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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Cal State Channel Islands Receives

\$1 Million Lagomarsino Gift



Signing the gift agreement are, left to right, Richard R. Rush, Norma M. Lagomarsino, and Robert J. Lagomarsino.

Former Congressman Robert J. Lagomarsino and his wife, Norma, donate funds for the new library.

Continuing their long-time support for the University, Robert J. and Norma M. Lagomarsino donated \$1 million in April to establish the John Spoor Broome Library and support the Robert J. and Norma M. Lagomarsino Department of Archives and Special Collections.

Robert Lagomarsino served in the U.S. Congress from 1974 to 1993. Prior to that he was a California State Senator from 1961 to 1974, and Mayor of Ojai from 1958 to 1961.

Mr. Lagomarsino's outstanding record of serving the people of Ventura and Santa Barbara Counties is documented in an

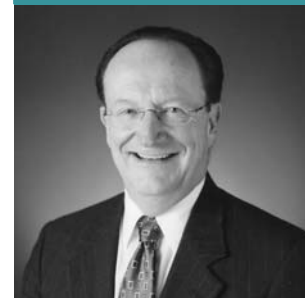
extensive archival collection, which he donated to the University in 1998. In 1961, as a state senator, Mr. Lagomarsino introduced the first legislation authorizing a public university for Ventura County.

"Bob and Norma are closely intertwined with the creation of California State University Channel Islands," said President Rush. "This generous gift helps ensure that our new library will contribute to the University's success."

A portion of the Lagomarsinos' gift will create an endowed fund to support the processing and preservation of the University's Lagomarsino Archives, as well as future archival collections and the programs and services of the department, including an annual Robert J. Lagomarsino Lecture.

Newly-appointed University Librarian Paul Adalian expressed gratitude for the major gift supporting the library that he is charged with planning. "The students of CSU Channel Islands are fortunate to have access to the primary research materials contained in the Lagomarsino archives. I think it is wonderful that Mr. and Mrs. Lagomarsino are providing additional funds to help create a Department of Archives and Special Collections, and to support future programs and services."

Further information may be obtained from the Office of University Advancement at (805) 437-8435 or from the Library Archivist, Evelyn Taylor at (805) 437-8830.



As I begin my second year as President of Cal State Channel Islands, I look back on all that we have accomplished in 12 short months with a genuine sense of satisfaction and appreciation. Satisfaction because we have accomplished all that we set out to do on June 18, 2001, the day I arrived officially on campus. Appreciation because none of what we have accomplished could have been possible without your help.

For most of us, this is a once-in-a-lifetime venture. The opportunity to build a major university from the ground up does not come along very often, but when it does, most of us leap at the chance. We realize quickly that it takes teamwork, cooperation, community support, and the contributions of many people to make it a success. No one person or small group of people can do it all. As I said in my inaugural address, I thank each of you for all that you have done to make Ventura County's new University a reality. I extend special thanks to all of you who worked so hard and effectively to make the University's first Presidential Inauguration in April an overwhelming success.

Here are some of the significant milestones we reached this past year:

First group of faculty hired.

Thirteen outstanding faculty members began arriving on campus during the fall semester of 2001. This first cadre of faculty had the enormous task of getting the academic program ready for the University's opening this year.

WASC Eligibility granted. It is essential that Cal State Channel Islands achieve accreditation as soon as possible by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, our regional educational accrediting association. The first step in this process was taken in

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Technology Symposium and Science Building Groundbreaking



Breaking ground for the Science Building are, left to right, Alex McNeill, Academic Vice President; Richard R. Rush; Ivona Grzegorzczuk, Professor of Mathematics; Philip Hampton, Professor of Chemistry; Louise Lutze-Mann, Professor of Biology; Ching-Hua Wang, Professor of Immunology and Biology; Lou Tomasetta, co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Vitesse Semiconductor; and Wayne Davey, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Rockwell Scientific.

Reinforce CSUCI's Pledge to Science and Technology

Cal State Channel Islands affirmed its commitment to science and technology on May 1 with the Technology Workforce of Tomorrow Symposium. Hosted by the CSUCI Business and Technology Partnership (see sidebar on page 2), the event featured a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate construction of the University's Science Building, presentation of the University's first Science Fair awards, results of the Partnership's survey of local technology businesses, and a keynote address by Lou Tomasetta, co-founder and Chief Executive Officer of Vitesse Semiconductor in Camarillo.

To an audience of about 150 business and University representatives, President Rush asserted CSUCI's commitment to the education and training of science and technology workers to meet the industry's need for a skilled workforce, as well as partnering with companies to provide facilities for research and development. One of the goals of the Business and Technology Partnership, Rush said, is to create quality programs that are directly relevant to the region, yet can garner national awareness.

