

THIS WEEK

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- > "Pain" exhibit opens, Photography and Library Galleries through March 3, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday and Saturday
- > "Tropical Waters" exhibit opens, Floating Wall Gallery (TE-1) through March 3, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Friday and Saturday

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- > Welcome Back Week — Club Rush, lawn adjacent to A&R, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

THEY SAID IT

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“Just when you think you’ve graduated from the school of experience, someone thinks up a new course.”

– Mary H. Waldrip

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Face Lift, Other Improvements for Campus

► During the break, Maintenance and Operations crews complete 18 large projects.

Chances are you’ve already noticed some of the cosmetic enhancements to the campus. After all, there are plenty to spot.

The Maintenance and Operations team used the recently concluded winter break to complete 18 major projects that improve the look, functionality or safety of the campus.

Perhaps the easiest to spot is the new slurry seal and striping (yes, we all hope to see fewer wrong-way drivers) on Circle Drive.

In the Library, new carpeting now covers the third floor. In addition, electrical and communication wiring was completed for a new computer station, and new computer furniture was installed.

Humanities may look and feel like a new building: sound proofing of Social Science and Language Arts classrooms was completed; a new wall and door were installed in the Language Arts Division office; the carpeting was removed from the South stairwell and the concrete was treated with a three-part epoxy anti-skid surface (if this new treatment works, it will be

replicated across campus); lecture halls 131 and 136 underwent a total renovation, including lighting, paint, carpeting and seating; the first floor tile was stripped and waxed; the sidewalks around the building were power washed; and all exterior doors were painted.

In Fine Arts, Room 304 was the recipient of a major overhaul, including new carpet, a rewired sound system, and seating re-upholstery (which was completed last week).

Classrooms in Tech Ed III and Health Science were sound proofed.

Gym II received new carpeting in the Student Activities area, and modifications to the Photo I.D. access door were completed. The main gym floor was refurbished, and the bleacher system got some T.L.C. with preventative maintenance and repair of damaged wood.

The first floor of the Science/Math Building was stripped and waxed.

New flooring was installed on the first floor of the Business Building.

Finally, a new electric door was installed in Building 8 at the School of Continuing Education.

Threat of ‘Rolling Blackouts’ Continues as Part of State Crisis

Add “rolling blackout” to the hoard of unwanted terms – such as “chad” and “dimples” – joining our common lexicon in the past few months.

The campus was under the continuous threat of a power cutback all last week. The “Stage 3 alert” was in its unprecedented tenth day as @Cypress went to press. As an “interruptible customer,” the college was forced to “shed load” for nearly three straight days, January 17-19.

In a nutshell, the problem can be described like this: because of tight natural gas supplies, a failed deregulation system and the financial woes of Southern California Edison, the lights could go out at any time. Here are some tips to be prepared for the possibility that the lights will go out:

- Carry a flashlight and advise students to do the same;
- Identify and discuss evacuation procedures and meeting locations;
- Identify students who may need extra assistance getting out of buildings if elevators aren’t available;
- Walk down the stairs, using handrails and encourage students and staff to remain calm and quiet so that important information can easily be heard; and
- Power blackouts should not last more than two hours, so the campus will remain open and classes will resume after the blackout. Remain in contact with your dean or manager.

CHARGERS

We have learned of the passing of **Trudy Stotenbur** on January 16. Trudy retired from the college about eight years ago. She worked in the Humanities cafeteria and as a German tutor. Where ever she was, she always made people smile.



If you happen to be in Brea, stop by the city's art gallery and catch a glimpse of their juried art exhibition "Made in California," which features **Dennis Doran's** photographic work. The show runs through February 16.



Congratulations to **Steve Donley**, the new Title III project coordinator. Steve replaces **Nancy Deutsch**, who was recently appointed Staff Development coordinator.

OPENINGS

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

District Director Facilities Control (DEC)
Executive Director Foundation & Community Relations (CC)
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)
Senior Secretary (FC)
Student Services Assistant/ Career Center (SCE/Wilshire)
Full- and part-time faculty positions

Updates from Admissions and Records

The Admissions and Records staff were back on January 2 for the Spring Semester registration. Students have been registering for classes, and enrollment is currently over 14,000.

