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Dear Student of Cowell College:

The Science Building is nearing completion, the Field House is being pushed hard, the trailers, as some of you have noted in your recent visits, are being towed into place. I have by now had an opportunity to talk to a good many of you. You have had very helpful suggestions and some of you have had questions which I probably haven't answered entirely to your satisfaction because, at the moment, there aren't answers. As faculty arrive in Santa Cruz we are discussing these and other problems and some of the questions we will keep in abeyance until you arrive and can join us in discussing matters that are of particular concern to you.

There turn out to be a host of last minute problems that are part of a new venture; at least they are new to me as sometime history professor and a demi-or quasi- administrator. I think we will have an effective system of transportation between Cowell and the town of Santa Cruz. It seems that we may be able to work out an arrangement with the municipal bus company that will permit us a maximum of flexibility and allow you to arrange bus schedules pretty much to suit your convenience. This problem has been on my mind because we are anxious to discourage the frequent and casual use of automobiles, as you know. At the same time we don't want any of you to feel marooned on campus and, in consequence, to get stir-crazy.

I find that I have to bend my reluctant attention to such questions as how many towels a week we should provide you with (two) and how ready an access you need to have to phones (one pay phone to a cluster, with more to be added if the traffic demands).

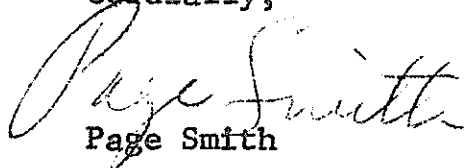
Some of you have asked when you could come to the campus. As you know, the orientation period starts on Wednesday morning, September 29. If it is necessary for you to arrive early, the trailers will be ready for occupancy Sunday afternoon, September 26. Regular meals will be served starting Monday morning, September 27. For those of you who may wish to observe the High Holy Days there will be services at the Temple Beth El in Santa Cruz.

Many of you have volunteered to help with the orientation period. By the first of September I will notify those we have chosen to give us a hand. If you have not heard by then, you should assume that we won't be able to avail ourselves of your very generous offer of assistance. Your numerous replies presented us with an embarrassment of riches.

I should also mention something that we perhaps have not heretofore made clear enough. Approximately half the entering freshmen at Cowell will move on to become members of College 2 in their sophomore year. The arithmetic of this is as follows: Since we are accepting a freshman class more than twice as large as we would normally have in Cowell (500 in '65-'66 as opposed to some 175 when we have a normal distribution of students over the four years), a good many of you will be able to help launch College 2. Those of you who undertake this mission will have an unparalleled opportunity to be in at the planning stage. You will see College 2 rise adjacent to Cowell (some of you may indeed work on the college) and you will have many occasions to meet with Provost Charles Page and his early cadre of faculty who will be helping us out in Cowell this year.

No decision has yet been reached on the best way to divide the future sophomore class between Cowell and its sister college. You who will be directly involved may be able to devise the most effective solution. It takes students to make a college. I am looking forward to seeing you in a few more weeks.

Cordially,


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