

January 17, 2002 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

THIS WEEK

17 • Thursday

» Adjunct Faculty meeting, H-131, 6:45 p.m.

18 • Friday

» Opening Day general session, H-131, 9 a.m.-noon
» Opening Day division meetings, 1 or 1:30 p.m.

21 • Monday

» Martin Luther King holiday — campus closed

22 • Tuesday

» Spring semester begins
» NOCCCD Board meeting, DEC, 5:30 p.m.

24 • Thursday

» Academic Senate, WCR, 3 p.m.

26 • Saturday

» Southern California Community Colleges Job Fair,
LAX Marriott, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

// THEY SAID IT //

“Obstacles are those frightful things you see when you take your eyes off the goal.”

— Hannah More

Submitted by Nancy Byrnes

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From the President: ‘Welcome Back’

► **A former student’s letter is a poignant reminder of the many lives we touch.**

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring 2002 semester! It’s good to have faculty, staff, and students back on campus and ready to re-engage in the important work of teaching and learning.

One of the first e-mails I read when I returned from the winter break was from a former student, John Gerace. John said, “The reason I’m writing you this e-mail is while I didn’t receive any academic inspiration in high school, I certainly did while attending Cypress College. I’m writing now because I guess it took my 20-year high school reunion to be put in a state of retrospection and appreciation. I’ve been fortunate to have achieved a certain degree of success thus far in my career and have an incredible amount of appreciation for three professors I was so fortunate to have while at Cypress: Tom Lubin, Helen Chen, and Barbara Marshall. ... Even though I continued to struggle academically while at Cypress, these three professors were an incredible inspiration to me and to

whom I owe so much of what I achieved both academically and professionally after my experience at Cypress College. ... I am deeply grateful for the education Cypress College provided me with”

John went on to say that after leaving Cypress, he earned a BS in Chemistry from UCI and an MBA from Pepperdine. He has done biomedical research with Allergan, Inc., holds four US patents, sold laboratory automation and DNA synthesis equipment for Beckman Coulter, and is now in charge of Beckman’s Tactical Marketing for Research Automation for the Americas.

Every day those of us who work here at the college have the opportunity to touch the life of someone like John. We can provide the encouragement and inspiration that turn a struggling or indifferent student into one with goals, knowledge, and skills. “I touch the future, I teach” was the motto of teacher-astronaut Christa McAuliffe. How incredibly fortunate we are to share in that endeavor.

May this opportunity to touch the future inspire all of us as together we pursue our vision: **To build a college-wide learning community for student success.**

CypressCollege.edu is New Campus Web Site Address

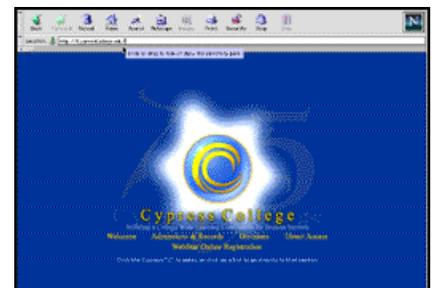
Cypress College has a new — and prestigious — address for the campus Web site. Visitors to the Cypress College Internet site may simply type *CypressCollege.edu* in any Web browser to be instantly connected with the college.

College employees should now use the *CypressCollege.edu* address on business cards and other official communications. It will also begin appearing on campus documents as they are developed.

Thanks to the quick efforts of the Academic Computing staff, the new .edu address also works for e-mail. For example, submissions for @Cypress may now be sent to mposner@CypressCollege.edu. E-mail addresses and the first portion of Web addresses are not case-sensitive, so capitalization is not important. However, to make the address easier to read, both C’s should be capitalized when publishing the address.

Both *CypressCollege.org* and <http://www.cypress.cc.ca.us> will continue to function.

The campus gained access to the “.edu domain” after a lobbying effort by Educause prompted the US Commerce Department to open registration to community colleges. Previously, only four-year degree-granting institutions were officially permitted to use .edu addresses, although some community colleges had registered .edu addresses before those rules were enforced.



College Update: A Brief Look at What Happened During the Winter Break

With so much work completed and news rolling in, it's almost difficult to call Winter Break a "break." Here is a look at what has been going on.

