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Board's Eye View Questions: Clark Porter



Clark Porter
(Class of 1948)
and Betty Porter
(Class of 1950)

Clark Porter (Class of 1948) served as the Commissioner of Athletics on the Associated Students Board, was inducted into the Chico State Athletic Hall of Fame in 1993 for his role on the Chico State Basketball Team, and established the Clark Porter Biological Sciences Scholarship to enable other students to seek out futures in the field of biological science. Porter joined the Alumni Association Board of Directors in June 2005, and assumed the role of chair of the Membership Committee February 1, 2008.

Q. How did you come to attend Chico State?

A. I was born in Chico, attended Chico elementary schools and Chico High School. I enrolled at Chico State in fall 1942 because I could live at home and was offered the opportunity to play varsity basketball. I enlisted in the Navy (WWII) during spring 1943 and was called to active duty fall 1943. I returned to Chico State fall 1946 following discharge.

Q. How did you meet your wife, Betty (Class of 1950)?

A. Betty and I met one summer evening (1947) as she was with a friend in a convertible and a friend and I were in a pickup after a hard day of knocking almonds. After introductions, we all continued to our favorite drive-in in the convertible. Betty and I were married in Chico June 18, 1950.

Q. What did you do following graduation, what was your career path?

A. I graduated from Chico State (Biology 1948) and enrolled at Oregon State at Corvallis, where I completed a doctorate in botany in 1952 with emphasis on biochemistry and physiology of plant virus diseases. My first job was in Yonkers, NY, at Boyce

Thompson Institute for Plant Research as a virologist conducting cancer and virus research in addition to consulting on air pollution effects in agriculture. In 1962, I joined Monsanto Agricultural Co. in St. Louis Missouri as a senior fellow conducting basic and applied research for 29 years on agricultural plants, pests, and chemicals.

Q. How did you become a member of the Alumni Association board of directors?

A. I had some knowledge of the Alumni Association board because Betty had served on it previously. She had a very positive experience, but I did not apply until Sheryl Lange suggested I should because it was important to have representation from diverse decades.

Q. You are now the coordinator of the membership committee. What challenges are ahead for the board in regards to membership?

A. A challenge is to grow membership through increased acquisition of new graduate members and to retain those members over time. In addition, we need to reconnect with nonmembers in a manner that renews their interest in Alumni Association membership. I believe if we focus our efforts in these areas, we will accomplish positive results in membership growth.

Q. Why should alumni belong to the Alumni Association?

A. Alumni should belong to the Alumni Association so they can stay informed about, and take advantage of, the many great functions on and off campus. They can be proud that their membership helps support scholarships. n

President's Column



Tim Colbie,
Alumni Association
President

As I kick off my term as president of the Chico State Alumni Association, I cannot help but share the enthusiasm of alumni I meet. Chico State Alumni are truly special and unique. We all feel strongly about this place where we spent so much time, and learned so much. The best part, though, is how willing Chico State alums are to share their experiences with others.

Last summer I had the pleasure of attending the Sacramento Summer Send-off. Chico State alumni attending this event did what Chico State alumni do best—they shared their stories of Chico State and the surrounding community with incoming first-year students and their families. Stories about Bidwell Park, Lake Oroville, and Downtown Chico were

intermingled with stories about living in the residence halls, student organizations, and, most of all, lifelong friendships that were formed at the University.

I encourage all of you to make an effort to attend one of the Send-Off events that will be taking place in a city near you this summer. I also encourage you to get involved with the chapter if you live in Chico, Sacramento, the Bay Area, or Orange County. Contact information and a list of upcoming events are available on the alumni Web site at www.csuchico.edu/alumni.

I thank you for being a member of the Alumni Association, and for helping us "Enrich the Chico experience by supporting alumni, students, and the University to ensure a lifelong connection and enduring

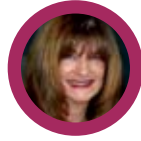
legacy." The next year promises to be an exciting one for the Alumni Association. I look forward to sharing with you our progress in the renovation of the Alumni Glen, the building of stronger and more active chapters, and improving communications between the Association and alumni.

