

Special Houston Alumni Edition

A special for alumni and friends in the greater Houston area

Thousands welcome TAMU-CC as "crown jewel" of higher education

A blue, green and white flag emblazoned with a new seal was unfurled over the Ward Island campus Wednesday, September 1, closing the chapter on Corpus Christi State University and heralding a new era in higher education as the Island University donned its new name: Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC).

Over 2,500 people gathered at several events throughout the day to celebrate the University's name change. TAMU-CC's Faculty Center Atrium was standing-room-only

as an estimated 300 dignitaries, special guests, students, staff and faculty crowded together for the unveiling of the University's new colors and look to go with its new name.

Later in the day, some 2,200 music enthusiasts gathered at Cole Park for a free concert sponsored by 4UCC and the TAMU-CC Alumni Association, with special sponsorship provided by local attorneys Rene Haas and David Perry.

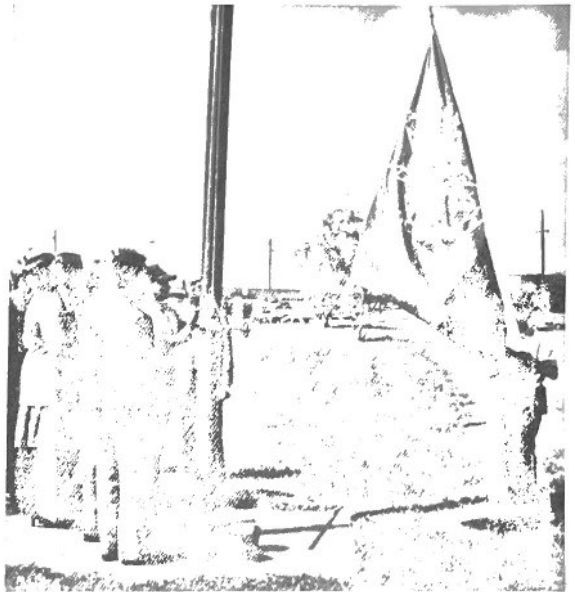
TAMU-CC President Dr. Robert R. Furgason hosted the hour-long formal name change ceremony in

the Faculty Center that morning. A number of legislators and community volunteers received recognition for securing the name change as well as for helping to secure increased funding for the University and the conversion to four-year status which commences in Fall 1994.

With a mood best described as jubilant, speakers outlined the challenges of the past seven years and their efforts which culminated with the September 1 Name Change Day celebration. Sen. Carlos Truan, author of the name change legislation, proclaimed the A&M name as a great asset to higher education in South Texas.

Dr. William Mobley, the newly-appointed chancellor of the Texas A&M University System (TAMUS), welcomed the new name, saying, "Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi, I firmly believe, will be one of the crown jewels of Texas higher education."

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New flag unfurled—Members of the University Police Department raised the new Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi flag before a crowd of visiting legislators and Texas A&M University System officials as part of the September 1 Name Change Day celebration.



October 18, 1993

Special Edition

Introducing Brooks Peterson and Ken DeDominicis Greetings from TAMU-CC!



Brooks Peterson (left) offers professional journalistic advice to alumni affairs executive Ken DeDominicis.

A year ago, in October 1992, Brooks Peterson, president of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) Alumni Association and senior editorial writer for the *Corpus Christi Caller Times*, and Ken DeDominicis, TAMU-CC's vice president for institutional advancement/alumni affairs, teamed up to increase the involvement of

alumni in marketing the University and in recruiting the first freshman class for Fall 1994. The partnership has proven successful thus far, but both agree that more work needs to be done.

"Only 400 freshmen and 600 sophomore students will be allowed to enter TAMU-CC in 1994," said Peterson. "This means the alumni

Houston alumni launch scholarship program

As Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) prepares to admit freshmen and sophomore students for the first time in nearly 20 years, the Houston alumni rally support to send Houston-area students to the Island University.

In an informal meeting of the TAMU-CC Alumni Association Board on September 19, Dawn and John Brummett, Dianne Dupierier, Sylvia Rachford, Lynn and James Sharp, and Houston-area Alumni President Roy Torres discussed criteria for the Houston Alumni Association Scholarship Fund.

They decided the number of \$1,000 awards, which can be used for tuition, books, fees and supplies, would be determined after the donations were received. The University Scholarship Committee will select students on the basis of financial need, academic merit and demonstrated leadership and communication skills. The award will be open to any entering freshman from the greater Houston area.

