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Facts about CCSU

- 65% of CCSU students are part-time, and approximately 63% are women.
- All CCSU students transfer to the University as undergraduates and only four percent currently reside on campus.
- In September 1994, CCSU will begin enrolling freshman and sophomore students in an undergraduate, core curriculum that features triads of instruction.
- Ethnically, 63% of CCSU students are White, 33% are Hispanic and 2% are Black.
- CCSU's over 14,000 alumni reside in 28 states and 7 foreign countries.
- CCSU employs approximately 350 full-time employees.
- The Management Development Center at CCSU has trained over 10,000 area workers from over 200 companies and organizations in the past four years.
- CCSU's Career Counseling and Placement Service brought over 200 companies to campus last year to recruit students and alumni.
- The Distinguished Visitors in the Arts Series features world-renown artists in live performance on the CCSU campus each year.
- CCSU offers a variety of pre-professional programs in such areas as pre-law, pre-medicine, pre-professional health.

FY '92 Operating Budget:
\$18,613,611

1992 Fall Semester
Headcount: 4,393*

FY '92 Research Expenditures: \$1,167,650

*as of 9-14-92

CCSU ready to add freshmen, sophomores in '94

The trek toward comprehensive status for Corpus Christi State University began long before the lights and cameras recorded the signing of the historic legislation by then governor Bill Clements. The hard work, countless trips to Austin, and sessions with South Texas leaders was designed to ensure a great university in Corpus Christi, and the culmination of the community's trek was celebrated with a chorus of, "This is a GREAT day."

A public ceremony on May 26, 1989, attended by three dozen lawmakers, education and business leaders, marked Clements' signing of a bill expanding Corpus Christi State University to a four-year, comprehensive university in 1994. A week earlier, the governor had signed into law the merger of the University System of South Texas, of which CCSU was formerly a member, into The Texas A&M University System.

At the signing ceremony, Clements said, "Clearly, these are watershed measures that will enhance quality education in South Texas. These bills symbolize our commitment to our youth and to their well-being." The governor

added that the measure of growth for Texas and its people will depend on the State's quality of education.

Since that time, hosts of University planners, community and educational leaders, alumni and former students of the institution have worked to shape the future of their

island campus university, which has born three names in her six decades of history: the University of Corpus Christi, Texas A&I University at Corpus Christi or Corpus Christi State University.

The campus planning process began in earnest with the University Planning Steering Committee.

Subsequently, eight task forces planned the varied elements of campus expansion and development over a year's time. From this process, both a campus master plan and an academic plan were crafted. The plans address needs, both developmentally and academically through the year 2010.



Surrounded by legislators, community leaders and University and A&M System officials, Governor Bill Clements signs the bill making CCSU a four-year university in 1994.

Admissions guidelines drafted

When freshman and sophomore students begin enrolling at Corpus Christi State University in the fall of 1994, undergraduate admissions guidelines will be in place for the first time since the University became a publicly assisted institution in 1971. The guidelines, drafted by Task Group I of the University Planning and Steering Committee and approved by the Faculty Senate are listed below:

HIGH SCHOOL: A high school diploma or equivalent from a regionally accredited institution. Preparatory courses should include the following:

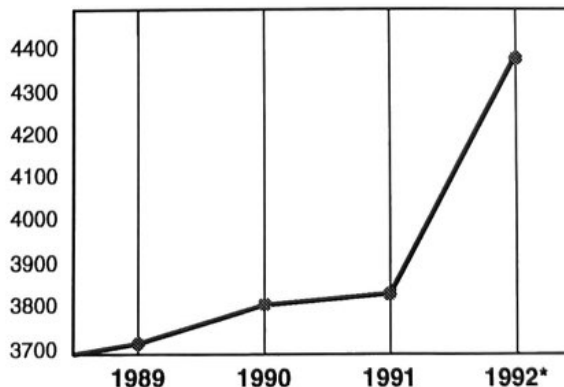
English	4 credits
mathematics	3 credits
social studies	3 credits
lab science	2 credits
foreign language	2 credits

GED: Holders of a GED diploma should have a minimum score of 45 with an SAT score of 1000, includ-

ing 400 verbal, or an ACT composite of 23. ACT and SAT requirements decline as GED scores increase.

