March 4, 2002 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

THIS WEEK

5 • Tuesday
» Election Day

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» J. Sergio O’Cadiz — designer of the Library/Administration Building sculpture, Art Gallery, 1 p.m.

"THEY SAID IT"

“I can’t change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.”

- Jimmy Dean

“Results! Why, man, I have gotten a lot of results. I know several thousand things that won’t work.”

- Thomas Edison

“The fragrance always remains in the hand that gives the rose.”

- Heda Bijar

Sculpture Designer Gives Open Forum

J. Sergio O’Cadiz is the architect of the facade on the Library Building.

The designer of the sculpture on the front of the Library/Administration Building will speak on campus this week.

J. Sergio O’Cadiz will discuss the artwork — and other architectural elements used in the construction of the campus. He will make a presentation and share slides in the Art Gallery at 1 p.m. on Wednesday.

His appearance is being made as part of Cypress College’s 35th anniversary celebration. The college first opened in September, 1966.

O’Cadiz worked for the architectural firm contracted for the general construction of the campus.

He said he wanted to create a sig-nature piece of art for the college. The result is the intricate pattern that forms the exterior walls of the L-216 lecture hall.

O’Cadiz used an acid stain to give the sculpture its color. It was an innovative process at the time. He also created custom templates to form the design.

Authors Sought for New ‘Why I Teach’ Feature

The Public Information Office is seeking faculty members to author a feature called “Why I Teach.”

“Why I Teach” is intended to highlight the caliber of the faculty at Cypress College. The column will also serve as motivators for students by connecting them with inspirational instructors.

Submissions should be 350-400 words in length. They should be sent to the Public Information Office via e-mail to mposner@cypresscollege.edu, or via campus mail (a disk will be very much appreciated and definitely returned) to the second floor of Administration.

“Why I Teach” will be used in a new publication being created by the 5% MORE steering committee to bolster retention of current students. The features will also be shared with potential students, as appropriate, based on their educational interests.

For more information about the column, please call Marc Posner at ext. 47006.

Enrollment Tops 16,000; Seat Count Jumps 7%

Positive enrollment figures continue to come in. Last week, the number of students enrolled at Cypress College broke the 16,000 mark for the first time in recent memory.

As of Tuesday, 16,145 students were taking classes here. Though the number is likely to fall as students are dropped for non-payment of enrollment fees, the number is quite encouraging and is an accomplishment to be celebrated.

Adding to the positive news, the number of seats taken by students has increased by 7% over last spring.

The current contract calls for an increase in the faculty salary scale if the District’s funded growth for the academic year exceeds 3%. The enrollment growth is vital to the campus because some budget decisions are based on the percentage of students enrolled here at Cypress compared to those enrolled at Fullerton College and the School for Continuing Education.
Bishop Jaime Soto has been chosen by the Academic Senate to give the commencement address at this year’s graduation on May 29.

A childhood resident of Stanton — who made use of the Cypress College library as a high school student — Bishop Soto said his appointment to Bishop of the Diocese of Orange by Pope John Paul II was a double blessing: first being named bishop and second being selected to serve in a community where he has lived nearly all his life.

“I have a profound sense of gratitude to God that I could grow up in this community, be a priest in this community and now be a bishop to this community. I could have been made a bishop and been moved elsewhere.”

For his years of service to the community, Bishop Soto was selected as the Americana Awards Man of the Year in 2001.

A glance at his impressive list of community involvements makes it clear that you don’t have to attend mass to benefit from Bishop Soto’s generosity. He currently serves on the Orange County United Way Board of Directors, THINK Together (a home-work center), the Advisory Board of the Hispanic Education Endowment Fund, the Orange County Community Foundation, and the Pacific Council on International Policy.

Bishop Soto received his master’s in divinity from Saint John’s Seminary in Camarillo, where he also completed his bachelor’s degree in philosophy in 1978. He earned a second master’s degree at Columbia University’s School of Social Work in New York City.

Nearly two years ago, Bishop Soto was named the Titular Bishop of Segia and the Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Orange, California by Pope John Paul II.

**Registration Dates Set for Summer, Fall**

Registration dates have been set for summer and fall. Two significant changes have been made to the process:

- All continuing students will be sent a “Permit to Register” for summer. They will not be required to make a reservation; and
- In order to be considered a continuing student, the student must be registered long enough to receive a grade in a class during the spring ’02 semester. Registering and dropping a class before receiving a “W” is no longer sufficient to maintain continuing student status.

For summer, continuing students should receive their permits to register by May 3, while new and returning students should get them by May 10. WebStar and TeleStar registration runs May 9-31. In-person registration takes place May 30-31.

For fall, continuing students should get their permits to register by June 28, and new and returning students should receive them by July 8. Registration via WebStar and TeleStar runs July 17-August 17. In-person registration will be held August 14-17.

Admissions and Records will be open three Saturdays during Fall Registration: August 17, 24 and 31.

Questions, comments, concerns, etc., should be directed to Arleen Elseroad at ext. 47434 or aelseroad@CypressCollege.edu.

**Second ‘Half-Semester’ Courses Start April 1**

Second “Half-Semester” courses begin during the week of April 1. The accelerated classes give students the opportunity to complete a course in just 9 weeks.

Direct students to Admissions and Records or the class schedule for more information.