The new officers for the Houston Chapter of the Alumni Association were elected on a July 8 meeting in



Presidents, Past and Present—Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) President Dr. Robert R. Furgason (center) met with newly elected president of the TAMU-CC Houston Chapter of the Alumni Association, Roy Torres (left) and past president Shirald Hendrix at the 1993 Annual Houston Alumni meeting in July.

Houston. They are: Roy Torres, president, (713) 921-1400; Sylvia Rachford, vice president, (713) 995-3489; James Sharp, vice president, (713) 499-0889; Dianne Dupierier,

secretary, (713) 667-1316; and Dorothy Cornelison, treasurer, (713) 353-5524. The immediate past president is Shirald Hendrix, (713) 376-9360.

have to concentrate on recruiting the highest quality students possible for that class."

1-800-4TAMUCC

As a way to encourage alumni involvement in that recruiting process, TAMU-CC recently installed a toll-free telephone number: 1-800-4TAMUCC. "We are encouraging all of the alumni to recruit quality students in their hometowns. This toll-free number is a tool to increase alumni contact with the University," explained DeDominicis.

The other focus of Peterson's and DeDominicis' strategy is to increase awareness of the University outside of the Coastal Bend. "The marketing thrust of our efforts is vital to increase the visibility of the University," said Peterson. "In order to attract quality faculty, students and resources, we have to work to expand awareness of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi beyond South Texas," he stated.

DeDominicis concurred. "With the alumni's help, we will move The Island University to state, and eventually national, prominence," he said.

Peterson and DeDominicis invite all alumni and friends of the University to explore the new campus and visit old friends at the annual alumni meeting, which will be held on campus on November 9.

See story, page 4, for more information on the November 9 alumni meeting.

Riding The Wave of the Future...

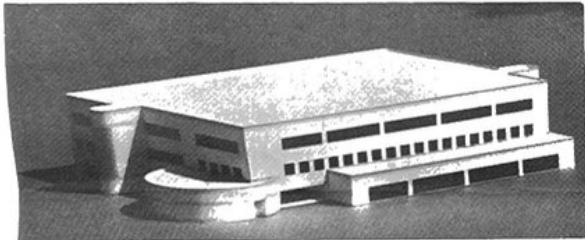


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Projected completion: Early 1996

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- Provides a service for academic clients and a laboratory for early childhood education students
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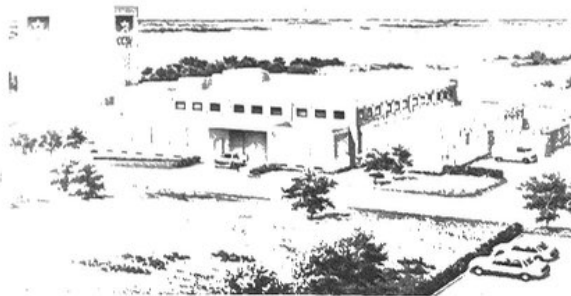
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- Will also program

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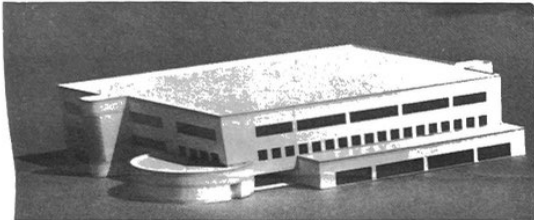


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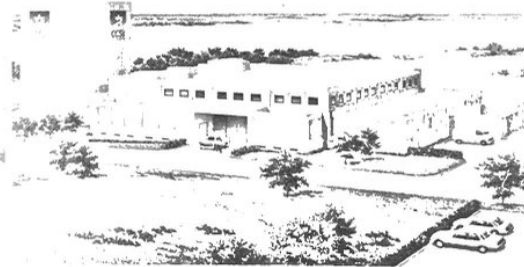
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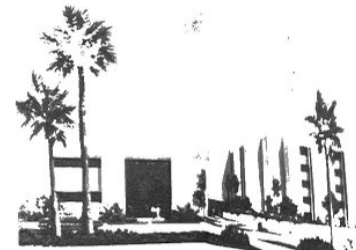
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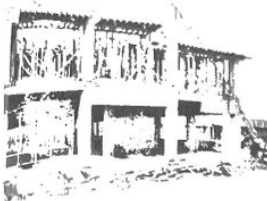
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Who's in Charge?

