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Chancellor’s Message

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There are stories as well of the aid that alumni and other members of the University family have provided—this magazine presents just a few which are so illustrative of the character of the campus and those who both enrich it and are enriched by it. Altruism is exactly the word right to describe the

unsûleth regard and devotion that UCR students, alumni, faculty and staff have for their communities and their campus. There is an amazing record of commitment and accomplishment, and we’re pleased to chronicle some of these acts in this issue of Fiat Lux. Also in this issue, the Alumni Association annual report details its activities. It is a record of great achievement on behalf of the campus and all graduates.

Raymond L. Orbach Chancellor
In Memoriam

Wilma Leota Valentine Broadbent

Wilma Leota Valentine, a nurse in the Student Health Center in the early years of UCR and wife of one of the campus’ founding faculty members, died Jan. 20 at the age of 92.

In addition to serving as a nurse in the Student Health Center, Mrs. Broadbent was active in university and community activities. She lived in Riverside 43 years before moving to Connecticut in 1996. Her late husband, Thomas L. Broadbent, was a professor of German and the first dean of students.

Mrs. Broadbent is survived by sons Thomas V. of Los Gatos, Calif., and Lee of New Haven, Conn, a sister, Beverly Broadbent Creer of Avon, Conn; a sister, Grace Price of Utah; and four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests those wishing to honor the memory of Mrs. Broadbent make contributions to the Dean Thomas L. Broadbent Commencement Award, which is presented annually to a male bachelor’s degree recipient for outstanding participation in extracurricular on-campus activities and leadership in student organizations.

Checks may be made payable to the UC Riverside Foundation, indicating the gift be directed to the Dean Thomas L. Broadbent Commencement Award and mailed to: UC Riverside Foundation, 252A Highlander Hall, University of California, Riverside, CA 92521.

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is the onlookish concern for the welfare of others. At a university campus, where students are encountering life-changing experiences, the notion of altruism is a strong one. Giving back, donating, helping, volunteering are life lessons that can be learned at the university and retained for many years thereafter.

You gotta have H.E.A.R.T.

By JEANNIE CHUNG

As a growing club in its second year, the Health Education Awareness Resource Team is already making an impact on the community. “We have already visited various local schools and engaged in a number of community service projects,” stated senior Wendy Auyeung, the coordinator of H.E.A.R.T. “We plan to expand our efforts in the coming quarter.”

As the acronym suggests, the group is a team of students who work to promote health awareness in the public education system. Supported by the University Honors Program, it consists of approximately 30 undergraduates, many pursuing professional health careers. Richard Cardullo, the group’s advisor, said, “A positive aspect of H.E.A.R.T. is that it gives students who I call a ‘life experience’... For undergraduates who want to become physicians, it gives them an opportunity to interact with people.” Cardullo is an assistant professor of biology.

Targeting children in grades K-6, club members visited the UCR Child Development Center, the West County Alternative School, Woodcrest Elementary; the Community Settlement Association, La Granada Elementary, and Victoria Elementary several times.

Presentations given at these locations included Germs!, Dental Awareness, Nutrition; The Foods We Eat, Prescription Medicine, and Bodies in Motion. Dental Awareness proved to be a favorite among the kids. When the group visited the UCR facility, the children were given tablets to color the plaque on their teeth. Soon, pink-toothed children were vigorously brushing their teeth with the colorful giraffe toothbrushes provided by the club.

Following a similar presentation at Woodcrest Elementary, teacher Kathleen Bucinas wrote, saying, “Thank you for the presentation! My students thought that the experiment was quite exciting! We look forward to having you come again.”

Other presentations include information about first aid, organs of the body, health professions, food supplements, and the negative effects of smoking.

In addition to school presentations, H.E.A.R.T. members also take part in community service projects. For example, members sewed heart-shaped pillows for the Loma Linda University Hospital’s heart center. While traveling from room to room with their wagons of pillows, members were thankful for the rewarding experience. “I had the hardest time sewing those pillows!” laughed freshman Kevin So. “But watching the kids’ reactions when they received them made it all worthwhile.”

Freshman Melinda Wu, one of the artists, also pointed out another enjoyable aspect of the club. “Working on projects together allows members to bond with one another,” said Wu. “It’s a great way to meet new people while also providing a service to schools and the community.”

After completing an active first quarter, the group plans to keep busy for the remainder of the school year. Members plan to participate in Science Fair judging, raising $10,000 for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, and more visits to hospitals. In addition, H.E.A.R.T. members hope to increase their outreach to schools as more teachers request presentations.

Cardullo noted, “I’ve found that students have more credibility with children than teachers and professors because the smaller age difference makes [the children] more reachable.”

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Latinas helping Latinos

By MARICELA RODRIGUEZ

Community service and academic excellence are the two primary focuses of Alpha Pi Sigma, a Latina-based sorority. The chapter, only a year old, has been helping the Latino community with multiple projects, including supplies for a small school in Tecate, Mexico. Gabriel Mendoza, an academic counselor at the Learning Center and the advisor for Alpha Pi Sigma, said, “The members of Alpha Pi Sigma have a responsibility of reaching their academic goals in UCR. They also have an obligation to serve as role models and do outreach because that is a major emphasis of this organization.”

During the last year and a half, Alpha Pi Sigma projects included the Longfellow Elementary School Annual Carnival in Riverside, service to El Centro de Ninos, a Riverside day care center; Pen Pal letters; Nuestra Navidad, a fundraiser for Riverside’s disadvantaged children; the Big Brother Big Sister Event; the enrollment of the Honorable Felizis Joseph Hernandez III, and the Motivational Youth Conference.

One of the biggest projects of Alpha Pi Sigma was the school supply drive. Mendoza helped coordinate this event with his sister, Ana Esperidida Mendez Mendoza, the director of Jardin de Niños Francisco Gabiulondo Soler, a small preschool in Tecate. For two months the members collected supplies, including two bicycles, a desk, 10,000 sheets of paper, a typewriter, crayons, and 300 small school bags. The supplies were personally delivered in January.

