

# Channel Islands View

Special Edition •

The Voice of the CSUCI Student Body

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## Welcome Back Dolphins!

I am thrilled to be serving as your student body president for this next year and for the opportunity to welcome back our returning students, and to introduce our transfer students and our first freshmen class to our great university. I think this is going to be an outstanding year for Cal State Channel Islands.

Our university is at an exciting and dynamic time right now. From completing the science building to breaking ground on student housing, new things are developing and old things are changing all over campus. One of the newest additions to our university is the establishment of Student Government. Your new Student Government has been working hard over the summer to improve our university for the students. We have written both a mission statement and bylaws to govern our organization and we have been focused on the issues you told us in the spring were important.

We are trying to increase bus ridership so that we can continue to have alternative means of transportation for the students and ease the strain on our parking facilities. From August 25-September 8 students will have the opportunity to ride the bus for free and see if it is a service that works for them. We are concerned about the safety of our students both off campus and on. For our bus riders, we are working with community members to increase lighting and address other safety issues

at the Camarillo Metrolink station. Emergency "blue lights" have recently been installed on campus and will be coming on line soon.

One of our goals is to have a better-informed student body, and thanks to the hard work of many individuals on campus, we will have a student e-mail system this semester. We have been developing better ways of communicating with professors and administration to let your opinions be known, and we are continuing to tackle the major issues that will define the future of our university like student fees and childcare.

However, the real future of our

university is in the hands of the students. Whether you are a first time freshmen or preparing to graduate, take advantage of all your university has to offer you and get the best education you possibly can. There are many opportunities for learning outside of the classroom. Finding these opportunities and taking advantage of them will make all the difference in your education. Good luck to all our students as they begin their new classes. Have a great semester!

**Now that you are here what is next, do you know about all of the things that your new school has to offer? If not meet your school!**

## New Associated Student Fee

Last semester the students of California State University Channel Islands voted overwhelmingly to incorporate the student body. Now Student Government has been formed and elections have been held and your new representatives have been planning activities and services all summer. Currently this is difficult, if not impossible, because there is no Associated Student Fee. The students will have an opportunity to rectify this situation on September 30 and October 1 when the vote for the Associated Student Fee is held. The fee will be \$62 per semester and is comparable to Northridge's student fee, which is \$66, and Cal State Hayward's, which is approximately \$70. Virtually every college and university in the country has an Associated Student Fee and the fee pays for many activities and services that improve our campus.

As a general rule, the Associated Student Fee pays for student activities, like concerts or speakers; recreation, like the gym and intramural sports; some aspects of campus communication, like message boards and student e-mails; support for clubs, tutoring services, child care, and the development of men's and women's athletic programs. In addition to these services that students directly benefit from, the fee also supports the mechanisms through which the student's ideas, concerns, and complaints are brought to the attention of the faculty and the administration.

All over our campus there is evidence of how our university is growing and expanding. From the new science building to student housing to hiring new faculty, CSUCI is developing its identity. We don't want the students, the most important part of Channel Islands, to be left behind. The establishment of this fee is the next necessary step in the development of Cal State Channel Islands and will allow the students to have more of an influence and a voice in their university. Don't let this moment in the history of our university pass you by: vote on the fee September 30<sup>th</sup> and October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### Diversity Statement

California State University Channel Islands is committed to building and maintaining a diverse, accessible, civil, and supportive learning community. It fosters respect and understanding among all cultures and all individuals who work, study, live, and teach within this community. Bigotry, expression of hatred or prejudice, behaviors that infringe upon the freedom and respect that every individual deserves, and harassment of any kind transgress the university's purpose and values. Just as learning benefits from the interplay of teaching and scholarship in a variety of disciplines, so does the

university community learn and profit from diverse cultures and perspectives.

### Clubs and Organizations

Student organizations at CHANNEL ISLANDS play an important role in the university community. They increase the vitality of the campus as well as provide leadership opportunities and community service. Organizations at CSUCI provide a variety of opportunities ranging from sports clubs to politics. The university gains directly by the quality of the organizations, their programs, the leadership training and the quality of students involved in the clubs. The Office of Student Development coordinates registration for campus clubs and organizations each semester as well as providing educational opportunities for Individual students and student organizations. Services available to organizations include budget assistance, program development and leadership training.