Serving as your Alumni Association president is important to me, and I want to hear from you. Please send me an e-mail at tcoblie@carlsontravel.net and let me know what the Alumni Association can do to make your membership experience outstanding. I look forward to meeting as many alums as possible.

Next issue, I will talk about "Come Home to Chico." n



TraditionContinued



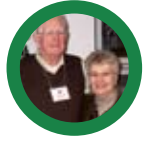
Braggin' Rights



Chapter Chatter



President'sColumn



Board's Eye View

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Tradition Continued

Chico State Homecoming is most definitely back! In February 2007, the University split Alumni and Parents' Weekend into two events, keeping Family Weekend in the fall, and moving the alumni part of the weekend, Homecoming, to February. February 1-2, 2008 was the University's second Homecoming under this new structure.

Homecoming events included the Annual Chico Chapter Receptions and Basketball Games, presentation of the Golden Graduate Class of 1958 at halftime of the men's basketball game, the Golden Graduate Luncheon, and the opening of the 1938, 1948, and 1958 Time Capsules. All of the events were very well attended, and everyone had a great time.

"The turnout was great, the food was good, and the spirits of alumni in attendance were high," says Matt Jackson, president of the Chico Chapter, of Friday night's receptions.

Members of the class of 1958 were escorted out onto the basketball court during halftime of the men's game by members of the Chico State women's basketball team.

"Initially both the basketball players and the golden grads were a little shy," says Susan Anderson, director, Alumni and Parent Relations and executive director of the Alumni Association, "but both groups warmed up quickly, and they really seemed to have a good time."



Chico Chapter Basketball Receptions, Friday February 1, 2008

Saturday afternoon saw a large



Class of 1958

Back Row: Bob Barram, Larry Corr, John Wagoner, Kenneth Kimble, Roger Green, Wilbert Stockton, Lee Sheldon, Homer Lowe.
Middle Row: Willie the Wildcat, Linda Furr, Melinda Darby, Linda Corr, Edward Shoenstein, Dolores Cheek, Walt Sherman, Joe Nickels.
Front Row: Ruth Tintary, Barbara Collins, Joan Barram.

gathering of alumni in the Bell Memorial Union for the annual Golden Grad Luncheon. The earliest grad year represented at the luncheon was 1927 by Beulah Balmer, who graduated with a degree in mathematics. The group was led by Len Whitegon (class of 1951) in a rousing rendition of the Chico State fight song.

Immediately following the luncheon, the 1938, 1948, and 1958 time capsules were opened. The 1938 time capsule contents were kept in pristine condition by a time capsule so strong, it took Ricardo Carillo and Danny Alexander from the Facilities Management and Services department on campus more than 15 minutes to open it. Inside the time capsule was a scrolled sheet

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Sharing the Chico Experience

Last summer, the Alumni Association sponsored two Summer Send-Off events in Sacramento and Sunnyvale, California. These events brought together alumni, new students, and parents—all members of the extended Chico State family. This summer, the Alumni Association in conjunction with the Parent Advisory Council, is expanding this to 10 Summer Send-Off events in 10 California cities!

"Summer Send-Off events provide a wonderful forum for Chico State alumni to share their unique Chico State story with



Alumni at the Sunnyvale Summer Send-Off, August 11, 2007

incoming Chico State students and their families," says Polly Crabtree, associate director of Alumni and Parent Relations. "Chico State alumni really are our very best ambassadors for the University."

As mentioned above, alumni, newly admitted Chico State students, and their families are invited to attend Summer Send-Off events in different locations throughout California. The send-offs are designed to give new students the opportunity to meet alumni and hear their stories, and to provide alumni with the opportunity to reconnect with other alumni and students, and to share their version of the "Chico Experience."

