Pelachik Selected as Teacher of the Year

She is now eligible to be named the county’s top educator.

Patricia Pelachik, an instructor in the Business and Computer Information Systems Division, has been named the Cypress College Teacher of the Year and is the campus nominee for the Orange County Teacher of the Year award.

Pelachik has been at Cypress College since 1991. Her classes include keyboarding, computer applications, desktop publishing and networking.

She has served as department coordinator since 1997 and has authored grants which generated more than $600,000 for the department.

Pelachik is the administrator of the new Microsoft Authorized Testing Center program.

She has served on the Curriculum Committee, VTEA Committee, Academic Computer and Technology Committee, Safety Committee, Tech-Prep Committee and five hiring committees.

Prior to joining the faculty at Cypress College, Pelachik was director of training for Intuit Corp. (makers of the popular TurboTax software).

Previous teaching experience included positions in the Maricopa Community College District, Dorsey Business Schools in Detroit, and Strongsville Senior High School in Strongsville, Ohio.

While a full-time student at Cleveland State University — where she earned her bachelor’s degree in business administration — Pelachik worked at NASA’s Lewis Research Center.

Pelachik earned a master’s in business education from Eastern Michigan University and holds a second master’s in computer application from Nova University in Phoenix, AZ.

Away from Cypress College, her interests are working in the church community, creating the church newsletter and singing in the church choir. She also enjoys sewing and folk-art painting.

This year, the Orange County Community College Teacher of the Year recipient could receive an award of up to $15,000. Both full- and part-time instructors were eligible to be nominated by students who had previously taken a class with them, or by a variety of campus employees.

Pelachik was selected for the honor by a shared-governance committee.

‘Meet the Pres.’ Semester Finale is Today at Noon

This semester’s season finale of “Meet the Pres.” is scheduled to be held Monday at noon in the Financial Aid Conference Room.

“Meet the Pres.” provides “60 Minutes” to ask questions and discuss concerns with President Margie Lewis.

It is open to all staff and students. There is no agenda, and participants are invited to drop in anytime during the hour and stay as long as they would like.

Drinks and refreshments are served and those attending are welcome to bring their lunch along.

This session was rescheduled from last Monday because of a late scheduling conflict that developed.

“Meet the Pres.” is co-sponsored by Staff Development and the President’s Office.

@Cypress Now Online!

@Cypress, the popular weekly presidential newsletter, is now online as part of the expanding college Web site. In addition to the current edition, archived copies are also available. To find @Cypress, visit http://www.cypresscollege.org then click on the “News, Information & Documents” link.
The American Red Cross collected 45 pints of blood during this month's drive, which was sponsored by the Associated Students. That amount will save more than 130 lives, according to a Red Cross representative. The 45 pints collected meet the organization's goal for the event.

Six ceramics students have been selected to show their work in the "edu" exhibit at the Studio Channel Islands Art Center. According to their instructor, Char Felos, the exhibition is comprised of works by under-graduate students throughout Southern California. The students are: Klarait Brown, Shannon Tomey, Holly Waggoner, Casandra Mc Isaac, Virginia Mitford Taylor and Greg Morrissey.

The deadline to nominate someone for the Classified Employee of the Year award is Thursday. Nominations may be submitted by any member of the Cypress College community. The one-page form must be submitted to the Staff Development Office by 4 p.m. Call ext. 47324 for information.

The deadline to purchase a ticket for the End-of-the-Year BBQ is Tuesday. For reservations and info, call ext. 47324.

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**Who Wants to be an Interim Dean? Two Jobs Open**

The application process for two interim dean positions has begun, and will result in two district employees being selected to provide leadership in two of four instructional divisions: Business and Computer Information Systems; Fine Arts; Science, Engineering and Mathematics; and Vocational Technical.

The vacancies have been created by the recently submitted retirements of Hank Tobler and Mike Jacobs.

Assignment of specific divisions will be determined once the two interim deans are selected.

Minimum qualifications for the positions are a master’s degree and administrative or leadership experience with decision-making responsibilities.

A complete job description is available from the District Human Resources office and on the Web at http://www.nocccd.cc.ca.us.

During the fall 2001 semester, the college will review the administrative structure at the dean level. If, as a result of the review, it is determined that the administrative structure is to remain as configured for the interim assignments, the interim dean will not be eligible to apply for the permanent dean position in which that dean is serving in the temporary capacity.

The application deadline is May 18 at 4 p.m.

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**Board Hires New Faculty and Foundation Director**

Two new faculty members and a new executive director of the Foundation and Community Relations have been approved for hire by the trustees.

James Hormel has been selected as the new Theater Arts instructor. Mozghan Tavakoli is the college’s new Computer Information Systems/Office Administration faculty member.

Joining the college as the executive director of the Foundation and Community Relations is Raul Alvarez.

The board also approved the retirement of Carl Howell, senior maintenance assistant.

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**Friess and Koeppel Honored at CSUF’s Comm Week**

Donna Friess and Liana Koeppel have been honored by Cal State Fullerton’s Department of Speech Communication as part of Comm Week 2001.

Friess and Koeppel were selected for the award based on the recommendation of their former students who are enrolled at CSUF.

The award was “based on how important (the instructors) were to their speech communication education,” Department Chair Robert Emry wrote.

It was the second year that CSUF honored “outstanding professors who inspired community college students in the speech communication field,” he said.

Five others were also honored.

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**Schedule of New Building Maintenance Program**

The new campus Building Maintenance Program has been operating smoothly since it went into effect in February.

The first round of projects in Humanities, Science/Engineering/Math, and Gym I have been completed. The remaining “cycle 1” schedule is in the accompanying chart.

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**OPENINGS**

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

| Cadena Transfer Center Director (FC) |
| Dean, Business and Computer Information Systems (FC) |
| Dean, Health Science (CC) |
| Administrative Support Manager/Human Resources (Dec) |
| Director Physical Plant/Facilities (CC) |
| Geology Instructor (CC) |
| User Support Analyst (CC) |
| Campus Safety Officer (CC) |
| Microcomputer Specialist (SCE/Cypress) |
| Instructional Assistant/Computer-Internet Center (SCE/Cypress) |
| User Support Analyst (CC) |