

## THIS WEEK

### 19 • Friday

- Opening Day, Spring 2001, Campus Theater, 8:30 a.m.

### 22 • Monday

- Classes begin

### 23 • Tuesday

- NOCCCD Board meeting, DEC, 5:30 p.m.

### 27 • Saturday

- California Community College Job Fair, Sheraton Gateway Hotel (near LAX), 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## THEY SAID IT

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**“The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.”**

– Arthur C. Clark

Author of

*2001: A Space Odyssey*

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## Welcome to the Spring 2001 Semester

### ► We're "Building a college-wide learning community for student success."

Welcome to the Spring 2001 semester at Cypress College! After a break of several weeks, I hope we are all ready to refocus our energy on helping our students learn and succeed. As we work to achieve our Vision of "Building a college-wide learning community for student success," may we always remember that we are here for students.

A good reminder of this fundamental truth is contained in the following quotation (unfortunately I do not know the source):

The Student is . . .

- The most important person at our college. Without students, there would be no need for our positions.
- Not a cold enrollment statistic but a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.
- Not someone to be tolerated so that we can do our thing. They **are** our thing.

• Not dependent on us. Rather, we are dependent on them.

• Not an interruption of our work, but the purpose of it. We are not doing them a favor by serving them. They are doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so.

Today's students have many choices. Within just a few miles there are other community colleges, four-year institutions, and a variety of private institutions, all of which are eager to enroll students. In addition to these educational choices, the low unemployment rate means that employers are busily recruiting students for jobs.

In this environment it is important that Cypress College stands out as a college that offers high-quality instructional programs and student services, as well as a supportive and welcoming environment. Please join me in doing everything possible to make Cypress the place where students come because they know we will do all we can to help them achieve their goals.

Have a great semester!

— Margie Lewis

## OC Human Relations Commission Seeks Nominees for Awards

The Orange County Human Relations Commission is seeking nominations to honor those who have made outstanding human and civil rights contributions to the county. The commission will honor 18 people at its 30th Anniversary Human Relations Banquet on Sunday, April 1.

Those selected for the award will have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to human relations through assisting county residents in fostering mutual understanding and respect between people of diverse backgrounds. For example, their efforts will have helped county residents gain justice before the law or equity in health, housing, education or employment.

Last year, the commission honored Joe Boyle, a retired Social Science faculty member, who continues to work on campus as an adjunct instructor.

Nomination forms are available in the President's Office and are due by January 21.

## Electricity Problems Continue; Conservation is Crucial

The state's ongoing electrical problems make conservation vital — especially during periods when Cypress College has been asked to reduce its power usage.

The penalties for using electricity during an interruption are astronomical: 100 times our

normal rate. We have accumulated more than \$150,000 in these additional costs since July 1, and no end to the crisis appears to be near.

Please do everything possible to avoid using electricity during outages so that we can continue to serve our students.

## CHARGERS

Sadly, we have learned that long-time employee **Glenda Lau** passed away on December 24. Glenda retired in 1986 from her position as PE division office manager. She had also worked in Admissions and Records.



**Ray Haas** has ended his remarkable 33-year coaching career at Cypress College because of health concerns. His final game with the women's soccer team was in the state semi-finals, a 1-0 loss that also brought to an end the team's 79-game unbeaten streak. In 10 seasons, Haas led the team to a national championship, two state championships and an overall 205-14-18 record. Before coaching the team, Haas headed the wrestling team for 23 years, developing 57 All-Americans and 16 state champions.

## OPENINGS

For more information on these job openings, visit the NOCCCD Web site: Executive Director, Foundation and Community Relations (CC)  
Special Projects Director- Grants Development (FC)  
Laboratory Clerk/Chemistry (FC)  
Library Technician, Senior (FC)  
Carpenter (CC)  
Instructional Assistant/DSPS (SCE/YL)  
Instructional Assistant/DSPS (FC)  
Administrative Secretary I (SCE/YL)  
Administrative Secretary I (CC)  
Student Services Assistant/ Transfer Center (CC)  
Piano Accompanist (CC)  
Evaluator/Records Specialist (SCE/YL)  
Full- and part-time faculty positions

## New Cal Grants Available for Transfer Students

The state's Cal Grant Program has just been expanded to guarantee financial aid to students meeting eligibility requirements. Now is the best time to apply. For those who meet the guidelines and complete a free application before January 30, state officials say there's a "great" chance that they'll receive up to \$8,000 (for first-time recipients).

