New University Library To Be Created
Local Rancher Provides $5 Million Gift

Channel Islands will begin work on a university library thanks to an extraordinary gesture of support by Oxnard rancher John S. Broome. The library will eventually serve upwards of 17,000 students, faculty, and staff.

Mr. Broome’s gift of $5 million will soon be visibly at work when renovation of the old R & T building begins next year. The architects for the new building will be faced with the exciting task of incorporating the advanced technology of the Information Age into a building reflecting the tradition of the past. “The John Spoor Broome Library will be the signature building on this campus,” declares President J. Handel Evans.

Mr. Broome traces his interest in books and libraries back to his grandfather, John A. Spoor, who was a trustee of the Newberry Library in Chicago and a renowned collector of rare books. As a member of the CSU Channel Islands Steering Committee, Mr. Broome has closely watched the development of the new university. “I wanted to have an impact,” he says. “This library will benefit not only future generations of students, but the entire Ventura County community.”

In these lines, the eighteenth century poet, David Everett, epitomized our work here at the campus as we prepare for the establishment of our University. We have come a long way in the past three years, but we still have far to go. In this edition of our newsletter, you will read about many significant events and activities that have taken place and you should feel proud of our community contribution. I am often asked to describe the relationship of the new campus to our new university, CSU Channel Islands, and in turn to our colleagues from the off-campus center of CSU Northridge. I believe I can best explain our Northridge relationship as follows: CSUN at Channel Islands, as it is now called, continues the tradition of outreach by the mother campus into the Ventura County community by continuing to offer eight undergraduate degrees and five Masters degree programs designed to fit the needs of working adults. (Continued on page 3)
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Academic Planning

California State University Channel Islands will welcome its first class of students in August, 2002, with an anticipated enrollment of 3,600 students. By the time that class graduates, enrollment will have grown to 4,500 students. In preparation for our first class, Drs. Ted Lucas and Ira Schoenwald have joined our staff as university planners.

Dr. Lucas received his B.A. and M.A. degrees in music from San Diego State University and his Doctorate in Music from the University of Illinois. A graduate of the Harvard Institute of Educational Management, he has extensive experience in designing academic programs for both public and private universities, and has served as music department chairman at Beloit College in Wisconsin, Dean of Fine Arts at Southwestern University in Texas, and Director of the School of Music and Dance at San Jose University.

With over 24 years of experience as a faculty member, department chair, and academic administrator at CSU Dominguez Hills, Dr. Ira Schoenwald brings a wealth of knowledge to his post at CSUCI. Dr. Schoenwald received his Ph.D. in Government from the Claremont Graduate School. After successful teaching, management consulting, and serving as chair of both the Health Sciences and Public Administration Departments at CSU Dominguez Hills, Dr. Schoenwald spent the last ten years as an academic administrator at CSU Dominguez Hills. During this time, he held several positions including Director of University Personnel, Assistant to the President, and most recently, Associate Vice President for Faculty Affairs.

An Academic Directions Task Force of the larger Academic Advisory Council has drafted a report that charts the academic program. The report details distinguishing features of the campus, principles to guide academic planning at CSU Channel Islands, and recommended curricular offerings for 2002 such as education/liberal studies, sciences, organizational management/business, and computer engineering as well as a framework for development of future offerings. The California Post-Secondary Education Commission (CPEC) Needs Analysis will be submitted with hopes of a CPEC response in late Summer, 2000. Completion of this requirement is a critical building block in the establishment of the university.

Speak Up For CSUCI!

This November, Governor Gray Davis is considering a budget request from the CSU Trustees for $10 million to start CSU Channel Islands. If we are to open the University in Fall 2002, it is crucial that this full amount be included in the State budget. Please write or call the Governor’s Office to express your support of our request:

Governor’s Office,
1st Floor
State Capitol,
Sacramento,
CA 95814
Telephone: (916) 445-2841
Fax: (916) 445-4633.

Thank you!

Get Ready! High School Students Take Part In College Readiness Summer Institute

Thanks to generous contributions from Pacific Bell and Leavens Ranches, CSUCI implemented its first College Readiness Summer Institute, including a symposium, from June 21 to June 25. Participating in the program were 55 Ventura County high school students from four school districts and 14 high school faculty members from six college facilities. Students received instruction in math and English as well as information on college admission standards and procedures. By the end of the week, all 55 students received a certificate of participation and completed a Personalized Instruction Plan to assist them in their future studies.

Growing A Green Campus

Approximately 70 people gathered at a workshop on June 11 to explore the “green campus.” Representatives from government agencies, local environmental groups, business, and education brainstormed a variety of projects relating to the development of the CSU Channel Islands Campus.

Key issues discussed included: habitat and environmental design, traffic and air quality, green buildings, site development, purchasing, operations, and recycling. Peter Brand, Project Manager with the California Coastal Conservancy, opened the day long program with an overview of the ecology of the Ventura region and a description of how CSUCI’s goals for environmental stewardship could lead to improvements such as the restoration of Long Grade Canyon Creek and wetlands creation. For a copy of the workshop proceedings, please call (805) 437-8435.
The California State University Channel Islands Foundation was established for the purpose of encouraging and accepting private gifts to the University. The CSUCI Foundation is a 501(C)3 tax exempt organization.

"We feel an education is the most valuable gift one can give or receive," say Bernie and Barbara Bobitch. After lifelong careers in medical related fields, the Somis couple have made a commitment to support students pursuing careers aimed at helping people live healthier lives. The Bernard and Barbara Bobitch Scholarship Fund will award full scholarships to students pursuing an education in the health sciences at CSU Channel Islands. The first scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student when the new university opens in 2002.

