

# Cowell 'Pioneers' To Be Graduated

UCSC - Cowell College

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The first group of students who have attended UCSC for four years will be graduated during Sunday's commencement exercises.

The 213 Cowell College Pioneers entered the fledgling institution in the fall of 1965 when the campus was a trailer camp with 64 student housing units arranged in star-shaped clusters.

Three major buildings, Central Services, the field house, and Natural Sciences 1, served the academic community.

The entering class included 529 freshmen, 123 junior college transfers and some 60 faculty

fellows, all of whom were in Cowell College, the first at UCSC.

"We really didn't know if the UCSC concept would draw a full enrollment that first fall," said Chancellor Dean E. McHenry.

"The gratifying response from high-caliber faculty and students strengthened immeasurably our great expectations in planning this academic enterprise."

That the UCSC experiment in higher education has worked is indicated by the achievements in competitions for fellowships and acceptances at top graduate schools, Dr. McHenry said.

"Per capita, UCSC seniors probably captured more honors in the highly competitive Woodrow Wilson Fellowship program than students at any other single institution in the nation," Dr. McHenry commented.

"Six UCSC students, four of them four-year pioneers, were named Woodrow Wilson Designates; another six, three of whom were Cowell College pioneers, were given honorable mention."

Of 113 Danforth Graduate Fellowships awarded nationally this year, three went to UCSC students, all of them pioneers at

Cowell. Of 25 Marshall Scholarships awarded for graduate study in England, one went to a UCSC senior, another founding student at Cowell College.

Seniors at UCSC have been accepted by Harvard Law School, Stanford Law School and graduate schools at Harvard, Stanford and Cambridge Universities, the University of Chicago, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the University of Michigan.

During Sunday's ceremonies, special remarks to the pioneer group will be delivered by Dr. Page Smith, provost of Cowell College since its inception. The first college catalog of 48 pages for 1965-66 stated:

"Despite the years of planning that have preceded the establishment of the Santa Cruz campus, its real founders will be its first students and the faculty who teach them.

"We encourage great expectations in those who come to Cowell College, the first of the colleges of Santa Cruz.

"Plans are important, but more important than the plan is the life that people breathe into it. This will be the challenge to the students and faculty at Santa Cruz."



UCSC student pioneers and founding faculty members at Cowell College take a last look at the single remaining remnant of 64 trailers that provided student housing when UCSC opened four years ago. On Sunday the 213 pioneers will receive their bachelor of arts degrees, along with 191 other UCSC seniors. The lone trailer now is used as an infirmary by the student health center. Pictured are students and faculty, including Gabriel Berns, assistant professor of Spanish lit-

erature; John Dizikes, assistant professor of history; Bruce D. Larkin, assistant professor of government; Richard Randolph, associate professor of anthropology; Thomas A. Vogler, associate professor of English literature; and the following students, Tom Proctor of Los Angeles (history), Marjorie Rasmussen of Stockton (history), Mary Beth Saffo of Rolling Hills (biology), Fred Silverman of Los Angeles (history) and Catherine Walsh of Cupertino (psychology).

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