

THIS WEEK

11 • Monday

- "Three's Company" exhibit opens, Fine Arts Gallery (through Sept. 28)

13 • Wednesday

- PFE Committee meeting, PCR, 10 a.m.-noon.

14 • Thursday

- Academic Senate meeting, WCR, 3-5 p.m.
- "Yucatan Passages" opening reception, TE 1, #213, 7:30 p.m.

15 • Friday

- Last day to file for Fall graduation

THEY SAID IT

“

"I'm excited, but not more than any other trip."

– Bernice Orwig

Former Cypress College water polo goalie on her participation in the Summer Olympic Games.

(see story on page 2)

”

@Cypress is published each week. If you would like to have items included, please contact Marc Posner in the Public Information Office at ext. 47006 or mposner@cypress.cc.ca.us.

Cypress College
9200 Valley View Street
Cypress, CA 90630
(714) 484-7000

<http://www.cypress.cc.ca.us>

Margie Lewis, President
(714) 484-7308
mlewis@cypress.cc.ca.us

16-Week Semester Under Consideration

► Alternative Semester Task Force completes report on the possible change.

Last March the District Planning Council established an Alternative Semester Task Force to review different semester models and develop a recommendation for consideration. The task force, which includes faculty, classified, administrators, and students from each of the district's three entities, has met a number of times, researched alternatives to the current 17.5 week semester, and is now presenting to DPC a report that supports changing to a 16-week semester at Cypress and Fullerton. However, the report is informational only, and no action will be taken.

Since the school calendar is negotiated between the unions and the district, no decision about a change in the calendar will be made until negotiations are complete. Final approval rests with the Board of Trustees.

Interest in the shorter semester developed in the NOCCCD because of a variety of factors, including increased student success and enrollment at Golden West, Riverside Community and Santa Monica College – all three of which have recently switched to 16-week semesters, according to the report.

Student needs, national research, projected enrollment growth, quicker access to university transfer and employment, and a state requirement for increased utilization of existing facilities for new construction funds were all listed as additional reasons for the growing interest in considering a shortened semester.

The report addresses a number of

"advantages" and "complications" tied to the proposed schedule change. Among the advantages are greater flexibility in the times when classes are scheduled in order to respond to students' varied needs, being able to start the fall semester after Labor Day, and increased FTES. The "complications" include the fact that each class session would have to be lengthened by an average of 5 minutes, the winter break would be shortened by approximately two weeks, and finals would be scheduled during the last class session(s) of each class rather than in a separate finals period.

The task force recommends that if the colleges are going to implement a 16-week semester, it be done in concert with the implementation of EIS next fall, eliminating the need for training followed by re-training on the new information system.

Implementation of a 16-week semester for Cypress and Fullerton is far from a "done deal." As the possibility is being discussed, everyone is encouraged to learn more about the issue and provide input to their bargaining teams and/or other appropriate individuals. Copies of the report prepared by the Alternative Semester Task Force for DPC are available from Mike Kasler, who served as a co-chair for Cypress College. Other Cypress College task force members include Stephanie Acosta (division office manager), Dana Brown (faculty), Renee Laguana (faculty/counselor), Mike Jacobs (dean of fine arts), Donna Landis (instruction office), Barbara Marshall (faculty), Kathy Sealy (faculty), Caroline Sheldon (research office), Monica Verma (Associated Students president), and Dave Wassenaar (dean of admissions and records).

Staff Development Accepting Project, Conference Proposals

If there is a conference or project in your future, Staff Development is ready to add some financial support.

Proposals from all full-time employees, adjunct faculty and SCE staff are being considered.

Proposal forms, guidelines and the state's criteria for AB1725 funds are available in the Staff Development Office (2nd Floor, Administration), or by calling ext. 47324.

CHARGERS

When the U.S. Women's Olympic Water Polo team hits the water in Sydney this month, they'll be one of six teams competing for the first-ever gold medals in that sport.

Without a former Cypress College standout, the opportunity may never have come about.

In a do-or-die April qualifying match, **Bernice Orwig** made a last-second save to preserve a victory and send her team to the Olympics, where women's water polo is making its debut.

