

Rafferty Opposes Black College At UCSC

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"Only a racist would support such a thing," U. S. Senatorial candidate Max Rafferty said yesterday of plans by the local Black Liberation Movement to establish a black college at UCSC and name the facility after Malcolm X.

Rafferty, in Santa Cruz for the kickoff dinner of his campaign here, was cool and collected as he sat in shirt sleeves in a stuffy motel room to face a battery of reporters.

His mind appeared to tick over like a well-oiled IBM machine as he answered questions without hesitation in fluent, often eloquent, language.

"I regard Malcolm X as one of our more violent citizens who advocated scaratims," Rafferty declared. "As one who abhor violence, I would certainly oppose naming anything after him."

As to establishing a black college in the first

place, Rafferty, a veteran educator, said he had devoted his life to working with integrated schools and thought separate schools for the races would be stultifying.

Rafferty lashed out at his opponent, former State Controller Alan Cranston, a number of times during the interview. He wondered, for one thing, whether Cranston's endorsement of the California table grape boycott was an indication of the kind of actions Cranston would take if elected, or whether Cranston was merely "showing his hostility to the state's largest industry" (agriculture.)

Rafferty said the grape question was among the propositions he would like to place before Cranston in a debate. Cranston has refused to debate Rafferty on three separate occasions, claiming that Rafferty used smear tactics in his primary campaign.

Rafferty retorted there is no basis for the smear campaign charge, although Cranston has "put out

some interesting fairy tales" to that effect. Instead he reported that Cranston himself was guilty of underhanded tactics in quoting Rafferty out of context to give Rafferty's statements the exact opposite meaning of their intent.

"A man who would do that would stoop to anything," Rafferty charged.

"If, indeed, I am a liar and a smear artist, his best bet would be a debate on television to show me up," he continued. "I don't intend to run this campaign on this (smear) level. There is too much name calling which inflames people who are all too willing to be inflamed. I'm going to talk about the issues. I hope Mr. Cranston will join me."

Rafferty recalled that he had called on the U.S. Congress to express its displeasure at the

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