Welcome to the Spring 2003 Semester

Focus on student success is at the core of the Cypress College mission.

It’s a pleasure for me to welcome you to the Spring 2003 semester at Cypress College. I hope that you had an opportunity to relax and have some fun over the winter break, whether you stayed home or took advantage of the time off to travel out of the area.

Each semester offers its own particular challenges. Three years ago we were concerned about Y2K. Two years ago we faced blackouts because of the energy crisis. Last year we were focused on the Measure X bond campaign. This year we face the excitement of planning the construction and renovation of many of our facilities, but we also face severe budget cuts. However, no matter what the issues are, we need to remember why we are here, and that is to provide the best instruction and services to students that we possibly can.

To reinforce this point, I’d like to repeat something that I shared in the January 18, 2001, edition of @Cypress (unfortunately I don’t know the source for the quotation):

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.

For the last several years many people have worked very hard to increase our enrollment, and our efforts have paid off. We have come very close to meeting our 5% MORE target.

However, it is not enough to enroll students. We need to do everything we can to retain students and help them be successful. This does not mean that we lower our academic standards in any way, but it does mean that each of us reaches out and makes an extra effort to be helpful, supportive, and encouraging. It means that we treat all students with respect, particularly those whose ethnicity, race, religion, or sexual orientation is different from ours. It means that we are patient with the students whose native language is not English or those who are the first in their family to attend college.

It is my hope that everyone who works at Cypress College will adopt and act on the points listed above. Especially as we implement the budget cuts that we know we must make, let us remember that serving students well is our first priority. We must not let ourselves become so distracted by our fiscal situation that we lose focus on our Vision — Building a college-wide learning community for student success.

While we face difficult times ahead, I have great confidence in our ability as a campus community to pull together and weather this storm. We’ve done it before, and we’ll do it again.

Thank you for your commitment to Cypress College and especially your commitment to our students.

— Margie Lewis

This edition marks the first of 16 publications for @Cypress during the Spring 2003 semester. Here are the remaining publication dates: January 27; February 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 21, 28; May 5 and 12.

As a reminder, @Cypress is also available online (subscription information is on page 4) and frequently contains bonus information that doesn’t appear in print.

One example: The e-version of this edition contains the complete Opening Day book, including photos of new employees. Stories in the print edition ending with this icon: have additional information in the online version.
**Guidelines for Elevator Usage**

The following guidelines for use of campus elevators will be posted in each of the lifts in the coming days:

- Whenever possible, use the stairs instead of an elevator.
- Give priority to individuals with obvious disabilities, e.g., wheelchair users, people using crutches, etc.
- Remember that many disabilities are hidden. Do not confront someone who appears to be able-bodied.

Report any elevator malfunctions immediately to staff or Maintenance and Operations (ext. 47390).

**New Director, Interim Deans, Interim Registrar**

Mary Lou Giska is the new Director of the College Health Center. Mary Lou comes to Cypress College from the American River College in Sacramento.

Bob Riffle is serving as the Interim Manager of Maintenance and Operations. He will remain in the position for approximately three months or until a new manager is hired. Bob is a district retiree, having worked at both Cypress and Fullerton Colleges.

Carol Mattson was selected as Interim Dean of Language Arts to serve from January 6, 2003 to June 30, 2003. Pat O’Brien has agreed to return periodically to provide help to Carol during that time period.

Regina Ford was chosen as the Interim Registrar to serve through spring semester.

**Make Haste with Less Waste!**

We are doing a good job with our waste diversion plans here at Cypress College, according to the California Integrated Waste Management Board. We have been notified that we were in compliance last year, having met our target of 25% reduction in waste. This year, however, will be a challenge as we have to meet our goal of 50% waste diversion by January 1, 2004.

In order to begin this challenge here are a few tips to follow:

- Use more e-mails and fewer paper copies
- Use recycled paper to print out an e-mail or a draft copy
- Use the recycled paper bins when discarding paper. This may be white paper, colored paper, newspapers, candy wrappers, etc.
- Use the recycled containers for bottles and cans
- Any other ideas would be welcomed. Please forward any ideas or concerns to Albert Miranda, Director of the Physical Plant.

**Sub Nation Expansion**

Sub Nation will offer service in the former “Café Cypress” location this semester. Lunch will be served in the dining room from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

The facility will also remain available for campus meetings, which will be given a priority, considering the lack of such space on campus.

