September 9, 2002 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

THIS WEEK

Ongoing
» “Memories of Then and Now,” Photographs by Brian Dean, Edouard deMerlier Gallery, Library and Floating Wall (through September 28)
9 • Monday
» Groundbreaking ceremony for new tennis courts, 4 p.m.
10 • Tuesday
» NOCCCD Board meeting, DEC, 5:30 p.m.
11 • Wednesday
» 9/11 Anniversary Observance, pond, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
» A.S. Club Rush, pond, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
12 • Thursday
» President’s reception for classified staff, Staff Conference Center, 9-11 a.m.
» A.S. Club Rush, pond, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.
» “Meet the Pres.” hour with Dr. Lewis, H-321, 12:30-1:30 p.m.
» Academic Senate meeting, WCR, 3-5 p.m.
13 • Friday
» Last day to file for Fall 2002 graduation

“THEY SAID IT”

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe, to assure the survival and success of liberty.”

— John F. Kennedy

9/11 Attacks, Victims Recalled

One year after terrorist strikes, the college participates in national remembrance.

It’s hard to believe that a year has passed since the terrorist attacks of 9/11. In that time, much has changed; much also remains the same.

Many people are still apprehensive about the possibility of more terrorism. We now know that the al-Qaida terrorist organization had taken what appears to be surveillance video of Disneyland.

It is clear that our lives have changed in so many ways. Our sense of a national innocence lost is akin to the national perspective following the assassination of John Kennedy and the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

In many ways, things will never be the same.

And yet, not all that has changed is bad. One example is the heightened sense of community and patriotism that has persisted since 9/11.

Another is the opportunity that we have all had to learn more about other cultures and religions. To this end, a series of forums was held on campus following the attacks. The focus of these sessions was to increase cultural awareness.

In a memo to the campus the day after the attacks, I offered the following thoughts:

“As an institution of higher education — and as a campus whose mission includes ‘contributing to intercultural understanding’ — we have a special obligation to view people as individuals, not by stereotypes and generalizations. Taking a lesson from history, it is imperative that we not repeat the racist treatment of Japanese-Americans that followed the bombing of Pearl Harbor. We must not allow terrorists to drive wedges between us. Nor can we permit anger to be misdirected at any individual student or student groups here at the college.”

Looking back, I’m proud of the way the Cypress College community responded to the terrorist attacks. We held to our ideals and continued our efforts to build a campus community that accepts and embraces diversity.

Out of all the lessons that we teach our students and that we reinforce with each other, being tolerant and understanding of differences is clearly one of the most valuable.

— Margie Lewis

Events on 9/11 Honor Victims, Celebrate Service and Freedom

Campus events marking the first anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks will be an eclectic mix of solemn remembrance and a celebration of service and freedom. All events, which were planned by the Associated Students, will take place at the pond.

About the first thing newly liberated residents of Afghanistan did following the fall of Taliban rule was crank up the music. Appropriately, music will abound on campus on September 11 as two local radio stations participate in the Associated Students’ Club Rush activities.

President George W. Bush’s call for Americans to serve others, as a way to honor those who died in the attacks, also will be represented since Club Rush is the largest membership drive for the college’s many service clubs.

A voter-registration table will also be part of the celebration of freedom.

The remembrance program will feature chiming of the bells at 10:10 a.m., addresses by Dr. Lewis and Cypress Mayor Lydia Sondhi, and singing of the National Anthem by Christy Montenegro, an employee in A&R and a recent graduate.

9/11 Events
10 am......................Opening Remarks
Wendy Morales, A.S. President
10:10 am....................Bell Tower Chime
Moment of Silence
10:15 am....................National Anthem
performed by Christy Montenegro
10:20-11:50 am...........Open Microphone
Thoughts and feelings regarding 9/11
Noon.........................Address by Lydia Sondhi
Mayor of the City of Cypress
12:15 pm.............Address by Dr. Margie Lewis
President of Cypress College
Women's Soccer Team Ranked Third in Nation

The Cypress College women's soccer team has been ranked third in the nation by the National Soccer Coaches Assn. of America.

The NSCAA's pre-season poll has Monroe Community College (NY) on top and Long Beach City College in second place.

‘Meet the Pres.’ Season Premier Set for Thursday

This semester’s first “Meet the Pres.” session will be held on Thursday, from 12:30-1:30 p.m., in H-321.

“Meet the Pres.” is an informal hour with college president, Dr. Lewis. There is no agenda.

The series is open to all staff and students. Everyone is welcome to come and share ideas, agreements and disagreements.

Participants are also welcome to drop in at anytime during the hour and stay as long as they want.

Drinks and dessert are provided.

The “Meet the Pres.” series is co-sponsored by Staff Development and the President's Office. For more information, call ext. 47324 or send an e-mail to staffdev@CypressCollege.edu.

State Budget Approved by Legislature, Governor

Two months late and billions of dollars in the hole, Governor Gray Davis signed the California state budget.