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Big leaguer helps

On January 13, 2001, Riverside Police Officer Doug Jacobs was shot and killed during a “routine” response to a complaint about loud music at a Riverside apartment complex. He died, leaving a wife and 10-year-old son.

Anaheim Angels relief ace and UCR alumnus Troy Percival (’86) was on his way to Anaheim with friend Larry Gonzales, a member of the Riverside Police Department, when Gonzales received word of the death.

“I knew Doug, and I told Troy I needed to come back to the office,” Gonzales said.

“Troy has always been there for people, and invited him to attend the funeral, which Percival did. Percival has arranged to have Nicholas serve as a bat boy for the Angels during a game this season. “Troy has always been there for the department,” Gonzales said. “He is truly a friend of the Riverside Police Department.”

Members pose outside the Tecate school they helped. They are: Top row (from left), Sandra Martinez, Gabriel Mendoza, Carrosso, Gladis Cabello, Diana Rendon, Ann Enriquez, Denise Turribia, Maricela Rodriguez. Bottom row, Fanny Vasquez, Matilde Lopez, Silvia Trejo, Maria Espinoza.

UCR FIAT LUX
Eleven UCR biology graduate students are teaching science lessons in the Alvord Unified School District as part of a Department of Education fellowship program called Graduate Assistance in Areas of National Need (GAANN).

In small groups, the grad students demonstrate the properties of science, help with science fair projects, and generally act as role models, said program director Richard Cardullo. The schools are Terrace, Foothill and Kennedy elementary schools; Wells Intermediate School, and, Norte Vista High School.

“We bring in our most outstanding graduate students for this program,” Cardullo said. “We want to put committed scientists out there to promote science education.”

Cathy Koehler, a GAANN fellow this year, noticed that one-on-one tutoring was most effective with fourth graders who were confused or dismayed about tackling a science fair project.

“Within a short period of time, ‘I don’t know’ or ‘I can’t’ turned around when they built a science project around their own ideas,” Koehler said. “Certainly, the extra attention likely makes them feel good, but working with their own ideas helps them feel that their ideas are good ones, and they can focus their thoughts.”

Cardullo, an assistant professor of biology, said he has seen the GAANN fellows make a difference for younger students in the three years of the program. The students back to campus with a greater understanding of how social problems common to low-income areas seep into the classroom. “I’ve seen an opening of their own eyes as to what some of the problems are in the K-12 arena,” Cardullo said.

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The Student Life and Leadership Center keeps records on student volunteer hours that are reported to the center. During the 1999-2000 school year, 4,446 participants spent 69,177 hours working in the community. Many students participated more than once.

UCR students:  
• Worked at convalescent hospitals  
• Registered voters  
• Helped fill out income tax returns  
• Worked for literacy programs  
• Help Keep Riverside Clean and Beautiful  
• Raised money for the Susan G. Komen Foundation  
• Staged an Easter Egg Hunt for children  
• Volunteered at the Sunshine Early Childhood Center  

Talft Elementary School students Tasha Tarry, left, and Ashley Taylor are among 120 students who participate in after-school tutoring and enrichment activities directed by UCR students under the campus’ AmeriCorps program. In all, more than 50 AmeriCorps members — most of them UCR students — serve 400 elementary and middle school students at three Riverside schools four days a week. Sunk by a three-year, $1.4 million grant from the Corporation for National Service, the AmeriCorps program gives student volunteers an opportunity to make a lasting impact on young lives in return for an “education award” to help fund their college expenses. Principal Dana Reupert says Talft’s improved academic achievement is due, in part, to students after-school interaction with AmeriCorps tutors. “We are blessed to have this program,” she said.

The kids are in bed. Nothing interesting on TV. Finished preparing for the presentation tomorrow at work. Not quite ready for bed.

Time to count craters on Mars. Yes, that’s right. NASA is looking for people to help count and label craters on the red planet. Another website simply wants to borrow the un-used time on your PC to help in the fight against cancer. Or, you can help find a more effective flu vaccine. Perhaps you are interested in helping to simulate protein folding of the data from the Human Genome Project.

Kirk Pearson, a computer engineer in Broomfield, Colo., has coined the term “distributed human projects” to describe the ever increasing number of projects where everyone can take part, either by doing actual work or by “loaning” unused PC time for number crunching. Pearson also has a website listing of projects looking for volunteers.

The NASA Mars project is a good example. To quote from the website: “There are many scientific tasks that require human perception and common sense, but may not require a lot of scientific training. Identifying craters on Mars is something almost anyone can do, and classifying them by age is only a little harder. This is an experiment to see if public volunteers, each working for a few minutes here and there, can do some routine science analysis that would normally be done by a scientist or graduate student working for months on end.”

More than 30,000 people have volunteered to help so far.

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www.nyx.net/~kpearson/dhproj-projects.html
Is there a biological basis for altruism?

By MARLENE ZUK

“Is there a biological basis for altruism?” asked Astrid Lindgren in her classic children’s book Pippi Longstocking, first published in 1945. The plot of the story revolves around a young girl and her adventures, inspiring many children around the world. The question posed by Lindgren, however, has remained unanswered. Why do animals help others at a cost to themselves? Why do some individuals sacrifice their own well-being to aid others? These questions have perplexed scientists for decades, leading to a great paradox in evolutionary biology.

A full explanation of the altruistic acts or their selective advantages of how we behave as well as how we function.

Possible one is that acts such as those of modern philanthropists are evolutionary novelties. When human behavior evolved, people probably lived in small groups without the opportunity for the equivalent of a multi-million dollar donation to a university, and selection has simply not had time to weed out the disadvantageous behaviors.

Another is that altruism is in fact indirectly beneficial to the altruist. Amotz Zahavi, an Israeli biologist, suggests that those who are generous are demonstrating their power and wealth with their largesse, in effect saying, “Look at me! I am so rich that I can afford to give away money and not be harmed.”

A related notion is that because altruism attracts positive attention, altruists raise their social status. Perhaps articles such as those in this issue help us admire people who perform unselfish acts.

Does this mean that we are all ultimately selfish? Perhaps, though this should not detract from the altruistic acts or their desirability in society. At the very least, however, it suggests that Pippi Longstocking’s skepticism was warranted.

