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Part of the inaugural group of students attending CI when it opened in fall 2002, Matt Anderson remembers his first day on campus distinctly.

“We were all transfer students, and everyone at orientation got together and stood by signs indicating their transfer school,” says Anderson. “There were a bunch from Oxnard College and other local schools. I was the sole person with a ‘Fullerton Junior College’ sign. It was a little like ‘who’s this guy?’”

However, any feelings of being an outsider quickly faded as Anderson immersed himself in activities on campus. Energized by the opportunity to play a key role in a new university, he helped create CI’s first Student Government organization, worked in the Academic Advising office and assisted with the WASC accreditation process.

When he wasn’t attending classes or meetings, though, he was captivated by something else at CI, fellow student Elizabeth Simons `05.

“I had noticed her around campus, and since there was only a few hundred people, it was easy to bump into her a lot,” says Anderson. “I did my best to make sure that happened as often as possible! One day I saw her in the library and invited her to join me and some friends at Bandits’ barbecue joint. We hit it off and closed the place down.”

The couple got engaged during a picnic on the hill above University Glen (and married in 2007).

A graduate of Western State University College of Law and a practicing attorney since 2010, Anderson says he enjoys teaching his clients as he represents them.

“I try to help clients not only resolve legal issues, but also prevent future problems,” he says. “When you lay a solid foundation, there’s a greater chance of resolution without having to resort to litigation.”

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