According to the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, the Governor used his line-item-veto power to make the following statewide community-college related cuts to the budget approved by the Legislature:

- The $1 million for the Faculty and Staff Development Fund was eliminated. Thus, the entire $5+ million program has been eliminated;
- The $9 million from the Prop 98 Reversion Account for CalWORKS has been eliminated.

This reduces total CalWORKS funding to $35 million, compared to $65 million in 2001-02;

- Matriculation funding was reduced by $10 million, leaving $54.29 million. Last year, Matriculation was funded at $76.29 million.

In terms of Proposition 98, K-14 funding was reduced by a total of $137 million. This reduction apparently excludes cuts in the Reversion Account.

All other appropriations were unchanged from the version of the Budget approved by the Legislature on August 31.

In total, the net augmentation for community colleges over 2001-02 is about $64.7 million.

Construction Corner: Railing Removal Continues

Removal of the piazza railing moved to the early morning hours last week — with work beginning at 4 a.m. The schedule was established to permit removal in areas where pedestrian traffic would have been difficult to control during regular operational hours. Work on these sections should be completed by today.

The area underneath the piazza adjacent to the A&R Annex on the pond-side of Lakeshore remains blocked off, while piazza access remains the same as it has been since classes began.

FREE

Free color brochures and the potential of flex credit await those who participate in “65% MORE: Music Made Their Program ‘Rock En-Roll’ — Learn How You Can Too!”

In the three-part workshop, participants will: Review and update curriculum; explore articulation; create brochures; brainstorm ideas for promoting their program.

Space is limited to 10 participants/teams.

The sessions are on September 13, October 4 and 25. All meetings are from 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. To join, e-mail staffdev@CypressCollege.edu or call ext. 47324.
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 12:30—1:30 p.m. HUMANITIES 321

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Come and share ideas, agreements and disagreements.

Drop in anytime during the hour and stay as long as you want.

Bring your own lunch—we'll provide the drinks and dessert.

Co-sponsored by Cypress College Staff Development and the President's Office

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SACRAMENTO - California Community Colleges Chancellor Thomas J. Nussbaum issued the following statement upon the Governor’s signing of the 2002-03 Budget:

“The State’s massive budget deficit will be felt by the California Community Colleges and our students in very real ways. While I recognize that the Governor and the Legislature have made sure, even in these most difficult economic times, to provide the community colleges with some increases for our core operations and for some enrollment growth, the reality is that our enrollments are growing much faster than the state support. Our students are beginning to see the effects as classes get larger, the number of available courses declines, and students learn they cannot take courses they need to graduate or transfer to four-year colleges and universities. California’s community colleges have been heroic in their efforts to do more with less. Our dedicated faculty, staff, and administrators will continue to everything they can to meet the demand for community college education. But unless significant revenues are found in time for next year’s budget, we will be putting at risk higher education opportunities for many of our state’s citizens, with potentially serious societal and economic impacts.”
The final 2002-03 Budget provides $4.9 billion in total funding for the community colleges system. This represents a net increase, after accounting for various cuts, of $84 million (or 1.8 percent) over 2001-02. However, since funded enrollment is expected to grow by 3 percent, funding on a per-student basis actually declines by 1.2 percent. Making matters worse, actual enrollments are growing close to 6 percent. Thus, the system already is serving over 40,000 full-time equivalent students—more than the entire enrollment of UCLA—without state funding.

The final 2002-03 Budget provides $110 million less than the previous year for various categorical programs that provide vital services, including: student counseling services, work-study jobs and other assistance for students who are CalWORKS recipients, and faculty and staff development. The final community college budget as signed by the Governor is $20 million less than the budget passed by the Legislature over the Labor Day weekend.

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Chancellor’s Office 1102 Q Street Sacramento, California 95814-6511
Music Made their program “Rock En-Roll” — Learn How You Can Too!

3 Sessions
- September 13th — 9-12:30 @ Wilson Conference Room
- October 4th — 9-12:30 @ TLC
- October 25th — 9-12:30 @ TLC

Review and update curriculum • Explore articulation • Create brochures • Create database of high schools • Develop a plan of action • Brainstorm ideas for promoting your program

Free, full-color department or program brochures will be printed for all participating teams.

Space is limited to 10 participants/teams.
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SEMESTER ABROAD SPRING 2003

INFORMATION MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 10, 2002
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, September 11, 2002
12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Cypress College
Staff Conference Center
Fine Arts Building
1st Floor

For additional information, brochures, or an application contact Susan Williams at (714) 484-7050 or Gina Marrocco at (714) 484-7049. You may also stop by the Center for Intercultural Understanding located in the Gym II, Student Activities on the 2nd floor.
Faculty Access to Cypress Technology is a new program developed by Cypress College Staff Development. Faculty can sign up for a workshop series on incorporating technology into classroom instruction.

**FACT** workshops can be taken for either flex credit or ½-1 Continuing Education Unit toward salary advancement. Sign up now for the FACT program by attending one of our introductory meetings:

- September 10th, 4:00—5:00 PM in FA-Staff Conference Room
- September 18th, 2:00—3:00 PM in FA-Staff Conference Room

E-mail staffdev@CypressCollege.edu or call X47324 for reservations.