On October 5, Coldwell Banker Town and Country kicked off "Homes for Books" to raise funds for the Library at CSU Channel Islands. If you sell or purchase a home with Coldwell Banker Town and Country between October 1 and December 31, 1999, the company will donate $50 toward the purchase of library materials, and a special bookplate inscribed with your name will be placed inside one of the books acquired. For more information see www.homesforbooks.com.

The Wallis Foundation has made a grant of $150,000 to CSU Channel Islands to help the University acquire and protect open space as recommended by the Environmental Impact Report. "This is a significant step toward fulfilling one of the goals identified at the Green Campus workshop," says University President J. Handel Evans.

On September 26, members of the President's Circle were invited to their first gathering where they enjoyed a private brunch held prior to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bell Tower Building. The event was sponsored by City National Bank, The Gas Company, and the Los Angeles Times Ventura County. Over 120 people have joined the President’s Circle to date.

The CSUCI Foundation is now able to accept donations by credit card and to receive donations of appreciated securities. To find out more about making a tax-deductible gift to the University, please contact Elizabeth S. Stacey, Director of Development at (805) 437-8429.
"The groundwork is in place for CSUN at Channel Islands to become CSU Channel Islands. I’m enrolled in course work leading to a B.S. Degree in Nursing. I particularly enjoy the Interactive Television (ITV) room on campus, which offers state-of-the-art teleconferencing. Thousands of students will benefit from the technology and courses available. They will gain a chance to participate, learn, and grow in an ideal environment—one which offers many opportunities and support for students."  
—Ed Pulido, Senior, Nursing

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In The News

▪ Thirty-four high school counselors and seven principals from Oxnard Union High School District recently attended a highly successful three-day workshop on the CSUCI campus. The California Counselor Leadership Academy met on October 18-20 in the newly renovated Tower Building classrooms. Led by Drs. Sharon and C. D. Johnson, the academy helped participants focus on student competencies, rather than the traditional services-on-demand model. The participants were enthusiastic about the academy with 100% of those responding to the workshop evaluation reporting that they would recommend this academy to their colleagues. The academy will meet again in the Spring for a follow up session. This was the first extended education offering of the new CSUCI campus. If you have ideas for other professional development programs, please call (805) 437-8451.

▪ CSUCI was proudly chosen by Robert J. Lagomarsino to house archives documenting his 35 years of distinguished public service which includes his service as U.S. Congressman from 1974-1993, California State Senator from 1961-1974, and Mayor of Ojai from 1958-1961. Mr. Lagomarsino is known in the area for authoring legislation creating the Channel Islands National Park and introducing Senate Bill 70 authorizing a university for Ventura County. Patricia Clark Doerner leads an effort to raise funds to refurbish library rooms, acquire archival supplies, and engage a professional archivist. Mr. Lagomarsino’s papers and memorabilia will provide valuable resource material for students and scholars of foreign affairs, tax reform, government efficiency, school finance, and preservation of natural resources.

▪ Educators, researchers, and private sector geographers gathered at CSUCI in May for our first major academic symposium in conjunction with the annual conference of the California Geographic Society. Participants took part in study sessions on public planning and policy issues, and engaged in field research trips to the Ojai Valley and the Channel Islands National Park.

▪ The CSU Police Department became a fully functioning part of the campus community in September. In order to patrol our 680-acre campus 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week, the department has grown to include two sergeants, seven police officers, three canine officers, a police technical assistant, a civilian campus guard, and five police dispatchers. The department is networked into all other policing services in the county and features a 24-hour 911 Public Safety Answering Point capability. The campus’ focus on security also brings public phones to parking lots and high traffic areas, police bicycle and car patrols, and the ability for students to request campus escorts.

Campus Fever

"After deciding to come to CSUN at Channel Islands, I worried about missing out on a ‘big campus’ atmosphere. To my surprise, I found this campus to offer all the benefits of a large campus with the added benefit of a relaxing atmosphere. I especially enjoy the friendly staff and faculty. The encouragement they give will help me achieve my goal of receiving a Bachelor of Arts degree and teaching credential. I feel privileged to be one of the first students to attend this campus.”

—Nancy Almanza, Junior, Liberal Studies

In August, 1999, the former Camarillo State Hospital became a flurry of activity when the CSUN Ventura Off-Campus center relocated its facility to the site. This task was a difficult undertaking, requiring countless hours of time and resources, but now the finishing touches are complete and the hallways once crowded with contractors and electricians are occupied with enthusiastic students.

The Fall, 1999 semester welcomed 1,740 students to the 634-acre property. While the Mission-style buildings remained virtually untouched by renovations, interiors were remodeled which tripled classroom, office, and student services space to accommodate newly equipped computer labs, a library, and electronically-connected classrooms.

“It’s refreshing to see the classic architecture and design of the buildings intact. I can appreciate their historical significance and value,” one student said of our new campus. Another student expressed her excitement at being able to sit under a massive oak tree to read or enjoy lunch. Faculty eagerly anticipated teaching in the newly furnished classrooms and advising in their more spacious faculty offices. “I’m thrilled to have an office where I can actually open the window,” stated Dr. Ragu V. Raghavan, who has taught courses within the management science department at California State University, Northridge since 1996. He applauded the staff and faculty by saying, "They have worked effortlessly to get to this point. Now we all need to keep the momentum going.”
State funds cannot provide for all the costs associated with getting our new university ready to offer the finest education possible to our first students. California State University gratefully acknowledges recent gifts made by friends and supporters who are committed to helping Ventura County achieve its long-held dream of a public, four-year university to educate and serve the people of this region.

**An annual support group, members of the President’s Circle are individual donors who contribute $1,000 or more to the University. Contributors who give through the end of 1999 are considered Founding Members and will be recognized with a tile in the garden.**

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