

UCSC History 1965-69

Weather Report

temperatures for 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. yesterday: Maximum, 42. For 24-hour period ending at 8 a.m. today: Maximum, 74, minimum, 41.

Monterey Bay Area—Fair through tomorrow except fog or low clouds likely tomorrow night. Cooler tomorrow, low 40 to 50, high 55 to 63. Variable winds 5 to 15 knots.

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Kerr Defends Enrollment Freeze

By John Elliot—Sentinel Staff Writer

Clark Kerr, president of the University of California, defended a university-wide freeze on new admissions while in Santa Cruz yesterday, a day full of subtle and not so subtle references to Gov. Ronald Reagan's budget slicing policies.

Taking part in Charter Day ceremonies at UCSC, the first of nine statewide observances of the institution's 99th anniversary, Kerr said the admissions freeze was interpreted in Sacramento as "an unfriendly act."

Kerr told newsmen "it is very, very hard to estimate what the effect will be" at UCSC and throughout the UC system of the governor's 10 per cent budget slash order. "It's obvious," he said, "we couldn't handle the same number of students next year."

Since two of the nine UC campuses are ready to admit new students immediately, said Kerr, "they would have gotten the jump on the others" and "it would have been irresponsible for us to do anything else" but order the freeze. He declined to say which two campuses were involved.

He also declined to speculate on when the ban on admissions will be lifted, but indicated it will not be until

after representatives of the nine campuses "get together and decide on an equitable basis of distribution."

Kerr said a budget submitted by the UC Board of Regents was "a very responsible request," that it was not "soft."

Regents asked for \$278 million for fiscal 1967-68, a 15 per cent increase over the present budget of \$240 million. Kerr said the request took into account anticipated enrollment increases of 15 per cent.

Kerr said that "at the very best" the UC budget for next year would be \$6 million less than this year, based on present indications.

It is "hard to say" whether a compromise can be reached with state officials, Kerr said, although he claimed "we're not taking a rigid position." He noted he will meet with Gov Reagan on Wednesday

During previous meetings with the governor, he said, UC officials have suggested some economy moves, such as postponement of equipment replacement. He declined to give a savings estimate.

Kerr said he does not think the present economy move is a result of earlier student demonstrations at Berkeley. He pointed out both the budget cut and possible establishment of tuition fees affect state colleges

also.

He was emphatic in his opposition to tuition and spoke of 99 years of traditionally free higher education in California.

Kerr, during his Charter Day address, made references to the present dispute, stating at one point that "last November the people of this state most clearly wanted the University to keep growing as the state keeps growing!" He referred to voter passage of a \$238-million higher-education bond issue for construction.

Following the singing of "Wilt Thou Be Kind" by the Cowell college Madrigal Singers, Kerr remarked:

"I was wishing their voices might be loud enough to be heard all over the state of California."

Dean E. McHenry, chancellor of UCSC, introduced Kerr with a remark that UC is presently going through a "difficult time" and is faced with a "crisis of support."

As far as UCSC is concerned, McHenry said, "we will carry on with as many students as we can, as best we can."

Issuing a resolution of opposition to budget cuts and establishment of tuition charges, following Charter Day activities, was a "joint committee" representing three different campus organizations.

The three organizations have taken the lead in local opposition, primarily because UCSC does not have an associated students group.

Spokesmen—Allan J. Goodman, chairman of the California club, Gerry Stokes, chairman of the Cowell college Constitution committee, and Art Torres, chairman of the Stevenson College Interim council—said they will urge a student-parent letter writing campaign to members of the Legislature but that no demonstrations are planned in support of their position.

The three claimed, in a statement, that 98 per cent of 800 students polled at UCSC "are opposed to both the establishment of a tuition and a cut in the University's budget."

While understanding the "difficulties, complexities, and overwhelming magnitude of problems that our new Governor faces," the statement said, "we do not agree that the problems warrant the adoption of the proposed tuition charge and budget cut."

Their resolution warned that tuition might "cause a local property tax increase by forcing many students to attend junior colleges in place of state colleges and universities. . . ."

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The former prime minister of Australia, Sir Robert Menzies, (above) is caught at a light moment. Sir Robert captivated a near-capacity crowd at UCSC yesterday, prior to being awarded an honorary doctor of laws degree by University of California President Clark Kerr. Students at UCSC have decided on a calm and collected stand of opposition to the budget and tuition plans of Gov. Ronald Reagan. "No Tuition . . . No Budget Cut" tags were distributed yesterday before Charter Day activities got underway. Shown wearing one of the hand-made appeals is Judy Aldrich, (below) of Burlingame, a freshman at Stevenson college. A committee has been formed to oppose budget and tuition changes, but demonstrations and picketing are apparently not planned.



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