We are looking for people who might be willing to help with either the hosting or coordination of these events. If you know of a location in one of our send-off cities that will work for a send-off event, please contact the alumni office at 530-898-6472. More information about each of these events will be posted on the alumni Web site at www.csuchico.edu/alumni/

2008 Summer Send-Off Calendar

Redding, CA	Thursday, July 24
Chico, CA	Friday, July 25
San Jose, CA	Friday, August 1
Bakersfield, CA	Monday, August 4
San Luis Obispo, CA	Tuesday, August 5
Costa Mesa, CA	Wednesday, August 6
San Diego, CA	Thursday, August 7
Sacramento, CA	Friday, August 8
Santa Rosa, CA	Tuesday, August 12
San Francisco, CA	Wednesday, August 13
Walnut Creek, CA	Thursday, August 14

[calendar.php](#) as it becomes available. Notification of these, and all alumni association events, will be sent out via e-mail. To sign up for our electronic announcements and newsletters, please go to www.csuchico.edu/alumni/_pdf/newsletter_signup.pdf. We look forward to seeing you at one of these events! n

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Shannon Phillips, 1981
Redding, CA

Clark Porter, 1948
Chico, CA

Candy Solari, 1967
Chico, CA

Afrack Vargas, 1997
Sacramento, CA

Arlene Ward, 2004
Chico, CA

Denise Yergenson, 1982
Redding, CA

September 13th, 2007

College of Business Student Wins National Scholarship for Research on Sustainability
Chico business student Greg Turcotte has received the \$10,000 2007 SAP America Scholarship for a research paper applying accounting principles to monitoring greenhouse gas emissions. SAP is the world's largest inter-enterprise software company with more than 12 million users. The college is currently one of two "mega centers" for the SAP University Alliance Program, providing hosting services and training to universities around the world.

October 5, 2007

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Receives \$1 Million Grant To Establish Endowment
The Bernard Osher Foundation has approved a \$1 million endowment for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). The foundation has also approved a \$50,000 bridge grant award to sustain the program until earnings from the endowment are able to support the program in perpetuity. Debra Barger, dean of CSU, Chico's Center for Regional and Continuing Education, said the University received the endowment by demonstrating that the prospects for the OLLI's long-term success and sustainability were very good.

October 12, 2007

UN Climate Control Panel Shares 2007 Nobel Prize with Al Gore; CSU, Chico Environmental Scientist One of Lead Authors
Biologist Jeff Price, Department of Geological and Environmental Sciences, is one of the lead authors of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report that received the Nobel Peace Prize. The UN's IPCC shares the prize with former vice president Albert Gore for "their efforts to build up and disseminate greater knowledge about manmade climate change, and to lay the foundations for the measures that are needed to counteract such change." Price contributed significantly to the chapter "Ecosystems, Their Goods and Services."

October 15, 2007

CSU, Chico College of Business Included in 'Best Business Schools' Publication
The College of Business is among the best business schools in the country, according to The Princeton Review, a New York-based education services company that included CSU, Chico in the just-published 2008 edition of "Best 290 Business Schools." To compile the list, Princeton Review surveys students on college campuses about themselves and their career plans, as well as their schools' academics, student body, and campus life.

October 16, 2007

Grant Will Improve Science Teacher Retention
Bev Marcum, director of the California Science Project Inland Northern Site, has been awarded a four-year grant for \$439,000 from the California Postsecondary Commission and the California Science Project for work with the Science Teacher Retention Initiative. The grant will allow professional development for science teachers through the establishment of strong learning communities focused on science and science instruction.

October 31, 2007

CSU, Chico Awarded \$944,415 Grant for Improving Teacher Quality Grant
The Mathematics Project has won funding for a new professional development project to improve math instruction in kindergarten through second grade. The California Postsecondary Education Commission awarded a four-year grant of \$944,415 to the University in a statewide competition. The project, titled "Mathematics in the Early Grades," is a partnership between the University, the Red Bluff Union Elementary School District, Orland Unified School District, Cascade Union School District, and the Tehama County Department of Education.

November 6, 2007

The Orion Wins First National Award for Online Edition
The Orion, California State University, Chico's student newspaper, has won its first Online Pacemaker award for the Web-based edition of its publication. The Pacemaker awards are among the most

prestigious for college journalism and are given annually by Associated Collegiate Press, the oldest and largest national organization for college journalists. Thirteen other colleges and universities across the country also received the honor. Online newspapers were judged on their design, ease of navigation, writing and editing, graphics and interactivity over the period of February and March 2007.

November 15, 2007

Chico State Animation Students Bring Home Top Awards Again
Students from Clarke Steinback's video game development class brought home the top award for Best Interactive Media at the CSU Media Arts Festival, held at CSU, Channel Islands Nov. 3. This is a competition among the 23 CSU campuses.

