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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



J. Handel Evans

"Large streams from little fountains flow, Tall oaks from little acorns grow."

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.

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

CSU 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.

President J. Handel Evans and Mr. John S. Broome review plans for the new library.

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."

A Day To Celebrate

Community leaders joined university staff on September 26 to celebrate a significant accomplishment: the Bell Tower Building beautifully renovated and restored in record time. The entire CSUN Ventura Campus has moved into sparkling new classrooms, computer labs, and offices.

Ventura County Supervisor Kathy Long joined CSU Channel Islands President J. Handel Evans, CSU Northridge Interim President Louanne Kennedy, and CSU Trustee Laurence J. Gould, Jr. in a ribbon cutting that marked the official opening of the Bell Tower Building. More than 500 enthusiastic friends and supporters were on hand to celebrate the move of students and faculty to CSUN at Channel Islands.

During the open house that followed the ceremony, over 2,000 people came to tour the building and the CSUCI campus,

take in music and dance performances, as well as a Studio Channel Islands art exhibition. Attracted by the blend of modern facilities within an historical landmark many in attendance were excited about the possibility of becoming a student at the new California State University Channel Islands when it opens in 2002.



Community leaders participate in a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the move of CSUN at Channel Islands and the opening of the newly renovated Bell Tower Building.

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.
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our request:

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Thank you!

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.



Several members of the Academic Directions Task Force hard at work. Left to right are: Professor Lynne Cooke, CSUN, Dr. Stephen Lefevre, Director, CSUN at Channel Islands, Dr. Ira Schoenwald, Academic Planner, CSUCI, Professor James Highsmith, CSU Fresno, and Professor Sue Schaefer, CSU Hayward.

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.



Green Campus Workshop participants check out an electric bicycle and scooter as short-trip alternatives to the cars in the background.

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Supports New University

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.



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Bernard and Barbara Bobitch

■ “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.homesfor-books.com.



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■ 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.



Among the guests at the President’s Circle brunch were Nicholas and Linda Bednarski, and Cindi Smith and Stuart Daley.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

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Generally speaking, this program can best be described as a tenant on the new campus with the planning staff of CSU Channel Islands acting as landlords, and as such, providing support with the facility in areas such as construction and parking.

Students who attend CSUN at Channel Islands are considered Northridge students. They acquire academic credit at that institution and are serviced by the main campus for such things as library resources, financial aid counseling, and other student support services. We at CSU Channel Islands are the advance guard of what will become the future faculty and staff of the new university. Our role is to prepare the way by establishing the financial base for the future campus, by commencing the resultant development and construction of our needed facilities and by mapping out the academic direction of the institution.

Since many of you have been awaiting this campus for many years, it is not unusual to ask what needs to be done. I believe that we are well into this creative endeavor. In these pages, you will read of our new academic initiatives to ensure that our local and future students receive the guidance that they need to academically prepare for entrance. You will read of one man’s belief in the power of education and his generosity to begin what we intend to become an outstanding library complex. Hopefully, you will sense the dynamism and excitement that pervades our endeavors. Our work has been recognized, and at the July meeting of our Board of Trustees a resolution was passed which, subject to certain conditions, formally establishes California State University Channel Islands. The conditions are that the CSU obtain approval from the California Post-Secondary Education Commission (in process at the system level), review by the Chancellor for compliance with trustee policy (ongoing), approval of a \$10 million budget request for the 2000-01 fiscal year, and the eventual selection and hiring of academic staff.

The most critical step in the process has been identified as that of obtaining the \$10 million for our support budget from the Governor. These funds will provide the first administrative and planning faculty. We anticipate the request will be entered as a part of the system budget in November and we anticipate an indication of the Governor’s support in January of 2000. In the interim, we will be working with our local state delegations in an effort to enlist their support with the Governor. You can be of assistance by supporting our efforts in a similar manner. Please let our local representatives and the Governor know how important this university is to you and the future of the region and its people.

The process seems complicated and sometimes slow; however, I hope that as you read through this edition of Current, you will be able to sense our progress and excitement as we share this unique privilege of creating something quite wonderful. Let me then finish as I started with Mr. Everett:

“And though now I am small and young,
Of judgment weak and feeble tongue,
Yet all great, learned men, like me,
Once learned to read their ABC.”

J. Handel Evans
PRESIDENT

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.

History & Modern Convenience Combine

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 the off-campus center 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."

CSUCI 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

"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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