With that in mind, the Partnership conducted a survey earlier this year of approximately 500 technology and science companies from Santa Barbara to Calabasas. The purpose of the survey was to help the University determine how it can better meet the educational needs of the technology and science community, as well as to identify organizations willing to develop a mutually beneficial relationship with the University. It covered topics of curriculum, internship programs, hiring plans, skills, research, and continuing education for employees.

Results of the survey, which had a response rate of 20%, indicate a strong interest from the technology community. Of note, three-quarters of the respondents said that their companies would be willing to offer internships for students and to collaborate on research projects. Nearly all respondents said that they would support continuing education programs for their employees.

A highlight of the Symposium was the presentation of the Ventura County Science Fair Awards. In giving CSUCI's first Science Fair Awards, President Rush said that he hoped the awards would not only encourage the winners' sense of wonder in science, but would also further the pursuit of that wonder. Winners of the \$1,000 scholarships to attend CSUCI were Lauren Baize from La Reina High School and Shavonne Thompson of Ventura High School. Other winners were Kaleigh Aucoin, Colina Middle School; Nika Melero, Tierra Vista School; Dane McFadden, St. Paul's Parish Day School; and Morgan Nagatani, Anacapa Middle School.

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October of 2001 when WASC made the significant determination that Cal State Channel Islands meets all the requirements to proceed through the accreditation application process.

First group of administrators hired. We carried out a number of national searches to identify the vice presidents and other high-level administrators to meet the demands of a rapidly growing campus. By January, the President's Cabinet was in place. The members of the Cabinet are Alexander McNeill, Academic Vice President; Joanne Coville, Vice President for Finance and Administration; Alma D. González, Vice President for University Advancement; Wm. Gregory Sawyer, Vice President for Student Affairs; Mary Ann Dase, Chief Information Officer; and Ted Lucas, Executive Assistant to the President. We also recently hired the first University Librarian, Paul T. Adalian, Jr. and the Director of Institutional Research, Ernie Gonzalez.

Academic Master Plan approved. This spring the Board of Trustees approved the initial academic programs that were developed by the faculty, with the following majors to be offered immediately: Art, Biology, Business, Computer Science, English, Environmental Science and Resource Management, Liberal Studies, Mathematics, and a Teaching Credential program. Other majors and programs will be added in the coming years.

WASC Institutional Proposal accepted. Please see WASC article on page 8.

Groundbreaking for Science Plaza. Please see Technology article on page 1.

Broome Library approved. The Board of Trustees in the spring approved the plans for the new John Spoor Broome Library, which will form an axis with the Science Plaza, the two being connected by a pedestrian mall in the

center of the campus. Construction on the new library is expected to begin in the spring of 2003.

Lagomarsino Archives Funded. In early April the University celebrated the receipt of a \$1 million gift from Bob and Norma Lagomarsino that will support the new John Spoor Broome Library and the Robert J. and Norma M. Lagomarsino Department of Archives and Special Collections. For more details, please see page 1.

Dedication of University Glen. Formerly referred to as East Campus housing, University Glen became a reality at a dedication ceremony in May. Phase I of the project consists of 208 homes, apartments, and townhouses, with completion expected this fall semester.

Second group of faculty hired. Seventeen new faculty members will join their 13 colleagues this fall. This group represents an intensive recruiting and interviewing process by our present group of faculty, and as a result we now have 30 excellent and highly qualified professors. For more details, please see page 8.

And now, as we look forward, here are some of the major events scheduled for the immediate future:

Grand Opening. The day we have all been waiting for is Friday, August 16, 2002. Please plan to attend this major event in the life of the University. You are also invited to attend and participate in other events that will be scheduled for the days leading up to the Grand Opening. Invitations will be in the mail early this summer.

President's Dinner. The President's Dinner will be held on Saturday evening, August 17. Please put this date on your calendar, and expect an invitation soon.

Arrival of our first students. It will be an exciting day for all of us when our first students arrive on August 26, the first full day of classes. We expect more than 500 students, almost all of whom will be transfer students from local community colleges. They will choose from a list of more than 125 courses in both day and evening sessions.

It is appropriate to close by mentioning our first group of students because without them, we would have no reason to be here. As a learning-centered University, we exist primarily to meet the needs of our students — to provide them with a high quality education that will enable them to become thoughtful and productive members of a democratic society. I have spoken often of building a student-friendly institution — a University where the bureaucratic barriers to obtaining an education have been removed. We want to ensure that students move through the educational maze with as little hassle as possible. As I have said many times before, and will continue to emphasize, "We're here for the students."