November 30, 2007

Agriculture Student Will Be Youth Ambassador for Beef Industry
Michelle Wiggley, a native of Red Bluff and an agricultural student, received an honorable mention award at the National Beef Competition held in New Orleans in October. Wiggley will become a member of the National Beef Ambassador team and will travel throughout the United States in 2008 addressing beef industry issues.

December 2008

Alumna Marilyn Kalvelage, Deputy Director, Division of Adult Parole Operations, Retires
Marilyn Kalvelage, Class of 1974, retired in December as the lead staff person of the Division of Adult Parole Operations, California Department of Corrections, following more than thirty years of correctional service. Kalvelage at one time served as the appointed commissioner representing California on the Adult Interstate Commission for Offender Supervision.



Adult Parole Operations, California Department of Corrections, following more than thirty years of correctional service.

December 10, 2007

College of Agriculture Staff Member and Students Win Top Honors at State Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion Meet
College of Agriculture Outreach Coordinator Shannon Douglass and student Grace Berryhill won top prizes in two divisions of the state Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion Meet held as part of the California Farm Bureau Federation Annual Meeting in Sparks, Nevada. Douglass, a 2005 graduate in animal science with a minor in agricultural business and a Glenn County rancher, discussed the need for new water development. Douglass will receive more than \$4,000 in cash prizes and a Dodge pickup truck for her winning discussion. She will compete at the national American Farm Bureau Federation Convention in January. Berryhill, a junior at CSU, Chico, earned first prize of \$500 in the Collegiate Discussion Meet. The finals of the Collegiate Discussion Meet focused on the role of U.S. agriculture in responding to global issues that include trade, climate change, and the threat of agricultural terrorism.

January 29, 2008

College of Business Receives Prestigious AACSB Re-accreditation
The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), the world's premier accrediting body for business schools in the world, recently announced that the College of Business has earned full re-accreditation. Fewer than 15 percent of the approximately 8,000 business schools in the world earn such a distinction.

January 31, 2008

Chico State Students Work to Rebuild New Orleans
During the third week in January, 115 students, faculty, and staff traveled to the New Orleans area to spend five days rebuilding houses devastated by Hurricane Katrina in 2005. This was the third trip to New Orleans for the "Rebuild New Orleans" project, and the trip with the largest number of volunteers. The students raised the majority of money for the trip (more than \$90,000). n

Source: University Public Affairs and Publications.

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Opening of the Class of 1958 Time Capsule

signed by all members of the class of 1938, a copy of The Record (the yearbook), and the Chico State College Circular of Information.