Students who live in the ultra-modern Pentland Hills residence hall in the year 2001 may not know, but things were different last century for their parents. At a typical college:

• “Residence halls” were called “dorms,” short for “dormitories.”
• Males lived in one building while females, known as “coeds,” lived in another. A female had to “check in” and “check out” when she came and went. Females were subjected to enforced curfews: 10 p.m. on a school night and midnight on weekends. Males had no curfews, and no one cared when they came and went.
• There was something called a “panty raid.” Males would try to sneak into a building where females lived and return with evidence of their success.

In keeping with UCR’s Scottish-theme tradition, the residence halls are named for places in Scotland.

Pentland Hills — A hilly region adjacent to the southern portion of Edinburgh.

West Lothian — West Lothian is a community located in the heartland of Scotland, half way between the cities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. It is the home of “Silicon Glen.” Thousands are employed in the home of “Silicon Glen.”

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Aberdeen — Aberdeen is a university city in northeast Scotland. It is the center of North Sea oil exploration and production. The town has a website, www.regionalink.com/gtamp/gtamp/abedeen.

Stonehaven — A town of about 10,000 people located about 15 miles south of Aberdeen. In 1297, William Wallace (think “Braveheart”) descended on the area’s Dunnottar Castle (still a wooden structure at this time). The fortress was fired and stormed, and all the defenders were killed. The Scottish Highlands begin just north of Stonehaven. The town has a website, www.stonehaven.org.uk.

Inverness — Inverness, the long-established center of the Scottish Highlands, is located between Moray Firth and the city of Loch Ness. The town has a website, www.scotland-inverness.co.uk.

Bannockburn — The town is now a part of the town of Stirling. Its location is slightly to the east of the famous battlefield to which it lent its name. The Battle of Bannockburn, June 23-24, 1314, is the major battle in Scottish history. Led by Robert the Bruce, the Scots defeated the English under Edward II, regained their independence, and established Bruce on his throne as Robert I.

Pentland Hills’ aesthetic attributes and conveniences, Darwin, who formerly lived on a long corridor at Lothian Hall, said the older residence halls also have their special features. Students tend to meet more new friends when the hall is organized around a long corridor. “When you live in a straight hall, people leave their doors open,” she said.

On-campus, dormitory-style housing at UCR dates back to 1959, when the Aberdeen-Inverness residence hall opened. Students moved into Lothian Hall in 1963. An addition to Lothian was completed in 1991, whereupon the existing Lothian went through an identity crisis of sorts, known consecutively as Old Lothian, Classic Lothian and, finally, West Lothian.

All of the residence halls at UCR have been renovated within the last eight years, Plumley said.

Other Pentland Hills amenities — many of which are now available in all UCR residence halls — include a fitness room with stationary lifting equipment, as well as a convenience store where students can purchase snacks and cold remedies. Pentland Hills also has six meeting rooms for residence hall organizations, a couple of them equipped with digital, big-screen televisions.

During the late afternoon and evening hours, tutors from the Learning Center are available for study group and individual sessions, a feature not available in the residence halls when Plumley was a UCR student.

Offerings at Pentland Hills compare favorably with those found at other universities across the country. A recent Wall Street Journal feature headlined “Luxury Learning” found most of the universities surveyed reported having in-room cable television and in-dorm gyms, as do the UCR residence halls. Less common is maid service. Weekly maid service is available in all freshmen halls at George Washington University. At UCR, custodial staff cleans only the restrooms and common living areas; students can — if they choose — clean their own rooms.

One extra-cost perk at UCR is a pick-up and delivery laundry service. Less than 1 percent of the 2,400 residence hall students take advantage of the service, preferring to use the available coin-operated washing machines or take dirty clothes home to mom each weekend.
By RICARDO DURAN

It’s one of the world’s most prestigious academic honor societies, older than the United States. Its membership includes Supreme Court justices, presidents and foreign heads of state.

So why isn’t the Phi Beta Kappa Chapter at the University of California, Riverside sparking more interest?

In the 1997-98 academic year, 86 students met the requirements of the nation’s oldest honors society and 62 joined, said Leslie Ann Webster, assistant to the director of the honors society and 62 joined, said Leslie Ann Webster, assistant to the director of the honors society. "I’m concerned that our students don’t seem to understand what Phi Beta Kappa is, its significance, and what it can do for their life after they graduate," she added.

In the 2000-2001 academic year, just 38 of the 78 students who qualify to join Phi Beta Kappa have done so.

In the sciences and business, grades alone don’t cut it. Students must excel in a range of subjects, indicating a breadth of interest beyond their majors. The society’s symbol, a key, bears the letters OKK, which translates from the Greek “Love of wisdom is the guide of life.”

Phi Beta Kappa traces its roots to 1776 at Virginia’s College of William and Mary. Six current U.S. Supreme Court justices, former presidents Bill Clinton and George Bush, and former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto are members.

The present standard key, except for its smaller size and for the lower stem added by the chapter at Yale, is nearly identical to the original. On the front, the Greek letters OKK stand for the phrase “Philosophia Biou Kuberneteis” (Love of Wisdom). On the rear side, three stars symbolize the aims of the society: friendship, morality and literature. A pointed hand and a series of quotes concerning the relationship between photographic history. Jones developed Barber’s interest in women artists and understanding of their role in art history. Barber’s efforts at the museum were recently honored when she received the Roy McJunkin Fellowship for her curatorial work. The fellowship and the Roy McJunkin Award are presented to a UCR student and a community volunteer, respectively. They are named for UCR/CMP’s former Curator of Collections, who died in 1993, and they honor his enthusiasm for photographic history as well as his commitment to the encouragement of student inquiry.

Get the PICTURE

Grad student has curated two major exhibitions at UCR/CMP

By MITRA ABRASSPOUR

More students should take advantage of the internship opportunities at the CMF, "said Art History graduate student Karen Barber (97)." She is certainly speaking from experience. During her years as a student, she has curated two major exhibitions, developed a website, and spent hours upon hours exploring the University Print Collection at the UCR/California Museum of Photography.

