In July, CSU Channel Islands will present its Physical Master Plan for campus development to the Trustees of the California State University System. The Master Plan articulates a long-range approach which will guide the growth and development of the campus over the next 25 years. The plan must be flexible in order to accommodate changes of the physical infrastructure and the academic mission of the campus as time goes on.

The objectives of the Physical Master Plan are to develop a site that:
- Accommodates a full-service, four-year university campus
- Provides quality, public higher education programs to eligible high school graduates, community college transfer students, and “non-traditional” students who are presently in the work force or retired
- Develops an educational, cultural, and recreational facility that serves all citizens of the region
- Provides a beneficial re-use of an existing state facility
- Preserves the historic nature of the site and its buildings
- Fosters an alternative funding mechanism for campus development activities

The Master Plan is the result of an 18-month collaboration process, which involved working with local municipalities, the County of Ventura, representatives of the environmental community, and community members at large.

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LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Needs Analysis Submitted

In what is considered to be a major hurdle in becoming an academic credit-granting university, CSU Channel Islands will submit a “Needs Analysis” on May 1 to the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

A Head Start

High school students interested in getting a head start on their college studies can enroll in CSU Channel Island’s Summer College program, which begins this summer.

The five-week program earns students three college level credits. It is co-sponsored with CSU Northridge at Channel Islands and combines academic coursework with Career Exploration Seminars. Seminars will cover a range of careers and academic disciplines including the arts, business, education, health sciences, science and technology, and the social and behavioral sciences.

The seminars will also help students make decisions about college selection and career paths, as well as narrow choices for college majors. Special events are planned to involve students in learning about law enforcement, the CSU K-9 Academy, local Chumash Native American history, the latest in alternative fuel vehicles, careers in biotechnology, the arts and business, recent developments in sports medicine and kinesiology, and much more.

We invite highly motivated students entering their junior or senior year in high school to apply for CSU Channel Islands’ first Summer College experience. For additional information, students and parents may contact the program coordinator, Dr. Shelley Bartenstein, at (805) 437-8451.

Agricultural Collection Comes To CSUCI

Channel Islands is the recipient of a $10,000 grant from the Hansen Trust to build the Hansen Trust Library Collection in Agricultural Management.

The successful proposal to the Hansen Trust Agricultural Literacy and Issues Competitive Grants Program will provide the new John Spoor Broome Library with an essential collection of approximately 300 books. This collection will support educational programs in agricultural business management, marketing, and finance.

The need for educational programs in agribusiness was underscored in a “Survey of Educational Needs in Agriculture” funded in 1998 by the Hansen Trust and reported in March of 1999. The results indicate the top priority of the agricultural business community in Ventura County is that CSUCI offers programs and courses in the business of agriculture, including marketing and finance.

The collection will be purchased this Spring and Summer and will be housed temporarily in the CSUCI at Channel Islands Library.

Partnership Formed With Oxnard

CSU Channel Islands and Oxnard Union High School District have formed a partnership, known as Project ASPIRE, which is designed to prepare 200 junior high school students for college admission.

Project ASPIRE (Achieving Student Progress and Increasing Readiness for Education) is funded through the Ventura County Community Foundation, along with matching funds from the Oxnard Union High School District.

The program is intended to help students by increasing basic English and mathematics proficiency skills, increasing the number of graduates going to a California State University, and reducing the number of CSU freshman required remedial work. Activities include CSU faculty exchanges with math and English teachers, administration of diagnostics in English and math, development of tutoring plans for each student, and tutoring students through the Fall of 1999 and the Spring of 2000.

Parental involvement will be an important aspect of the partnership as well.

Staff members at both CSU Northridge and CSUN at Channel Islands will provide advice regarding financial aid, the college application process, and other admission issues.

Getting Ahead In Business

CSU Channel Islands Certificate in Business provides basic business skills to students with Bachelor’s degrees from other disciplines.

The course work allows students to learn the theory and applications of accounting, economics, finance and law, statistics, management, and marketing.

“This is the new and innovative type of program that we feel is the way of the future,” says Rear Admiral Robert C. Chaplin. “For the Navy, it enables us to offer effective programs for people at sea. It’s really taking advantage of the new technology because it lets us take the classroom to the student.”

Offered in collaboration with California State University, Los Angeles, and the Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, the Certificate in Business Management is comprised of six fundamental management courses that are prerequisite to the Master in Business Administration degree.

Academic credit is awarded by CSU Los Angeles, and four of the six courses in the certificate program are also accepted by the Navy Postgraduate School as transfer units for the Master of Science in Management degree.

Instruction for this innovative certificate is delivered entirely via the Internet. The on-line format permits students to complete their assignments and participate in class discussions from any place, at any time. While the entire course can be accessed via the web, faculty meets with students in an intensive, one-day Saturday session on campus at the beginning of each course. The first class is scheduled to begin April 29, 2000.

