

# UCSC <sup>growth</sup> sees enrollment of 15,000 <sub>2-5-87</sub>

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SANTA CRUZ — University officials have released a first draft of a long-range campus development plan which includes proposals for six new colleges, greatly expanded housing, a "major performance facility" and two new campus entrances.

The plan, which is to guide the campus to 12,000 to 15,000 students by 2005, states the campus "will pursue construction of an eastern access road to the campus from Route 9 to Coolidge Drive" — the road anti-growth activists have long feared through the greenbelt area known as the Pogonip.

Planners say the eastern-access road would divert at least 35 percent of the campus-related traffic now causing congestion near Bay and Mission streets.

The other proposed access road would be on the far western side of the campus, off Empire Grade Road, north of the current west entrance off the same road.

On campus, the plan calls for the addition of a "north loop" road and an extension of Meyer Drive, which now dead-ends near the Performing Arts complex. The two projects would complete a circular road around the central campus.

The plan further calls for vehicular traffic to be banned from much of the campus core area, to be replaced by an "efficient" and "pedestrian-friendly" pedestrian mall along what is now Steinhart Drive.

Up to six new residential colleges are planned, each capable of housing 1,000 students.

Planners state they have identified about 86 acres of land for college and graduate housing. The university

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would need to create housing with 6,223 new "bed spaces" to reach the stated goal of housing 70 percent of undergraduates and 50 percent of graduates with a total university enrollment of 15,000.

Plans are also outlined for providing more faculty and staff housing.

No time line was set for development of housing, transportation or any other projects, although "several key projects that warrant particular attention" are named.

Those key projects include the road improvements within the campus, remote parking lots, better transit systems on campus and the pedestrian mall linking features on the east and west ends of the campus likely to draw visitors.

In putting the projects into action, planners want the development to occur before the campus grows further. They say it is important for the campus to grow holistically, with all major elements keeping pace with each other.

The plan also identifies the southern sector of the campus as the "Community Access Area" because it contains many of the most appealing elements of the campus, from the public's standpoint.

The area now contains the East Field House, the

Performing Arts complex, McHenry Library, University House and the Baskin Visual Arts Center. The proposed Student Center and the University Club are expected to be built there soon, and the plan calls for "a major performance facility" to be added.

"Music and theater performances, art exhibitions, extension classes, cinema, dance performances, video exhibits and presentations, public lectures, conferences and sports events are among the occasions when the community will be coming to the campus," planners state.

Following a 60-day review period, the plan will be made final and submitted to Chancellor Robert Sinheimer for his approval. The plan, which will be on view at public libraries, area high schools Cabrillo College and on the UCSC campus, will still face the ratification of the UC Regents and an Environmental Impact Report evaluation.

University officials said public meetings will be held on campus and in downtown Santa Cruz in early March "to discuss all aspects of the plan."

Written comments on the draft may be addressed to the UCSC Office of Campus Facilities, University of California, Santa Cruz, 95064.

Personal copies of the draft may be obtained at cost — about \$6 — from the UCSC Office of Campus Facilities, officials said.