

Heath building campaign closes in on goal

As the capital campaign for the Heath Academic Center for Religion and Business comes into its final stretch, alums and friends of Vanguard are helping to finish the building debt-free by sponsoring classrooms and furniture.

“It’s exciting to see people give generously as we approach the finish line for this campaign,” says Sandy Wilson, executive director of development. “And there are still opportunities for those who want to be part of this project.”

Alum Rich Schulz, who has served Vanguard in the past as chairman of the business division, vice president of student life, a professor and founder of the SPS program, is so enthusiastic about the Heath building that he’s helping raise the final \$250,000.

“I am incredibly excited about the religion and business divisions being housed in the same building,” Schulz says. “It makes such an incredible statement. I want to lend any support I can to this project and its completion. This could be one of the most meaningful investments people will ever make in the lives of future generations of young people, perhaps even in the lives of their own children and grandchildren.”

Every dollar given to finish the building will be matched by lead gift donors, Paul and Barbara Heath, up to \$250,000. The result will be a debt-free building that will open its doors to students in fall 2004.

Alums are taking advantage of the opportunity to give gifts that will furnish the building. Givers may name:



The Heath Academic Center will accommodate nearly 600 students per class hour.

Stadium seats for the two lecture halls: \$500 per seat.

Lecterns for the classrooms: \$1,000 each.

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Desk tables for the eight classrooms: \$750 per desk or table.



Gifts can be made in recognition of alumni graduation years, or in honor or memory of a loved one. The name will be placed on each piece sponsored, and will also be listed on the building's "Wall of Generosity."

Religion professor David Clark '68 is rallying members of the close-knit classes of '67 and '68 to raise \$50,000 to fully equip a classroom or several offices.

"I've been concerned that our classes have a presence on the campus" says Clark. "Most of the Heath center has been funded, but many offices and classrooms still need to be furnished, and this is an ideal opportunity to support our alma mater and leave a lasting memorial to our classes."

The campaign's goal is to complete construction in May, close the capital campaign in June, add furnishings and recognition items in July and hold a dedication and ribbon cutting in August.

The Heath Academic Center will house the religion and business programs, provide eight new classrooms, two stadium-seating lecture halls, a Great Commission Hall, 37 faculty offices and 36,000 square feet of total space. It will accommodate nearly 600 students per class hour and will reduce campus classroom occupancy from 100 percent to 66 percent, allowing for enrollment growth. The total cost of the building is \$5.2 million.

People interested in naming opportunities and giving may call Sandy Wilson at (714) 556-3610 ext. 414.



VU receives unprecedented funding for science and technology

As a result of what Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-Costa Mesa) calls "a lot of hard work and divine intervention," Congress passed — and the President signed — three appropriations bills that give Vanguard \$1.3 million for classroom equipment and construction of the new science center.

"This is one of those accomplishments you put down in your book as further proof of the existence of God," Rohrabacher told *Vanguard* magazine. "It's a miracle we were able to squeeze this out of the budget this year."

Vanguard received \$750,000 in the Science Account of the Energy and Water appropriations bill. The funds can be used for science equipment and to draw architectural plans and construct the new science center.

In addition, the omnibus appropriations bill signed into law in early 2004 included \$550,000 for Vanguard. Those funds can be used for construction, computers and other much-needed equipment which can be migrated to the new science building when it is completed.

"We were successful for several reasons," says President Murray Dempster. "Our local Congressman championed our cause, and we had grass roots letters of support from over fifty business, educational, church, government and community leaders in Orange County and around the state. We had outstanding Washington representatives from the Russ Reid Company, especially Tom Keller who was my constant companion on the Hill."

The first round of appropriation bills, which did not include money for Vanguard, went down to defeat because of political maneuvers. As a result, some funding items changed and Rohrabacher gained "a little extra leverage" he directed in Vanguard's favor.

"Vanguard is a very respected institution in my district," he says. "I'm a chairman of space and aeronautics and this [money] will help people develop skills in science and engineering. It's consistent with things I've been doing in Congress. I'm very pleased we managed to direct some funds to Vanguard."