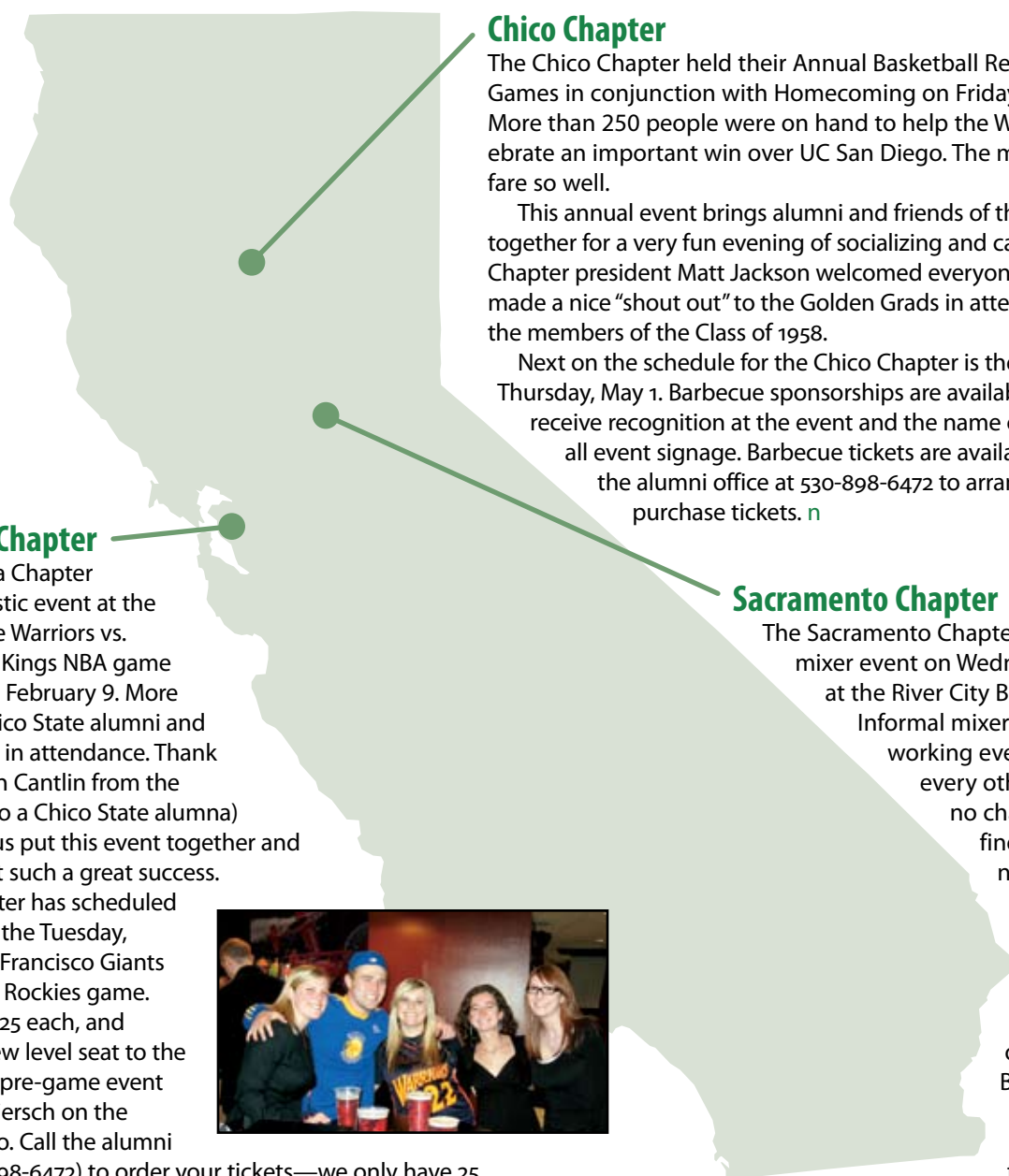
The 1948 time capsule failed. The only thing in the capsule appeared to be a copy of The Record.

Another bit of good news was the state of the 1958 time capsule. This capsule also held firm and had the additional safeguard of plastic wrapped around the capsule contents. Inside this capsule were a copy of The Record from 1958, binder paper sheets (regular three-ring lined binder paper)

with the signatures of members of the class of 1958, a class standing list for men and women graduates, and the Friday, May 23, 1958 issue of The Wildcat.

The dates for Homecoming 2009 have not yet been set; we will need to wait until the basketball schedule has been determined to coordinate Homecoming with a home basketball game. In the meantime, though, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations would like to hear from you if you are a member of the class of 1959. Please give us a call at 530-898-6472. n




CHAPTER CHATTER



Chico Chapter
The Chico Chapter held their Annual Basketball Receptions and Games in conjunction with Homecoming on Friday, February 1. More than 250 people were on hand to help the Women Wildcats celebrate an important win over UC San Diego. The men's team did not fare so well.
This annual event brings alumni and friends of the University together for a very fun evening of socializing and camaraderie. Chico Chapter president Matt Jackson welcomed everyone to the event and made a nice "shout out" to the Golden Grads in attendance, especially the members of the Class of 1958.
Next on the schedule for the Chico Chapter is the Annual Tri-Tip Barbecue on Thursday, May 1. Barbecue sponsorships are available for \$100. All sponsors will receive recognition at the event and the name of their business/organization on all event signage. Barbecue tickets are available for \$8 each or 2 for \$15. Call the alumni office at 530-898-6472 to arrange for your sponsorship, or to purchase tickets. [n](#)

