

Expansion



Woo Sung Lee donated the property for the new alumni welcome center.

CENTER WILL WELCOME VISITORS TO CAMPUS

A gift from a distinguished graduate and long-time benefactor will soon serve as a focal point for the University's alumni operations and provide a starting point for prospective students and other visitors to campus.

In December 2007, Woo Sung Lee, a member of the University of Corpus Christi class of 1959, donated funds to construct Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi's Welcome Center which will bear his name. The Welcome Center will be built on South Alameda Street near the campus entry. When it opens, the facility will house alumni relations and some development functions.

Lee came to the United States from Korea as a foreign student in 1955 and, following graduation, went into the restaurant business. After creating a special seafood batter recipe, he turned his one fast-food establishment into a highly-successful chain of Boat-N-Net Restaurants.

This is not the first major gift Lee has given to the University. In 2001 he gave the resources for the creation of Lee Plaza, a garden spot where students study or just relax between classes. The sanctuary is a testament to Lee's memories of his University days as well as a memorial to his late son, Yongnam Lee.

In 1999 Lee established a scholarship fund at the University, and in 2004 he received the

Distinguished Alumni Award in recognition of his volunteer efforts and financial contributions to A&M-Corpus Christi. He has also been honored by the President's Council and his photograph is on the Donor Wall of Honor Silver Inner Circle of Excellence for his gifts to the University's scholarship and building funds.

DR. JACK AND SUSIE DUGAN WELLNESS CENTER

When it opens in spring 2009, the Dr. Jack and Susie Dugan Wellness Center will provide the campus with a much-needed health and exercise facility that will also serve as an enticement for future students considering attending the Island University.

The 67,000-square foot complex will include two regulation NCAA basketball courts, weight and cardio areas, locker rooms, including two for those with special needs, and group exercise rooms. Other support areas include laundry facilities, offices for Athletics and Recreational Sports personnel and separate public restrooms near the entrance to the building.

The facility was made possible by a \$1 million private gift from Dr. Jack Dugan and his family, who are longtime contributors to the University. The remaining construction costs will be financed by student fees.

BUILDING WILL CONSOLIDATE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Construction is expected to begin early next year on a 176,000-square foot building that will consolidate the College of Business under one roof, providing the necessary space and technology to guarantee students the best possible education.

The \$25 million building will also be home to the Center for Business and Economic Research which will provide faculty and students with opportunities to work with community business leaders in the economic development of Corpus Christi and the Coastal Bend. The environmentally-friendly building will be located adjacent to Lee Plaza and will be constructed to respect the plaza's ambience.



The placement of the highest beam on the Dr. Jack and Susie Dugan Wellness Center was celebrated with a "Topping Out" Party.

When completed in 2010, the \$45 million; 140,000-square-foot building that will be home to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the College of Education's Kinesiology Program, will include a simulated hospital ward, patient simulator laboratories, a cardiovascular training area and specialized labs for exercise physiology, biomechanics, and motor evaluation and development.

