Anil K. Puri, College of Business and Economics: “Global corporations, ubiquitous communications and space flight will be norms 50 years from now. Flight across continents will take no more than a few hours and biologically engineered babies will meet desires of the most demanding of parents. Profit maximization still will be the driving force of the world economy. Mihaylo Hall will be the hub of world-class management education, the College of Business and Economics having expanded its international collaboration. Most education will be delivered on demand anywhere in the world.”

Robert E. Rikli, College of Health and Human Development: “Fifty years from now, I think Cal State Fullerton’s enrollment will exceed 50,000, but with at least half of the students taking courses online. Their average age will be 35, with many students already having completed their majors and taking additional courses just to keep up with the fast pace of information expansion. In the College of Health and Human Development, I predict that we will have online options for most of our degrees and, we will have added at least five professional doctorates in areas such as nursing, social work, counseling and kinesiology.”

Jerry Samuelson, College of the Arts: “With the completion of the new Performing Arts Center in 2006, we finally realized the dream of a dynamic creative environment for the serious study of music, theater, dance and the visual arts. The challenge now is to go beyond the dream to use the physical environment to continue our goal of professional and creative excellence. Today, there is an amazing creative spirit within the college. This energy will support our educational mission, and our programs, exhibits and performances will enrich the arts scene in Orange County.”

Raman M. Unnikrishnan, College of Engineering and Computer Science: “It’s 2057 and I am peering out of the windows from the 40th floor dean’s office where the old computer science building once stood. My building dwarfs the other skyscrapers on campus. A tall parking structure, fully equipped with hydrogen fueling ports, spans the entire 57 Freeway, adjoining the campus. CSUF, the largest university in the western hemisphere, also holds the NCAA championship titles in baseball and football, having defeated powerhouse teams from UCI and USC, respectively. The College of Engineering and Computer Science now is the largest college. Many faculty members teach classes from remote sites on the other side of the globe, using the simultaneous language translation service. Wearable computers and excellent technical support we receive from overseas make it possible for students to learn and drive at the same time. By the way, I have just been honored as the oldest dean in the universe, but I am not the oldest faculty member.”

Milton A. Gordon
Cal State Fullerton President

What the President Predicts

“In 50 years, CSUF will still be one of the most diverse institutions in the state because of its legacy as a university where diversity at all levels works. Also, with the increased use of technology, the teaching and learning process will be 24/7—anywhere, anytime.”

2006
CSUF is among the first CSU campuses to offer the doctorate in education degree.

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger begins his second term in office.

2007-08
CSUF marks its 50th anniversary with celebrations throughout the academic year.