

University says College 8 construction benefits city

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Attorneys for the Regents of the University of California say the construction of College 8 at UC-Santa Cruz will actually improve housing, traffic and water-use conditions in the city.

The city filed a lawsuit against the university over College 8 construction last month after the regents approved the \$20.7-million project on campus. City officials said the construction of College 8 buildings would cause adverse effects in the city, effect that the environmental impact report for the project did not address.

Especially hard hit, city representatives said, would be the

city's water and sewer system, traffic and housing.

The regents' attorneys recently filed a response to the charges in the lawsuit.

"The city will benefit rather than suffer adverse environmental effects as a result of the construction of College 8," the response said.

There will be no increase in students as a result of the construction, the response said. There are 775 students currently enrolled in the college, a figure which has been "constant for a decade," the document said.

Rather than increasing enrollment, the construction of housing and classrooms will allow students now living off campus to be housed on campus.

There are currently 152 College 8 students housed on campus at other colleges. If the first phase of construction of

housing for 360 students is completed, the students living at other colleges as well as students from the community could then live on campus.

This will partially relieve the housing crunch UCSC is now experiencing. Currently, 880 students are on a waiting list for campus housing, university officials said.

Also, by drawing these students on campus away from the community, the traffic in the city would be reduced, the university maintains.

"There is nothing to be gained by denying these students on-campus housing and an improvement in their physical plant," the university document stated.

As for as water and sewer systems, the university document says that studies show students on campus use less water than those living off campus because of water-saving devices installed by the university. Therefore, it is better for the city's water system to have students living on campus, the university says.

But university officials also said in the court document, "There will be a need for an upgrading of the water and sewer distribution systems that serve the campus. But this

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was describe to the detainees
the terms and provisions of the
agreement, by which the Oak-

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upgrading is the responsibility
of the city, not the university."

The university attorneys
attached a 1965 agreement
between the city and the UC
Regents which said the city is
obligated to provide the
campus with four times as
much water as the campus
currently requires.

Representatives from the city
and university meet Dec. 9 for
a negotiating session to see if
the matter can be resolved
before going to court. If not, a
court date of Dec. 15 has been

forfeited that right by commit-
ting crimes.

set.

For the university, it is
important the matter be
resolved before the project is
scheduled to go to bid in Janu-
ary.

"Any delay of the January
bidding process will cost the
university \$15 million in addi-
tional construction costs," the
court document stated, because
a delay would put the project
back one academic year.



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