

Porter College Dedicated

UCSC's College 5 was officially renamed and dedicated Benjamin Franklin Porter College, in honor of the Santa Cruz pioneer, as several hundred persons braved the weather for Saturday's ceremony.

Porter Sesnon, grandson of Benjamin Franklin Porter, spoke at the ceremony, which was highlighted by the unveiling of a huge redwood sign.

Descendants of Porter donated the 67-acre Porter-Sesnon property near New Brighton State Beach to the University of California Board of Regents in 1972. It has since been leased to developers for \$1.7 million — money which will go to fund improvements at the college and an

endowment fund for special programs and professors.

Also speaking at the dedication were UCSC Chancellor Robert Sinsheimer and Philip Nelson, provost of Porter College.

Benjamin Franklin Porter was one of the first settlers in Santa Cruz, acquiring the coastline property in the 1850s. When members of the Porter family married into the Sesnon

family, their land holdings took the name Porter-Sesnon.

Porter College had been one of only two of the eight colleges that still had not been named. The other is College 8. Originally, each of the colleges was identified numerically until donors came forth with endowments.

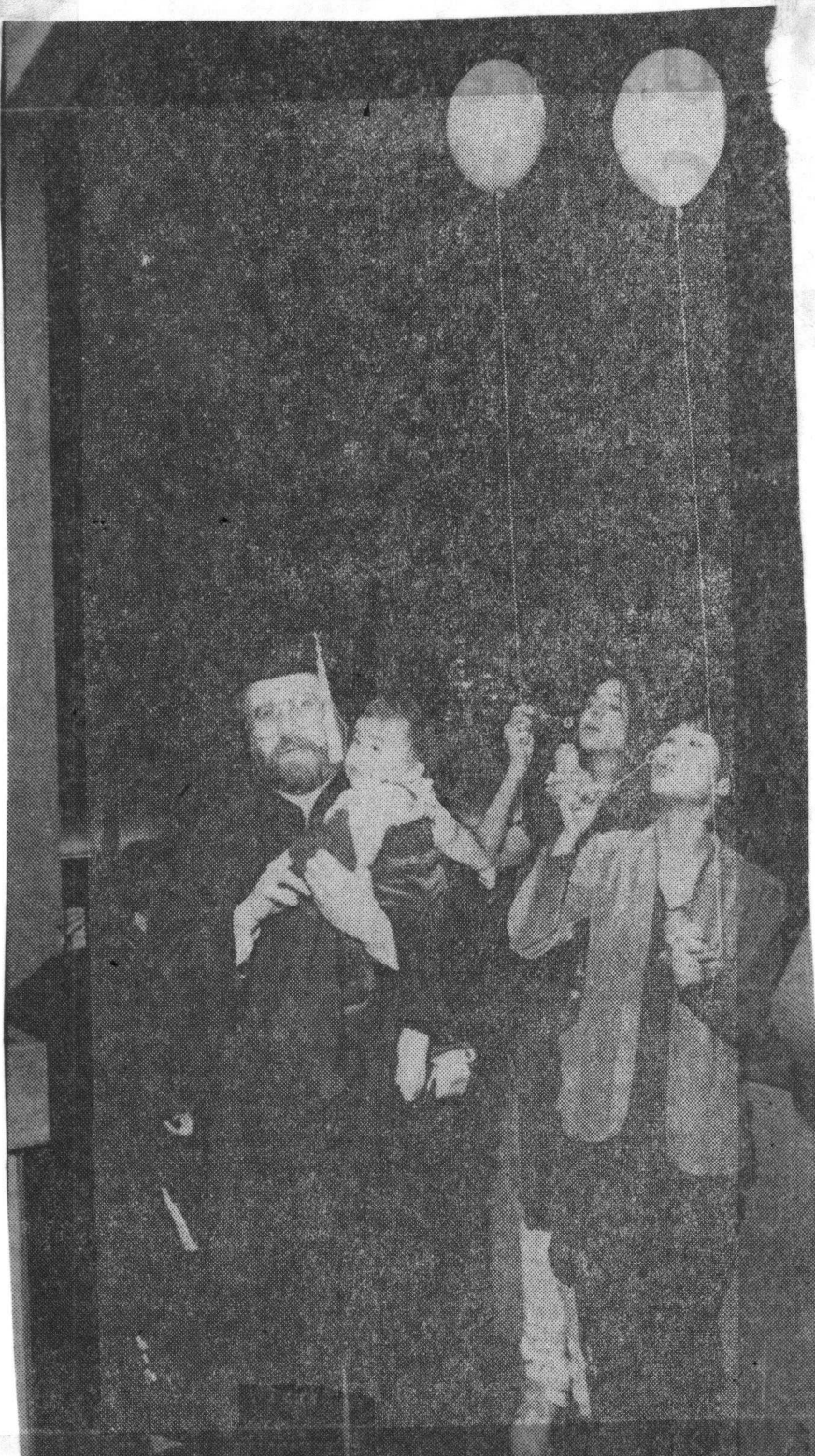
The exception was Adlai E. Stevenson College, which was named in honor of the former U.S. senator and one-time presidential candidate.

