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Page Smith addresses crowd at ceremony.

Cowell College library named for Page Smith

Historian Page Smith, a founding provost at UCSC's Cowell College and more recently the noted author of an epic series on American history, has been granted the latest in a series of honors: a library now carries his name.

Cowell College library at UCSC is now officially the "Page Smith Library." At a recent dedication, Smith commented on some of the responsibilities of having a library take his name: "You must be serious and thoughtful, don't smile and wear dark suits," he said. "I would have settled for a tree."

Speaking at the dedication ceremony were, among others, UCSC chancellor Robert L. Sinshemer, representatives of Cowell's faculty, students and alumni.

Vincent Romero, a student at

Cowell, said of Smith: "Page doesn't moderate debate, he inspires it. Goethe once said that there are few voices and many echoes; Page's is one of the voices that many echo."

An alumnus, Frank Zwart, who was an undergraduate at Cowell during Smith's tenure as provost, spoke of "the spirit brought here by Page Smith and the faculty he assembled." He thanked Smith "for his efforts in bringing into our lives this special place (Cowell College.)"

On behalf of Cowell's alumni, Jan Phillips of the class of '74 announced the donation to the library of copies of Smith's own books, including his series on American history and "The Chicken Book," which Smith wrote with UCSC biologist Charles Daniel.

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