➔ EIS/Banner Implementation, Grade Submission

Well, it worked. A great majority of faculty submitted their fall 2001 grades online and on time. After a few minor glitches, students are now able to logon to the WebStar site and see how they did in their fall classes. Dave Wassenaar, dean of Admissions and Records, passed along a huge "thank you" to the faculty and to the A&R staff for completing this transition to Web-based grade submission. The Staff Development Office's efforts in helping faculty with the new computer system during the waning days of 2001 turned out to be a tremendous help.

➔ State Budget

The good news is that there appears to be *some* money left over from the state's long-term electricity-purchase contracts. However, the energy crisis has helped produce a 2002-03 state budget with a \$12-plus billion revenue shortfall. Last week, Governor Davis offered his budget proposal which is a first draft and is likely to undergo significant changes before it is approved; the Community College system is also involved in lobbying efforts to protect our interests.

Governor Davis's proposal avoids raising taxes or student fees. The community colleges — and education generally — emerged as one of the governor's highest priorities, according to state Chancellor Tom Nussbaum. Davis honored the Proposition 98 guarantee, and actually increased the overall level of funding for community colleges. The budget proposal contains both gains and losses for community colleges. Here are the details:

Augmentations:

- 3% for enrollment growth (\$118.7 million)
- 2.15% for Cost of Living (COLA) (\$88.8 million)

Base Funding Restorations (some of which address programs funded out of the Proposition 98 Reversion Account):

- \$57 million for Part-time Faculty Compensation
- \$49 million for Scheduled Maintenance (\$22.9 million is one-time funding from Prop. 98 Reversion Account)
- \$49 million for Instructional Equipment (\$22.9 million is one-time funding from Prop. 98 Reversion Account)
- \$5 million for Teacher and Reading Development
- \$7 million for Part-time Office Hours

Base Funding Reductions (passed along with Chancellor

Nussbaum's warning to "please sit down before reading this"):

- \$58 million reduced from CalWORKS (leaving \$7 million for child care)
- \$26.8 million reduced from Matriculation (leaving \$44.5 million for this program)
- \$19.8 million reduced from Telecommunications and Technology Infrastructure (leaving \$24.5 million for this program)
- \$10 million reduced from the Fund for Student Success (leaving \$6.2 million)
- \$8.8 million reduced from the Economic Development Program (leaving \$36.8 million)
- \$5.2 million reduced from the Faculty and Staff Development Program (leaving nothing)
- \$1 million reduced from the Nursing Program Expansion (leaving \$3 million)

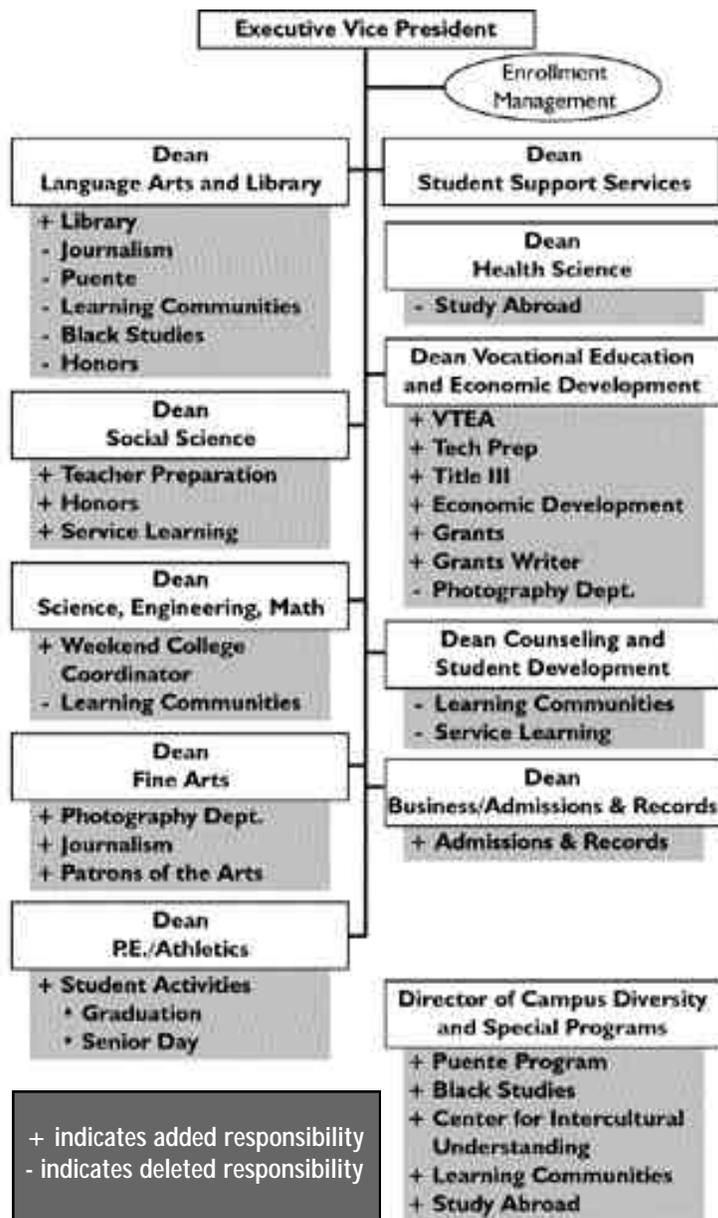
The proposed reductions total about \$130 million and the total reductions are more than \$40 million in excess of the amount proposed for COLA. On the other hand, the total proposed augmenta-

