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Trustees' Vote on Camarillo Site Unanimous

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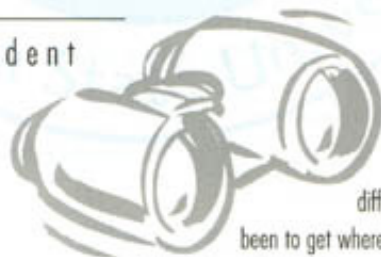
Much has happened since the publication of our last newsletter, but most exciting of all was the September 17, 1997 unanimous vote by the CSU Board of Trustees to transform the former Camarillo State hospital into a university campus.

The historic vote by the Trustees will not only change the future of Ventura County, it will change its past as well.

After more than three decades of working to site a CSU campus in Ventura County, community, business, state and education leaders saw their years of hard work produce quantifiable results.

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While I am not a veteran of the early battles to site this campus dating back to 1965, I do know how



difficult it's been to get where we are today. Through it all, this community kept reminding itself that the goal was to provide

educational services to people who do not have them. There is no finer goal.

The Trustees' unanimous show of support took a huge load off our shoulders when they cast that all important vote. But September 17, 1997 really just marked the end of one phase and the beginning of a new and equally important era. What we have now is a campus. What we are still working

towards is a university.

I believe we will see the doors to California State University Channel Islands open before the year 2005. But, in order to be a viable, independent university we will need a full-time enrollment of about 3000 students, or about 2300 more than the number of

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