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Dean McHenry in the 1960s.

Dean McHenry, first chancellor of UCSC, 87

STAFF REPORT

SANTA CRUZ — The founding chancellor of the University of California, Santa Cruz, Dean E. McHenry, died Tuesday of natural causes. He was 87.

"As both an architect of the University of California, Santa Cruz, and an advocate for a system of public higher education that served all students, Dean McHenry literally touched the lives of generations of Californians," noted M.R.C. Greenwood, current UCSC chancellor. "He will be greatly missed."

Appointed chancellor of UCSC in July 1961, McHenry began his 13-year tenure as head of the campus a little more than four years before UCSC opened with a class of 650 students. When he retired in June 1974, the student body totaled 5,000 and UCSC had awarded some 4,800 baccalaureate, master's and doctorate degrees in more than 24 different disciplines.

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Today, the enrollment of UCSC is more than 10,000.

"Dean McHenry cared about our University of California, our Santa Cruz County community, our state, and our nation," said Hal Hyde, hired by McHenry in 1964 as the first UCSC vice-chancellor for business and finance. "He inspired all of us who worked with him; we share a great loss."

During the planning years before the campus opened, McHenry established an academic and administrative backbone for the new campus, recruited dozens of distinguished scholars such as botanist Kenneth Thimann to the faculty, and kept abreast of numerous construction details. His wife, Jane, also played a pivotal role in the development years and throughout McHenry's tenure as chancellor.

In fall 1965 Cowell College opened as the first of the UCSC "cluster colleges." But with construction not yet completed, UCSC's first-year students lived in trailers, dubbed "UC Mobile Home Estates," located on the East Field. The Field House, one of the first completed facilities on campus, served as dining hall, meeting facility, classroom, and sometimes conference room.

Ten years after his hiring as chancellor of UCSC, McHenry had overseen the development of \$63 million in construction projects and the hiring of more than 1,000 academic and non-academic employ-

ees.

In the years that followed his tenure, McHenry remained an active member of the UCSC family, serving as a member of the UC Santa Cruz Foundation. He remained interested in the development of UCSC's arboretum, Long Marine Laboratory, its colleges and intercollegiate sports program.

He was an active participant in the Santa Cruz community, including the activities of Dominican Hospital, the Santa Cruz County Community Foundation, and the Santa Cruz Main Rotary Club.

During his retirement, he and his wife were active in the family-owned and operated McHenry Vineyards on their Bonny Doon ranch in rural Santa Cruz County.

McHenry died at Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz, the city where he helped plan and open a University of California campus in the 1960s. He had been hospitalized for the past week.

Born in 1910 in Lompoc, Calif., McHenry studied political science, earning a BA degree from UCLA in 1932, where he was student body president; a master's degree from Stanford in 1933 and a Ph.D from UC Berkeley in 1936.

He taught government at Williams College in Massachusetts and political science at Pennsylvania State College prior to joining the UCLA political science faculty in 1939. At UCLA for almost two decades, McHenry authored many books, including "The American Federal Government and the American System of Government." He served in numerous positions in

academic administration, including Dean of Social Sciences and chairman of the Department of Political Science. During his tenure at UCLA, McHenry was a Carnegie Fellow in New Zealand and Australia (1946-47) and a Fulbright lecturer at the University of Western Australia in 1954.

In 1958 McHenry's former roommate at Stanford, Clark Kerr, assumed the presidency of the University of California system. Kerr quickly recruited McHenry to the post of academic assistant to the president. By 1960, McHenry had taken on additional responsibilities as Dean of Academic Planning.

During the years with Kerr, McHenry served as UC's representative on the "survey team" that drafted California's Master Plan for Higher Education in 1960 — a blueprint that defined specific roles and admission standards for the state's University of California, state college (later state university), and community college systems. The plan also provided a vision of low-cost education that would be accessible to all high school graduates, a policy that was later credited with helping turn California into an economic power. His work on the master plan, Kerr said, "introduced universal access to higher education."

In addition, McHenry helped Kerr plan for the development of three new UC campuses that had been authorized by the Board of Regents. The site-selection process would lead to campuses in Irvine,

San Diego and Santa Cruz. Kerr tapped McHenry to lead the latter campus.

The two shared an educational philosophy that guided both the academic and physical planning of the new campus. The campus' first master plan envisioned a research university influenced by educational models, such as Cambridge, Oxford and Swarthmore College (where Kerr had been an undergraduate), in which academic and residential lives were entwined. The Santa Cruz version of the residential university comprised a cluster of separate colleges, each with a specific academic focus and architectural design. Kerr and McHenry reasoned that, as the campus grew, students could realize the benefits of a major research university while avoiding the impersonal trappings of many large campuses.

Dean McHenry leaves his wife, Jane; four adult children, Sally MacKenzie of Kansas, Dean McHenry, Jr. of Claremont, Calif., Nancy Fletcher of Texas, and Henry McHenry of Davis, Calif.; 9 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Private services are planned. A public ceremony honoring him will be announced at a later date. At the request of his family, memorial contributions may be made in his name to the UC-Santa Cruz Foundation and designated for the "Dean E. McHenry Fund" or the UCSC arboretum.