Culinary Arts has completely relocated to the Anaheim Campus, where their new full-service dining room has retained “Café Cypress” as its official moniker. Chef Michael Bird welcomes his traditional client base (ie: those of us still here on campus) to visit Anaheim for lunch. Menus and service hours will be forthcoming.

**I.D. Cards, Senior Day and Graduation**

Student Activities Advisor Paul Bottiaux has passed along the following updates:

- Staff members are considered honorary members of the Cypress College Associated Students and are thus eligible to participate in the A.S. benefits program. Visit the Student Activities Center and the staff will be glad to issue you a free photo I.D. card. The cards now come in the official campus colors. Employees may also purchase the A.S. sticker for $7. The sticker provides discounts as local businesses, restaurants and movie theaters.
- Senior Day has been set for Thursday, March 20. Additional information is being sent to all staff requesting participation in the college’s largest outreach event.
- Graduation will be held on Thursday, May 29, at 6 p.m. on the lawn east of Gym 2. Faculty who participate in the ceremony can order their regalia at no personal expense. For more information or to place the order, contact Student Activities at ext. 47199.

**Grade Submission**

Training for online grade submission through WebStar will be conducted throughout the semester by Staff Development. It is imperative that grades be submitted on time and online to ensure that students have access to their grades and that their transfer institutions can view transcripts.

Staff in the Division offices are very familiar with the process and are available to help faculty learn the system.

Late submission of grades creates a significant amount of extra work for Admissions and Records staff and a great deal of frustration for students. In addition to transfer, students often need their grades for auto-insurance verification and job advancement or pay raises.

WebStar can be used throughout the semester for a variety of information, including class rosters and real-time enrollment information about your classes.

For information about electronic-grade submission, contact Staff Development at staffdev@cypresscollege.edu or ext. 47324.

**Americana Recipients Named; Event on Feb. 22**

Eight leaders from seven Orange County cities will be honored at the 28th annual Cypress College Foundation Americana Awards Banquet on Feb. 22 at Disney’s Grand Californian Hotel.

Toyota Motor Sales, USA, Inc. has signed on as the first-ever “title sponsor” of Americana with a $25,000 donation to the college.

The event recognizes residents of the cities surrounding Cypress College who have made significant contributions to the community. In addition to the citizens of the year awards, the 2003 Americana Man and Woman of the Year award will be given to Ed and Dixie Arnold of Fountain Valley, along with Distinguished Business Partners: Anaheim Memorial, Los Alamitos, and West Anaheim medical centers.

This year’s Americana fund-raising event begins at 5:30 p.m. with a silent auction and reception, followed by entertainment and dinner at 7 p.m. All proceeds directly benefit Cypress College students by providing individual scholarships and funding for programs not covered in the general budget.

Citizen of the Year honorees for 2003 include: Bruno Serato,
College Update

Ω O.C. Register Articles on P.E./Bridge Program

Late last semester the Orange County Register ran a series of articles about physical education courses that Cypress and other community colleges in the state offered on high school campuses. Unfortunately much of the information in the articles was misleading or even inaccurate. Dr. Lewis issued a memo addressing the articles to provide employees with facts that were ignored by the newspaper.

Questions and concerns about the series should be directed to Dr. Lewis or Mike Kasler. Although the initial media blitz has passed, all inquiries by reporters should be directed to Marc Posner at ext. 47006.

✈ Employee Handbook/Directory Online

The Employee Handbook and Directory, which you’ve been accustomed to receiving in booklet form, is now online.

You can access it from our main website www.noccccd.cc.ca.us and click on the “Employee Handbook and Directory” link, on the left hand side. Please e-mail Julie Schoepf any corrections needed at jschoepf@noccccd.cc.ca.us.

Please feel free to pass the word around!

Construction Corner: Removal of Piazza Railings Now ‘Complete’ as Semester Begins

The construction crew has been very busy over the break removing the rest of the piazza railings. There will be a little more work for them when the semester starts, but they have been working very hard to try to remove as much as possible prior to January 21.

Soon you will see some fencing going up on the ground level between the pond and the Science, Engineering and Math Building. That section of the piazza which dead-ends before the bookstore has affectionately become known as the “pier”. These particular railings will not be removed at this time, because there is still an ongoing study regarding the usefulness and projected repair cost of the section.

Initial cost estimates show that it would be significantly less expensive to remove the whole pier than repair and renovate it.

Until such time as the study is completed, fencing will remain under the “pier” for safety purposes. Access into SEM will still be available from the location under the “pier”, although the “pier” itself will be closed to any traffic on the piazza level.

