

# @Cypress

March 19, 2001 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

## THIS WEEK

### 19 • Monday

- "Pathways" and "Santa Clara" exhibits open, Photo Galleries, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

### 21 • Wednesday

- "Meet the Pres.," H-131, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### 22 • Thursday

- "College Major?" workshop, TE1-213, 5:30-7 p.m.

### 23 • Friday

- KinderCaminata, various locations, 8:30 a.m.
- *Man of La Mancha*, Campus Theater, 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 3 p.m. on Sunday.

## THEY SAID IT

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**“The most important thing in life is to decide what’s important.”**

– **Ken Blanchard and Michael O’Connor**

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## It's Time to Push 2nd 9-Week Enrollment

### ► The '1/2-Semester' courses begin next week. Are your students enrolled?

This is the last week to encourage students to enroll in "1/2-Semester" courses, which begin on Monday, March 26.



It is also the last chance for Cypress College to boost its FTES count for the spring semester. With state growth funds on the line, increasing enrollment is vital.

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## "1/2-Semester" Courses

complete "1/2-Semester" course listings are being sent to each division office and are available in various student services areas, including Admissions and Records.

Please share this information with your students.

These nine-week classes provide students with the opportunity to complete a full-length course in a compressed format.

Many of the roughly six dozen classes provide transfer credit for our students who will be headed off to universities. Courses in Computer Information Systems and Marketing may also be of interest to members of the business community.

Registration is underway now.

Students, and potential students, can call or visit the Admissions and Records Office at (714) 484-7346, click onto our Web site, or simply attend the first class session and visit A&R later.

The entire class schedule is available on the campus Web site at <http://www.cypress.cc.ca.us>.

## Natural Gas Bill Goes Through the Roof — Up 68% Since Dec.

It's no longer just the electricity bills that are ravaging our budget. The cost of natural gas is also guzzling away at the Cypress College bank account.

Since December, our natural gas bill has soared with a whopping 68% increase. Overall this fiscal year, our gas cost is up by \$57,341, a steep 38%.

Last month's bill was \$44,344, compared to \$9,008 in February, 2000; the January bill jumped from \$8,368 in 2000 to \$17,765 this year. In December, 1999, we racked up a \$7,124 gas bill; a year later, we were charged \$14,450.

Keep in mind that these inflated charges came at a time when we were actually using less gas because the heating system had been turned off during the numerous power outages.

As a result of the huge utilities budget deficit and state energy crisis, Cypress College will continue conserving heating and air conditioning. The air conditioning will not be turned on until the temperature reaches 78 degrees.

If this policy presents problems, please contact your dean or division manager — not the Facilities office, where employees have been instructed not to make changes in the heating/air conditioning settings.

## 'Meet the Pres' Set for Wednesday Evening in Humanities

This semester's second "Meet the Pres." session is set for this Wednesday, from 5:30-6:30 p.m., in Humanities 131.

The hour-long session is designed to provide the campus community with the opportunity to ask questions and discuss

concerns with Dr. Lewis. It is open to all employees and students. There is no agenda for the session, and participants are invited to drop in any time during the hour and stay as long as they'd like.

Drinks and dessert will be provided.

## CHARGERS

**Mary Forman** has again been nominated by the campus for the "Apple of Gold Award," which is sponsored by the Hispanic Education Endowment Fund. Mary is a Language Arts instructor and the English faculty member in the Puente program.



**Alie Nunez**, the college's all-time women's soccer scoring leader, has signed a letter of intent to continue her playing career and education at UC Irvine. Nunez was a two-time All-America selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She scored 71 goals and had 39 assists during her Cypress College career.