SAT: Seniors from top 10% of graduating class have no minimum SAT requirements; students from

Fall Head Count Enrollment



*As of 9-14-92

CCSU provides national model for university planning

"The nation will be watching Corpus Christi State University," says Dr. Arthur Levine, chairman of the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard's Graduate School of Education. "Not critically, but with interest. This is one of the nation's most exciting movements in higher education today."

Levine, co-editor of *Change* magazine, served as an academic planning consultant to CCSU through the two-year planning process during which over 200 individuals from the campus and community-at-large scripted the model which will lead the University from its current upper-level environment to four-year status in 1994.

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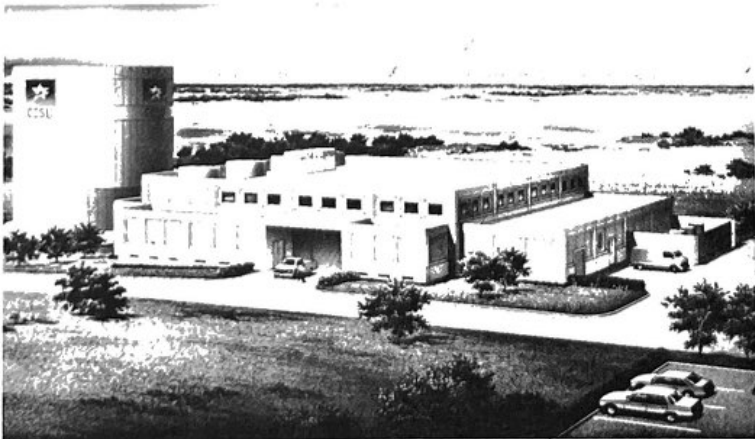
Campus expansion for



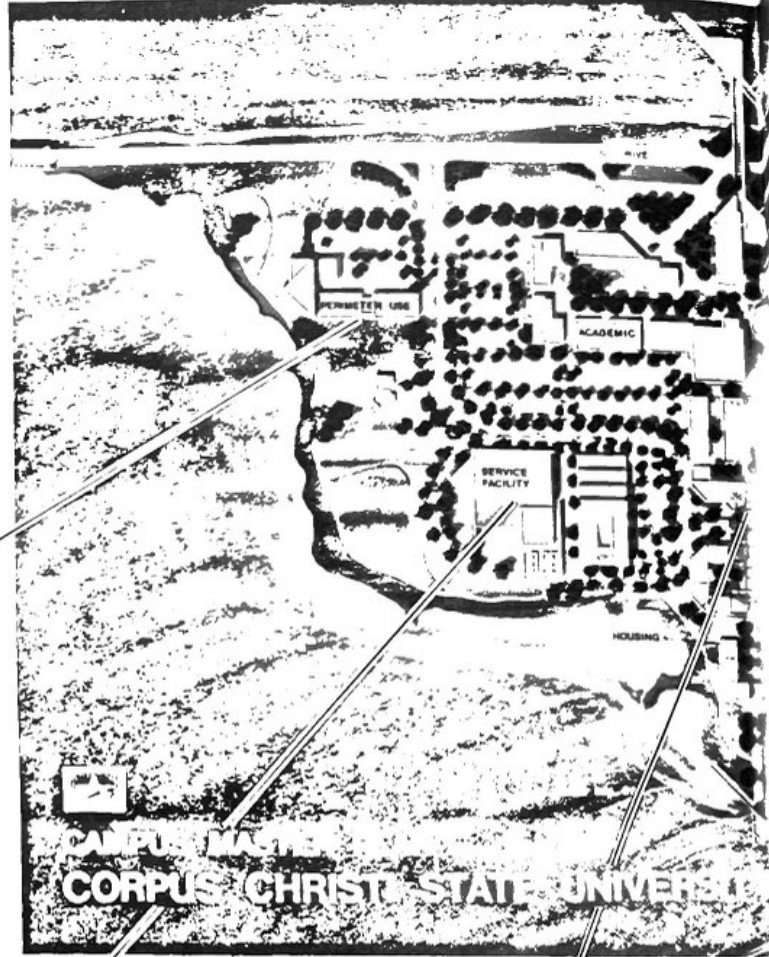
A bird's eye view of CCSU's current island campus shows seven academic-oriented facilities serving a student population of over 4200. In addition to the four classroom buildings, students have the use of the Library, a student center and the Field House which features an outdoor pool and four tennis courts, a gymnasium and four racquetball courts. In addition to the academic support facilities, student housing is available in two apartment buildings and a coed dorm.



