Campus Enrollment Grows

- FTES grew 3% in Fall 2001, and could help produce a faculty pay raise.

Cypress College increased its enrollment in the Fall 2001 semester, with full-time equivalent students — commonly known as FTES — growing by 3%.

While the 3% achievement falls short of the hoped-for “5% MORE,” it still reflects significant progress.

Everyone on campus is to be commended for the efforts they have made to help increase the number of students the college serves.

FTES rose to 10,805 students, up from 10,490 the prior year.

If the upward trend continues this semester, full-time faculty may be in for a pay raise. The current contract calls for an increase in the salary scale if the District’s funded growth for the academic year exceeds 3%.

So far this semester, 13,508 students are enrolled, with the potential for additional increases coming when late-start, 16-week classes begin during the week of February 4 and with “1/2-Semester” courses which get underway during the first week of April.

Parking continues to be free in all student lots and spaces through February 4. Those parking in staff spaces and lots without a staff-parking permit will be cited.

Web Registration Passes Phone as Students’ Top Choice

As the semester began, more students registered for classes here at Cypress College using the semester-old WebStar system than did those calling in to TeleStar.

The change is a significant victory for the new Banner system. In addition to allowing students to select classes from the Internet, Banner also allows students and alumni to view their grades and print out unofficial transcripts.

Registration via the WebStar system is the preferred method because of continuing — though certainly reduced — problems with the TeleStar component.

Finally, please share with students that the correct phone number for telephone registration is (714) 578-8000. An incorrect number was listed on page 103 of the current class schedule.

California Attorney General Lockyer Speaking on Campus

State Attorney General Bill Lockyer will speak on campus on Tuesday, February 5.

The presentation, which will be held in H-131 at 3:30 p.m., is open to the campus.

Specific classes will be invited, as will students from other colleges and universities. Lockyer became California’s 30th Attorney General when he was elected in November 1998 following a 25-year career in the state Legislature and Senate.

He is a native of Oakland, and a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley. Lockyer received a secondary teaching credential from California State University at Hayward.

Anyone with questions should contact Amy Pritchett in the Political Science Department at ext. 48231.
Workshops, Course Cover Teaching Online

Three workshops and an online course are available for those who would like to teach online.

"I'm Curious About Teaching Online. How do I start?" is a one-hour presentation that explains how to get started with an online class. It will cover the curriculum process, the online teaching requirements, the online teacher training course, and will introduce Blackboard, the online educational system used at Cypress.

The presentation will be given in the Staff Conference Center (first floor, Fine Arts) from 2-3 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, and is repeated at the same time on February 12.

Blackboard Workshop I is a hands-on workshop in which participants will learn how to use the Blackboard online educational environment to teach online courses. The emphasis is on learning how the Blackboard environment functions, not on course content or pedagogy. This workshop will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Thursday, February 21 and from 9 a.m.-noon on Friday, February 22. A third session is set for 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5.

Blackboard Workshop II is for those who have completed the Blackboard Workshop I and want to know more about how Blackboard works. This workshop will be held in the Teaching/Learning Center, Media Services, TE1 from 1-4 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, from 2-5 p.m. on Thursday, April 25, and from 9 a.m.-noon on Friday, April 26.

To sign up for these workshops please call Soni Schneider at ext. 47134 or e-mail her at sschneider@cypresscollege.edu.

An Online Teacher Training Self-Paced Course is also available. This free course is given entirely online, at your own pace, and a requirement for anyone who plans to teach an online course at Cypress College. For more information about this course and how to register, contact Betty Disney via e-mail at bdisney@cypresscollege.edu.

Final Deadline for Travel and Project Funding Nears

Reminder: The last deadline this fiscal year for submitting requests for travel and special project funding to the Staff Development Office is at 4 p.m. on Monday, February 25.

Because of the deletion of all AB1725 Staff Development funds in Governor Davis' budget proposal for 2002-03, there will be no fourth funding period this fiscal year, as previously advertised.

Training sessions on submitting the Excel funding requests are scheduled in the Teaching/Learning Center, Media Services, TE1 on the following days:
- Thursday, February 7, 3-4 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 20, 2-3 p.m. and 3-4 p.m.
- Friday, February 22, 10-11 a.m.

To obtain a copy of the instructions and the Excel request forms, bring a blank disk to the Staff Development Office, 2nd floor of the Library/Administration Building, or e-mail staffdev@cypresscollege.edu for copies.

PARScore 4.0 Workshop Set for February 6

A "Beginning PARScore 4.0 Workshop" will be held on Wednesday, February 6, from 2-5 p.m. in the Teaching/Learning Center, Media Services, TE1 Building.

This workshop provides hands-on training in the use of the most recent version of PARScore, a computer grading and testing program. Faculty will be taught how to set up classes, create attendance sheets and student success reporting sheets, and use the new ScanMark 2010 Scantron readers located in each division's computer workroom.

Bring your current rosters and a ZIP 100 disk to set up your classes during the workshop. Those attending the entire session will be given a CD-ROM with PARScore and PARTest 4.0 for home use.

Registration is limited to 10 people. Contact Staff Development at ext. 47324 for information or to sign up.

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