

Summa Corporation Gift To UNLV's School Of Engineering

Summa Corporation has made the largest single contribution to UNLV's School of Engineering and Computer Science by donating \$2 million toward enhancement of the school's academic program, UNLV President Robert C. Maxson announced in a campus news conference Monday (Dec. 3).

The Summa gift will come to the university in installments over the next 10 years.

"I accept this gift on behalf of the faculty and students of UNLV, and I want to thank Will Lummis and Summa Corporation for the confidence they have placed in us," Maxson said at the news conference. "This is another excellent example of a civic-minded business supporting its public university."

"We will use the money mainly for professorships and equipment," the president said, adding, "We intend to build a first-rate school of engineering and computer science at UNLV and demonstrate to the people at Summa that they have made a good investment in the future of this state. We are a young, proud, and growing university that is destined, in my judgment, to become one of the country's great urban universities."

"Summa is pleased to make this donation, which evidences our confidence in the future of

the Las Vegas Valley and the importance of the university to our community," said William R. Lummis, chairman of the board of Summa Corporation. "It is also most appropriate, considering the pioneering, technological vision of our founder, Howard R. Hughes, Jr."

Mr. Lummis went on to note that, "As a corporate citizen of this community, we recognize our role in the future. We hope that our contribution to the School of Engineering and Computer Science will be followed by other community leaders, thus demonstrating broad support for this far-sighted endeavor."

Maxson said he will ask the UNS Board of Regents to consider naming the School of Engineering and Computer Science in honor of Howard R. Hughes, Jr.

"Mr. Hughes was regarded as an entrepreneurial genius and a man at the cutting edge of the fields of science and technology, and that is the kind of program we intend to build at UNLV," Maxson said.

Hughes spent a significant part of his life in Las Vegas, where he had acquired airports, a television station, ranches, mining claims, hotel-casinos, and land. It was here that he decided to establish Summa's corporate headquarters.

Between his start in Texas with Hughes Tool Company and his death, Hughes became legendary as a billionaire industrialist, film producer, engineer and pilot. Among his aviation accomplishments are his shattering of the world air

speed record, clocking 352.39 miles per hour over Santa Ana, California, in 1935; his 1938 record-breaking flight around the world in three days, 19 hours; and the successful flight of his gigantic flying boat, which was designed and built in Long Beach, in 1947. He set numerous aviation speed records, and designed and flew (crashing once) the powerful twin-engined XF-11 photo-reconnaissance airplane.

In 1947 Hughes demonstrated the practicality of using radar in commercial jets by showing the press a pilot warning system he had designed for installation in TWA's fleet of Lockheed Constellations.

Hughes created Hughes Aircraft Co., a great scientific center, which was turned over to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute in 1953.

When Hughes died in 1976, the Washington Star said, "He was clearly a man of unusual abilities. He excelled in three areas in which we are accustomed to admire accomplishments - films, technology, finance."

UNLV has also received other major gifts to its engineering program, including a \$1.5 million donation from Nevada Power Co. to fund a faculty chair and director for the school and to support its programs; J.A. and Marietta Tibertis' donation of \$500,000 toward construction of the proposed new building to house the school; and \$1 million toward construction of the \$15.2 million building from a donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Netanyahu: U.S. Debacle In Lebanon 'Fundamentally Altered' Israel's World Status

TORONTO (WNS) — Israel's war in Lebanon and America's exposure to Arab terrorism in Lebanon have had decisive influences on America's Middle East policy and are part of recent developments which have "fundamentally

altered" Israel's international position, according to Binyamin Netanyahu, Israel's Ambassador to the United Nations.

Two other recent

developments which have affected Israel's international position are the decline of Arab oil power, matched by a parallel decline in Arab financial power, and the decline of the PLO which, after the war in Lebanon, now "leads a fragmented and divisive existence,"

Netanyahu said.

Focusing on America's present perception of the Middle East in general and of Israel in particular, he told the more than 2,000 delegates attending the 53rd General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, that the terrorist attacks against U.S. military installations and armed forces personnel in Beirut "was the first time that America as a country was so tragically exposed to Arab terrorism."

This experience, Netanyahu pointed out, had "a profound effect on the public at large and on policymakers in Washington. Leading American statesmen have come to recognize what Israel knew and argued all along: that terrorism is a new form of warfare aimed at all the democracies... and that it must be vigorously resisted, if necessary with military means."

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