Employees Honored at BBQ

Public recognition is offered for years of service and salutes are given to retirees.

The college campus came together last Thursday on the pool deck to celebrate the completion of another successful academic year and to recognize the contributions of time and talent of a number of people in our college community.

At the event, employees who have reached milestone years were given service pins, and special recognition was given to the eight employees completing their 25th year at Cypress College.

Those employees are: Robert Burson, M&O; Helena DeCoro, Fine Arts; Kathryn Fay, SCE; Peggy Miller, Health Science; Ron Miller, Vo Tech; Bob Nadell, Counseling; Maryann Rothera, SEM; and Susie Simmons, Vo Tech.

Salutes were also made to employees who have retired this academic year.

The retiring employees are: Don Blanchard, faculty; Kay Bruce, management; Tom Buckbee, faculty; Helen Chen, faculty; Bill Clarke, faculty; Dennis Doran, classified; Carol Doti, SCE-classified; David Drake, faculty; Manuel Garcia, classified; Trish Geddes, faculty; Robert Hardy, faculty; Gail Kolsky, faculty; Barbara Marrs, management; Rebecca Munoz, SCE-classified; Larry Smith, 10 years in the District.

Pam Bettendorf, Fred DePonteec, Bonnie Fast, Emily Majdali, Troy McKeown, Cheryl Montgomery, Fidel Ugarte, and Dave Wassenaar, for 15 years of District service.

Shirley Ashburn, Tom Buckbee, Nancy Byrnes, Michael Capsuto, Nancy Childers, Diane Henry, Marcelino Sousa, and Ronald VonSoosten, for 10 years of service.

Robert Azen and Ken Stumpff for 30 years of service; and William Centobene for 35 years of service in the District.

Fall 2002 Schedule Now Available on Web, in Print Soon

The fall 2002 class schedule is now available on the college Web site at http://CypressCollege.edu. The online schedule is a complete reproduction of the print version, which will be available on campus later this month.

Statistics for the campus Web site indicate that the online version of the schedule has become a popular destination since it became a regular feature a little more than a year ago.

With access available from many labs on campus — not to mention the proliferation of high-speed Internet access at home — students have been taking advantage of the “early bird” edition of the schedule.
**Star Alumnus Hoffman on Sports Illustrated Cover**

Trevor Hoffman is on the cover of this week’s *Sports Illustrated* magazine. The Major League Baseball all-star has the best save percentage in MLB history and set the record for most career saves by a San Diego Padres pitcher earlier this month. Being featured on *Sports Illustrated’s* front cover is undoubtedly a major honor for professional athletes. However, it is also one that many athletes dread because of the “SI jinx” — a term coined for the mysterious, and perhaps coincidental, run of bad luck that seems to strike players after appearing on the cover.

Hoffman played for the Chargers in 1986 and 1987 after a high school career at Savanna.

**Softball and Baseball Teams in Playoffs**

The Pickler brothers have their ball teams in the playoffs. The softball team, coached by Brad Pickler, won three consecutive games in the Southern California Regional playoffs held on campus May 3-5 to advance to the State Tournament being held this past weekend in Clovis (near Fresno). They are one of eight teams in the double elimination tournament. The Chargers opened play against Shasta College. In advancing to the state championship tournament, the Chargers didn’t allow a run in the regionals, beating Rio Hondo, 9-0, and defeating Cuesta College twice by scores of 2-0.

The Chargers’ regular-season record was 44-6.

Scott Pickler’s baseball team qualified for the Southern California Sectional Playoffs, which were also scheduled to be held May 10-12. The four-team tournament was held at Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo. In addition to the Chargers and host Cuesta, San Bernardino Valley and Chaffey round out the field. Cypress was scheduled to open against Chaffey in the first game of the double-elimination tournament. The winner advances to the SoCal Super Regionals May 18-19. The state tournament is set for Fresno May 25-27. Cypress finished in a tie for fourth in the Orange Empire Conference with a 27-15 regular season record.

**Athletes Selected for Honors, Pick Universities**

Softball standouts Natalie Sharp and Michelle Whitehead have been named to the all-state team by the California Community College Softball Coaches. Sharp, a sophomore shortstop from California High, led Cypress in batting (.429) and runs batted in (42) this season. Whitehead, a freshman from Valencia High, was the ace of the Charger pitching staff. She posted a 28-4 record with a ERA of 0.91.

Earning all-Southern California honors was sophomore catcher Clarissa Parga. A graduate of Century High, Parga batted .381 with 27 RBIs and 54 runs scored.

Ten sophomore women soccer players have announced their four-year college/university commitments. They are: Jady Alexander (Chico State), Katie Eatherton (Humboldt State), Kelly Nunn (San Jose State), Janelle Raaff (Chico State), Rian Knappe (CSU Northridge), Sarah Moraville (William Woods, MO), Holly Rife (Cal Poly Pomona), Angela Orr (Chico State), Monique Garciaapar (Chapman) and Harmony Rief (Hope International).

Basketball player D. Jay Lucas, a sophomore forward, has signed a letter of intent with Concordia University in Irvine. He was a first team Orange Empire Conference all-star.

**Studies Lead to Scholarships for Two Students**

Ana Cervantes is the 2002 winner of the Wall Street Journal Student Achievement Award. She has achieved an outstanding academic record, with an overall GPA of 3.91 and has been named to the President’s Honor Roll four times. She will continue her business major at Cal State Fullerton.

The ESL Department is honoring Mei Ling Hsu with the $500 Jewel Keusder ESL Scholarship. Her name will also go on a plaque in Humanities.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Come to Cypress College and Go Places!