A new state office facility to accommodate the growing number of University and state agencies involved in environmental studies and services is slated for construction on the Northwest corner of the island campus. A host of state and federal agencies are headquartered in the current Center for Environmental Studies and Services, along with university components such as the National Spill Control School, the Center for Coastal Studies and the Environmental Research Consortium.



CCSU will break ground on its new Central Plant facility in early 1993. Featuring a distinctive round water tower, the new plant will centralize the heating and cooling functions of all campus buildings using a cost-effective water cooling system. The tower houses the necessary reservoir of chilled water which is generated nightly.



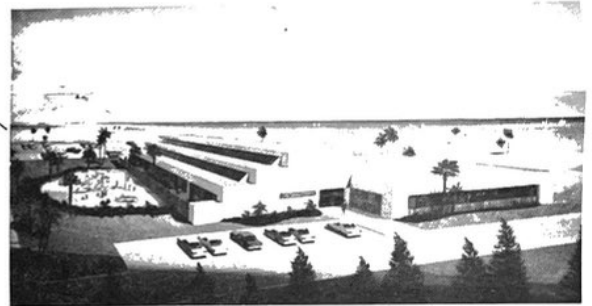
A multi-purpose facility planned for ultimate inclusion on campus will resemble this rendering and will be designed as a University Center. Plans call for an executive training center, food service vendors, a mini-mall concourse and dormitory accommodations.

CCSU.

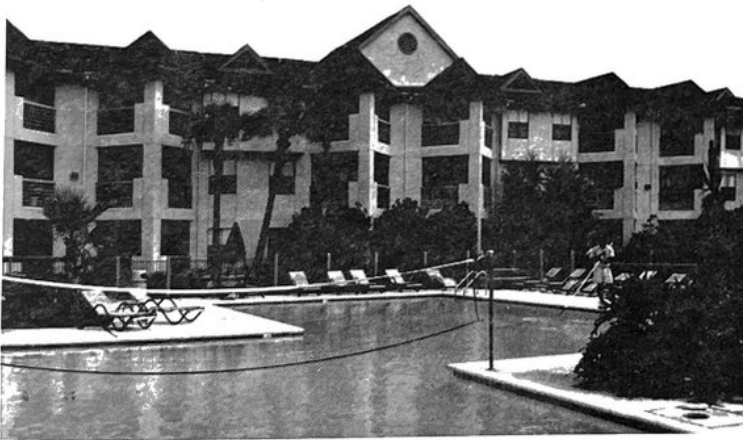
'94 follows Master Plan



The three-story, 100,000 square foot classroom/laboratory complex will feature a large, landscaped courtyard and will be nestled in the area between the current Center for the Sciences and the Faculty Center. It will afford the campus community two large lecture halls, 10 sixty seat auditoriums, four computer labs, six science labs, and three social science labs, as well as numerous general purpose classrooms and offices.



CCSU's proposed Early Childhood Center will unite a functional diagnostic facility within the academic environment, providing both a service for academic clients as well as a laboratory for early childhood education students.



By the fall of 1994, CCSU plans to have on-campus apartment housing for an additional 500 students. The new apartment units will take advantage of the campus' unique island setting offering water views from most units.

... the island university

Environmental science degrees ok'd

Corpus Christi State University got green lights on two new degrees in environmental science in 1992, that will move the University to the forefront in environmental education preparation.

The master of science degree in environmental science was awarded first, followed a few months later by unanimous approval from the

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the next 15% of their graduating class need an SAT score of 800 or above.