In addition to the huge redwood sign, smaller identification signs have been erected about the campus. New maps issued to students this year also list the college as Porter College.

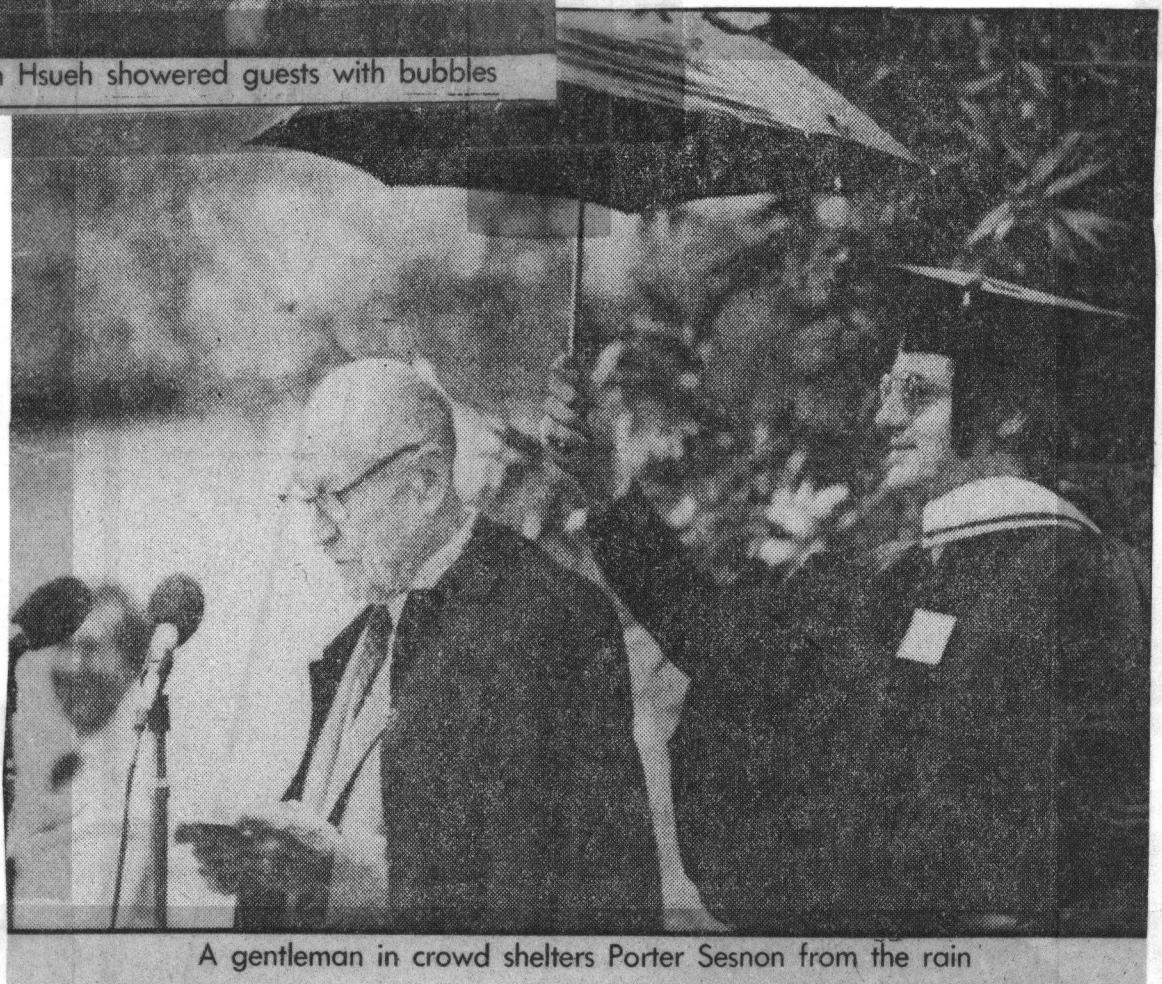
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Hundreds of people braved the rain to participate in the dedication



Viki Potts and Ann Hsueh showered guests with bubbles



A gentleman in crowd shelters Porter Sesnon from the rain