

# McHenry: 'Black College Not Practical'

Chancellor Dean E. McHenry of UCSC has replied to suggestions that the seventh college at UCSC be named for Malcolm X and teach the black experience.

Such a suggestion was advanced by William Moore, principal spokesman for the Black Liberation Movement.

The essence of Dr. McHenry's statement is that a "black college is not a practical possibility at Santa Cruz" and that it "is unlikely that 'Malcolm X' will be chosen" as the name for College 7.

However, McHenry stated that the university is "pleased when concerned citizens take an active interest in its development" and that UCSC officials recognize that the black college proposal "represents a genu-

ine concern." He also said that officials "see real merit in certain aspects of the proposal."

However, McHenry added, "Our university attorney advises us that implementation of the initial proposal would result in violations of federal and state laws and of university regulations."

He also suggested that it would be a "violation of academic freedom" if the university were to adopt uncritically the "package" of an external group. No university "worthy of the name" could do this, he said.

"On the other hand," McHenry continued, "if the proposal is meant to recommend studies leading to understanding of the many elements that make up the

American culture, then a useful purpose may well be served.

"Colleges at Santa Cruz are liberal arts institutions; all cover a broad spectrum of the arts and sciences. Each also has an emphasis, either a group of disciplines or a broad problem, study of which brings to bear the approaches of several disciplines."

Conceding that it is important "for all of us to understand" the black experience, McHenry voiced his opinion that the black experience itself "is too narrow a base for a possible theme of a college."

But, he added, "the motivation behind it, revealing as it does the vivid switch in the black movement for civil rights, is worthy of every consideration."

He noted that the black experience "has been the subject of a successful sociology course by Herman Blake, and will be a part of the Merrill College core course in fall quarter."

Responding to other facets of the Black Liberation Movement's proposal, as outlined in a press release on August 18, Chancellor McHenry stated that to specify architectural design by an Afro-American would violate federal and state law.

But, said he, "We are always pleased to have suggestions of talented architects, irrespective of race. Names should be sent to J. E. Wagstaff, campus architect."

As for the name, McHenry commented, "The name

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## Crash Kills SC Man

James K. (Kelly) Bryan, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel who in recent years has worked closely with the Santa

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Washington (AP). — Sen. Everett M. Dirksen, R-Ill., predicted yesterday the Senate will

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of College 7 will be determined by the Regents on recommendation of the campus. I think it is unlikely that 'Malcolm X' will be chosen."

He noted that courses and degrees are matters determined primarily by the Academic Senate under authority delegated by the Regents.

"I will forward the proposal for degrees in Afro-American studies to the Committee on Educational Policy of the Academic Senate," Dr. McHenry said.

The chancellor vigorously denied that UCSC or the University is racist.

"This is not a white 'campus'; we have made strenuous efforts to admit a representative student body and to recruit a balanced staff. It is for all qualified people," McHenry declared.

"The Santa Cruz campus needs all of the constructive help it can get in attracting and accommodating economically or culturally deprived people as students and staff members," the chancellor said.

He said that the university expects 30 new students from disadvantaged backgrounds at UCSC when the fall quarter begins. Of these, perhaps 20 would be Negroes.

McHenry explained that Thomas Fletcher, community services officer at UCSC, "has combed high schools and junior colleges to find these students."

Fletcher's work is financed through a private gift by a resident of Santa Cruz County and by matching funds of the Regents. "Any suggestions of such prospective students will be received with gratitude by Mr. Fletcher," Dr. McHenry stated.

His statement concluded:

"Nearly all students in the disadvantaged category require substantial financial aid. We raise this crucial money through gifts and grants, largely among the university staff and students and in the Santa Cruz community. The Regents match these contributions. Contributions should be sent to Assistant Chancellor Gurdien Mooser.



Chancellor McHenry

"The university has a great interest in recruiting more academic and non-academic staff members from minority groups. Although laws and regulations do not permit us to specify race in employment matters, we are on the alert to develop a balanced staff.

"A special program of recruitment and training, Operation Mainstream, has provided us four new employees this last month, and there are some 30 possible additional openings in the year ahead.

"One real problem has been the dearth of applicants. Anyone who knows of potential academic staff members with disadvantaged backgrounds is asked to send biographical material to the Office of the Chancellor. Information on possible non-academic employees should be sent to John Mortenson, personnel officer."

McHenry's statement, which was issued routinely by the Office of University Relations through the mail, was the chancellor's first public comment on the issue.

The proposal, as set forth by Moore, calls for College 7 to be architecturally designed by an Afro-American reflecting the Afro-American heritage, for it to be named Malcolm X, for degrees to be awarded in Afro-American studies, and for the instructors to be of the black experience.

McHenry said he based his comments on the proposal of the Black Liberation Movement of August 18, on press accounts, and on letters from concerned citizens.

## Cop Who Found Girl's Body