Class Standing	Required SAT
90-100%	—
75-90%	800 or above
50-75%	900 or above
25-50%	1000 or above
0-25%	1100 or above

TRANSFER: Students with 30 or more hours must have a minimum 2.0 GPA or higher. Those with less than 30 hours must have a minimum 2.0 GPA and must satisfy freshman entry requirements. All students should be eligible to return to the last university or college attended.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: International students should score a minimum of 550 on the TOEFL exam, enroll as full-time students and have a minimum 2.5 cumulative GPA.

ALTERNATIVE ADMISSION: A conditional admissions procedure is being developed enabling students who do not meet standard admissions guidelines may be considered on an individual basis.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for the companion bachelor of science degree in environmental science.

"The need is great for appropriately trained scientists in the broad areas of environmental science within South Texas, the region and the nation," said Dr. Robert R. Furgason, CCSU president. "These programs provide a core of basic and interdisciplinary science courses concentrating in the areas of environmental biology, environmental chemistry and environmental geology. Utilizing faculty expertise and island campus facilities well suited to study in the environ-

mental sciences, students will also have extensive University library holdings to access.

The University is situated in a metropolitan area where important environmental questions are raised both by industries and state and federal agencies. Several such agencies are located on campus. In addition, immediate access to the coasts and estuarine environment offers opportunities for direct study of the environment.

"These programs, part of the academic plan, are designed to address needs and issues of interest to the Coastal Bend Bay Area and South Texas," Furgason said.

CCSU provides quality, value

Corpus Christi State University offers an excellent buy for students in the market for a quality, cost-effective education. Even compared to other state supported schools in Texas, CCSU is an impressive "buy," getting students an excellent value for their money.

A typical Texas resident taking 15 credit hours at CCSU during a single semester and living on campus can expect to pay a little over \$2,000 for tuition, fees, books, supplies, room and board. In contrast, the same student would spend closer to \$5,000 at other major state supported universities.

CCSU also offers and administers over four million dollars in various forms of federal, state, and local educational assistance funds annually. These funds are in the

form of grants, scholarships, loans, employment, tuition waivers, tuition adjustments, stipends and employer reimbursements. Between student financial assistance and exceptionally low cost, CCSU is able to provide a quality education to a wide range of students.

CCSU	Texas A&M	UT-Austin
Tuition & Fees		
\$406	\$1,466	\$900
Books & Supplies		
\$200	\$400*	\$450
Room & Board		
\$1,587	\$3,779	\$3300
Total:		
\$2,193	\$5,645	\$4,650**

Based upon Texas resident, full time enrollment, on-campus housing.
*Estimated figure
**1989-90 figures

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"I have been talking about what you are doing here all over the country," stated Levine, who has served as a consultant to some 150 institution of higher learning and written eleven books and numerous articles on education. "Universities from around the country are already adopting CCSU's planning model," he added revealing both Eastern Michigan University and Colorado College are looking at adopting the planning model developed by CCSU.

"Nationally, higher education is moving into uncertainty; it is confused about its direction as an enterprise," said Levine. "Meanwhile, CCSU identifies three themes: regional focus, urban issues and

coastal issues. These are three of the major issues facing the nation and your university is structuring itself to address those issues."

Addressing a November 1990 audience on CCSU's planning model, Levine outlined six areas of concern facing higher education in America: an influx of non-traditional students representing a newly extended range of ages, backgrounds, ethnicity and priorities; diminished federal and state funding; a call for greater accountability among educators; demands for more relevant and effective curricula; demands for increased emphasis on teaching, as opposed to research, at universities; and the need for graduates better prepared

for the business world.

According to Levine, many educators are responding to these concerns by defensively "hunkering down" and maintaining the status quo or drifting with the latest educational trend.

"And then you have CCSU," he said, which is "really creating a unique urban university" that will address issues relevant to the nation while being especially well tailored to South Texas' needs. Levine referred specifically to CCSU's recently rewritten mission statement which addresses such urban problems as preservation of the environment with an emphasis on coastal environments, recruitment and service of student populations traditionally under-represented in higher education, and studies geared toward regional economic development.

Levine also commended the University's teaching focus and the development of a triad of freshmen classes, which along with a faculty master learner, will help address the issue of academic integration between various disciplines.

