Association of Women Forming

A “Day of creative expression to honor women” is being planned for March.

Plans are being finalized for a “Day of Creative Expression” to honor women. The event is being scheduled in celebration of Women’s History Month and is tentatively set to take place by the duck pond on Thursday, March 14, from 4-7 p.m. The month of March has been designated as Women’s History Month by a joint resolution of the U.S. Congress.

Men, of course, are welcome to participate.

“We thought it would be nice to connect by sharing our vast creativity — in song, art, work, dance, spoken word, etc.,” said Mary Forman, a Language Arts faculty member who is heading the planning. “Now all we need are participants who have a desire to share, have fun, and open themselves up to something different.”

Forman and several other people have previously met to discuss starting an association of women on campus.

One of the main objectives is to foster stronger connections with and between the women on campus (faculty, classified, students, administrators — everyone)

The next planning meeting is this Tuesday, from 3-4 in the Social Sciences Division Office.

More information is available by calling Forman at ext. 47171.

Alibrandi, 2 Cypress College Programs Honored by CCCAOE

Cindy Alibrandi, a faculty member in the Social Science Division, has been honored as the 2002 recipient of the Excellence in Leadership Award. The honor is given annually by the California Community College Association for Occupational Education.

The organization will laud Alibrandi, and two Cypress College programs at their spring conference in Yosemite on March 7. The Cypress College/Santa Ana College/OCTA Partnership — an advanced transportation program — and the Cypress College Multimedia Program are both being recognized as honorable mention recipients.

Four criteria are used by the CCCAOE to select award recipients:

- Demonstrating an innovative approach, new thinking, or refreshing a traditional approach to occupational education or economic development;
- Demonstrating initiative and leadership and promoting collaborative efforts among disciplines, public or private sectors;
- Focusing on the growth, development and improvement of occupational education and economic development; and
- Demonstrating significant outcomes and results toward the mission of the CCCAOE — to provide leadership for occupational education and economic development professionals involved in workforce development and the enhancement of California’s position within a global economy.

Schedule Set for ‘Meet the Pres.’ Dialog Series

The schedule is set for this semester’s season of “Meet the Pres.” with Dr. Lewis. Each session is open to all staff and students to share ideas, agreements or disagreements.

There is no agenda and everyone is welcome to drop in anytime during the hour and stay as long as they’d like. “Meet the Pres.” is co-sponsored by Staff Development and the President’s Office.

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Cindy Alibrandi
Hits on Campus Web Site Approach 1.75 Million

January's peak registration period helped drive the number of hits at CypressCollege.edu to the brink of the 1.75 million mark for the first time in campus history.

"Hits" don't directly equate to the number of visitors, but they are an industry standard which accounts for the number of pages and images viewed on a particular Web site. One person is often responsible for many hits.

January's record of 1,731,658 is the only second time the campus Web site went over the 1 million level. The first came last August — also a peak registration time — when 1,093,715 were registered.

Some of the increased activity can be attributed to WebStar. However, use of the online registration site itself is not reflected in CypressCollege.edu statistics, since WebStar is part of the District's Web site.

The increase in hits on the site mirrors the upward trend in other key industry measures, including "page views," "average visitor time" and "unique visitors."

For example the number of "unique visitors" — a rough gauge of the actual number of people connecting to CypressCollege.edu — rose to 23,367 in January. That compares to just 6,667 unique visitors last May, when Academic Computing began compiling stats on the newly re-designed Web site.

Participation at Senior Day, KinderCaminata Sought

Volunteers are being sought for two major campus-visitation events — Senior Day, on March 21, and KinderCaminata, on March 22. Some 2,500-3,000 students are expected to participate in the two events.

Senior Day — the annual visit by area high school seniors — is in need of tour guides, registration-table assistance and exhibitors. More information is available from Becky Rojas in Student Activities at ext. 47199.

KinderCaminata — a yearly parade of kindergarten students intended to instill a belief that a college education is an expectation, not a pipe dream — is expected to draw 1,200 students from the Buena Park, Centralia and Cypress school districts. Volunteers are needed for decorations and setup, career-station attendants, snack assistants, bus greeters and to staff the water station. Those interested should contact Hortensia Mordern in EO PS at ext. 47369.

Tour guides are also needed for Thursday, February 28, when approximately 100 Washington Middle School students will be on campus for a quick visit. More information is available from Jorge Ramirez at ext. 47374.

Daffodil Days Orders Due Wednesday

Wednesday is the deadline to order daffodils as part of the annual American Cancer Society fundraiser sponsored by Student Activities.

Sale of the daffodil is symbolic: the daffodil is the first flower of spring, and with spring comes the eternal hope of a world free of cancer.

According to the American Cancer Society, past campus participation has put Cypress College on the "Top Sellers List" in all of Orange County. In 2001, our participation in Daffodil Days raised $1,420.

Daffodil arrangements range in price from $10-$110, including an $18 "gift of hope" sent anonymously to a cancer patient.

Order forms are available at Student Activities. Information is available from Becky Rojas at ext. 47198 or brojas@CypressCollege.edu.