Below are contacts for current construction projects on campus:

Facility/Project	Contact
Administration Bldg. Conversion to Student Services Center	Dr. Eliot Chenuaux, Dean of Students, 994-2612
Center for the Arts	Dr. Paul Hain, Dean of College of Arts & Humanities, 994-2659
Center for Environmental Studies and Services	Dr. Wes Tunnel, Director of Center for Coastal Studies and Professor of Biology, 994-2768
Center for the Sciences	Dr. Alan Berkebile, Chairperson, Division of Sciences and Professor of Geology, 994-2741
Central Utilities Plant	Mr. George Antone, Building Maintenance Supervisor, 994-2325
Classroom East Renovation	Dr. Moustafa Abdelsamad, Dean of College of Business Administration, 994-2655
Classroom/Lab Office Complex	Dr. Berkebile, 994-2741
Corpus Christi Hall Renovation	Mr. C. Ray Hayes, Exec. VP for Finance & Administration, 994-2321; Dr. Robert Cox, Dean of College of Education, 994-2660
Early Childhood Development Center	Dr. Jane Wilhour, Director of Teacher Resource Center and Professor of Education, 994-2440
Faculty Center Renovation	Dr. Hain, 994-2659
Field House Renovation	Dr. Cox, 994-2660
Furniture	Dr. John Richards, University Transition Officer, 994-5715
Glasscock Memorial Student Ctr.	Mr. Larry Barton, Director of University Services, 994-5712
Infrastructure	Mr. Hayes, 994-2321
Instructional Equipment	Dr. Hain, 994-2659; Dr. Ruth Bakke, Dean of College of Science & Technology, 994-2350
Library Automation/Classrooms	Dr. Tom Kreneck, Interim Director of University Library, 994-2644
Recreational Fields/Tennis Cts.	Ms. Ann DeGaish, Director of Recreational Sports, 994-2454
Seabreeze Hall Renovation	Dr. Richards, 994-5715
Support Services Bldg.	Mr. Hayes, 994-2321
Student Housing	Mr. Hayes, 994-2321
Temporary Parking	Mr. Tazh Fonville, Director of Physical Plant, 994-2422
University Center	Mr. Barton, 994-5712



Student Housing
Projected completion: August 1994
Approximate cost: \$6 million

- On-campus housing for an additional 500 students
- Water views from many rooms
- Some housing will be available May 1994; all units available in August 1994

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Brooks Peterson (speaking), president of the Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) Alumni Association, was one of many TAMU-CC officials, visiting legislators, and A&M System regents on hand to laud The Island University during the formal Name Change Day celebration on September 1.

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"We are looking toward a great future as Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi," said Rep. Hugo Berlanga, who expressed his view that TAMU-CC would grow to national, "maybe even world," prominence. "In the future," said Berlanga, "The campus could be at Corpus Christi instead of College Station." Representatives Todd Hunter and Vilma Luna likewise praised the new name and its impact on advancing the University's mission.

Former State Rep. Eddie Cavazos recalled when he first approached members of The Texas A&M University System (TAMUS) Board of Regents with the idea of changing the names of CCSU, Texas A&I University and Laredo State University. "I was basically told not to let the door hit me on the behind on my way out," said Cavazos with a chuckle. "You know, there is an old saying that if you are dating the daughter of a wealthy man, don't ask for the car keys until after the wedding," continued Cavazos with a smile as he turned to TAMUS Chancellor Mobley. "Well, Dr. Mobley, we'd like those keys now."

Representation from TAMUS featured Chairman of the Board of Regents Ross D. Margraves Jr., Regent Guadalupe L. Rangel and

Mobley, the newly appointed Chancellor.

Speakers from the local community included: The Honorable Josephine Miller, San Patricio County Judge; Fred Heldenfels IV, president, Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce; Joseph Mueller, member, TAMU-CC Foundation; Brooks Peterson, president, TAMU-CC Alumni Association; Mark Scott, president, 4UCC, and Jay Phillips, president-elect, 4UCC.

During his speech to the assembly, Mueller announced a \$50,000 endowment made by the Pritchett Estate in memory of Marty S. Pritchett which will fund a full scholarship for a 1994 TAMU-CC freshman majoring in marine biology. According to an announcement signed by the estate's executrix, Geraldine K. Thomson, "This Name Change Day gift seeks to inspire all citizens, individual and corporate, to support the new scholarship programs of our very special Island University, our community's Wave of the Future, Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi."

