September 17, 2001 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

Campus, Like Nation, Reacts to Attacks

Students hold a forum and ‘Day of Mourning’ observed in wake of terrorism.

Cypress College held a noontime reflection ceremony on Friday to participate in the National Day of Prayer and Mourning as declared by President George W. Bush.

It was just one of the ways the campus responded to last week’s terrorist attacks on New York’s World Trade Center and the Pentagon building in the nation’s Capitol.

Members of the student government scheduled a forum on Thursday, where students and some employees shared their thoughts on the attacks — the worst act of terrorism in the nation’s history.

Student leaders have also been in contact with the American Red Cross in an effort to establish a blood drive this week. Another forum for this week is also a possibility.

In the wake of the falling of the twin World Trade Center towers and devastation at the Pentagon, Dr. Lewis issued a memo reminding that “we have a duty to help our students through these terrible days.”

Counselors were made available to students and staff in the Student Activities Lounge, where a large television was tuned to breaking news of Tuesday’s events.

“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,” Dr. Lewis wrote in her memo.

“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.”

Among other campus reactions, the American flag has been flown at half mast since Tuesday morning.

Campus Charger Chronicle Newspaper Teams with Register

Students who work on the the Cypress College Charger Chronicle newspaper and other campus media used in the journalism program contributed to the Orange County Register’s coverage of the attacks on the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon.

Visual-journalist Jim Kim and News Editor Katie Moore covered security conditions at Fullerton Airport, Disneyland, and the Santa Ana Federal Building for the campus news organizations and for the Orange County Register’s ocregister.com Web site.

When events broke, Jeff Rowe, broadcast editor for the Orange County Register, telephoned journalism advisor Robert Mercer to initiate an agreement that had been made this summer for students to provide original video for ocregister.com.

Video clips shot by Kim, with reporting by Moore, were edited in the convergence newsroom, compressed and streamed in RealPlayer Producer, before being e-mailed to the Register. By late afternoon, The Register had a clip of a spontaneous patriotic demonstration along the curbs of Harbor Blvd. which streams along side clips of the attack on the nation’s cities.

The clip can be located on the index page of http://www.ocregister.com. The link is named: “Video: Demonstration in Santa Ana.”

The streaming of the clips came after students spent a day covering the major locations in Orange and Los Angeles counties, including theme parks and military bases.

The video shot by Kim was also featured on Thursday’s live CNC-TV news show, which airs on AT&T Broadband in Cypress and La Palma. It has been posted on CyChron.Com, the campus newspaper’s Web site.

Students who produce the Chronicle had completed their newspaper on Monday night, but tore up most pages to make room for breaking coverage of the terrorist attacks.
Time Management Workshops Set for this Week

“How to Succeed in School and Still Have a Life” will be presented twice this week as part of the Doorways to Discovery Workshop Series.

The time management workshops will be held on Tuesday, and repeated on Wednesday, from 1-2:30 p.m. in H-125.

The workshop is designed for those who constantly wonder where the time has gone while scurrying to finish assignments. It will help participants set goals and priorities, learn flexible scheduling and acquire tips to save time and get more done each day.

Doorways to Discovery workshops are open to students, staff and members of the community at no charge.

More information is available by calling Michele Dugan at ext. 47273.

The series is sponsored by Title III, the Adult Re-entry/Career Planning Center, and the Workforce Prep Center.

Share With Students: Security Escorts Available

Faculty are being asked to please remind students that escorts to and from their vehicles, or across campus, are available as a service offered by the Campus Security Department.

The escorts are available to any student or employee who would like to be accompanied for personal safety reasons.

Campus Security can be reached at 484-7387, or simply ext. 47387 from campus phones.

The Campus Security office is located on the west side of the first floor of the Library/Administration Building.

For those who don’t take advantage of the security escorts, it is recommended that they travel in groups to and from parking lots, especially after dark.

Basic personal security tips also include being aware of one’s surroundings.

Want Staff Development Money? Tips Workshops Set for this Week

If there is a conference in your future or a project you’d like to develop, the Staff Development Office may be able to kick in some cash.

To help maximize chances for funding, a workshop has been developed.

Staff development is inviting faculty and staff to come to one of the following workshops on applying for Staff Development Travel Minigrants and Special Project Grants.

Completing travel requests will also be covered at the workshops. Each session is being facilitated by Nancy Deutsch, the Staff Development coordinator.

Workshops are set for the following times:

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Questions can be sent by e-mail to staffdev@cypress.cc.ca.us. Staff Development can be reached by phone at ext. 47324.

35th Anniversary Luncheon This Thursday

The RSVP deadline for Thursday’s 35th Anniversary luncheon has passed. However, seating may still be available.

If you’re interested in attending the party — which will be held at noon in the Campus Theater lobby — please contact Connie Lowery in Staff Development. She can be reached at clowery@cypress.cc.ca.us or at ext. 47324.

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BRIEFLY

Contrary to what was reported at Opening Day and in the Charger Chronicle, the first student newspaper was the Cypress Junior College Press — not the Hoofbeat. Tom Cooper has brought in copies of the first two editions, which he says will be placed into evidence at this week’s 35th Anniversary luncheon. He and Don Bedard will easily be identified by the “Old Gold” sport coats they’ll be wearing to the event. The coats were hallmarks of the young campus’ identity in the community.

District Production is having to return quite a few production requests to people on the Cypress campus because they are not obtaining Karen Cant’s authorization. All District Production orders (i.e., Printing Requests, Requests for Forms, etc.) need to be sent to Karen for verification of the new budget numbers. Requests for mailing labels and bar code labels that are usually sent to DEC Production by memo should be e-mailed to kcant@cypress.cc.ca.us. She will forward them to District Production. If you have questions, please call Jann Nelson at ext. 47307.

To nominate someone for an Americana Citizen of the Year Award for one of the cities the college serves, please contact the Foundation at ext. 47126.