"CCSU has the basic ingredients for success: a qualified faculty, a well delineated plan, tremendous community support, a unique opportunity to create a brand new freshman/sophomore experience, the willingness to try and a caring, can-do attitude," said CCSU president Dr. Robert R. Furgason.

Doctoral program underway

Eighteen individuals were selected by Corpus Christi State University (CCSU) and Texas A&I University (TAIU) as members of the first class of these two institutions' joint doctorate of education degree in educational leadership.

Classes for the new program began June 8 with the first summer session. Classes are held on both campuses throughout the degree program as the two universities administer the program jointly.

Program approval reflects a growing awareness throughout the state of the pressing need for increased educational opportunities in South Texas, said Dr. Robert Furgason and Dr. Manuel Ibañez, the presidents of CCSU and Texas A&I.

Furgason said, "The Coordinating Board's unanimous support of this new degree bodes well for the institutions of higher education in South Texas. We are committed to moving education ahead in this region for all students."

"The citizens of South Texas deserve upper level courses and programs appropriate to the missions of Texas A&I and CCSU," said Ibañez. "The state is beginning to do what is right and just and long overdue. We pledge our very

best efforts to deliver the finest program of which we are capable and look forward to offering the first class this summer."

The degree prepares students for positions such as superintendent, principal or collegial leader; master teachers, team leaders, department chairs, grade level leaders and module chairs. An overarching goal of the program, according to its developers, is that graduates will comprise a leadership cadre that will positively influence education practices throughout South Texas and in other regions having similar social and economic conditions.

Surveys taken in 1988, when the degree was first proposed, showed a pool of 2,541 administrators and 780 teachers in the Corpus Christi/Kingsville area and the Rio Grande Valley who were potential applicants. The program is designed to be completed in three years, with 66 hours of course work and a thesis.

The degree program is being administered by a Joint University Doctoral Council, which is composed of five members from each university—the institutional program director; the education dean and three doctoral faculty members.

Crime stats released

CCSU safest in Coastal Bend

CCSU was named as "the statistically safest campus in the Coastal Bend" in a recent story in the Corpus Christi Caller Times.

The article, which compared campus crime statistics provided by Bee County College, CCSU, Del Mar College and Texas A&I at Kingsville, was compiled from data published by each campus in compliance with the 1990 Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act. The act requires institutions to provide both the federal government and the student body with information about the number of violent crimes occurring on campus in a year.

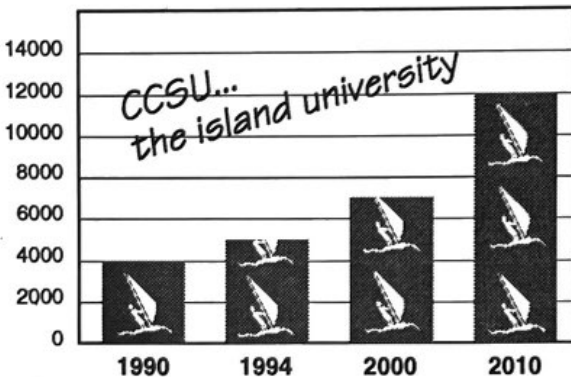
Among the federally reported categories, CCSU registered only one crime, a motor-vehicle theft. In contrast, Bee County College reported four burglaries and a murder, Del Mar College recorded nine burglaries, five aggravated assaults and 18 robberies (although that figure included some simple thefts, which are not required to be recorded), and Texas A&I registered

one motor vehicle theft, one aggravated assault and 21 burglaries.

CCSU Police Chief S. Kent Butler explained the low crime rate by pointing out that the campus is relatively far removed from downtown Corpus Christi, thereby isolating CCSU from the rate of crime present in the city. Additionally, explained Butler, "CCSU students have a maturity that most campuses just aren't blessed with. The students are out here to study, not to party or cause trouble."

Continuing CCSU's trend toward security and safety, the University Police Department has acquired two new cellular phones for use by campus officers. "Our radios will still be used," said Butler in a University memo, "but primarily for 'stand by' situations, emergencies, disasters, etc." The new phones feature one touch automatic dialing to get help to a scene as quickly as possible, so now students have even more reasons to feel safe on campus.

Projected Enrollment, 1990-2010



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