tions for the system are far in excess of the base budget reductions — the Governor's budget indicates a net \$104 million augmentation.

"We should temper our concerns regarding these base budget reductions in the knowledge that most other areas of state and local government suffered overall base budget reductions," Nussbaum said.

➔ Re-organization Goes Into Effect in Fall

The management re-organization developed last semester goes into effect in the upcoming fall term. It provides for individual deans for the Fine Arts, Vo Tech, and Science, Engineering and Math divisions. Business also gains a dean with no other instructional duties, though the dean will also oversee Admissions and Records. The dean of P.E./Athletics will assume administrative oversight of Student Activities and the dean of Language Arts will oversee the Library. Grants, Economic Development, VTEA and Title III become the responsibility of the Vocational Educational dean. The director of Campus diversity will assume administrative support role for the Learning Communities, the Puente Program, Study Abroad and the Center for Intercultural Understanding. Changes to the campus organizational chart are highlighted below, with a plus sign showing additional duties and a minus sign indicating a specific responsibility has been removed.



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➔ **New Advisor, Secretary, President in Student Activities**

Men's basketball coach Paul Bottiaux has been named the new advisor for Student Activities, a position he will hold in addition to his athletic responsibilities. Rebecca "Becky" Rojas is the office's new secretary. She comes to us from the corporate environment, Eastman-Kodak, where she had considerable experience in coordinating the activities of several west coast corporate offices. The new Associated Student's President is Michael Schafer. He replaces Donte Reid, who left school at the end of the fall. Finally, Tom Cooper has returned to retirement, after filling in as the advisor last semester.

➔ **Campus Personnel Changes**

Pat O'Brien is returning to campus to serve as the interim dean of Language Arts. O'Brien, who retired as a faculty member in the division four years ago, will serve in the position until the new dean of Language Arts and Library is hired in July. In addition to the job search for the Language Arts/Library position, hiring committees have also been established to select deans for Fine Arts and for Vocational Education and Economic Development. Selection of a new director of Nursing and College Health Services and a director of Institutional Research are also in process. Because of the number of hiring committees for management positions in process, Larry "Merc" Mercadante will continue on as the interim dean of Science, Engineering and Math through June 2003.

➔ **Facilities**

During the break, the Transfer Center was temporarily relocated to the Staff Conference Center while the center area was renovated to make it more functional. The Art Department offices that were located in the Transfer Center have been renovated to open into the hall across from the Gallery. The Transfer Center should move back into the newly renovated area by the end of the month.

Carpeting has been removed from some of the stairwells and a new type of epoxy paint will replace the old, worn carpeting. Several restrooms are also being renovated to meet ADA standards. Other restrooms have been given special attention to make them more inviting. Every effort is being made to have these projects complete before school starts but sometimes, as with many projects, everything doesn't go according to plan. Patience is greatly appreciated.

Recycling bins have been placed around the campus in order to promote the recycling of bottles and cans.

