.

The old ranch lime kilns, stables, and cookhouse are preserved. Gorges where the limestone was quarried may some day become natural amphitheaters.

Rolling meadowlands will become playing fields, but not for big league college sports.

"Oh, maybe some day we'll get together an all-star soccer team from among the different colleges and go up to play Stanford," says McHenry. And that will be it.

AUTOMOBILES are discouraged. Students will not be forbidden to possess one, but there's no place to drive them on the campus.

"As far as going away over the weekend," explains Gurden Mooser, who switched in July from his office in the canyons of Manhattan to one with redwoods and squirrels outside his window, "we intend to make it so lively on the campus that no one will want to leave."

Mooser will head up Santa Cruz's development program, which "for the sake of greatness" envisions getting about one-fifth of the cost of new college construction from public gifts.

Each college will be headed by a provost who is expected to give it individuality.

FOR EXAMPLE, historian Page Smith is provost of Cowell, emphasizing history and the humanities.

Charles Page, former chairman of Princeton's sociology and anthropology departments, heads College No. 2, which will



Chancellor Dean E. McHenry poses in front of the Central Services Building . . . temporarily the library will be housed in basement

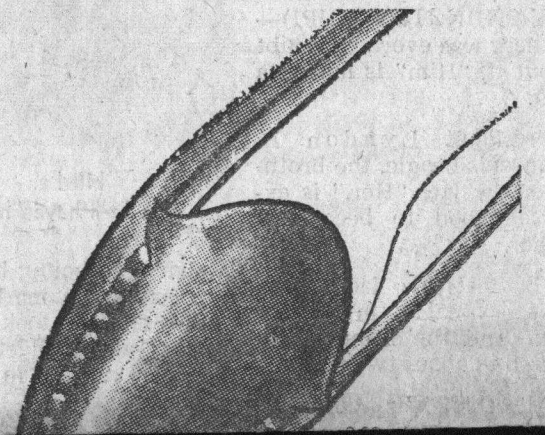
ulum at UC, San Diego, which began last year, and the brand new campuses of Santa Cruz and Irvine, in Orange County, opening this year.

The three are somewhat dissimilar in approach, but all seek ways to break through the crust of impersonality that haunts multiversities."

Santa Cruz has an excitement in the air that comes from McHenry himself and pervades all the pioneering staff and faculty.

Many of the 640 lucky

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college. Cowell, where students (and part of their faculty) will live and attend classes in a small cluster of buildings, will not be completed for a year, and the second college, now known only as "No. 2," will be finished almost at the same time.

READY NOW is only a central service building, containing offices, library, the registrar and bookstore.

Due in time for the opening will be the Natural Science Building, which

Advancement for the faculty is judged both on research in the special discipline and how the individual performs as a fellow.

THE CAMPUS now is a fascinating blend of ranch days and the latest architectural concepts of men and firms like John Carl Warneke, Onshen and Allen, Warren Callister, and Wurster, Bernardi and Emmons.

McHenry is determined to save every tree he can, and points out how a park-

concerns the social sciences. No. 3 will center in science and math, and biologist Kenneth Thimann is its provost.

Despite all the past year's criticism of UC's monolithic bigness, the fact that that UC is bringing in three forward looking, frankly experimental institutions in the short space of two years, amazes and impresses the academic world.

