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### UC Moves Ahead

Another major step ahead in the development of the University of California Santa Cruz campus was achieved this past week when regents gave their approval to the preliminary long range plan for campus development.

Earlier, the regents had given their provisional approval to the educational policy for the campus as outlined by Chancellor Dean McHenry.

Later this year the first actual construction work will begin with the work on utilities and initial on campus roads. If everything goes on schedule, bids may be asked late this year or in the first part of 1964 on the initial major building jobs.

The guides have been established for both the physical growth of the campus and the educational program which has drawn acclaim from coast-to-coast.

The campus is expected to open to students in the fall of 1965 with 500 men and women enrolled in Cowell college, the first of a series of residential colleges to be constructed on the campus.

Eventually 15 or more residential colleges are scheduled to serve the undergraduates at UCSC with some professional schools planned in later states of development.

It was extremely interesting to hear comments from members of the board of regents at their committee meeting Thursday in the social hall of the First Congregational church.

Chairman Gerald Hagar said he was tremendously enthused about the Santa Cruz campus. "This can well be the most beautiful campus in the West. We must take special care to preserve its beauty and build a campus befitting the splendor of the site," he declared.

Donald McLaughlin, former chairman of the board, was also high in his praise of the site and the preliminary planning which has been under way for the past year.

Many of the regents expressed their pleasure that the redwood groves would remain untouched and add to the majestic appearance of the site.

Regent Eleanor Heller, who has been a prominent member of the campus planning committee, told how she had spent Sunday afternoon walking over sections of the site.

"I think this is a wondrous site," she said. "I've been enjoying every moment of our work here. Of course," she added, "I'm almost a neighbor as I live in Atherton. I think the two most beautiful places in California are the Sierra and the Santa Cruz mountains."

In his notes on the site, Photographer Ansel Adams wrote:

"... consider the basic mood of the place. Any manicuring of this area will produce a commonplace effect. Build many trails, reveal many places where a student, or a teacher, or an administrator should sit in a quiet hour with only the redwoods, the grass, the pack-rat nests, and the dead twigs intruding upon his solitude. There are few places on earth where such a phenomena might occur—other than in National Parks and remote wildernesses. To have this opportunity on a campus of a great university is a priceless event!"

In their decision to develop the central core of the campus at the 800-foot level of the site, the regents have not only established the vistas for magnificent areas of study and contemplation, but they have also eased the burden of encroachment.

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While the higher elevation will initially create longer lines of transportation and services—it is a mile from High and Bay streets—it will allow for better planning in the all important early growth periods and will provide for orderly growth around the core in a manner which will benefit the university, the students, but also the community of Santa Cruz.

It establishes a much better opportunity for an orderly growth pattern which can be based upon economic soundness rather than the urgency of the speculative dollar.

We must remember that in 1965, the university will have a far smaller enrollment than Santa Cruz high school. That in 1970, it will still be smaller than Cabrillo college will be at that time.

Twenty years from now, the university will be dominant in size in Santa Cruz, but the growth will be moderate in scale for a number of years so that the university can truly blend into the community without the disruption of sudden change.

And from the care that has already been taken in the initial planning plus the wisdom of the educational program we feel confident that the chancellor, the regents, the university officers and officials are well on their way to developing what will become one of the educational zeniths in the Far West on the rolling slopes of the Cowell terrain.

As was said Thursday, "This UCSC can become the most beautiful campus in California."