Students are notified to register by receiving a Permit to Register. Almost 21,000 PTRs were sent out.

Thanks to Dennis Doran for processing 4,576 new applications. Cynthia Sands and Tuan Nguyen supervise the admissions operations including the walk-up counter and 23 hourly employees.

A&R thanks all the instructors who got their grades in on time. With all the classes that we offer, 45,410 grades were collected for the Fall 2000 Semester and rolled to transcripts. Thanks to Akilah Allen, Supervisor of Records, and her staff, Tish Ball, Regina Ford, and Margie Haas, for processing all these grade,s as well as collecting hours for 4,747 Positive Attendance students.

Demand for transcripts is strong between semesters because students transfer, need attendance verification, and reimbursement for classes completed. Hugo Estrella processes most of our transcripts and averages over 200 per week.

A reception for new International Students was hosted by Martha Stearman, Admissions Technician, and Renay Laguana, Counselor. President Margie Lewis greeted the students and welcomed them to our campus. Martha and Renay gave the students basic information on how to succeed as a student at Cypress College, and Renay helped the students schedule their classes. Other participants included Mohamed Alkamalee, Student Trustee, Monica Verma, Associated Students President, Dave Wassenaar, Dean of A&R, and Susan Williams, Coordinator of the Center for Intercultural Understanding.

New Web E-mail Provides Expanded Access

Thanks to the hard working Academic Computing staff, Cypress College now has Web e-mail. For those unfamiliar with the technology, it allows access to your account from any Internet-connected computer — including those in campus labs or your home machine.

Web e-mail functions just like Hotmail and Yahoo e-mail accounts.

All existing and new Cypress College e-mail accounts (ones that end in @cypress.cc.ca.us) can be easily accessed by going to: <http://staffmail.cypress.cc.ca.us> and putting in your username and password. Then hit the "GO" button and you're in. It's that easy!

To get your messages, just click on the blue text of the sender and it will open up the message.

Those who already have campus e-mail accounts can access the service using their current username and password.

Anyone who would like to sign up for a campus e-mail account should contact Academic Computing at ext.47109 or stop by Media Services.

Three New Classified Staff Hired, Two Promoted

Cypress College has three new classified employees and two of our staff have earned promotions.

Joining us are: **James Carrocino**, Library Technician; **Marcia Clarke**, Locksmith; and **Mary Peery**, Instructional Assistant in DSP&S.

Promotions were earned by: **Debra Smith**, now a Student Services Technician in DSP&S; and **Sherrill Spencer**, Instructional Assistant in the Instruction Office.

Welcome to our new colleagues and congratulations to those earning promotions.

New Food Service 'Cravings' Now Open

"Cravings" (the new food services operation at the former Dugout) is now open. In addition to a large grill menu, they offer sandwiches, salads, fresh fruit, and grab-and-go foods.

Cravings is open 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and 7 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

BRIEFLY

Starting this week, all students and alumni are able to conduct job searches online in the Job Placement Office. The service comes with the addition of four new computers in the center, which is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Friday from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For more information on the service, call ext. 47052.



The Library has added to its online (from your desk if you have Internet) research tools. Newsbank features a complete search of newspaper articles, including the L.A. Times, O.C. Register and three major national papers. CountryWatch features national info. A statistical database is also available.



The Anaheim Union High School District provided some interesting statistics in their current community newsletter. The district serves more than 30,000 students at its 21 schools. Their student body speaks 67 different languages, from Amharic to Vietnamese. Families in the district have a "high mobility rate" with nearly 30% of students who start the school year moving before completing the year.

The ethnic composition of the AUHSD features a majority of Latino students (51.1%). Here is the remaining breakdown: White, 29.9%; Asian, 11.5%; African American, 3.5%; Filipino, 3.1%; Pacific Islander, .8%; and American Indian, .4%.