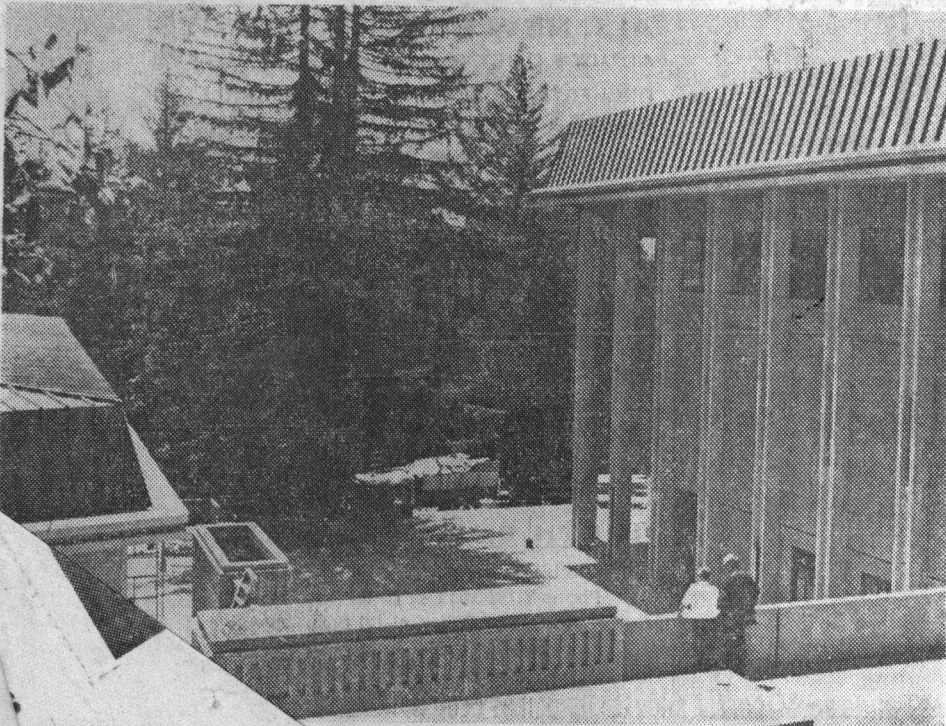
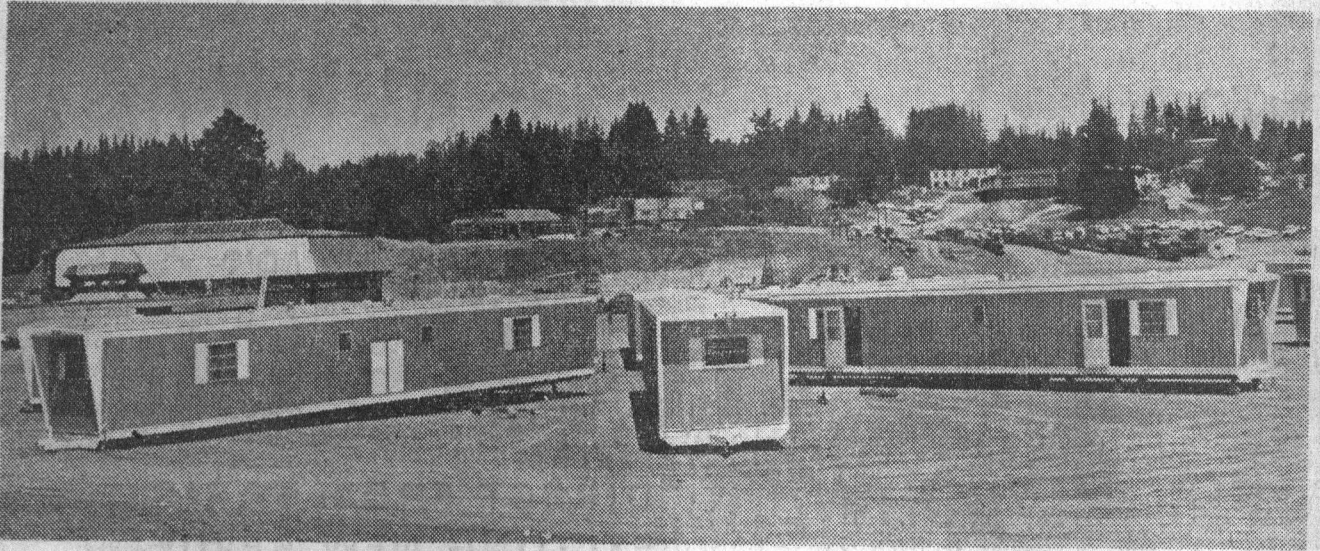
THE THREE are the new undergraduate curric-

students have visited the campus during the summer to make sure it's all true. As the first class, they will be writing history.

"I HEAR there's excellent surfing right down there on the bay," says Chancellor McHenry, with his characteristic broad smile.

"But we don't expect students to do much of that. We think we'll make it so exciting for them right here they won't want to miss anything."

THE FIRST STUDENTS' DORMS



For the first year students will live in these leased mobile homes, 8 to a building. They will eat in the field house at the left rear. In background are future Colleges 1 and 2. Left photo shows the Science Building, with a lovely redwood tree carefully preserved by the architects.

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