Mueller also announced the TAMU-CC Foundation's pledge of \$200,000 to provide scholarships for the 1994 incoming freshman students. "These funds will provide

assistance to worthy students who may not otherwise get the opportunity to pursue higher education," Mueller explained. "Working together, we will be able to turn an individual ripple into the Wave of the Future."

Mueller was followed by TAMU-CC Alumni President Brooks Peterson who introduced the new "Adopt-A-Scholar" program which kicked off September 1. "This program allows individuals to adopt a student by providing an annual scholarship and agreeing to maintain a supportive relationship during the academic career of your student or students," he explained. (For more information on the Adopt-A-Scholar program, call 512-994-2420).

The morning's formal ceremonies culminated in a flag exchange. Representatives of University Police lowered the CCSU colors for the last time at approximately 11:45 a.m. and hoisted the new flag to a round of enthusiastic applause.

The celebration festivities later moved to Cole Park, where two bands performed in a four-hour free concert for the community. The Presidents took the stage at 6 p.m. with their reggae/salsa sound, followed by the Texas folk music and Mexican ballads of Tish Hinojosa.

Annual Alumni meeting set for Nov. 9

The annual Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) Alumni Association meeting has been set for November 9, 1993, beginning at 5:00 p.m. in TAMU-CC's Warren Theatre. The alumni social will be an opportunity to catch up on old friends and see the changes happening at The Island University.

The special program will provide a unique look into the history of the University all the way back to 1947. The event will highlight some little known facts about the campus, and historical artifacts and photos will be on display.

The event will begin with a brief business meeting to elect the new slate of officers and board members for the coming year. Past president of the Houston Chapter of the

TAMU-CC Alumni Association Shirald Hendrix has been nominated as new president.

Hendrix, a Houston businessman, graduated from the University of Corpus Christi in 1960 with a Bachelor of Business Administration and was active in numerous campus activities. "Mr. Hendrix has been a most involved alumnus of the University," said Vice President for Institutional Advancement/Alumni Affairs H. Ken DeDominicis. "I look forward to working with him and the other alumni to promote TAMU-CC throughout the state and the nation."

After the business meeting, TAMU-CC Alumni Association President Brooks Peterson, senior editorial writer for the *Corpus Christi Caller Times*, will review the suc-

cesses of the past year.

University officials will brief the alumni on the latest developments on campus, as well as bring friends and alumni up to date on several University projects.

Key alumni leaders will present information on special initiatives they have been pursuing, including the return of athletic programs to The Island University. Additionally, information will be presented about special corporate-sponsored and State of Texas programs directed at increasing awareness of TAMU-CC around the state and the nation.

"Many alums who have been away for several years are planning to return for this event," said DeDominicis. "Additionally, this will be an excellent opportunity for former students to catch up on the exciting developments pertaining to the conversion of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi to four-year status in 1994," he added.

For more information...

Clip and return this form, or call us at 1-800-4TAMUCC or (512) 994-2420

I will attend the alumni gathering on November 9

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/St/ZIP _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____

Number of people attending: _____

Please return to:
Alumni Affairs, TAMU-CC, 6300 Ocean Dr., Corpus Christi, TX 78412

Been away?

Call the Corpus Christi Area Convention and Visitors Bureau for a guide to Corpus Christi's many accommodations and attractions—Las Carabellas (The Columbus Ships), The Texas State Aquarium, Harbor Playhouse and much more.

1-800-678-OCEAN

Texas A&M University
Corpus Christi
honorably confers the award to
Shirald Hendrix
the degree of
Bachelor of Business Administration

in May 1960
in accordance with the provisions and laws governing the award
in consideration of the outstanding character of the degree
conferred by the Faculty of the University
The following named persons have been offered the seal of the University

William H. Mobley
Chancellor

Shirald Hendrix
Graduate

John S. Pritchett
President

Graduation Certificates Available—Former graduates of the Island University may now also identify with the new name. TAMU-CC certificates of graduation are now being offered to all past graduates, regardless of the institutional name when originally awarded.

University graduates interested in obtaining a new certificate with the TAMU-CC name can order one through the Registrar's office. "The document will certify the conferral of the original degree and will be printed on the same elegant stock that is currently used for diplomas," said TAMU-CC Registrar Dr. Larry Yeater. "The signatures of the current Chancellor, President, Provost and Dean of College surround the gold-embossed Seal of the University."

The \$25 fee for the certificate includes protective packaging and shipment through First Class mail. For more information, contact the University Registrar's Office at (512) 994-2632.

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