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*Dress Code*

meeting in nine days with Thieu, accepted the president's position as his final word on the subject.

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## Youth Commission Asks Dress Codes Be Abolished

All student dress codes should be abolished at all county schools, the County Youth Commission unanimously declared yesterday.

Saying dress codes are a "naive and unfounded imposition on students' rightful jurisdiction," Commissioner Nicholas Hanks of Cabrillo College led the way toward the recommendation.

Hanks and Doug Ley of Santa Cruz High School said the crisis and clamor over student dress is now virtually over and a more sensible look can be taken at the issue.

Ley said he knows of no more suspensions at Santa Cruz High over student dress, and has seen no blatant violators of the code, though there are many "technical" violators.

Hanks opened the issue by declaring it is "not ever necessary to adopt a detailed dress code on appearance. Individual forms of dress are a legitimate mode of freedom of expression."

He said the schools declare, in spite of the code, a student has a right to be an individual.

The young man argued that students were not consulted in drawing up the code.

He said claims that "bizarre" or "striking" dress is disruptive on the school program are only true from the standpoint of the school administration. "It is the action of administrators and faculty which is disruptive," he said.

Though Hanks did not spell it out, he indicated extreme cases of dress could be handled through some other process than a dress code.

He admitted he does not expect any of the school administrations to drop their present codes, but said action by the commission "might have an effect in the future."

The commission's recommendation will go to the County Board of Education, and other educational agencies.

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