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MEMO TO: School Deans, Department Chairs, Administrative Heads
FROM: Gail Fullerton
      President
SUBJECT: UNIVERSITY-COMMUNITY DINNER DANCE
        February 20, 1982

The highlight of the University-Community Dinner Dance for years has been the presentation of the Tower Award by the President of San Jose State University to some member of our community who has served the University with unique distinction. In the past, the identity of the recipient of the Tower Award has been a closely guarded secret until the night of the presentation.

This year, I am breaking with that tradition of secrecy. The recipient of the Tower Award for 1982 will be Dr. Robert D. Clark, former President of San Jose State University. Dr. Clark founded the President’s Council on the occasion of the 110th anniversary of the founding of San Jose State University. It seems particularly fitting to honor him at this dinner, sponsored by the President’s Council to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the founding of our University. Dr. Clark’s many other contributions to San Jose State University and to the community we serve will be described as part of the presentation of the Tower Award.

Approximately half of the $125 per couple that is the ticket price for the University-Community Dinner Dance this year of the 125th anniversary will be a tax-deductible contribution to the San Jose State University Foundation. This money will be used to endow the Robert D. Clark Distinguished Visiting Professorship. Annual income from the fund will be used to bring to the campus a prestigious scholar or public figure during the spring term each year.

During the years that Dr. Clark was President of San Jose State University, such distinguished visiting scholars as Buckminster Fuller, Margaret Mead, and David Reisman were brought to our campus. Funding has not been available for a distinguished visiting professor series in recent lean times. This occasion and this man converge as the appropriate time to create an endowment to bring such distinguished persons to San Jose State University in the future.

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cc: Academic Vice President

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