More Than 400 Students Now Admitted for Fall Semester

The application process for the fall 2002 semester began October 2001. For its inaugural year, Cal State Channel Islands will admit only upper-division transfer students who have already completed their first two years of study in a community college or university. We will offer eight majors: Art, Business, Computer Science, English, Liberal Studies, Biology, Environmental Science, and Math, and one graduate-level Teaching Credential in multiple subjects.

To date, a total of 882 applications have been received; about one-quarter through the Web application process. Liberal Studies is the most popular major so far with 294 applicants, followed by Business with 218. The Admissions and Records Office is working with applicants on a regular basis, notifying them about missing or incomplete documents, and evaluating the required transcripts. More than 436 students have now been formally admitted.

After admission, students will be invited to the campus during the summer for advising and orientation. Registration for courses begins in July.

Financial Aid for Our First Students

Cal State Channel Islands will welcome the first class of transfer students this fall with a combination of grants, loans, and scholarships administered by the Financial Aid Office. Students have been able to apply directly to the U.S. Department of Education and list Cal State Channel Islands as their institution of choice for the 2002-2003 school year.

As a participant in federal, state, and CSU programs, Cal State Channel Islands has received more than 400 applications for financial aid. The University urges prospective students and parents to complete a financial aid application. Community members are encouraged to identify interested students and make them aware of the opportunities for aid.

The Department of Education has recently made the application process fully electronic. Students and parents may apply by using the federal Web site at www.fafsa.ed.gov. By listing the CSUCI school code of E00988 on the application, the Department of Education will route the data directly to the University. The financial aid staff will then contact students and their families to help them plan a successful transition. For information or assistance, please call (805) 437-8518.

Oxnard Ambassadors Donate Funds for Annual Scholarship

Cal State Channel Islands is proud to be the recipient of a new endowed scholarship. The Oxnard Ambassadors established a \$25,000 endowed scholarship (fully endowed in five years) in honor of Robert C. "Bob" McMillan, one of the group's founders. The scholarship will be awarded annually to one or more Oxnard-area business students attending the University. The 35-member Chamber of Commerce group, founded in 1968, consists primarily of area business leaders and helps promote the city of Oxnard.

"Because it's an endowed scholarship — interest earned from the initial \$25,000 donation will pay for future scholarships — it will be a lasting tribute to McMillan and the group he helped found," noted Don DeArmond, past consul general for the Ambassadors. "It was just an automatic for us to support the University and get involved." Added President Rush, "Scholarships are essential to providing access to education. We're very grateful and very delighted."

California Strawberry Festival Gives Endowed Scholarship

The California Strawberry Festival, a popular event held every May in Oxnard, plans to donate \$25,000 to the University for an endowed scholarship benefiting students who work in the strawberry industry or whose parents work in the industry.

"We felt strongly about wanting to establish a scholarship at this fine new institution," said Don DeArmond, chairman of the Strawberry Festival.

President Rush expressed the University's gratitude: "We are very appreciative of the festival's and the community's continued support of our efforts to establish a public institution of higher learning in Ventura County. Scholarships are an investment in our students and are vital to assisting students in meeting their educational goals."

Technology Symposium, cont.

Keynote speaker Tomasetta spoke about the University's capacity to bring together the region's science and technology firms to collectively create a technology corridor that will attract qualified workers, investors, and government support. The elements are in place to make it happen, he said, with the University being the catalyst for innovation.

After a question and answer session, Symposium attendees joined President Rush for the Science Building groundbreaking ceremony. Designed by the architectural firm Bobrow/Thomas and Associates, the two-story, 32,000 square foot structure will house eight laboratories, a 100-seat auditorium, and 16 faculty offices. Next to the Science Building will be a 340,000 square foot research and development facility, which will have lease space available for science and technology companies.



Presenting the artist's rendering of the Science Building are Michael Bobrow, Leslie Thomas, and Abayneh Mikyas of Bobrow/Thomas and Associates.

CSUCI Business and Technology Partnership

The mission of the CSUCI Business and Technology Partnership is to foster the collaboration of technology-based companies with California State University Channel Islands and to promote technological excellence among its students, faculty, and staff for the benefit of the region's economic success.

The CSUCI Business and Technology Partnership began in response to the need to assert the University's commitment to education in science and technology, reinforce partnerships between the University and the business community, and meet the region's needs for technology-skilled workers, applied research and development.

We gratefully acknowledge the following sponsors of the Technology Symposium

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Amgen Donates Science Equipment and Supplies

In March, Amgen donated more than \$75,000 in science equipment and supplies to the University. The used equipment — recently retired, yet nearly new machinery, cabinets, and materials — will be used in Science courses taught at the University, particularly Biology.

Amgen opened its warehouses to CSUCI, providing Immunology and Biology Professor Ching-Hua Wang, Chemistry Professor Philip Hampton, and Biology Professor Louise Lutze-Mann the opportunity to personally select equipment and materials most relevant to the needs of CSUCI Science students. Many of the items donated are in excellent condition, Wang said, and will be useful for many years.

