

Club UCSC

University eyes private facility

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SANTA CRUZ — Eccentric UC Santa Cruz has never embraced the college tradition of faculty and staff schmoozing over lunch at a university club.

But a private club is inching toward reality, thanks to support from campus leaders who believe a club restaurant and meeting area could make money.

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The University Club Committee has proposed a \$2.5 million, 10,000-square-foot area for meetings, meals and faculty conference rooms. If all goes as planned, it could open in the fall of 2001.

"This is something the campus has been talking about doing for maybe 35 years or so," said longtime chemistry professor Roger An-

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der construction. That would allow the two colleges and club center to share a kitchen.

Anderson, committee chairman. The campus has been open for 35 years. A recent poll of several hundred faculty and staff members showed a two-thirds majority favored a club. Anderson said a few people voiced concerns about elitism, an argument that has been raised in the past.

It is unclear whether graduate students could be members.

"Undergraduates, probably not," Anderson said. But undergraduates and the public would have access to the facilities and could eat in the dining area, said committee member Elise Levinson, UCSC's assistant director of housing services.

The center would be built on the third floor of the commons building at College 9 and 10, which is now un-

der construction. That would allow the two colleges and club center to share a kitchen.

The University Club Committee said food will be served five days a week, along with some dinners and special banquets. Organizers expect alcohol will be served.

Money for the club was set aside by Robert Sinshaimer, UCSC's fourth chancellor, who was in office from 1977 to 1987. But his successor, Robert Stevens, was concerned with other on-campus projects and did not back the plan, according to committee members.

University Advancement is raising additional funds. Current chancellor M.R.C. Greenwood said the club center had not been built earlier because earlier plans did not make financial sense.

"My perspective is it hasn't been a lack necessarily of previous chancellor support, but lack of a viable sug-

gestion," she said. "There have been a number of failed proposals."

The building itself, including the dining facilities, will be open to undergraduates and the general public.

The club already has had a trial run. Levinson said several inaugural lunches held at the Chancellor's House were so successful that people had to be turned away.

Anderson said the club meeting place would fill a serious need.

"There is no real center to the campus right now, at least as far as faculty and staff are concerned," he said. "I suspect this would be a comfortable place where people could come and relax a little bit as well as conduct business."