

STUDENT REGISTRATION WEEK – 2006



Remarks by President Robert C. Dynes UCSA Student Registration Rally, UC Irvine October 20, 2006

It's a great pleasure to be on the Irvine campus. When I speak to people who feel a little depressed about the world, my answer is always, "Go onto a UC campus, look at students, and look at the future, because that's where the future is, in the eyes of the students." Students bring energy and enthusiasm to the future. I'm especially pleased by this effort. Students are bringing energy and enthusiasm to voter registration.

If you look at the ballot this year, there are many issues that are really important to the University of California and especially important to students. So I'm very pleased that the Student Association has made, as one of their important thrusts this year, an increase in student registration on the campuses. The Student Association and I have declared this week to be "Student Registration Week," and they have set a very ambitious goal of registering tens of thousands of students. For those of you who are not registered yet, come on right down after I speak and we'll register you. And then, for God's sake, vote!

I've also made a clarification. There was some confusion as to whether the Student Association could actually work inside the residences and the dining halls in a bipartisan way to register students. We've gotten through legal counsel the opinion that we can do that. So students throughout the University of California are registering other students inside the residences and the dining halls.

This is an important message to all of you: Register and vote! It's the most important way to exercise your independence and voice your opinion. Vote on November 7th. Vote the way you feel it's appropriate to vote. I have a sense of urgency because October 23rd is the deadline for registering as a voter. You must register before October 23rd, so today is a good time to register.

Again, I thank you for coming out today. I thank you for expressing interest in voter registration. I thank you for voting. It's really important for the future of California. Those of you who haven't registered yet, come on down and we're going to register you right now. Thanks a lot.

Photos: President Dynes with UCI Chancellor Michael Drake and student leaders.