The theater rigging project is now underway, with contractors currently demolishing the old rigging. This project will be ongoing during the spring semester with a target date of April for opening.

The old "fishbowl" has been renovated to provide an information center and a new home for security; an official "open house" will be upcoming. A plaza has been formed in front of the information center with tables and planters for students and staff to use. New vehicles and carts with the Security logo may also be seen around campus.

➔ **Campus Children's Center**

Space is available in the Campus Children's Center for children ages 2-6. The center serves children of Cypress College students, employees, and members of the community, as space permits.

The center provides a developmental preschool curriculum with opportunities for children to explore, create, and learn through computers, art, music, science, literature, and play indoors and outside. Low-cost and free services are available to those meeting requirements.

A full Head Start Program is also available and free to eligible children.

For information, call ext. 47074.

Americana Recipients Named;

Event on February 23

The annual Americana Awards Banquet is scheduled for 6 p.m. on February, 23, 2002 at Disney's Grand Californian Hotel. A silent auction and reception hour kicks off the festivities, followed by entertainment and dinner at 7:30 p.m. All proceeds directly benefit Cypress College students by providing scholarships and funding for programs not covered in the general budget.



Isabelle Villaseñor

Isabelle Villaseñor — owner of seven McDonalds, including one in Cypress — will receive the 2002 Americana Woman of the Year award for her efforts as a philanthropist. Toyota Motor Sales U.S.A., Inc., will be named Distinguished Business Partner for its generous support of Cypress College and the Toyota Technical Education Network "T-TEN" automotive program for more than a decade.

Citizens of the Year from the seven primary cities that Cypress College serves will also be honored at the Americana Awards, chosen for their humanitarianism, philanthropy, and partnership efforts in their communities.

Honorees include: Carol Latham, leader of community service organization Altrusa International, Inc., of Anaheim; Mary Sutherland, active member of Soroptimist International of Buena Park and assistant executive director of the Buena Park Boys and Girls Club; Walt Bowman, dedicated Cypress volunteer and former Cypress mayor; Tony and Emma Lombardi, longtime community supporters and active members of the Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce; Richard and Joan Lutz, La Palma volunteers dedicated to supporting the city and its schools; Tom Stretz, executive director of the acclaimed Los Alamitos Youth Center; and Alicita Lee Lewis-Younger, founding member of the Stanton Chamber of Commerce and longtime foster parent to many children.

Tickets for the black-tie-optional gala are available to employees at a discounted price. For more information, call the Foundation at ext. 47126.



Dr. Lewis with Richard Lester, Roger Foss and Stan Sweet, all of Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc.; and Raúl Alvarez, executive director, of the Cypress College Foundation.

CHARGERS

Carolee Freear was recently named president of the Reporters Association of Public Schools. The association includes membership of the Court Reporting Educators and Administrators from across California. RAPS works closely with the board of California Court Reporters on all school matters, including legislation, requirements, and recognition. Her term of office is for two years.



Recently retired Language Arts Dean **Barbara Marr** expressed these thoughts along: "If I never have another job or other colleagues or other friends, I will still feel extraordinarily blessed because of my experience here. Thank you for being part of that."

OPENINGS

For more information on these job openings, visit the NOCCCD Web site:

Director, Institutional Research (CC)
Director of Nursing (80%)/Director of College Health Services (20%) (CC)
Astronomy/Physics Instructor (FC)
Computer Information Systems Instructor (CC)
Computer Science Instructor (FC)
Cosmetology Instructor (FC)
English Instructor (3 Positions) (CC)
English as a Second Language Instructor (FC)
Mathematics Instructor (4 Positions) (FC)
Mathematics Instructor (3 Positions) (CC)
Music/Vocal Jazz Instructor (CC)
Nursing Instructor (CC)
Philosophy/Religious Studies Instructor (CC)
Physical Education/Strength Conditioning Instructor/Tennis Instructor/Coach (FC)
Photography Instructor (CC)
Psychology Instructor (CC)
Spanish Instructor (FC)
Spanish/Italian Instructor (FC)
Speech Instructor (CC)
Student Development Instructor (FC)
Child Care Teacher (FC)
Account Clerk, Senior (DEC)
Secretary (62.5%) Humanities (FC)
Instructional Assistant/DSPS (FC)
Executive Secretary III (CC)

'Key Messages' Developed for Campus Marketing

You may have already noticed a subtle change to the top of the **@Cypress** nameplate: five new phrases which were developed to communicate who we are and what we represent to students.