She received her undergraduate history degree in 1997, and in January 1998 she began as an intern at the museum. The original goal was to develop a website surveying the artistic contributions of the women photographers in the University Print Collection. As she became more involved in researching the artists, locating the copyrights and obtaining permissions, it became clear that she had laid the groundwork for an excellent exhibition. In January 1999 Independent Visions: Women Photographers from UCR/CMP Collections opened on the museum’s mezzanine along with the complimentary website.

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More students should take advantage of the internship opportunities at the CMF, "said Art History graduate student Karen Barber (97)." She is certainly speaking from experience. During her years as a student, she has curated two major exhibitions, developed a website, and spent hours upon hours exploring the University Print Collection at the UCR/California Museum of Photography.

She received her undergraduate history degree in 1997, and in January 1998 she began as an intern at the museum. The original goal was to develop a website surveying the artistic contributions of the women photographers in the University Print Collection. As she became more involved in researching the artists, locating the copyrights and obtaining permissions, it became clear that she had laid the groundwork for an excellent exhibition. In January 1999 Independent Visions: Women Photographers from UCR/CMP Collections opened on the museum’s mezzanine along with the complimentary website.

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After 24 wonderful years, I retired from the Learning Center in June 2000. It was a pleasure to work at a place that put students first and that, during my tenure, became part of the very fabric of the university community.

I like to call it the “cradle to grave” service, since we have programs for everyone from incoming freshmen to seniors to graduate students. We were not a remedial center, and many of the students who used our services not only graduated with honors, but went on to graduate and professional schools. But, yes, we were there to help the students who were struggling as well.

When I was hired by Terry Green (’72, 76 M.A.), the present Assistant Dean of Desert Programs to work at the Learning and Study Skills Center in 1976, the center was barely two years old. UCR’s enrollment then was 4,987 students, 3,705 of whom were undergraduates. (By way of contrast, this past year, 4,285 students, or about a third of the student body, used the Learning Center.)

Carol Bailey-Roth, director of the Psychological Counseling Center, had noticed that students were coming for help in study skills as well as for help with adjusting to school, roommate problems, growth issues and the usual gamut of problems that psychologists expect. As more Learning Skills Counselors were hired, the second floor of Library South was getting crowded. Soon, the Psychological Counseling Center moved to the Veitch Student Center, its current home, and the LSSC became independent.

The first programs that were offered by a staff of two in 1974 were Speed Reading, Study Skills, Qualifying Exam Preparation (GRE, LSAT, MCAT), and Communication Skills for Foreign Students. By 1975, adjuncts were added, then a novel way to teach study skills in the content area. Counselors would sit in class (with the permission of the professor) and then hold auxiliary non-credit classes to focus on note-taking, test-taking, time management, and other skills necessary to be a successful student.

But how would we advertise these new programs? Barbara Tomlinson (’80 Ph.D.), the first director, and the staff had the idea of giving away special fortune cookies during a moon event. They were printed with fortunes like, “You have the right to write right.” They ordered 1,000 cookies, and all were gone in one day!

Stella Rivera, our present office manager and the only staff member remaining from the original team, reminded me that we used to pitch a tent at the bell tower during exams to alleviate student test anxiety and to give out cookies.

Terry Green became the director in 1976. He won a grant to start the Individualized Math Skills program (now called the Individualized Math Program), and a math counselor was hired. Writing was also added, as was help in science. We were a full-fledged program, all based in three rooms in Library South. Four of us shared one office.

My first quarter at the LSSC was a challenge. A week before our classes were to start, the Speed Reading teacher cut back her hours to one class, at 9 a.m. Who would teach the fully enrolled 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. classes?

In those days Evelyn Wood was sweeping the country with a new method of speed-reading. Each class had 25 students enrolled, as many as the room would hold. Terry told me to prepare to teach the other two classes. I sat in on the 9 a.m. class and then taught the other two. I even got good evaluations!

By the next quarter, I was fully prepared to take the responsibility to carry the program. The classes were so popular that staff and faculty wanted a special class for themselves. Leland Shannon, the former Graduate Dean, became my favorite pupil, especially when he later introduced me as the person who taught him how to read.

I taught at least one adjunct a quarter, and I participated in the qualifying exam preparation program and the vocabulary classes as well. Assemblyman Rod Pacheco (’70) and Judge Virginia Philips (’79) participated in the Law School Admission Test seminars.

Dr. Pat Moran became the director of the center in 1978, and it was under his direction for 19 years that we grew both in programs and staff. ACE (Assistance, Counseling and Encouragement) was added to help students get off academic probation.

My life, however, was changed when we started the Tutorial Assistance Program. It was in September 1980 that Ann Marie Lyons (’75, 77 M.S., 85 M.S.) and I were asked to hire, train, and schedule students to tutor their peers. Ann Marie had other responsibilities in math and chemistry, and soon I was left to coordinate the program. Bobbie Sue Jones was hired to assist me in this endeavor. We started with ten tutors, and, by the time I retired, there were over 75 tutors a year.

The other programs were added when we merged with the Equal Opportunity Program and started Summer Bridge and Gradtrack for underrepresented talented students. Study groups in math and science became a major program under the direction of Roger Hayes (’74, ’76 M.A.). Peer Counseling was added to our roster of offerings as well. Math placement tests for all incoming freshmen were added next as well as English placement tests for International graduate students. We also simplified our name to the Learning Center.

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Learning how to learn at the Learning Center

Sarah Wall, right, with her former colleague, Stella Rivera

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Learn more @ www.learningcenter.ucr.edu
Richard J. Heckmann laughs at the sandbreaking for the UCR facility that will carry his name. Also present are, left, Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach; third from left Donald Dye, dean of The A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management; hidden, Jim Ferguson, mayor of Palm Desert; and, Albert K. Karnig, president of Cal State, San Bernardino.

The Richard J. Heckmann International Center for Entrepreneurial Management in Palm Desert will operate under the auspices of the Graduate School of Management’s Center for Entrepreneurial Management.