Bay Area Chapter
The Bay Area Chapter held a fantastic event at the Golden State Warriors vs. Sacramento Kings NBA game on Saturday, February 9. More than 125 Chico State alumni and friends were in attendance. Thank you to Kristin Cantlin from the Warriors (also a Chico State alumna) for helping us put this event together and for making it such a great success.
The chapter has scheduled an event for the Tuesday, April 29 San Francisco Giants vs. Colorado Rockies game. Tickets are \$25 each, and include a view level seat to the game and a pre-game event at Gordon Biersch on the Embarcadero. Call the alumni office (530-898-6472) to order your tickets—we only have 25, so they are sure to go fast! [n](#)

Sacramento Chapter
The Sacramento Chapter held an informal mixer event on Wednesday, February 6 at the River City Brewing Company. Informal mixers are great networking events that take place every other month, with no charge to attend. To find out about the next mixer, please contact Sacramento Chapter president Vanessa Volksen at vvolksen@AccountantsInc.com.
The Sacramento Chapter is holding their Annual Spring Mixer on Friday, April 11, at River City Brewing Company in Downtown Sacramento. Unlike the informal mixers, this event is a fundraiser for the chapter. There is a \$10 per person charge to attend this event, which does include hors d'oeuvres (bar is no-host). Please order your tickets in advance by calling the alumni office at 530-898-6472.
We have a date now for the Ninth Annual Alumni Day at AT&T Park—Sunday, August 10—to watch the San Francisco Giants take on the Los Angeles Dodgers. Tickets for this event are \$45 each for Alumni Association members, \$50 each for nonmembers. Ticket price includes a view level seat to the game, and a pre-game tailgate reception in Parking Lot 'D' at AT&T Park. This event typically sells out early, so buy your tickets soon (530-898-6472). [n](#)



If you are interested in getting involved with your local chapter, we are interested in hearing from you! Our chapters are run by volunteers, and we can always use more help. To get involved with the Chico Chapter, contact Matt Jackson at matthewsjackson06@comcast.net, for the Sacramento Chapter contact Vanessa Volksen at vvolksen@AccountantsInc.com, and for the Bay Area Chapter contact Alicia Schwemer at aschwemer@hotmail.com [n](#)

PERSPECTIVES by Susan Anderson

CSU—The California Impact

The Chico State campus is in the midst of a building boom! Buildings under construction or are soon to be in the construction phase include the Student Services Center, The Wildcat Activity Center, Sutter Hall, and the Northern California Natural History Museum.

Student Services Center



This four-level, 120,000 square foot facility is slated to open in the spring of 2008. It is a LEED Gold Certified

building and will be a "one-stop-shop" for students. Departments being housed in the center include Academic Advising, Admissions, Disability Support Services, Psychological Counseling and Wellness, Career Center, Student Financial Services, Financial Aid, and Student Employment, just to name a few.

View the Live Webcam at www.csuchico.edu/fcp/SSC/graphic/feed.shtml.

Wildcat Activity Center



This two-story, 109,000 square-foot facility will include a three-court gym, a 15,000 fitness facility, climbing wall and boulder area, an indoor running track, and a 10-lane recreational pool and spa. This facility is an Associated Students project and is a "Pay as you Play" endeavor. Students will not be charged the \$175.00 per semester fee until spring 2009 when the facility is scheduled to open.

Sutter Hall



Phase one of this two-phase project has already begun with the demolition of the residence hall recreation building. This 112,000-square-foot facility will house 220 students as well as a new residential dining center. The \$52 million project is funded from state revenue bond sales, and the bond debt obligation will be paid with University Housing rent revenues. The long-term goal of the University is to be able to house 3,000 students.

Northern California Natural History Museum



The museum project, long a dream, is slated to soon become a reality. The California State University Board of Trustees approved the project at their November 2007 meeting and construction is slated to begin in spring 2008, shortly after the museum's groundbreaking ceremony on April 24. The museum will be built on CSU, Chico land adjacent to Bidwell Mansion, and the funding of \$6 million is coming from both private and state-grant funds. The museum is also going to be a LEED-certified project and will feature a geologic time walk, a valley gallery, a hands-on Discovery Room, a Demonstration Laboratory, as well as a museum store and exhibit production space.

For more information on these projects as well as details of the University's Master Plan visit www.csuchico.edu/fcp/masterplan/mpindex.shtml [n](#)



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