Some of the many clubs on campus include:

The Channel Islands View  
Campus Crusade for Christ  
Student Government  
The Golphin Dolphins  
The Business Club  
The Young Republicans  
The Writer's Toolbox  
The Wiffle Club  
Programming Board  
The Math Club

# Erika's View

Greetings all returning students, and all freshmen as well as all our new transfer students.. Well I hope that everyone had a good summer and are ready for another wonderful year at Channel Islands. Now is the time to get back into school from the long break. I hope that everyone this year will check out campus events and organizations. We have a new gym and lots of exciting things are happening. I know that many of the clubs are looking for members so get involved. I have a special announcement to make if you are looking for something to get involved in. If you like to write and you enjoy talking to people. I am looking for writers and I will also be looking for a new editor for the spring semester. I look forward to receiving an e-mail from all who are interested. The paper is growing and the school has more students and activities, we need more people to grow and be a part of the paper. If you are interested you can contact me Erika Butler at [emagik5@aol.com](mailto:emagik5@aol.com). I look forward to hearing from you soon!!

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And many more. This is not a complete list of all the clubs and organizations but if there is something that you are interested in get involved! There is no better way to experience all that the campus has to offer unless you get involved. If there is not a club that meets your interests talk with Toni Rice or Trae Cotton, They will fill you in on how to start you own campus club.

Student Activities at California State University CHANNEL ISLANDS supports the university mission by fostering a positive co-curricular and extra-curricular learning environment. By providing opportunities for experiential leadership, individual creativity, club and organizational development, cultural diversity, and cooperative teamwork, the Office of Student Activities promotes a sense of self-awareness and self-actualization while enriching university life of all CSUCI students.

### Need help with your classes? Don't forget the Math Tutoring Lab and University Writing Center

We are excited to bring you the services of our Math Tutoring Lab and the University Writing Center. These centers are designed to provide you with the tools to improve your skills and make the most out of your learning experience here at CSUCI. Our process is collaborative — we work with you to encourage effective, independent learning, and to further your knowledge and understanding in a

number of classes. To schedule an appointment, please call 437-8409, stop by room 1301 in the Bell Tower or email us.

### Math Tutoring Lab

Our Math Tutors are here to help you step-by-step and help you have a better understanding of our assignments. Our tutors enjoy working with groups and often prefer walk-ins, but appointments are welcome as well. Check the display in front of room 1432 in the Bell Tower, or in front of the Advising Center (room 1301) for updates and information.

### Math Tutoring Lab Hours - Bell Tower 1207 & 1209

To Be Announced Appointment Line - 437-8409

### University Writing Center

Our Writing Consultants are available to help with editing, organizing a paper, and improving your writing skills. They can assist you with any step in the writing process, from brainstorming to creating your final draft. Appointments are at least 30 minutes, and can be as long as an hour. If you want to have a quick consultation by phone, please call 437-8934.

### University Writing Center Hours - Bell Tower 1223 & 1224

To Be Announced

Information/Appointment Line \_ 437-8409  
Consultation Line - 437-8934

The centers are open to all students. Don't wait till you overwhelmed to get to know your math and writing center staff right away. They are there for you and because they are students they know that sometimes a little help makes a big difference.

### Are you a returning student getting ready to graduate either in the fall or winter?

This year make an effort to stop and explore the Career services department. Career Development provides career planning and preparation services.

Location: Bell Tower Building, Room 1415  
Phone: (805) 437-8510, TDD (805) 437-8510  
Fax: (805) 437-8529

Our Career Services can help students:

- To explore their personal interests, values, and goals
- To discover where they want to go with their career
- To plan how to get there

Services include (but are not limited to):

- Personalized Career

Counseling

- Job Shadow and Internship Opportunities
- Part-time Employment
- Career Assessment Inventories
- On-campus Job Interviews
- Co-Curricular Transcript
- Job Preparedness Workshops
  - o Resume Writing
  - o Interview Strategies
  - o Dressing for Success

Career Development is a part of the C.H.A.P.S Program.

### What happens if I get sick at school? No worries, the student health center is here to help you!!

Location: Health Center Building on San Luis Avenue (Behind the professional building).  
Phone: (805) 437-8828  
Fax: (805) 437-8829

Hours at the health center vary. Drop in patients are welcome; however each student is seen on a first come first serve basis unless they have an appointment. Be on the safe side, call ahead to make an appointment and confirm hours of operation.

Students can expect help with:

- Diagnosis and Treatment of Acute Illness and Injuries
- Physical Examinations
- Family Planning
- Immunizations (Measles and Rubella)
- PAP Smears
- TB Testing
- HIV Testing
- STD Screening and Treatment
- Pregnancy Testing
- Emergency Care
- Hepatitis Testing

Student Health is a part of the CJLA.P.s Program.

# Campus News

## University Pre-Leasing Space in New Town Center

Camarillo, Calif., August 18, 2003 — California State University Channel Islands is actively recruiting businesses to lease space in its new Town Center complex. The three-story structure will be complete in spring 2005. In addition to apartment units, it will house a wide variety of retail, service, and restaurant facilities.