The desert center will be built in two phases. The 21,209-square-foot Heckmann Center will be constructed on about seven acres at the southwest corner of Frank Sinatra Drive and Cook Street. Construction is expected to be complete in the fall of 2002.

The second phase calls for UCR to request $10 million in state funds to design and build a 23,600-square-foot educational facility and for infrastructure improvements to the center as a whole. Construction is expected to be finished in the spring of 2004.

Sidney Poitier, a major film star, was the speaker at the 2001 Chancellor’s Associates Spring Gala in March at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Rancho Mirage. Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach presented Poitier with the Chancellor’s Medal, the highest honor bestowed by UCR on a private citizen.

Poitier serves as ambassador to Japan for the Commonwealth of the Bahamas, where he grew up. Queen Elizabeth II knighted him in 1968. In Hollywood he has received lifetime achievement awards from the American Film Institute, the Kennedy Center, and the Screen Actor’s Guild; five NAACP Image Awards; and, in 1958, the Oscar for Best Actor for his performance in “Lilies of the Field.”
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We are enormously pleased with the opportunity to present the UCR Alumni Association’s annual report in this issue of Fiat Lux, as we hope it will reach a wider audience than ever before. Though at first it may seem easy to dismiss an “annual report” as a rather tedious document filled with facts and figures, we feel compelled to present the vital and dynamic role that our alumni play in the life of the university – one that is anything but dry and is essential to UCR’s continued growth and success as a preeminent educational institution. We also hope to illustrate how the Association attempts to serve you, and hope that you might discover a new benefit, a new leadership opportunity, or a way that we can serve you better.

The theme for this issue of Fiat Lux is “altruism,” and we can’t think of a better word to describe the attitude that pervades so many of UCR’s alumni. Your commitment is expressed in so many ways: as volunteers who share their experiences with admitted students at the Chancellor’s Receptions and as delegates who, at considerable cost in time and money, go to Sacramento to speak with our legislators about the value of UCR and higher education. Many of you also open your homes for dinners with current students; contribute to, and help to raise funds for vital programs such as scholarships, UCR athletics or the capital campaign for the Alumni & Visitors Center that will serve as the front door of the campus; and serve in so many other ways as well. We are humbled by the devotion and commitment of so many of you, and you should be proud of what your altruism contributes to your alma mater and, in turn, your communities.

With sincerest thanks,
Elliot G. McIntire, ’63
President
Kyle D. Hoffman
Executive Director

Mission
The UCR Alumni Association serves to preserve and promote the relationships between UCR and all its alumni. Through its various services and programs, the Association represents alumni and assists the University in its quest for excellence.

Thoughts from the Association President and Executive Director

Did you know? Why does the Alumni Association exist? Our primary goals are to:
• Promote the interests of UCR and strengthen its base of support.
• Encourage an ongoing commitment to UCR among alumni and future alumni.
• Promote effective communication between UCR and its alumni.
• Encourage greater alumni involvement in the UCR Alumni Association.
• Establish and maintain an alumni facility on campus.
• Provide services and programs to benefit alumni.
• Promote the strength and independence of alumni programs.

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I’ve been hearing about the Sweeney Alumni Center & Rubin Visitors center for some time. When will I see it on campus?

Building a campus center is a dynamic process, and nothing illustrates this concept better than the history of the Sweeney Alumni Center & Rubin Visitors Center. When the project was conceived in 1987, it was originally designed as an 8,000-square-foot facility with a $1 million price tag. A second rendering by architectural firm Dworsky & Associates placed the building at just over 25,000 square feet at a cost of $6.5 million. As plans progressed, we have been able to take advantage of several opportunities to better meet the needs of our alumni and the campus, adding features to make the building even more useful and attractive as the doorway to UCR.

Where will the building be located?

The Sweeney Alumni Center & Rubin Visitors Center will be located adjacent to the new Arts building at the end of University Avenue, which will terminate with a new traffic circle. This prominent location will be convenient for alumni and serve as a gateway for visitors seeking information about the campus.

What facilities will the Center house?

The Alumni Association’s administrative offices will be located in the new building, but alumni will find much more in the Center, including multiple meeting rooms, an executive board room, an indoor-outdoor café, and a banquet hall that will accommodate 500 people. The Center will also house the University Club and showcase campus, faculty and alumni achievements, including a reading room featuring faculty and alumni works. Two of the newest features are an expansion of the kitchen from a catering to a full-service facility and a state-of-the-art meeting room that will serve as a starting point for campus tours.

What will I be able to do at the new Alumni & Visitors Center?

Alumni and community events such as reunions, casual gatherings before Division I sporting events, and recognition banquets will occur in the center. You can also relax in our reading room, or grab a coffee and a snack at the café. The Center will also be a primary communications network for the campus. This is where parents and prospective students will receive their first introduction to campus and where research and educational seminars and symposia will take place.

Why should I get involved, and how can I do so?

We hope you’ll get involved because, simply put, the center is for you. We’re thrilled the project has evolved into a prominent facility that can serve the campus and visitors as well. In addition, a center that serves as a gateway for campus makes an important statement about the role our alumni play in the life of the University and its continued success. We are grateful for the support our alumni have shown throughout the long planning process. We are currently in the midst of a Legacy Brick campaign. Alumni can order a brick inscribed with a personal message for the Walk of Honor at the heart of the Center. For more information, please contact the UCR Development Office at (909) 787-2440, or visit the Alumni Association Website at www.alumni.ucr.edu.

Response drawn from interviews with Barbara Brink (73), major gifts officer in development; Kyle D. Hoffman, executive director of the UCR Alumni Association; Elliott G. McIntire (63), president of the UCR Alumni Association; and David C. Willmon (83), chairman of the Sweeney Alumni Center & Rubin Visitors Center committee.