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HELP OUR LIBRARY GROW

A gift to the CSU Channel Islands library is a wonderful way to remember a loved one or honor someone special on their birthday or anniversary. Individuals making a donation of $50 or more may have a name inscribed on a bookplate, which will be placed in a new library acquisition. For further information please contact Nancy Covarrubias Gill at (805) 437-8456.

CSU Channel Islands Foundation

More than fifty business leaders gathered at the first CSU Channel Islands Corporate Council breakfast meeting on February 24 to hear Russell Goldsmith, Chairman and C.E.O. of City National Bank, speak about the impact CSU Channel Islands is likely to have on the local economy. The Corporate Council fosters support and involvement by the business community in the development of CSU Channel Islands. As Ventura County’s first four-year public university, CSU Channel Islands intends to be responsive to and reflective of the region’s diverse economy.

President's Circle members and their invited guests attended the first President's Circle Lecture hosted by President J. Handel Evans and the CSU Channel Islands Foundation. Over 100 people attended a coffee and dessert reception prior to a presentation by guest speaker Dr. Gary Greene, Marine Geologist of the Moss Landing Marine Laboratories and San Jose State University. Dr. Greene’s lecture, “Fish Tales from the Geological Zone of the Channel Islands,” highlighted marine life along the Ventura and Santa Barbara county coastlines. Those in attendance were also treated to a preview of this year’s keepsake for President’s Circle new and renewing members. Our appreciation goes to Barber Ford of Ventura, the event’s sponsor.

Coldwell Banker Town & Country’s “Homes for Books” program resulted in a gift of nearly $17,000 to the University for the purchase of books and other resources for its new Library. The company’s president, William W. Geary, Jr., presented a check to CSU Channel Islands President J. Handel Evans at a reception held on campus on February 28. Among those applauding the contribution were librarians from local public libraries and students from CSUN at Channel Islands, underscoring the fact that the University’s Library will be a resource for the entire community.

Library Branch Opens on Campus

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ince the Spring semester, CSU Northridge students enrolled at the Channel Islands campus have had access to new library facilities including computer workstations, group study areas, and individual study stations equipped with power ports and Internet access. Housed in the west wing of the Bell Tower building, the 6,500 square foot library operates as a branch of the CSU Northridge library. This facility will serve students and faculty until the expected completion of the John Spoor Broome Library at CSU Channel Islands in 2003.

The library is open 62 hours per week and offers students a significantly expanded level of support from professional librarians. “Having a library provides a much-needed resource for students conducting research and a wonderful location for students to study,” says Larry Johnson, President of the Associated Students at the Channel Islands campus. Approximately 15,000 volumes are available in the library. In addition, students have electronic access to the full text of thousands of journals and can order any item from the complete catalog at CSUN’s Oviatt Library. A daily courier service delivers materials to the branch library from the main campus.

Sharing Resources

The gift of to the Library at CSU Channel Islands

The gift of a bookplate, which will be placed in a new library acquisition.

Gathered at the Corporate Council breakfast were (left to right): Debbie Rodgers, Coldwell Banker Town & Country, Regional Director, Business Development; Russell Goldsmith, City National Bank CEO; J. Handel Evans, CSUCI President; and, Pat Richards, City National Bank, V.P. Business Development.

Joining CSUCI President J. Handel Evans at the Coldwell Banker Town & Country gift presentation were Carlsberg Management Company President William W. Geary, Jr., John S. Broome, Coldwell Banker Town & Country, Regional Director, Business Development Debbie Rodgers, and Coldwell Banker Commercial Carlsberg Executive Vice President Forbes W. Burdette.

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The CSU Channel Islands Shuttle Program got off to a successful launch with riders exceeding original projections made by the Ventura County Transportation Commission. In one month, over 8,000 trips to CSU Channel Islands were made. “This is great news for our Green Campus,” says Ray Porras, Director of Transportation & Parking Services. “The shuttle bus not only helps the environment by cutting down on the number of cars on the road, but it also saves people the cost of parking on campus.” Groups or individuals wishing to visit the campus may call (805) 437-8430 to arrange for a free shuttle ride from the Metrolink station in Camarillo or C Street in Oxnard.

The California Preservation Foundation has bestowed a 2000 Preservation Design Award upon CSU Channel Islands. The award was given in the rehabilitation/adaptive reuse category in recognition of the transformation of the Bell Tower building’s purpose from a state hospital facility into a modern university structure, while maintaining its architectural integrity. “We considered ourselves to be stewards of this site. Our goal was to create collegiate spaces and capture major characteristics of the architecture as symbolic anchors of the future university’s growth,” says Michael Bobrow who, with his partner Julia Thomas, is a principal in the Westwood firm of Bobrow/Thomas and Associates, lead architects on the Bell Tower project and the campus master planning architects.

Headquartered in Oakland, the California Preservation Foundation is the only private, non-profit, statewide organization dedicated to ensuring that California’s diverse historic resources are identified, protected, and celebrated for their history and role in California’s economy, environment, and quality of life.

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