Even students who don't meet all the guidelines may still qualify since competitive Cal Grants are given to 22,500 students in the state each year.

All Cal Grant applicants must

meet these basic eligibility requirements: Be a California resident; be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-resident; meet U.S. Selective Service requirements; attend a qualifying California postsecondary institution, such as Cypress College; be enrolled in at least 6 units; maintain satisfactory academic progress; have a family income and assets below the established ceilings; not be in default on any student loan; and not owe any federal or state grant refund. For more information, call the Financial Aid Office at ext. 47114.

## Multicultural Video Program Set for Spring Semester

The Center for Intercultural Understanding will debut a Multicultural Video Program this semester as a continuation of the Viewing Diversity Dialogue programs that have taken place during the past couple of years.

The program is a response to student suggestions.

Two films have been selected for this semester: *America's Multicultural Heritage* and *Great Religions of the World*. Viewing of the films has been set for February 6 and March 7, respectively, from 6-7 p.m., in H-131. The videos are less than 30 minutes long, and a group discussion slated to follow the showings is scheduled to last a half-hour.

## Office 2000 is \$30 With Microsoft Campus Agreement

All faculty and staff can purchase a Microsoft software package that includes Office 2000 Professional for just \$30, plus tax, shipping and handling, thanks to the Microsoft Campus Agreement negotiated with all California Community Colleges.

Office 2000 Professional is a suite of Microsoft applications which includes Word, Excel, Access, Powerpoint, Outlook, Publisher, Small Business Tools and Internet Explorer 5.0.

In addition to the Office suite, the package also features Frontpage

2000, Windows 98 SE Upgrade and Windows ME Upgrade.

Other package configurations are available. No package is more expensive than \$30 (\$36 with the tax, shipping and handling figured in).

A programmer's package features Visual Basic, Visual C++, and other languages.

Also available is the hot-off-the-CD-burner Office 2001 for Mac, which contains Word, Excel and Powerpoint for just \$25.

Purchase of the software includes home and work rights. Forms are available in Media Services.

## Doorways to Discovery Workshop Series Scheduled

Six workshops have been scheduled this semester as part of the Doorways to Discovery series, which is presented by the Adult Re-entry Program, Career Planning Center, Title III and the Workforce Prep Center.

The workshops are: "Are You Ready to Graduate" on February 6; "How to Succeed in School and Still Have a Life: Time Management Skills" on February 27; "Oh No! Not Another Test! — Become Test-Wise Using Effective Test Taking Strategies and Techniques" on March 14; "Now What did She Say? A Guide to Effective Listening and Note Taking" on March 27; "So Many Books... So Little Time: Effective Text Book Reading — Saving Time While Remembering More" on April 3; and "Self Esteem: I'm Okay, You're Okay — Aren't We all Okay?!" on April 24.

All workshops are presented in Tech Ed 2, Room 204 from 1-2:30 p.m. Presenters vary. A complete listing, with workshop details, is available in the Career Planning Center, or by calling ext. 47120.

## BRIEFLY

It's time to pull out the blue "Welcome to Cypress College How May I Help You" buttons. All employees are encouraged to wear them during the first week of the semester. These badges help make us identifiable to students who are in need of help. Extra badges are available in the President's Office and in division offices.



Please let students know: Scholarship applications are available and are due to Financial Aid by March 1. The single-sheet application can be obtained in several locations on campus, including Financial Aid, Student Activities, the Library, the Foundation, Transfer Center and Career Center. Questions can be directed to the Financial Aid Office at ext. 47114.



In response to concerns expressed by staff about timing, the training for the Banner Finance module has been delayed until late in the semester. Please continue to use the current MAPPER RQ system to meet critical purchasing dates. New training dates should be provided from the District shortly. Direct any questions to Sally Stackhouse at (714) 578-8426.



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