Orwig played water polo on the men's team here (before we had a women's team) after graduation from Savanna High School in 1994. She transferred to USC in 1997, and won a national championship last year.

"I'm excited, but not more than any other trip," Orwig told the Los Angeles Times earlier this month.

Friends told the paper that type of calm disposition is typical of Orwig.

If she and her teammates capture the gold in Sydney – something observers of the sport say is quite possible – Orwig's accomplishments will be anything but ordinary.

OPENINGS

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

Adjunct faculty positions
(Cypress and Fullerton)
Part-time instructors (SCE)

Number of Degrees and Certificates Awarded is Up

The number of degrees and certificates awarded last year at Cypress College showed a strong increase.

Total awards, for Summer 1999, Fall 1999, and Spring 2000 rose to 1,174 compared to 1,046 for the previous year.

That's a 12% increase.

Associate of arts and associate of science degrees were up to 749, compared to 689 issued during the 1998-99 academic year, nearly a 9% jump.

Certificates awarded were also on the increase, with 425 issued in 1999-2000, compared to 357 the year

before, an improvement of 19%.

In other Admissions and Records news, Dave Wassenaar reports that 10,179 applications for fall semester had been processed as of September 2.

Enrolled students totalled 14,600 as of September 1, even with last fall, he said.

Wassenaar added his thanks to Dennis Doran and his assistants for inputting the huge volume of applications, and to Registrar Arleen Elseroad, and admissions supervisors Tuan Nguyen and Cynthia Sands, who organize and schedule the registration process.

Food Services Task Force Expecting Proposals Soon

Thirty-five representatives from 16 companies participated in a recent walk-through required as part of the request for proposals being sought from potential vendors for campus food service, convenience store, vending and exclusive beverage contracts.

On September 21, bid openings are scheduled. At that time, the campus will learn which vendors are seriously interested in providing these services to the Cypress College community. The Food Services Task Force will meet the following week to evaluate the proposals, and to determine who will be selected for interviews, presentations and site visits.

Following that series of events, the task force will make its recommendations. After campus review, a final recommendation will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees.

The RFP for a vendor to run the food, beverage, vending and convenience store services was developed because of a steadily growing deficit in those areas for the last decade. It is anticipated that these contracts will now generate income for Cypress College.

On a temporary basis, in order to meet the needs of staff and students, the coffee cart vendor has temporarily moved into Humanities, where his specialty coffee is being offered along with convenience store items.

PFE Committee Sets Meeting Dates for Fall Semester

The Partnership for Excellence Committee will hold four meetings this semester.

The group meets in the President's Conference Room from 10 a.m. to noon.

Meeting dates are: September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13. Each of those dates is the second Wednesday of the month.

Members of the PFE Committee are Nancy Byrnes, Kay Bruce, Dick Bettendorf, Charlene Felos, Mike Jacobs, Bob Nadel, Akilah Allen, Caroline Sheldon and Dave Wassenaar.

A student, a CSEA member and a UF representative will all be added to the committee, which is a sub-committee of Budget and Planning.

Cafe Cypress Re-opens for Semester

Student-operated Cafe Cypress opened its doors for the Fall 2000 semester last Thursday with delectable offerings from France. Each Thursday this semester, Cafe Cypress goes international.

This week, it's off to Italy.

Cafe Cypress is open for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The restaurant is located next to the Dugout. Salad and sandwich bars are also available.

BRIEFLY

Classified staff received pats on the back and kudos during a "Thank You" reception hosted by Dr. Lewis last Friday.

The president scheduled the reception as a way of expressing her gratitude and appreciation to the classified staff for their extra efforts to help get the semester off to a good start.



Last week we reported the availability of applications for the Semester Abroad program. The best place to refer students for applications and information on the programs is the Center for Intercultural Understanding.

The CIU is located in the Student Activities complex, and can be reached at ext. 47049.



If your vehicle's windshield is in need of repair or replacement, the Automotive Collision Repair program may be able to help out. In cooperation with the National Glass Association, ACR will be repairing and replacing automotive glass on September 20 and 21.

To receive an estimate and schedule an appointment, contact Tony Jones or Lidia Coman at ext. 47250 or 47251. To meet safety requirements, vehicles may need to stay on campus overnight.