Welcome Back from Dr. Lewis

This semester marks the start of an exciting five-year period of growth.

Welcome to the Fall 2002 semester at Cypress College!

We are starting what promises to be the beginning of a very exciting five years at the college, now that the bond money is available. The changes that we will see in these five years will transform the college, adding to and improving our facilities in ways that will significantly benefit students, faculty, and staff.

Our new Student Center will provide a focal point for campus life, bringing together student services, student activities, food services, and the bookstore. Students, both new and continuing, will be able to easily access important services such as Admissions and Records, Assessment, and Financial Aid. I can also envision all of us coming together in this new center for speakers, forums, performances, meetings, and other events. We will be able to have lunch at tables overlooking the pond or simply relax in casual seating areas. This project will involve both new construction and remodeling of the first two floors of the Administration/Library Building.

The new Library/Learning Resource Center — which has been approved by the state but is dependent for funding on the passage of the statewide public education bond measure in November — will offer students state-of-the-art access to a variety of resources, both print and electronic, as well as a large computer lab, tutoring, and all the services currently offered by the Learning Center, Writing Center, Math Center, and North Computer Lab. Just as the student center will be a “one-stop” for student services, the Library/Learning Resource Center will be a “one-stop” for information and resources to support student learning. Faculty and staff will also be able to use the Teaching Learning Center that will be located in this building.

And then there are the renovations we can look forward to in our classrooms and labs, bringing them up to current standards for technology, aesthetics, and a positive and effective learning environment. The college is clearly showing its age in these areas. With careful planning we can renovate these learning environments to meet the needs of students for at least the next twenty years.

In addition to these projects, we will also use the bond money to help fund renovations of the tennis courts, theater, and piazza — all of which are underway — as well as to build a new Campus Children’s Center, School for Continuing Education Building, Maintenance facility, and restroom for the athletic fields. We will also improve the signage and vehicular access throughout the campus.

In the midst of the dust, noise, limited access, and confusion that we will all experience during the construction, may the vision of our transformed campus inspire us and give us the patience we need through what will be a challenging time. And, of course, may we remember that the “bricks and mortar,” as important as they are, are only tools for helping us achieve our true Vision: Building a college-wide learning community for student success.

I look forward to working with you again this year.

Margie Lewis

Parking Citations Will be Issued to Students in Staff Spaces

Students can park without a permit on campus until September 3 as long as they do it where they’re supposed to. Parking restrictions will be enforced in all staff spaces, as well as in short-term, metered and handicapped stalls. Anyone parked in a red zone will also be cited.

As of July 1 Cypress College Security staff took over responsibility for all parking enforcement. Because of the change, patrols will be significantly increased.

That’s good news for faculty and staff who have difficulty finding parking during the early weeks of school.

Questions about parking should be directed to Security. They can be reached at ext. 47387.
College Update: A Brief Look at What Happened During the Summer

Summer has come and gone. It’s hard to believe how much work has been done since graduation. Here is a look at what has been going on.

WebStar Update

Banner is coming of age. The percentage of students registering via the WebStar interface now easily exceeds those walking in to campus and those dialing in to TeleStar. So far this semester, 57% of the registration access has come through WebStar — 20,083 contacts. The numbers don’t equate to a single student, since students often register for classes in more than one session. TeleStar has dropped to 41%, or 14,290, with in-person falling to just 801 contacts, a mere 2% (of course, that doesn’t include the late crush associated with the start of classes).

Last fall, 39% of registration came through the Web, 43% through TeleStar and in-person tallied 19%.

State Budget

It’s August, and the state still has no budget. That should say it all. But in this election year, it doesn’t quite cover the intricacies of the negotiation process. Observers expect a smoke-and-mirrors budget “resolution” before the November elections and a second budget crisis following that to deal with the tough issues. Either way, we anticipate heavy cuts. As to the specifics, well, these are anyone’s guess.

Here are the “highlights” as of today. Please note this caveat: everything here is subject to change without notice.

General fund: The current budget proposal includes full base revenue, a 2% cost-of-living increase, money for a 3% enrollment growth and enrollment fees remaining at $11 per unit.

Categorical funds: 1.66% COLA increase, 3% for enrollment growth, and a full reinstatement of the $49 million Instructional Equipment program along with another $49 million for the Scheduled Maintenance program.