Scheduling of all of the bond projects is almost complete. A presentation will be made at the Opening Day meeting on January 17, and shortly after that, the presentation will be available on the web under the construction update section.

The new, state-of-the-art tennis center is nearing completion. Four courts are complete and ready for classes the first week of the Spring semester, and the rest will be finished during that week.

✈ State Budget Crisis Forces Current-Year Reductions; Threatens Fee Hikes

Governor Gray Davis projects a $35 billion state budget shortfall — though the validity of that figure has become a hot topic in recent days. Regardless, the crisis appears to be significant.

The cuts the Governor has proposed would result in Cypress College having to cut $2.1 million from the half-over 2002-2003 budget.

Greater cuts will be made next budget year, and enrollment fees would increase from $11 per unit to $24 per unit, if his proposal is approved.

Davis’ proposals are still being analyzed. However, it is clear that campus spending on all but vital items must be halted to make ends meet. More details will be provided as they become known.

In the meantime, here is some perspective on the purchasing power of $35 billion:

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Source: Mike Casey, Business Services Director; Lake County Office of Education

Employee volunteer and owner of Dugan & Associates, CPA; and Mary Lara, founding member of the Stanton Youth Assistance Foundation and the Stanton Youth Outreach Program.

รวดed philanthropist and owner of The Anaheim White House Restaurant in Anaheim; Jerry Sigler, former councilman and active member of the Buena Park community; George Hallak, dedicated Red Ribbon Week supporter and tireless Cypress volunteer; Leo and Virginia Zlaket, third-generation owners of 75-year-old Zlaket’s Market in Garden Grove and longtime community supporters; Lauree Aragona, former La Palma councilwoman and volunteer dedicated to improving the city and its services; David Dugan, active community volunteer and owner of Dugan & Associates, CPA; and Mary Lara, founding member of the Stanton Youth Assistance Foundation and the Stanton Youth Outreach Program.
Toyota T-Ten Holds Open House

The Toyota T-TEN Program Open House held December 17th was a great success.

Representatives from Toyota’s corporate office, a large number of dealer representatives, teachers from various high school programs, and nearly 150 students from high schools, other academic and vocational programs, regional occupational programs, and the like, attended the event.

The event provided Cypress with a wonderful opportunity to “showcase” our program to prospective students, and dealers were able to recruit new employees in the process.

The event was sponsored by Toyota, who through its generous donation provided In-and-Out hamburgers, chips and drinks to each guest.

The success of this event is attributed to the extraordinary effort of Don Blanchard, who organized the event, cultivated the dealer, high school and student interest, and sought Toyota support.

Anaheim Campus Staff Open House Set for Jan 31

The new Anaheim campus is hosting an All Staff Open House on Friday, January 31, 2003. All faculty and staff are invited to stop by any time between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Parking is available in any unmarked parking space on the upper lot, lower lot, or the parking lot just west of the campus.

The new building is located at:
1830 W. Romneya Drive (adjacent to the 91 freeway and Euclid street)
Anaheim, CA
92801-1819
(714) 408-4500

Strategic Plan Committee Opportunities

It is time again to look at the Strategic Plan for Cypress College, which is the document that helps drive our decisions regarding resources.

In the fall we meet as Directional Committees to review what action plans are set for this year and try to move the process along to meet those plans under the guidance of the Directional Leader.

In the spring, the Directional Committees help prioritize the budget requests that come in under each Direction.

This is an opportunity for many of the staff to become involved in decision-making, and you are encouraged to participate.

If you have not served on a committee and would like to, please e-mail Nancy Byrnes. If you already serve on a Directional Committee, you will be sent another e-mail soon requesting your presence again this year.

E-mail Training Sessions Set

On January 10th, the e-mail system was upgraded. All users are now accessing mail through Groupwise.

Training sessions for those interested in learning how to use the new Groupwise e-mail system have been scheduled by the campus Department of Academic Computing.

The sessions will be held on Jan 22 from 2-4 p.m. and Jan 24 from 9-11 a.m. in the North Computer Lab.

Class size is limited; please call the Academic Computing Help Desk at ext. 47109 to reserve a seat or e-mail bharrington@cypresscollege.edu.

For those who access their e-mail via the web, the Groupwise web interface is vastly superior to the old staff mail system.

Go Places!

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Come to Cypress College and Go Places!
Anaheim Campus
All Staff Open House

You are invited to tour the NEW Anaheim Campus on Friday, January 31, 2003!