Sweeney Alumni Center & Rubin Visitors Center Champions

Many alumni have played an important role in bringing this facility from idea to reality, including members of the Alumni & Visitors Center Planning Committee. We are especially grateful for the financial support in this campaign from Mark and Pamela Robin, Jack and Marilyn Sweney, William and S. Sam (62) Johnson, Robert (70) and Susan Goldwasser, Randall (82) and Margaret (82) Boldt, the UCR Alumni Association, and the Chancellor’s Office. Over 225 alumni and friends have contributed to the Walk of Honor. We desparately thank all who have participated in the evolution of this center!
The winners of the annual Alumni Awards are, from left, Kathleen M. Gonzales (’74), honored for Community Service; Herbert R. Fischer (’76 M. Admin., ’83 Ph.D.), honored for Public Service; John M. Gibson (’91, ’93 M.S.), honored as Young Alumnus; Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach; Neil Campbell (’75 Ph.D.), honored as Distinguished Alumnus; and, William R. DeVilbiss (’58), honored for University Service.

Each year, the Alumni Association proudly recognizes alumni and other campus leaders who make UCR and their communities better places and contribute significantly to society as a whole. These dedicated volunteers and professionals give freely of their knowledge and time and rarely seek acknowledgement, but the Association cannot thank them enough.

Alumni Awards
Since 1986, the Association has presented five awards annually at the Alumni Awards Banquet.

The Distinguished Alumnus Award is the most prestigious of the awards presented. The award is based on national and international distinction in one’s field and significant contribution to society.

The Alumni University Service Award is presented to an alumnus in recognition of a sustained pattern of volunteer contribution, service and support to UCR.

The Alumni Community Service Award is presented to an alumnus whose service to the public sector or contribution to the arts has well represented the University. The Alumni Community Service Award is presented to an alumnus in recognition of active and superior service as a community volunteer.

The Outstanding Young Alumnus Award recognizes a young alumnus (under the age of 35) demonstrating strong leadership ability, significant achievement in one’s field, and great promise for the future.

UCR Alumni Association Commencement Award
Since 1965, the Association has recognized a graduating senior who has volunteered significant time and effort to community service projects and programs. Applicants must have a minimum 3.2 cumulative GPA in order to apply. The award, comprised of a free lifetime membership in the Alumni Association and a $500 cash award, is presented at the Commencement Awards Program in June. Tyler Pilgeram, a mechanical engineering and biology graduate, received the 2000 award.

Distinguished Service Award
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- Boston
- Chicago
- Denver
- Las Vegas
- New York City
- Philadelphia
- Phoenix
- Portland
- Seattle
- Washington, D.C.

Regional chapters and events
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Legislative Advocacy
For over twenty years, the Alumni Association has actively participated in advocacy efforts on behalf of the campus and the University of California as a whole. The UCR Alumni Advocacy Committee members volunteer their time throughout the year to add their voices to the University’s efforts to inform and shape public policy that supports the mission of the University, focusing especially on members of the state legislature. These dedicated volunteers attend district office visits and speakers’ forums, as well as an annual conference in Sacramento in the spring — the UCR delegates for the annual UC Day in Sacramento take a break between meetings to pose in front of the State Capitol. The annual event provides alumni an opportunity to meet with legislators and discuss issues concerning the University of California. Pictured are first row: Pat Zaharakopoulos (‘66, ’67 M.A.); Pam Hillman, associate vice chancellor, Development Office; André Quintero (’96); Elliot McIntire (’63); second row: David C. William (’85); Frank Heying (’73); Mark Kohn (’39); Olivia Rivera, associate director, Office of Alumni & Constituent Relations; Sue McKee, legislative advocacy coordinator, Office of Governmental & Community Relations; third row: Melody Tate (’82, ’94 M.A.); Gary Scott, associate dean, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences; George Luecke (’84, ’86), Matt Gerus (’96 M.A.).

U.S. Capitol
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• That the UC campuses host a system-wide career conference and networking event each year, and that members receive a substantial discount?

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Corporate Support
Several corporate partners generously provide financial assistance to the Association when alumni take advantage of special UCR alumni products and services, including low interest credit cards and health and life insurance. The Association encourages UCR alumni and friends to support these programs, which help to fund much-needed student and alumni programs.

Did you know...
• That Alumni Association dues support student scholarships?
• That members receive free borrowing privileges at all nine UC campus libraries?
• That the Association’s dinner at Scott’s Bony Barn, Six Flags, and Magic Mountain, the Las Vegas Strip, the Seven Seas World, and several other theme parks and attractions?
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Legislative Advocacy
For over twenty years, the Alumni Association has actively participated in advocacy efforts on behalf of the campus and the University of California as a whole. The UCR Alumni Advocacy Committee members volunteer their time throughout the year to add their voices to the University’s efforts to inform and shape public policy that supports the mission of the University, focusing especially on members of the state legislature. These dedicated volunteers attend district office visits and speakers’ forums, as well as an annual conference in Sacramento in the spring — the UCR delegates for the annual UC Day in Sacramento take a break between meetings to pose in front of the State Capitol. The annual event provides alumni an opportunity to meet with legislators and discuss issues concerning the University of California. Pictured are first row: Pat Zaharakopoulos (‘66, ’67 M.A.); Pam Hillman, associate vice chancellor, Development Office; André Quintero (’96); Elliot McIntire (’63); second row: David C. William (’85); Frank Heying (’73); Mark Kohn (’39); Olivia Rivera, associate director, Office of Alumni & Constituent Relations; Sue McKee, legislative advocacy coordinator, Office of Governmental & Community Relations; third row: Melody Tate (’82, ’94 M.A.); Gary Scott, associate dean, College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences; George Luecke (’84, ’86), Matt Gerus (’96 M.A.).

U.S. Capitol
Did you know . . .
• That Alumni Association dues support student scholarships?
• That members receive free borrowing privileges at all nine UC campus libraries?
• That the Association’s dinner at Scott’s Bony Barn, Six Flags, and Magic Mountain, the Las Vegas Strip, the Seven Seas World, and several other theme parks and attractions?
• That the Association provides a system-wide career conference and networking event each year, and that members receive a substantial discount?
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Student Programs

The Alumni Association considers all students “alumni-in-training” and sponsors outreach programs that help students understand the Association’s goals, as well as provide networking contacts, career information, and an opportunity to stay connected to UCR after graduation.

