

Enrollment at the University's 7 campuses represents 58 counties

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The statewide character of the University of California has been highlighted by a study reported by President Clark Kerr which reveals that overall enrollment at the University's seven campuses in the Fall 1959 semester included a student from every one of California's 58 counties.

The registration analysis also shows that while U.C. students tend to enroll at the campus nearest their homes, most of the University's campuses have students from broad areas of the state.

In calling attention to the geographical distribution of students in the semester that has just ended, President Kerr noted that it is normal for the University's enrollment to represent all, or nearly all, California counties. He recalled that Daniel Coit Gilman, first president of the University, said in his 1872 Inaugural Address, "It is not the University of Berlin nor New Haven which we are to copy; it is not the University of Oakland or of San Francisco which we are to create; but it is the University of this State."

President Kerr commented, "I am very pleased that our registration figures over the years, as well as other noteworthy evidence, show that President Gilman's ideal of service to all of California has been fulfilled. The University of California was conceived as a statewide institution serving all the people of the state and it has continued to do so throughout its 91 year history."

Figures reported by President Kerr show that Los Angeles County contributed far more students than any other county. The largest in population, this county sent 17,709 students to the statewide university in the fall semester. That was almost 40% of the total U.C. enrollment of 44,878. Alameda County, in the San Francisco Bay area, had the second largest group, with 4,775 studying at the institution's campuses which stretch from La Jolla on the south to Davis on the north.

San Francisco had the third largest enrollment at U.C. with 2,391 students; Contra Costa, to the east of the San Francisco Bay was fourth with 1,408; and San Mateo, just south of San Francisco was fifth with 990.

At the other end of the scale, Mariposa, a sparsely populated county on the western slope of the Sierra Nevada, had but one U.C. student, who enrolled at Berkeley. Alpine, another mountain county, the state's smallest in population, had three students attending U.C., two at the Los Angeles campus, and one at Davis. In all, just under 86% of U.C. students were from California homes.

As would be expected, the majority of students from a county generally attend the U.C. campus nearest their home. In the case of Los Angeles, for instance, almost 13,000 or some three-quarters of the U.C. students from that county, attended the Los Angeles campus. And in the north, about 87% of the U.C. students whose home is in Alameda County, went to the near-by Berkeley campus.

Despite this tendency for students to enroll in campuses near their homes, each unit of the University educates a broad geographic cross-section of the state's college-age youths. The Berkeley campus which had the largest enrollment, had students from all but one county, Alpine. At Los Angeles, with the second largest student body, there were representatives from all but five counties.

Even the smaller campuses had students from a surprisingly large area of the state. Davis had students from all but three counties, Santa Barbara had 45 counties represented in its classes, and the San Francisco Medical Center included 42 counties in its registration statistics. The Riverside campus had students from 24 counties. At the La Jolla campus with only 44 graduate students enrolled in the Scripps Institution of Oceanography nine counties were represented.

The list of 58 counties with the number of U. C. students from each is as follows: Alameda, 4775; Alpine, 3; Amador, 31; Butte, 116; Calaveras, 15; Colusa, 30; Contra Costa, 1408; Del Norte, 15; El Dorado, 49; Fresno, 440; Glenn, 39; Humboldt, 83; Imperial, 78; Inyo, 27; Kern, 426; Kings, 57; Lake, 37; Lassen, 26; Los Angeles, 17,709; Madera, 35; Marin, 464; Mariposa, 1; Mendocino, 87; Merced, 125; Modoc, 1.9; Mono, 4; Monterey, 305; Napa, 138; Nevada, 42; Orange, 767; Placer, 96; Plumas, 21; Riverside, 803; Sacramento, 930; San Benito, 32; San Bernardino, 751; San Diego, 959; San Francisco, 2391; San Joaquin, 382; San Luis Obispo, 99; San Mateo, 990; Santa Barbara, 811; :Santa Clara, 813; Santa Cruz, 145; Shasta, 64; Sierra, 6; Siskiyou, 45; Solano, 226; Sonoma, 297; Stanislaus, 257; Sutter, 58; Tehama, 46; Trinity, 9; Tulare, 213; Tuolumne, 28; Ventura, 352; Yolo, 372; Yuba, 42.