Designed by RTKL Associates, Inc. of Los Angeles, the 90,000 square-foot CSUCI Town Center complex will serve both housing and service needs for the campus and its surrounding communities. The second and third levels of the structure will feature 58 apartments for University faculty and staff. On the ground level will be 30,000 square feet of mixed-use retail space and a stunning central courtyard. The Town Center will serve both the campus community and the nearby University Glen housing development, which, when completed, will total 900 homes for faculty and staff.

Proposed services in the Town Center include a community market, restaurant, mail and reprographics services, commercial office space, food vendors, a coffee shop, and the campus bookstore. Other services are under consideration.

"With the opening of the Town Center, the campus will have a focal point for providing essential services to the University community," comments George Dutra, Associate Vice President of Operations, Planning, and Construction. "The Town Center will bring a new dimension to the campus that will make coming here user friendly and enjoyable, while also serving the needs of the residential community."

For more information on the Town

Center please call Caroline Doll, Real Estate Manager, at (805) 384-9228.

## Budget crisis in California, What does that mean for the CSU system?

CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed

In my ongoing attempt to keep you informed about California State University system wide issues, I wanted to take this opportunity to share the news on some important budget developments.

After months of protracted negotiations, the California Legislature has finally reached agreement on a 2003/04 state budget. The new budget calls for deep cuts at the CSU, for a total net reduction of approximately \$345 million, or about 13 percent of the CSU's \$2.6 billion General Fund budget.

The CSU had anticipated deep cuts and had been planning for many months to manage these reductions with the least possible impact to students and employees. We made such cuts as eliminating or freezing 2,300 vacant positions, freezing salaries for management employees and executives, and reducing the Chancellor's Office budget by \$4.5 million. Additionally, at the July Board of Trustees meeting, our trustees made the difficult decision to raise graduate and undergraduate system wide student fees by 30 percent.

However, the new budget reflects cuts that were even deeper than we had expected. It also carries a stark message about the future of access at California's public universities. The new budget cuts will mean that the CSU must limit enrollment growth to only 4.3 percent instead of the 7 percent anticipated for 2003/04. Additionally, the budget language calls for zero enrollment growth

at the CSU and the University of California for 2004/05.

With these new limits, our state lawmakers have essentially told us that we need to place restrictions on our long-cherished promise of providing educational opportunity to all eligible California students. This policy change creates a near-term challenge for the CSU in that many of our campuses will be limiting or cutting off enrollment for the spring session. For the long term, it means that our state must reform its higher education financing structure in a way that allows us to provide access to a quality education in good economic times and bad.

Over the next several months, the CSU campus presidents and I will be examining ways to manage this situation while maintaining academic quality at our institutions. I will write to you again after the fall term has begun to share any more budget news that may have emerged and to bring you up to date on our progress. In the meantime, I want to thank you again for your cooperation during these months of budget uncertainty, and for all that you do for the California State University.

## Student Housing Construction Project Officially Begins

Camarillo, Calif. — Ground was officially broken for a new student housing complex at California State University Channel Islands. When completed, the \$20 million facility will accommodate approximately 350 students. Students, faculty, staff, and friends of the University joined together at the southwest corner of campus for a ceremony to celebrate the historic event.

A picturesque view of the majestic Santa Monica mountains served as a backdrop for campus officials and community leaders who spoke at the

event. University President Richard R. Rush, Assembly member Hannah-Beth Jackson, CSU Board of Trustees Chair Debra S. Farar, CSUCI Vice President for Student Affairs Wm. Gregory Sawyer, and CSUCI Student Government President Rebecca Glazier addressed a sizeable audience that included members of the first freshman class who were on campus attending an orientation.

Rush, Farar, Sawyer, and Glazier were then joined by CSUCI Vice President of Finance and Administration Joanne Coville, President of HMH Construction David Hight, and Project Manager of Ambling West John Morton for the breaking of ground, a first step in a construction process that will take approximately one year to complete.

Funded from the CSU system wide revenue bond program, the student dormitory will be the first on-campus housing alternative for CSUCI students. Three tri-level buildings will house 93 apartments, each with four bedrooms, a kitchenette, and two bathrooms. The complex will also feature a commons area complete with recreation room, pool, and spa. Although the 1,075 square-foot apartments will have all the latest amenities, the complex was designed to blend in with the existing 1930s Spanish revival architecture that characterizes the campus. Included in the design plan are several interior courtyards that will promote community interaction.

"This stunning student housing complex ushers in a new phase of development in our evolution as a campus," comments University President Richard R. Rush, "a phase that has been much anticipated by our student community. These apartments will greatly enhance campus life and allow us to accommodate students from all regions of the state and even the nation."