THIS WEEK

15 • Monday
   » Tax Day

17 • Thursday
   » “New Pension Legislation” and “Long Term Care” workshops, Staff Conference Center, 2 p.m.

Ongoing
   » “Odd Drawings,” Fine Arts Gallery (through April 24)

“THEY SAID IT”

“It is no use saying ‘we are doing our best.’ You have got to succeed in doing what is necessary.”
   – Winston Churchill

“Let me tell you how it will be: There’s one for you, nineteen for me. ’Cause I’m the taxman, yeah, I’m the taxman.”
   – The Beatles

Grab a Hard Hat! Construction Nears.

Planning is about to begin for the most significant building projects in 30 years.

Thanks in large part to the passage of Measure X last month, the largest series of construction projects in the last 30 years is about to enter the planning process.

Once bonds are issued, 80% of the money must be spent within three years. A total of $239 million was approved by voters, and the funds will be dispersed to the District on two separate dates.

With that in mind, selection of an architect and construction manager is beginning today. These temporary positions will exist to support Facilities and the District in planning, sequencing and construction.

By May, planning will begin. Because of the short timeline — and the whopping cost of changes after the planning stage concludes — it is imperative that suggestions be made early. Planning should be complete by August for the initial projects — Student Center, Children’s Center and SCE Building.

Last Tuesday, NOCCCD Trustees approved the District’s five-year construction plan.

On the list for Cypress College are:
   • A new Library/Learning Resource Center
   • A new Child Development Center
   • Piazza/infrastructure repair
   • The campus remodel for efficiency

CIU Will Seek Proposals for Professional Speakers Soon

Watch for information about a call for proposals for the new Professional Speakers Series, which will start next fall. The proposal forms will be available through Gina Marrocco, CIU secretary, by April 22 and are due to the Center for Intercultural Understanding by May 6.

Proposals can be submitted by faculty, staff and students.

Speakers will be selected based on Direction 4 of the Strategic Plan, and their topics must be related to one or more of CIU’s six goals: celebrate diversity, promote human relations, disseminate information, provide a forum for dialogue, build community relations and support globalization and internationalization of the curriculum.

For more information, call ext. 47049, or e-mail gmarrocco@CypressCollege.edu.
Two Honored by State Staff Development Group

The Staff Development Committee is handing out pats on the back to Albert Miranda, director of the Physical Plant, and Dr. Margie Lewis, who were honored by the California Community College Council for Staff Development last Tuesday morning at the group’s annual conference.

Miranda was granted the 4C/SD Executive Board Above and Beyond the Call of Duty Award. It is given only in years when the group’s board feels it is merited. Miranda was selected because of his “personal commitment to the success of the first Leadership Development Institute held at Cypress College. The Leadership Development Institute could not have been the success it was without your involvement.”

On campus, Miranda is known as a person who can be relied upon to complete a project under the most trying of deadlines.

“Albert is always a team player,” said Nancy Byrnes, the vice president of Educational Support and Planning, and Miranda’s supervisor. “He makes things happen, even if the request has come to him at the last minute or without warning.”

Dr. Lewis was honored with the 4C/SD Outstanding President/Chancellor Award “to recognize and reward excellence in presidential support for leadership in staff and organizational development in the California Community Colleges”

Among the reasons for her selection were the creation of the “Meet the Pres.” series, the implementation of the Leadership Team and the Community Advisory Group, and her commitment to helping adjunct faculty earn positions as full-time professors through a series of workshops to help part-time faculty members hone their application-and resume-writing skills and their interviewing techniques.

‘Mini Grants Program’ Offers $500 to Faculty, Staff

The Foundation has established a “Faculty and Staff Mini Grants Program.” The program will make up to ten awards of up to $500 to faculty and staff members to use for any reasonable project, initiative or material that supports students.

Applications are due to the Foundation by 5 p.m. on Friday, April 26. Awards will be announced the following week.

The simple application is available in the Foundation Office and has been distributed to all faculty and staff mail boxes.

For more information, call the Foundation at ext. 47126.

Nominations Due for Classified Employee Honor

Nominations for the Classified Employee of the Year award are due to the Staff Development Office by 4 p.m. on Monday, April 29.

This is the third year the award will be presented to a full-time classified employee who represents dedication and commitment to making Cypress College an outstanding learning environment for our students.

The winner of the award will be announced at the Classified Appreciation Event on Thursday, May 16.

Orders Taken for Grad Announcements, Class Rings

It’s time for students to place orders for graduation announcements and class rings. Samples will be on display on Thursday, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Bookstore.

Class rings are available starting at $209.

For more information, have students visit the Bookstore, or call (714) 484-7336. The Bookstore is open Monday through Thursday, from 7:45 a.m.-8 p.m., and Friday, from 7:45 a.m.-5 p.m.