



PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION 1: Student Facilities Space in Colleges. Shall undergraduate students be committed to providing student activity space in each college, including future colleges, starting with the opening of college eight in fall 1989?

DISCUSSION

This proposition asks for a continuing commitment to provide student activity space in each college. Before space is planned in colleges, the administration will consult with the Student Union Assembly and the Council of Provosts. In Stevenson, Crown, Merrill, Porter, Kresge, and Oakes, students funded such student facilities as the college gatehouse, mail room, coffee shop, student activities office, fireside lounge, and game rooms that are not paid for with state funds or housing funds. On the average, these spaces occupy 4,697 square feet, and were built and furnished, and are maintained by an assessment which has not increased since 1971. A "yes" vote commits undergraduate students to providing approximately 4,700 square feet of student activity space in each college. Starting in Fall 1989 when College Eight is occupied, it is expected that the assessment would increase the Student Facilities Fee by four dollars (\$4.00) per student per quarter. Beyond that, assessments would be based on costs at that time, and would increase with the construction of new facilities. A "no" vote would mean that it is unlikely that new student activity space would be provided.

SUPPORTING OPINIONS

The existing Student Facilities Fee is sixteen dollars a quarter. This fee covers the costs of building student facilities in all Colleges (except Cowell which was gift funded). The fee has not been increased since 1971 and with the proposed construction of new colleges an increase is needed.

Support provided by the Student Facilities Fee is vital in maintaining colleges as centers of student life. A "yes" vote is a concrete affirmation of our commitment to continuing the college system at Santa Cruz. We want new colleges to be real colleges as we know them today, not simply new dorms, classrooms and administrative offices. Rather, colleges should blend those facilities with the same sort of basic amenities that previous colleges have had, namely, activity spaces (lounges, mail rooms, shops), coffee shop, and recreational facilities.

We urge a "yes" vote.

Endorsed by:

Student Union Assembly; All Current Provosts; Founding Chancellor Dean McHenry; All Founding Provosts: Page Smith (Cowell), Charles Page (Stevenson), Kenneth Thimann (Crown), Philip Bell (Merrill), James Hall (Porter College, formerly College V), Robert Edgar (Kresge College), Herman Blake (Oakes College), Paul Niebanck (College VIII).

I strongly urge a "yes" vote for an increase in the student facilities fee. The fee, which has not experienced an increase in over fifteen years, will pay for facilities that provide vitality and community to a college (lounges, coffee shops, student activities offices, etc.) In essence, a vote "yes" is an affirmative vote for the college system as a whole, for without these facilities, future colleges would simply be residential extensions with little sense of community.

It should additionally be noted that College Eight students, who will be the initial beneficiaries of these fees with the upcoming construction of College Eight, have been paying similar fees for other colleges even though they themselves have no such facilities. In turn, it seems equitable that all students could assess themselves a small quarterly increase to help provide these facilities for future colleges.

For these reasons, I encourage a "yes" vote for a \$4.00 quarterly increase in the Student Facilities Fee.

Glenn Robles, Student Representative, College Eight Building Committee

OPPOSING OPINION (No opposing opinions were received.)