Reductions to ongoing Programs:
Program ...........................................Total (in millions) ....Cypress
CalWORKS ......................................$30.30 $237,000
M articulation .................................$26.8 $250,000
Telecommunication/Tchnology ..........$19.8 $221,000
Fund for Student Success ..................$9.9 $14,000
Economic Development ....................$9.8 $63,000
T ANF (CalWORKS) .........................$8.0 $63,000
Faculty and Staff Development ..........$5.2 $66,000

Re-organization Goes Into Effect

The management re-organization approved last year has gone into effect. It provides for individual deans for the Fine Arts, Vo Tech, and Science/Engineering/Math divisions. Business also gains a dean with no other instructional duties, though the dean also oversees Admissions and Records. The dean of P.E./Athletics assumed administrative oversight of Student Activities and the dean of Language Arts now oversees the Library. Grants, Economic Development, VTEA and Title III become the responsibility of the Vocational Educational dean. The director of Campus Diversity has assumed an administrative support role for the Learning Communities, the Puente Program, Study Abroad and the Center for Intercultural Understanding — although the instructional elements of those programs are still under the directions of the division deans. Changes to the campus organizational chart are highlighted below, with a plus sign showing additional duties and a minus sign indicating a specific responsibility has been removed.

Legend

The grey boxes indicate changes in management responsibilities for the administrator.
+ Indicates that responsibilities have been added to this administrator’s duties.
- Indicates that responsibilities have been re-assigned to another administrator.
* This chart does not reflect the entire campus structure or all of a given manager’s responsibilities.
Over the summer we have been dealing with the piazza railing and whether part or all of the railing should be removed. Removal began on what seemed to be a conservative approach — taking out only the railing that had a weak attachment design. During that process, it was determined that the other, more secure, attachments may also be compromised.

So, it was determined that the safest course of action is to remove all of the railing from the upper level. That will take place over the next month or so. Temporary fencing will go up while a new rail is designed and made for a permanent attachment. The fencing underneath will be removed once the cement railings have been taken down.

Regular updates — daily via e-mail and weekly in @Cypress — will be provided.

Construction on the tennis court project also began last week. Ten new courts with lights, fencing, and a viewing area will be constructed during the fall semester and will be ready for classes in the spring. This project is a joint venture with the City of Cypress, the District and our campus bond money.

The planning and design phase for the new Student Center building has begun. Several participants went on a tour of other facilities, and the first kick-off meeting has been held to look at what we want to accomplish with services combined for students into a “one-stop” center. Several meetings will be held this fall semester as we pull together all of our services for students into one location.

The North Orange County Community College District received an energy grant from the state last spring, and work will commence shortly as we replace older fixtures with new energy-saving fixtures, upgrade the energy-management system, and replace several old boilers with new ones.

This $1.6 million grant will provide energy savings for us in the future.

We need to prepare ourselves for a very busy year. Regular updates of projects will now appear in @Cypress as well as by e-mail in order to keep you informed of our progress with construction. Key your eye out for the “Measure X Construction Update” logo.
Student Services Expand Hours to Start Semester

Here are the dates and times of the services available to students on Saturdays. Please call the Instruction Office with any questions. They can be reached at ext. 47330.

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NOTE: Classes will meet on:
- Saturday, August 31 (Labor Day Weekend)
- Saturday, November 9 (Veterans' Day Weekend)
- Monday, November 30 (Thanksgiving Weekend)

Parking Warning: September 21 and 22 (dog show on campus; allow extra time for parking)

Dental Hygiene Program Best in the Nation

The Cypress College Dental Hygiene program has been ranked number one in the country. Out of 236 schools in the nation, the 2002 graduating Dental Hygiene class scored higher than the national average on the National Board Exam for Dental Hygiene in all categories tested.

Debbi McIntosh, a resident of Cypress, earned a perfect score. Sixteen students from Cypress College took the exam and 16 passed it. Ten students even scored in the ninetieth percentile!

The Dental Board Exam is an eight-hour, comprehensive written test that students must pass with a score of 75% or better. Cypress College Dental Hygiene students beat out 5,031 other students nationwide to achieve the highest test score average.

In addition to achieving high scores on the board exam, Cypress College Dental students were also honored in April for their research.

College Major? I Need to Choose a Major?!?

Students who are having trouble declaring a major or would like to explore their options should be encouraged to participate in the “College Major? I Need to Choose a Major?!?” workshop series.

The Cypress College Career Planning Center and Counseling Division are sponsoring the workshops, which introduce students to the process of selecting a college major or occupational field.

Declaring a major increases academic and employment success. This workshop can help students discover all the avenues that are available. Participants will be given a brief interest inventory to assist in clarifying a direction for a major or a career choice.

The workshop will be repeated ten times during the Fall 2002 semester. The workshop is free of charge and open to everyone.

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*Questions? Please call the Career Planning Center at (714) 484-7120.*