



"A window on the past to understand the present"



Mr. Christopher Buck, President of the Peter and Carmen Lucía Buck Foundation, and grandson of Governor Piñero, addresses the public at the groundbreaking ceremony.

A Great Step Forward: Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Jesús T. Piñero Library

On June 11th of this year, the *Universidad del Este* celebrated an important accomplishment in its development with the groundbreaking ceremony for the future Jesús T. Piñero Library. Several members of Governor Piñero's family, his son, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, participated in the event. Many members of the university community were also present as well as special invited guests, among them, the First Lady of Puerto Rico, Luce Vela, representatives of libraries of other ex Governors of Puerto Rico and members of the Library Fundraising Committee. Before the actual groundbreaking ceremony, several of the projects leaders spoke to the public that had gathered at the University Assembly Hall. The President of the Ana G. Méndez University System, Dr. José F. Méndez spoke of the importance of this project as well as the role that Governor Piñero played in the initial process of founding the Puerto Rico Junior College. UNE Chancellor Alberto Maldonado spoke of the significance of this project for the future development not only of the University but also of Puerto Rico. At the closing of the act, José Piñero Bou, the Governor's son, expressed the family's gratitude to the University for the efforts being made to preserve his father's legacy and to educate a new generation in Puerto Rico.



From left to right: Jaime Partsch (UNE), Antonio Colorado (President Board of Directors AGMUS), Alberto Maldonado Ruiz (Chancellor UNE), First Lady of Puerto Rico Lucé Vela, Christopher Buck (Peter and Carmen Lucia Buck Foundation), José E. Piñero Bou (son of Governor Piñero), José F. Méndez (President of AGMUS), Héctor Rivera (Architect of Alejandro y Rivera), Emilio Piñero Ferrer (Library Fundraising Committee), Patrick Haggarty (Vice-president Banco Bilbao Vizcaya).



An important step forward ... and a dream in the making



Here we share with our readers some scenes of the groundbreaking ceremony for the Piñero Library, June 11, 2012 at UNE.



Dr. José F. Méndez spoke of the importance of this project and of the role that Piñero played in the early years of the Junior College.



Emilio Piñero Ferrer spoke on behalf of the Library Fundraising Committee.



Puerto Rico First Lady Luce Vela shares with Dr. Méndez a facsimile of the September 4, 1946 edition of *El Imparcial*.



Rafael Vázquez gave a demonstration to the public of the new APP developed for the Piñero Collection.



Architect Héctor Rivera gave a presentation of the design for the new Library.

Ten years ago, José Piñero Bou and his sister Haydeé Piñero Buck, the son and daughter of Governor Piñero, donated his personal papers to the University for their preservation and to make them available to the public. Today they see that their dream is coming true.



Mr. Christopher Buck, grandson of Governor Piñero, proudly displays the shovel he used in the groundbreaking ceremony.

Reach the Collection on your I-phone



Beginning in June, the Piñero Collection has a new instrument of communication. Thanks to the work of Rafael Vázquez of the Office of Telecommunications of the UNE, we now have an APP for our readers' I-phones. This new tool allows the user to have access to the Collection through our internet page, our blog, our monthly newsletter, and our presence in Twitter and Facebook. Anyone interested in obtaining

the app can access it through the [Apple](#) store.

Thank you . . .

Our sincere thanks to the following persons and institutions who have recently donated books and other materials to the Piñero Collection:

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- * Dr. Arturo Santiago
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- * Dr. Manuel S. Almeida
- * Municipal Archive, City of Carolina

The Collection receives donations of books, documents, photographs and other materials related to our ongoing projects. For more information about donating to the Collection call: 787-257-7373 ext. 2523.

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BBVA Participates in the Piñero Library Construction Campaign



The Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA) has joined the campaign of the Ana G. Méndez University System (AGMUS) and the Universidad del Este (UNE) to raise funds for the construction of the new Jesús T. Piñero Library, a multi-million dollar project to be built in Carolina. BBVA will contribute \$100,000 toward the construction of this magnificent structure which will be visible from the Baldorioty de Castro Expressway. The agreement was signed at BBVA offices on June 5, 2012 by BBVA President Rafael Varela, Dr. José F. Méndez, President of AGMUS and Alberto Maldonado, UNE Chancellor.

This participation by BBVA will mean that the Exhibition Hall in the new Library complex will bear the name of BBVA.

This Exhibition Hall will be approximately 600 square feet in size and will have access to a reception area of some 700 square feet. Construction of the library is scheduled to begin in 2013.

(Photograph, left to right: Mr. Patrick Haggarty, Vicepresident BBVA, Mr. Rafael Varela, President BBVA, Dr. José F. Méndez, President AGMUS and Alberto M. Maldonado, Esq., Chancellor UNE.)

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