

Cowell College 50th Anniversary Celebration
University of California, Santa Cruz
September 26, 2015

Origins, Transformations, Legacies

Tentative Schedule (updated Aug 15, 2015)

program sent in advance will communicate intentions and set the stage.

More copies of program available when people check in

9:00 - 9:30 Welcome Reception (coffee and muffins in the courtyard of the Field House) pioneers encouraged to enter the field house

while entering, music and slide show. Clips from the Hitchcock lectures.

9:30 - 11:00 Introduction & Intentions

- 9:30 – 9:40 Faye, Mike and a jr pioneer (Don?) at podium welcome folks
- script is something like this:

Mike: The theme of the day is origins, transformations, and legacies. We were the original students, staff, and faculty. Many of us started our adult lives here at UC Santa Cruz just as Santa Cruz started its life. We were transformed by the experiences and we went on to transform the world. Meanwhile the University, as we shall hear, in order to stay true to its vision, UCSC has undergone transformations in some of its operating procedures.

Don or another member of the class of 1967: And there is the third element: legacies. People who came here as juniors in 1965 made up the first graduating class – the class of 1967. Being at the head of the long line of graduating classes, we have a rare opportunity to set the stage for the future. UCSC has completed the first 50-year lap of existence. We are starting the second lap. How do we want that lap to look?

Faye: Some alumni had suggested that we have such a day as this – to commemorate Sept 26, 1965. As a perfect age mate of those entered here as freshman 50 years ago, I felt wildly enthusiastic about the idea. In fact, I

believe that I showed up at my little liberal art's college in Massachusetts on the same day that you showed up here. I was coming to an institution that was 134 years old. YOU, meanwhile, were starting a brand new experiment in higher education. Fortunately, the alumni association also loved the idea o a day like today and has devoted hundreds of hours of staff time and thousands of dollars to enabling us to come together.

9:40 – 9:45 Pioneer Larry Robinson: recites the poem, “The Way It Is,” by William Stafford

*There is a thread you follow. It goes among
things that change. But it doesn't change.
People wonder about what things you are pursuing.
You have to explain about the thread.
But it is hard for others to see.
While you hold it you can't get lost.
Tragedies happen; people get hurt
or die; and you suffer and get old.
Nothing you do can stop time's unfolding.
But you don't ever let go of the thread.*

[Table groups are asked to “discuss” how they might answer a World Civ question today given the years since. Need to select a question. Encouraged to remember the course and discuss how it transformed them and their lives.

At the conclusion of the activity, Tables are asked for summary comments, as well as “pop-up” comments from preselected folks from email contacts]

9:45 – 9:50 Someone introduces the next portion:

If you came here as a frosh, you took World Civ which concluded with an exam – an exam that terrified some and had some unexpected consequences. But whether or not you did well on that exam – indeed, whether or not you took the exam – we think you will enjoy this non-graded exercise. At each table we would like you to discuss the answer that you might give to today, given the person you have become (in part through the influence of UCSC) to this question picked from the original exam: [Give a great question]. We've got 30 minutes to introduce

ourselves to others at our table and let each other know how we would answer the question.

9:50 – 10:20	TABLE DISCUSSION
10:20 – 10:25	short bio-break
10:25 – 10:30	A member of the committee introduces George
10:30 – 11:00	George speaks for 15 or 20 minutes with 15 or 10 min of Q&A [he must leave by 11]
11:00 – 11:45	MC: We've got time to mingle now. If you're feeling adventuresome, you might meet some strangers. And if you are feeling really adventuresome, you might reconnect with some old flames. If you find yourself at a loss for words, perhaps you could share insights from the morning discussion. Only one suggestion: move away from your table, mix up the groupings. And, at 11:45, please starting forming the chow line. We are hoping to have you seated at lunch tables by noon.
Noon – 1:15	Luncheon

MC lets people know that the students will arrive at about 12:45 to conduct interviews. The interviewing students (all freshmen) will be recording the answers to three questions: 1. Why did you come to UCSC? 2. Can you give an anecdote that communicates the essence of the experience you had here? 3. What do you wish for UCSC of today? So, in preparation: people are asked to share with each other some pivotal moments.

Between 12:45 and 1: the students conduct the interviews (all alumni are individually interviewed by a team of 2 or 3 students) and, with permission, all interviews are recorded on smart phones. These will then be collected and put on a website.

Current students eat dessert with the pioneers.

1:15 – 1:30	Bill Domhoff speaks of his reasons to come to UCSC and how the vision continues
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| 1:30 – 2 | Current provosts – Faye Crosby and Alice Yang give brief overview of some exciting programs at Cowell and Stevenson. This time includes Q & A |
| 2- 2:20 | Legacy discussion |
| 2:20 – 2:30 | closing of field house portion. |
| 2:30 – 3:30 or 4 | Many options |
| | tours led by students |
| | dedication of the Cowell apartments |
| | hanging out at provost's lawn, senior common room, Mary Holmes Fireside Lounge |

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Sunday

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| 10 -12 | Brunch (Cowell provost's lawn)
with special guest speaker Herman Blake |
| break | |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | memorial service (to remember those who have died) |
| break | |
| 1-2 | Faculty panel: John Dizikes, Stanley Williamson, Bruce Larkin, and hopefully Rich Randolph |