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ACADEMIC PLAN APPROVED

The Academic Plan for the Santa Cruz campus received the provisional approval of The Regents at their November meeting in Berkeley. The plan calls for the creation of 15-20 small liberal arts colleges---similar to Swarthmore and Amherst in the East, Pomona and Occidental in the West. Each will be encouraged to develop its own traditions and emphasis.

Although each college will have its own classrooms and residence quarters, a central library and scientific laboratories common to all are envisioned. Students will also have access to courses offered in colleges other than their own. Close student-student as well as student-teacher relationships will be sought. The colleges will vary in size between 250 and 1000 students.

The first college, Cowell, will house 400 resident students and have 200 commuter students. The Dean and his family will reside in a dwelling within the college compound. Ten or a dozen of the faculty members will also live in the college area.

Press coverage of the Academic Plan and its approval by The Regents was extensive and comment generally favorable. The New York Times called it "an experimental project widely regarded as one of the most exciting in education". The Oakland Tribune said UCSC "may be the first truly up-to-date college of Century Twenty One in the state's far flung higher educational system". The editorial of the San Francisco Examiner for November 20 pleased us so much that we reproduce it in full:

"The plan for the University of California campus at Santa Cruz excites us. But we must say we are as much stirred by the imaginative boldness of those who produced it as we are by the plan itself.

"UC's regents and administrators face a prodigious task in simply expanding the university rapidly enough to keep up with the explosive growth in student enrollments. So it would be perfectly understandable if, in establishing new campuses, they followed the easier path of making them conventional schools.

"But no. They are determined to keep the university on the frontier of higher education, where it has long been. That determination is reflected in the residential college plan, where living and learning are one, for the Santa Cruz campus.

"This is the plan of Oxford in England, and Harvard in this country. But UC Santa Cruz is not intended to be the Oxford of the United States, or the Harvard of the West. It is intended to be a bold adaptation of a superb academic plan to the needs of a superb public university. We envy the youth who will find life and learning there in all the procession of years ahead."

PHYSICAL PLAN FOR SANTA CRUZ

The physical planning aspects of a new campus are the most conspicuous to the average citizen. The development of roads, the preparation of building sites and the construction of buildings are tangible measures of progress.

The physical planning at Santa Cruz is under the direction of the Campus Planning Office, headed by Campus Architect John E. Wagstaff, formerly of the San Francisco campus.

Under his supervision the Long Range Development Plan is currently in the process of formulation. A design team consisting of John Carl Warnecke, consulting architect; Thomas D. Church, landscape architect; Robert Anshen and Stephen Allen, Theodore Bernardi, and Ernest J. Kump is responsible for making a comprehensive physical plan for the ultimate development of the campus. The Regents in July encouraged them to locate the campus core near the geographic center of the 2000 acre site.

The Campus Planning Committee advises the Chancellor on policy matters in physical planning. The committee includes Warnecke, Church, Donald T. Clark, University Librarian; Charles D. Wheelock, San Diego Professor Emeritus; and Dr. James N. Pitts, Jr., Professor of Chemistry, Riverside.

Currently plans are progressing for the first three buildings and for site development and utility installation.

Würster, Bernardi and Emmons have been named architects for Cowell College, the first residential-classroom unit. The Sciences Building, Unit 1, will be designed by Anshen and Allen. The Corporation Yard - Interim Administrative Offices Building is the third scheduled for construction with Ernest J. Kump as architect. Kennedy Engineers are doing the master plan for site development and utility installation.

Sites for these three buildings are scheduled for approval by The Regents, possibly following the January 1963 meeting in Santa Cruz of the Committee on Grounds and Buildings. If funding goes as scheduled, actual site development should get under way late next spring with ground breaking for construction next fall.

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