Student Alumni Association

The most comprehensive of these programs is the Student Alumni Association (SAA). SAA’s goals are to create meaningful interactions among students and alumni and to help students develop their leadership skills. SAA primarily attempts to achieve these goals through a variety of career-oriented programs.

UCR is one of the largest student organizations at UCR with over 650 paid members, and has the second largest paid membership in the UC system. The 19 members of the SAA board of directors volunteer their extracurricular time to organize the following events:

- Dinners with Alumni – Eight to ten students meet with four to five alumni over dinner. Dinners are organized by field and include education, law, medicine and business.
- Student Alumni Mentorship – Students apply to be mentors and application explaining their interests. They are matched with alumni volunteers in their prospective fields. From 1999-2001, more than 35 students were successfully matched with mentors.
- Alumni Panels – SAA meetings frequently include a panel of alumni in a field that might be underserved by other programs. Panels in 2000-01 included city and government officials and psychology and sociology professionals.
- Rappin’ with the Chancellor – Twice a quarter during the lunch hour, students have an opportunity to meet Chancellor Raymond L. Orbach at the Bell Tower to ask questions and raise concerns. This event is co-sponsored by ASUCR.
- SAA members also attend the Association of Student Advancement Programs district VII conference each year to meet with students from several states who participate in similar organizations. The conference provides students with opportunities to present our successful programs, learn about new activities to try, and network with other SAA groups in our area.
- 2000 Grad Fair

Students like nothing better than one-stop shopping, and the Alumni Association, in conjunction with the UCR bookstore, held the second annual Grad Fair, with over 1,500 students visiting some of the 17 vendors. At Grad Fair, students can:
- Ask questions about Commencement
- Order announcements, class rings, and cap and gown ensembles
- Vote for their Senior Class Gift
- Join the Alumni Association at a discount
- Find out how to get involved at UCR after graduation in regional chapters and student recruitment.

The 2001 Grad Fair featured two title sponsors, as well as a new location and extended hours that increased the convenience of this event for our graduates.

New Student Record

Each year, the Alumni Association sponsors the record as one of many campus efforts to welcome the incoming class members and help them acclimate to campus. The record includes general information on where to go and who to contact for various campus services, as well as a photo section of the members of UCR’s newest class. Proceeds from the record help fund Student Alumni Association career programming.

CREATING AN ENDURING LEGACY

UCR Alumnus John Fiacco grew up in Riverside and attended Riverside public schools. By the time he graduated from UCR in 1970, he had, in his words, “bounced with Riverside.” Therefore, it was natural for him and his wife Carol to decide to provide enduring support for future generations of students by including a major gift through their living trust that will establish The John F. and Carol J. Fiacco Endowed Scholarship Fund to be administered through the UCR Alumni Association Scholarship program.

Recently, John and Carol decided to “make a difference now” by contributing a gift to the Alumni Association that will provide scholarship support during the current academic year. The recipient of the 2000-01 Fiacco Scholarship was Donia Nazeri.

John commented, “My mother-in-law would have been unable to attend the University of Pennsylvania without scholarship support. Therefore, Carol and I decided that we would like to continue the family tradition of support for higher education with an endowed gift to UCR.”

You too can create an enduring legacy with an endowed gift through your will or living trust. Call us or send for our free booklet, Creative Legacies Through Endowments, Memorials and Scholarships.

John Francis Fiacco with his wife Carol and son Stephen

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Homecoming

Homecoming 2001, held on January 26-27, featured the Association’s annual Alumni Awards Banquet and the Pioneer Classes Reunion, with graduates from the classes of 1955-1965 returning to the campus for the weekend’s events. Though the men’s basketball team was eventually defeated by Southern Utah University on Saturday night, the men’s baseball team rallied the Highlanders who had returned for Homecoming by defeating UCLA 10-6 in their season opener that afternoon.

Several members of the Pioneer classes kicked off their reunion activities on Friday night by attending the Alumni Awards Banquet to see one of their classmates, William DeWolfe (’58), receive the Alumni University Service Award. Over 900 people attended Saturday’s activities, which began with two films—one from 1955 depicting the opening of the campus and a film from 1956 aimed at recruiting students. Both were hilariously narrated by Jim Brown (’78, ’83 M.A.), principal producer and director in media resources at UCR and a historian of both UCR and the Riverside area. Pioneers also heard from two eminent faculty—Rudolf Rubal, professor of zoology, and Frances Carney, professor of political science, who spoke about teaching at UCR in its early days and the times they had enjoyed with members of the Pioneer classes.

After lunch and class roasts led by Charlie Field (’58) and Judy Stolpa Neveau (’64), the Pioneers were led by the UCR Pipe Band to the Barn, where they continued their roasts and reminiscing. Class members attended the men’s basketball game later that evening.

The Association hopes to continue to build Homecoming weekend, rallying around UCR’s Division I athletic teams and anticipating the 50th anniversary of the first graduating class in January 2005. Please contact the Association if you would like to get involved or help organize a reunion.

Members of the UCR charter class, from left, Marcia Melburg Edwards (’55), George Harper (’58), Barbara Schwepe Hanes (’60), Ted Wheeler (‘61) at the 2001 Homecoming.

Ann Straubinger DeWolfe (’64 ’67 Teaching Credential), Judy Stolpa Neveau (’64), Elliot McIntire (’63), and Norma Cook Paulshich (’65)

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Volunteer Voices

“Time is perhaps the most precious commodity and yet everyday UCR’s alumni give freely of their time to help UCR students with their futures. I have been a part of SAA as long as I have been at UCR. During this time, I have seen alumni give back to UCR in so many ways—especially in our Student Alumni Mentorship program. The advice they give, experiences they share, and time they spend with mentors can help shape a student’s life. These gifts are simply invaluable.”

Jameena Kankatasi
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Student Alumni Mentorship Coordinator

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More than 80 percent of UCR’s alumni currently reside in the state of California, with the majority of these alumni located in Southern California. UCR is represented by alumni in every state in the U.S. and in many countries around the globe. Regional activities throughout the U.S. form the crux of alumni involvement, and new activities are always being planned. If you are interested in organizing an alumni event in your area, please contact the UCR Alumni Association.
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Thomas Langford ‘56

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He previously held positions in domestic pricing, business develop-ment, and logistics with American President Lines in Oakland and with Pacer.