The phrases — commonly known as "key messages" — were developed through research conducted by the campus Research Office and by consultants working for the Noel-Levitz enrollment management firm.

Marketing instructor Patti Kishel and Public Information Officer Marc Posner completed the verbiage as part of the 5% MORE committee's work.

Here are the new key messages:

Educational Excellence —

Students and staff are proud of the many top-quality academic and vocational programs at Cypress College. Our students say Cypress College is a good place to build skills and connect with others. Many feel their confidence grow. Graduates say that after completing a program at Cypress College, they feel well prepared for their next step, whether that's a career or the university.

A Great Environment —

Students often comment about the warm, personal and friendly experience at Cypress College. They say they feel safe at the college and enjoy the atmosphere. Students like that teachers remember their first names and say "hi" on campus. They also enjoy the casual environment, beautiful grounds and ample parking. And they rave about the relaxing duck pond.

Personal Attention — Cypress

College classes are always taught by highly qualified faculty members. Students think their teachers are excellent and willing to go the extra mile for them. Faculty members like Cypress College because they love to teach. The result is personal attention and one-on-one interaction between students and their instructors. Many students say they came to Cypress College for that reason alone.

Value and Quality — Ask a Cypress College student if they're getting a good deal and you're likely to hear this response: "My friends are paying a fortune for the same education." It's not only the exceptionally low cost of just \$11 per unit, either. Students say they know they're getting a top-quality education and transfer credits, too.

A Fun Experience — You can't quite call Cypress College a party school. At least not in an official publication. But students say they find lots of opportunity for involvement. The campus has a vibrant arts community and several top-notch athletic programs. Not to mention all the attractions — like Downtown Disney and Knott's Berry Farm — that are just a stone's-throw from the campus.

Last semester, the 5% MORE committee developed the slogan of "**Go Places**" for the campus.

The slogan is commonly used with the phrase: "For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Come to Cypress College and **Go Places!**"

So Cal Job Fair, Campus 'Hire Me' Workshops Set

The Southern California Community Colleges Job Fair will be held on Saturday, January 26 at the Los Angeles Airport Marriott. The event runs from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

More than 17 full-time faculty positions are available within the District (listed at left). Applicants will be sought at the job fair.

Adjunct faculty seeking full-time positions may also be interested in two "Hire Me!" workshops covering tips on the NOCCCD hiring process.

Part I "Perspectives on Hiring: Application, Letter of Interest and Resume Writing" is presented on Thursday, January 31 from 6-8 p.m. in H-131 (this is a revised date and time). It is presented by counselors Kelly Carter and Renay Laguana.

Part II "Perspectives on Hiring: The Interview" is set for Thursday, February 7, from 6-8 p.m. in H-131. It is also presented by Kelly Carter, and features President Margie Lewis, Wayne Freiman, a Vocational/Technical instructor, and Diane Henry, dean of Physical Education.

For information and reservations, call Staff Development at ext. 47324.

BRIEFLY

Students who need help paying for books should be directed to the EOPS office in TE2-213. Since the program is funded by Partnership for Excellence, students do not need to meet financial aid requirements. The program is open to all students. More information is available by calling ext. 47371.



An Islam Forum has been set for Wednesday, January 30 from 5-7 p.m. It will be held in H-136. The interactive forum will present information on the religion, dispell misconceptions of Islam and offer a dialog with community speakers. It is sponsored by the Center for Intercultural Understanding and is open to the public. For information call ext. 47049.



Students interested in spending a semester in Florence, Italy or Dublin, Ireland should plan to attend an upcoming informational meeting. Meetings for the Italy trip are set for March 13, from 7-9 p.m., and March 14, from 12-2 p.m. Both will be held in the Staff Conference Center located on the first floor of Fine Arts. Information for the Dublin trip will be provided on February 11, from 7-8 p.m., and February 12, from 1-2 p.m. Both of those meetings are scheduled for the Wilson Conference Room, located on the second floor of the Theater Arts Building. For more info, call ext. 47049 or ext. 47050.