In addition to the durable equipment, the donated supplies will play a critical role in helping students and the University defray the cost of Science courses. For instance, among the items provided are many lab coats. Typically, students purchase their own lab coat for use in class, but now students will be able to use the money they would have spent on the garment for other much-needed items.

Professor Wang said that the University is extremely thankful for Amgen's gift. "We are so grateful for this donation. We certainly appreciate this kind of support." She added that because students in Science programs are required to do some type of service learning or hands-on project — which demands lab time, supplies, and equipment — Amgen's donation will be especially useful to the students.

"Many of our students will have limited resources, so any costs that the University can absorb for the students will be most helpful," noted Professor Wang. "It's all for the students."

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In The News

Faculty Recruitment: Round Two

■ This year's faculty recruitment process began in early fall 2001 with the posting of 25 faculty positions in disciplines such as Business, Computer Science, Education, Biology, Physics, Sociology, Anthropology, Political Science, Mathematics, History, English and Psychology. Within a few weeks we had more than 4,000 qualified applicants from around the world. Faculty search committees, led by our initial group of full-time faculty, had the very difficult task of narrowing the list.

Over the next few months, nearly 250 phone interviews were made to prospective candidates, and the list was further narrowed to 75 candidates who were invited for individual on-campus interviews in late February 2002. Each prospective candidate was asked to give a presentation and be interviewed in a series of several full-day sessions over a period of two intensive weeks. After the faculty made its recommendations and final background checks were completed, President Rush and Academic Vice President McNeill made offers to the 17 finalists.

Next year's new faculty includes professors from as far away as Kuwait and Great Britain, and as near as Los Angeles. They come from universities such as Oxford, Florida Atlantic, Columbia, New Mexico, California State University Los Angeles, California State University Northridge, and the University of California at Santa Cruz, among others. Following is the first list of our new additions to the Cal State Channel Islands faculty for 2002:

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Computer Science
Environmental Science and Resource Management

In addition to the new faculty members listed above, the University began recruiting part-time, adjunct faculty the first week of June. As many as 50 adjunct professors will be hired over the next few months in Art, Business, Education, Math, Biology, Chemistry, Anthropology, English, and Computer Science academic programs. Successful candidates should have strong academic backgrounds and teaching experience. Applications for the adjunct positions are on our Web site at www.csuci.edu.

Accreditation Status Report

■ Cal State Channel Islands was given the go-ahead to proceed to the next step in the accreditation process as the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accepted the University's Institutional Proposal on February 28. In a conference call with the Proposal Review Committee, President Rush and the campus Steering Committee learned of the approval and accepted the proposal.

The Institutional Proposal, which in part emanated from a faculty and staff workshop held in December, conveys the ways in which the University proposes to prepare for and conduct the next two major reports. These reports are scheduled to be submitted to WASC in the fall of this year, and the summer of 2003, respectively. A team from WASC is slated to visit the campus in the spring and fall of 2003 in preparation for its report to the Accrediting Commission in February of 2004.

Chaired by Dr. Alex McNeill, the WASC Steering Committee includes Dr. William Cordeiro, Dr. Dennis Muraoka, Dr. Kevin Volkan, Dr. Greg Sawyer, Dr. Ted Lucas, and consultant Dr. Chuck Lindahl.

The next step in the accreditation process is developing the Preparatory Report, which will be submitted to WASC this coming November. If all goes according to the proposed timeline, Cal State Channel Islands will achieve the status of Candidate for Accreditation in the spring of 2004. That achieved, the earliest date the institution can attain full accreditation is spring 2006.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 19, 2002
Student Orientations begin and run through August 21. For dates and reservations, call (805) 437-8998.
- August 16, 2002
University Opening Ceremonies
- August 17, 2002
President's Dinner
- August 26, 2002
Fall Semester Classes Begin

Campus Countdown

I have always been interested in environmental science. While enrolled in a class at Moorpark Community College, I found out that Cal State Channel Islands planned to offer a Bachelors of Science in Environmental Science and Resource Management. That was it! I was so excited. I live in Camarillo, so the campus is close. The time of the opening of the University and my career plans are perfect.

— Amy Spandrio

Junior transfer from Moorpark Community College



When I heard that CSUCI was going to offer a Biology major, I was definitely interested. I want to pursue my education in this geographical area. It appeals to me that the University is new, with state-of-the-art equipment. It doesn't get much better than that. Plus it seems like the University's focus is on the students. I know that at CSUCI, with smaller class sizes, there will be much more individualized attention. It is all very exciting!

— Joshua Goldstein

Junior transfer from Ventura Community College



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