84 Ruben Barrales was appointed as deputy assistant to President Bush and assumed his new position directing domestic intergov-ernmental affairs for the White House in March. Ruben previously served as president and CEO of Joint Venture: Silicon Valley Network in San Jose, and in 1992 was the first Latino elected to the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors. . . Sandra Collins was promoted to director of enrollment for the University of Phoenix. She was executive director for the Children’s Advocacy Center in Rosewell, N.M., before joining the university in 1998, where she helped launch the JDAI education division. . . George Link was executive director of the University of Phoenix. . .

90 Matt Almos is a founding member of the theater company Burgars of Hamm. He presented “Resa Fantastikar Helkyn,” a show he helped create, at the Seattle Fringe Festival in March. The show will also run at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August . . . John Guarini and his wife, Suzanne, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Christine Rose, on August 22, 2000. John is a litigation attorney at Freedman & Taitelman, LLP in Beverly Hills . . . Hank Kanatz and his wife, Emily, celebrated the birth of their son, Nathaniel Kael, on June 6, 1991.

91 Taylor Birdwell and his wife, Brian, celebrated the birth of their son, Blake Robert, on May 21, 2000. . . Patricia Lee is a profes-sional repre- sentative at Merck & Co. in Colorado Springs. . . Lorelei Navarro completed her master’s in accounting in 1996 from San Diego State University. She also received her CPA license and is currently working at the Naval Aviation Depot. She and her husband, Ken, reside in Cherry Point, N.C. . . .

Jeff Shugarman and his wife, Annie, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Isabella Amanda, on February 23, 2000. . .


93 Karina Phoon and Keith Cochran (93) were married on November 25, 2000, at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines and now reside in San Diego. UCR alumni in the wedding party included Claire (Phoon) Fu (91), Jimmy Fu (91), Andrew Phoon (91) and Katia Gousset (93). Karina is pursuing her master’s in taxation law at the University of San Diego School of Law, and Keith works as a staff engineer at Motorola. . .

Jeff Tennen is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marines. He also served three years in the U.S. Army. . . Barbara Zajac (M.A., ‘99 Ph.D.) is an assistant professor of sociology at Indiana State University in Terre Haute. She attended the inauguration of the university’s new president in January wearing UCR regalia. . .

94 Christopher Alexander received the President’s Distinguished Service award for his community work from the Earl B. Gilliam Bar Association in San Diego. . .

Rachel Abraham ‘95 and Jonathan Weinberg ‘94 performed a pre-concert outdoor presentation for the 12th annual “Dancers for Life” benefit in Riverside for the Island AIDS Project.

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Thanks to the University of Phoenix. . .

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Eric Stella is attending UCLA law school and was awarded a $5,000 scholarship from the firm Foley & Lardner as part of its minority scholarship program. Eric, whose home is in the Pechanga Indian Reservation near Temecula, is also working on an M.A. in Native American history.

In Memoriam

55 Beverly Block, February 2001
57 John Jacobs, Jr., January 2000
82 William Baumann (82 M.A.), January 2000
72 Harold Willson, January 2001

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By KRIS LOVEKIN

Imagine buying the food, the medical equipment, and even the time of 40 physicians so that a children's hospital in Afghanistan can treat pint-sized patients.

Dr. Thomas T. Haider, namesake of the UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences at UCR, doesn't have to imagine it. He lives it every day.

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A native of Afghanistan, Haider trained as a doctor in the United States. During his residency in Colorado, he organized and served on a volunteer surgical team to Pakistan that provided medical and spinal care for dozens of Afghan refugees. He sponsored many other refugees in other countries, paying for their war-related surgeries. He continues to pay for food, medicine and the salaries of the doctors serving that children's hospital in his homeland.

In 1994, Haider established the Children's Spine Foundation (CSF) in Riverside to provide comprehensive spinal care for children without health insurance, up to and including surgery. Through CSF, he and his colleagues provide monthly free clinics for children and free training of school nurses at 818 schools in 50 school districts.

In addition to his private practice in orthopedic surgery, Haider is an assistant clinical professor at UCR, teaching human anatomy to top medical students. He is also the medical director of the Division of Spine Surgery at the Riverside County Regional Medical Center in Moreno Valley.

In 1997, Haider pledged all profits to UCR from his specialized “pedicle screw,” a piece of hardware he designed for use in spinal surgeries. His gift is worth at least $5 million and possibly much more, depending on how often the pedicle screw is used by other surgeons. At the time of that gift, the UCR/UCLA Biomedical Sciences Program, an accelerated program for top medical students, was renamed for him.

Haider serves as Chairman of UCR’s Biomedical Sciences Advisory Board to help enhance medical research and prepare new physicians for service to their communities. He is also a member of the UCR Foundation Board of Trustees. "We are proud of Dr. Haider’s affiliation with UCR, and we congratulate him on this highly deserved honor," said UCR Chancellor Raymond L. Ohrbach. "We value him as an instructor and as a campus friend for all the same reasons his patients seek him out for treatment. He is at the top of his field in spine surgery, and we are serving our community superbly and selflessly."

Haider and his wife, Salma, have two children, Jason and Monica. The UCR/UCLA Thomas Haider Program in Biomedical Sciences offers top students the opportunity to complete a medical degree in seven years, rather than eight. The UCR Division of Biomedical Sciences and the UCLA School of Medicine offer it jointly. The shortened path to the M.D. degree is the only program of its kind in California.
More than 250 high school students attended the Bourns Science and Engineering Day in February. The annual event is designed to heighten interest in science and in higher education. Top left, Erika Santilla from Hamilton High admires a scorpion. Top right, Johnny Estrada from Hamilton High School in Anza launches a Ping Pong ball as part of a contest. Teams used everyday household supplies to construct a mechanism for launching the ball. Above, Mark Bayarsky interprets for students from the California School for the Deaf, Riverside, as Tom Scott, an adjunct assistant professor in Earth Sciences, addresses a group of students.