## OPENINGS

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

Director, Campus Public Safety (CC)  
Cadena Transfer Center Director (FC)  
Dean, Business and Computer Information Systems (FC)  
Dean, Health Science (CC)  
Clerk Typist, Senior (FC)  
Account Clerk, Senior (FC)  
Student Services Assistant/Counseling (FC)  
Child Care Center Attendant (FC)  
Instructional Assistant/Continuing Education High School Diploma Program (SCE/Cypress)  
Department Office Manager (CC)  
Maintenance Assistance, Senior (FC)  
Child Care Center Attendant (FC)  
Child Care Center Attendant (FC)  
Secretary (CC)  
Library Technician, Senior (CC)  
Evaluator/Records Specialist (SCE/YL)

## KinderCaminata Parades Onto Campus Friday

The annual parade of kindergarten students onto and around the Cypress College campus takes place this Friday, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Cypress College is participating in the KinderCaminata program for the sixth time.

The event is designed to give kindergarten students exposure to college at a time when they're just beginning their education. The desire is that they'll expect college to be in their future, rather than viewing high school as the end of their studies.

While attending their first day of college, the kindergarten students are encouraged to explore their ideas of what they might like to be someday. When they return home, their families hear about their experiences, thus exposing the entire household to the many opportunities a community college has to offer.

Los Amigos of Orange County, a Latino leadership group, first sponsored the event in 1994.

In addition to Cypress College, six other Orange County community colleges participate.

## NOCCCD Board Approves 1.5% More

No, "1.5% More" is not a mistake. We haven't decreased our "5% MORE" enrollment goal.

Although not quite as exciting as the campus-wide 5% MORE campaign, the Board approved a 1.5% increase in the salary schedules for regular and contract faculty, classified staff, confidential employees, managers and executives.

The action was taken at the March 13 meeting and is retroactive to July 1. Trustee Leonard Lahtinen said he was glad that state budget projections permitted the increase.

A similar pay raise is being discussed as part of contract negotiations with adjunct faculty representatives.

## College Major Workshop Set for Thursday

"College Major? I Need to Choose a Major!?" is the next workshop in the continuing "Doorways to Discovery" series. It is scheduled for this Thursday, from 5:30-7 p.m. in Tech Ed 1, Room 204.

The workshop introduces students to the process of selecting a college major or occupational field. It is geared to the individual who is

completely undecided, tentatively decided or uncommitted.

Participants will be given a brief interest inventory to assist in clarifying a major.

The workshop is free, and is open to both students and community members.

For more information, call Deann Burch at ext. 47120.

## 'Man of La Mancha' Dinner Theater on Saturday

The curtains will rise to "Man of La Mancha" after an intimate candle-lit dinner hosted by the Patrons of the Arts at 6 p.m. on March 24. The production will be presented in the Campus Theater.

A tax-deductible donation of \$30 covers the cost of the show and dinner. For more information, please call Soni Schneider at ext. 47134.

"Man of La Mancha" closes this weekend, with 8 p.m. performances on Friday and Saturday, and a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Ticket information is available by calling ext. 47200.

## Associated Students Set Blood Drive on April 19

An upcoming blood drive is being sponsored and organized by the Associated Students. The drive will be held in Gym II on April 19, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

To make an appointment, call

ext. 47198 or visit the Student Activities office. Walk-in's are also welcome.

Please note the event on your calendar and spread the word.

## BRIEFLY

The American Association for Women in Community Colleges (AAWCC) South Coast Area Spring 2001 conference, "Women Hold Up Half the Sky: Enhancing Your Life...Today," will be held on Friday, April 27, at the Sheraton Cerritos Hotel Town Center. The keynote speakers are: Lee Silber, a trainer, the author of eight books, the founder of five companies, and an accomplished drummer and graphic artist; and Anita Cheek Milner, one of America's favorite speakers for more than two decades. For more information, call (562) 860-2451, ext. 2215. Registration forms are available in the Public Information Office.



The Cypress College Community Service Committee will be collecting food and goodies as part of its Annual Easter Basket Food Drive. Be on the lookout for the brightly decorated cans, which will be placed on campus this week. The last day to donate is April 9. For more information, call Bev Harrington at ext. 47109 or Lucinda Wallis at ext. 47228.



The Campus Children's Center invites everyone to join in the "1st Annual Teletubbies Exercise Day" on Tuesday. The event will be held in the Student Activities area from 10:30-11:30 a.m. For more information, call Gail Meinert at ext. 47074.