IELDMENTS Back at 100 Times Normal Rate

Heavy fines were suspended earlier this year, but are now reinstated.

The huge penalties for using electricity during a state-requested power cutback have been reinstated, according to a letter sent to the college from Southern California Edison last week.

Penalties hit $4,500 per hour when they were last charged during Winter Intersession. Before power interruptions were requested this semester, the state Public Utilities Commission issued a temporary ban on the hefty fees.

But, the state agency reversed its earlier decision, and as of last Friday, SCE is again able to charge the campus 100 times its normal rate for using energy during a requested shut down.

Prior to the start of the state’s energy crisis, campus electricity use averaged between 2,400-2,500 kilowatts per hour. Since December, it has been nearly cut in half — due in large part to reductions in the use of heating and air conditioning.

But, consumption of electricity doesn’t get much lower than that on an average day when classes are in session.

Since the college will be charged $9 per kilowatt-hour for nearly all electrical usage during an interruption, the policies in place before the fines were eliminated will be reinstated.

When California’s Independent System Operator tells Edison to begin an interruption, the campus has 30 minutes to cut its electrical consumption to just 100 kilowatts per hour. On all usage above that amount, the campus is charged $9 per kilowatt-hour, a full 100 times the normal rate.

The plan outlined below should get the campus down to somewhere between 700-900 kilowatts per hour:

- The Division offices will be notified through a “broadcast message” when a cutback has been ordered.
- Turn off all lights except for those in classrooms that are being used, or in hallways where needed for safety purposes;
- All computers — except for those being used by students in labs or those that are critical to run the office — are to be turned off. See your dean or manager for decisions about computer use.
- One copier will remain on in the Production Center for faculty use. All other copiers must be turned off.
- All air circulation and cooling/heating will remain off until power resumes. Please dress with this in mind and advise students to do the same.
- All questions should be directed to your dean/manager, or to Nancy Byrnes at ext. 47313.

‘Meet the Pres.’ is Next Monday in Financial Aid Office

“Meet the Pres.” — the “60-minutes” of open forum between the president and the campus community — will be held next Monday, April 30, from noon-1 p.m. in the Financial Aid Office. Originally scheduled for today, the informal meeting was moved to next week because Dr. Lewis must travel to Sacramento today.

“Meet the Pres.” is a series of open forums between Dr. Lewis and the campus community. The sessions are held three times each semester and do not have an agenda. Faculty, staff and students are invited to join and depart the informal 60-minute sessions as their schedules allow.

Refreshments will be served.
Let’s Celebrate! End-of-the-Year BBQ is May 8

Summer’s almost here and that can mean only one thing: it’s time to celebrate.

The End-of-the-Year Barbecue is set for Tuesday, May 8 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Pool Deck.

The official program will begin at 12:15 p.m. We’ll honor this year’s retirees and those employees with 25-, 20-, 15-, 10- and 5-years of continuous service.

Being honored for 25 years of service to Cypress College are: Ellen Berger, Dennis Doran, Tom Enders, Carolee Freer, Margie Haas, Bob Harkrider, Renee Harter, Angie Rios, Barbara Russo, and Jim Stewart. Regina Ford will also be recognized for 25 years of service to the district.

There is a $6 charge for lunch. Reservations are due to the Staff Development Office by May 1. For more information, call ext. 47324.

 Classified Employee of the Year Nominations are Out

Nomination forms for the 2nd Annual Classified Employee of the Year award are being circulated. The award will be given to a full-time classified employee who exemplifies the dedication and a commitment to making Cypress College an outstanding learning environment for our students.

Typewritten submissions must be filed with the Staff Development Office by 4 p.m. on May 3.

Nominations may be made by any employee or student.

Selection of the Classified Employee of the Year will be based only on the information provided in the nomination form. A subcommittee appointed by the Staff Development Committee will screen the nominations and select the honoree.

The winner of the award will be announced at the Classified Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, May 24.

Forms and information are available by calling the Staff Development Office at ext. 47324.

Bursar’s Office Renovation Tops Campus Projects

Things continue to be busy for campus Physical Plant employees.

Topping the list is the anticipated completion this week of a renovation in the Bursar’s Office. The improvements include removal of walls, re-carpeting and installation of new work stations and counter space.

When it re-opens, the Bursar’s Office will be more physically inviting to the students served there. It will also be significantly more functional.

Final reviews of the Food Service in Gym II have been completed with Cafe Supreme, the architectural firm and the county Health Department, moving the facility one step closer to opening.

Gym I is currently being serviced under the new maintenance program. All exterior doors have been sanded and painted.

More than a dozen other projects are currently underway.

Winners Selected in Student Photo Contest

Contest winners have been selected as part of the opening of the Student Photography Exhibition, which is currently installed at the Anaheim Museum.

In the Open category, winners were: Moyca Tellez, 1st; Diane Edwards, 2nd; Richard Hutter, 3rd; Cesar Carranza, 4th; Ricky Maestas, 1st honorable mention; Damon Nicholson, 2nd honorable mention; Yuhui Crowe, 3rd honorable mention; and Ron Munoz, 4th honorable mention.

Diane Edwards was the winner in the Digital category.

In the Commercial category, winners were: Melinda Farmer, 1st; Ron Deitrick, 2nd; Kathryn Sime, 3rd; Michael Finn, 4th; Alan Chang, 1st honorable mention; Rizza Dumalo, 2nd honorable mention; and Keligh Chew, 3rd honorable mention.

Jason Juarez was selected as the Rookie of the Year, the honor given annually to the best first-year photography student.