Please feel free to stop by any time between 10:00 a.m. ~ 3:00 p.m.

Parking is available in any unmarked parking space on the upper lot, lower lot, or the parking lot just west of the campus.

1830 W. Romneya Drive
Anaheim, CA 92801-1819
(714) 808-4500
*91 freeway and Euclid street*
New Managers

Regina Ford  
(Interim)  
Registrar

Mary Lou Giska  
Director,  
College Health Services

Carol Mattson  
(Interim)  
Dean,  
Language Arts

Bob Riffle  
(Interim)  
Manager,  
Maintenance and Operations

This Semester

January 20 ...................... Martin Luther King holiday (campus closed)
January 21 .......................... Spring semester begins
January 31 .................... Anaheim Campus open house, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
February 4 .......................... Late-start classes begin
February 13 .......... Deadline to apply for Spring 2003 graduation
February 14-17 ............ Presidents’ Day holidays (campus closed)
February 20 .......................... Senior Day
February 24 ........................ Second “1/2-Semester” classes begin
February 28 .......................... KinderCaminata
March 9 .......................... Theater Opening
March 12-14 .......................... Colloquium
April 14-18 .......................... Spring break
May 26 .......................... Memorial Day holiday (campus closed)
May 29 .......................... Graduation, adjacent to Gym 2, 6 p.m.
New Classified Staff

Andrea Bur
Secretary, Business/CIS

Ayman Gadalla
Laboratory Technician, Business/CIS

Simon Jenkins
Custodian, Maintenance and Operations

Brian Morris
Custodian, Maintenance and Operations

Janette Sherard
Child Care Teacher, Campus Children’s Center

Michael Thompson
Records/Admissions Technician, Senior, Admissions and Records

Cypress College

Vision Statement
Building a college-wide learning community for student success.

Mission Statement
Cypress College is committed to promoting student success and contributing to intercultural understanding and the economic development of the surrounding community. The college offers certificate, degree, vocational, and transfer education, as well as developmental and student services programs, in a student-centered learning environment.
8:30 am - 9:00 am ......................... Continental Breakfast — Humanities, First Floor Lobby

9:00 am - 12:00 pm .................................................. Opening Day Activities — Humanities 131
“State of the College” — Margie Lewis, President
“State of the District” — Jerry Hunter, Chancellor
Introduction of New Staff
Construction Update
Budget Update
Student Panel on Student Success

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm .................................................. Lunch — Humanities, First Floor Lobby
(Box lunches available for those who pre-paid.)

DIVISION MEETINGS

1:00 pm - 3:00 pm .................................................. Business/CIS Division — BE-203
Language Arts Division — H-101
PE/Athletics Division — North Computer Lab
Social Science Division — Humanities, Second Floor Lobby

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm .................................................. Fine Arts Division — FA-112
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.
Students who come to Cypress College go places. For nearly a half-million people — including actors, athletes, doctors, executives, mechanics, nurses and teachers — Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. For some, Cypress College is the ticket into their university of choice and for others it provides essential training for a rewarding career. Just one Cypress College class is often all it takes to provide cutting-edge skills that lead to a promotion or a new job. Cypress College, founded in 1966, provides a quality higher education to more than 16,000 students of diverse backgrounds each semester. More than 25% of Cypress College’s students are Latinos, 18% are Asian, 7% are Filipino, 5% are African American, 38% are Caucasian, and 7% are from other ethnicities or are unidentified. The college serves the Orange County cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, La Palma, Los Alamitos and Stanton, although residents of any city are welcome.

Cypress College is committed to promoting student success and contributing to intercultural understanding, in a student-centered learning environment. Offering 58 university-transfer majors, 107 career-certificate programs, and degrees in 46 areas of study, Cypress College has traditional semesters beginning in January and August, while short-term courses start throughout the year. A Cypress College education costs just $11 per unit, California’s lowest tuition. Financial aid and scholarships also are available to qualifying students.

Cypress College, in sunny Southern California, is in the shadow of major tourist attractions such as Disney’s theme parks and Downtown Disney (about six miles), Knott’s Berry Farm (less than five miles), and The Block entertainment complex (about 10 miles). The campus is 12 miles from the beach and provides quick access to Long Beach and Los Angeles. Located at 9200 Valley View Street in Cypress, the college is easily accessible from several Southern California freeways, including the 5, 91, 605, 22 and 405.

The 110-acre Cypress College campus features a lake, park-like study areas and beautiful weather year-round.