

# Cabrillo celebrates 25 years

Cabrillo College tossed itself a birthday party Friday night on the occasion of its 25th year.

About 350 people with close ties to the institution that opened its first classes a quarter of a century ago in the old Watsonville High School building, gathered at the Holiday Inn in Santa Cruz for a nostalgic review of the intervening years and to toast the future.

Unofficial college historian and faculty member Sandy Lydon spoke about the beginnings of the college and its ups and downs as an institution over the years.

Founding president Robert Swenson said that "Cabrillo's a sturdy institution; its vision is still there."

President John Petersen acted as master of ceremonies, introducing former and present college trustees, and legislators, county and city officials in the audience.

The Cabrillo College chorus performed during dinner.

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