

THIS WEEK

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- > Auto Collision Repair open house, TE1, 6-9 p.m.

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- > Last day Summer grades are available on STAR

23 • Saturday

- > "Race for the Arts-2000" fund raiser, Los Alamitos Race Course, 6 p.m

THEY SAID IT

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“A reporter is always concerned with tomorrow. There’s nothing tangible of yesterday. All I can say I’ve done is agitate the air ten or fifteen minutes and then boom – it’s gone.”

– Edward R. Murrow

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Reception Set for Newly Tenured Faculty, Others

► Event will also honor six new managers and Vice Chancellor Rod Fleeman.

A reception honoring newly tenured faculty, new managers and Rod Fleeman, the new NOCCCD vice chancellor of Finance and Facilities has been set.

The event will take place on Monday, October 2 in the Culinary Arts Dining Room. It runs from 2-4 p.m., with a brief program beginning at 3 p.m.

The reception is hosted by the

President’s Office.

The newly tenured faculty are: Ron Armale, Larry Beidler, Linda Borla, Greg Cavin, Larry Curiel, Steve Donley, Alex Herrera, Susan Johnson, Judy Koike, Robert Mercer, Jeanne Miller, Ali Moady, Melanie Nabahani, Paul Paiement, Jesse Saldana, Kathleen Sealey, Kathryn Sonne, Margaret Wilson and Jane Wood.

The new managers are: Kay Andrews, Kim Bartlett, Nancy Byrnes, Gail McElroy, Marc Posner and Caroline Sheldon.

No RSVP is required for the reception or the program. Everyone is welcome.

Shocking Attack and Abduction From Lot 9 Unites Campus

In the immediate aftermath of an alleged kidnapping and assault of a 20-year-old female student last week, the Cypress College community pulled together to reassure students and help the hunt for the suspect.

“I know you join me in being concerned for the student who was kidnapped and assaulted,” Dr. Lewis wrote in a memo that was distributed to all employees less than two hours after the campus learned of the incident. “While we don’t know who she is, we can hold her in our thoughts and hope that she will soon be comfortable coming back to campus.”

The incident brought an armada of news vans broadcasting live reports from the campus across the Southland. Stories were aired on channels 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, OCN, in Spanish on stations 34 and 52, on KABC and KNX radio, and in several newspapers, including the Orange County Register and the Times Orange County. In the 10 and 11 p.m. news cycles, the story topped most of the newscasts.

But, Cypress College’s swift and honest reaction resulted in generally positive news reports and brought off-camera praise from KCAL-9 reporter Leyna Nguyen. Her comments were prompted by what she witnessed: a genuine sense of compassion for the assault victim; a vigorous effort to inform students and employees of the events; and a tremendously visible security effort, which included security officers coming in on their day off or working a double shift, and a number of administrators helping provide escorts for students heading to their cars after class.

In short, it’s not likely that the campus community could have reacted any more efficiently or appropriately than it did.

In addition to the president’s memo, details of the incident were also shared on signs placed at pedestrian entrances to the campus. An artist’s rendering of the suspect was added by campus security officers on Wednesday morning and later updated by the Cypress Police Department.

Heightened security efforts continued throughout the week, and, on Wednesday, the Public Safety Office, completed the hiring process for another hourly officer as part of the office’s ongoing growth. Plans continue for the expansion of staff and hours of service.

Copies of the suspect’s description and the composite sketch are available from the Public Information Office.

Anyone with information about the crime is asked to call the Cypress Police Department at (714) 229-6600.

CHARGERS

Congratulations to **Jay Kanaan** (Bursar's Office) who is sporting a shiny new wedding band after becoming a husband on Saturday, September 8 at the luxurious Bellagio in Las Vegas.



Women's soccer player **Alie Nunez** was named the most valuable player for the Cuesta Cup, which was won by the Chargers on September 10.



If you have interesting news to share about yourself or a colleague, please pass it along. Items for this column can be submitted to **Marc Posner** in the Public Information Office by calling ext. 47006, e-mailing mposner@cypress.cc.ca.us, or by passing along a note.

OPENINGS

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

Director, Campus Diversity (Fullerton)
Instructional Assistant/Math Lab (Fullerton)
Instructional Assistant/Continuing Education High School (SCE, Cypress)
Clerk Typist (Fullerton)
Library Technician, Senior (Cypress)
Secretary (Fullerton)
Library Assistant (Fullerton)
Piano Accompanist (Cypress)

What is *SI*? An Effective Academic Assistance Program

Perhaps you have seen the flyers around campus. They broadcast: "*SI* Offered Here!" Perhaps you wondered what that was all about.

SI stands for Supplemental Instruction. It is an academic-assistance program that has proven effective in increasing student performance and improving retention. The program is currently being used in more than 600 colleges and universities around the world.

Here at Cypress the program focuses on classes identified as "historically difficult" – those which traditionally have had high rates of D, F, and W course grades. It is important to note that *SI* targets high-risk courses, not high-risk students. Responsible students who are competent in a subject area are selected as *SI* Leaders. As model students, they attend class, take notes, read all assignments, and then lead study sessions outside of class for those students who voluntarily attend.

SI goes far beyond the scope of what we generally think of as tutoring. It is not just the imparting of knowledge. *SI* encourages student participation as the leader sets up an environment that engages the student in the material. *SI* is also non-remedial. All students – whether failing, trying to improve from a C to

a B or a B to an A, or just lacking confidence – can benefit from *SI*.

SI supports faculty by upholding their high standards and expectations. Classroom experiences are enhanced rather than duplicated. Evaluation of *SI* is based on student performance rather than by student perception of the program.

SI benefits the student because it is participatory, and the students earn higher course grades while they are also learning effective study skills. It promotes collaborative learning experiences among the participating students.

This semester, *SI* Leaders at Cypress are hard at work in English, algebra, statistics, economics, psychology, and physics. For the Spring semester, we anticipate continuing these courses while adding three or four sections of biology, history, chemistry, and/or anatomy and physiology.

Any instructor who would like an *SI* leader assigned for one or more sections during the Spring semester should contact the Title III Office at ext. 47323. Instructors who can recommend a student as a prospective *SI* leader should contact the Title III Office, or Carol Waechter, *SI* supervisor, at ext. 48234, or by e-mail at Title3@cypress.cc.ca.us.

Race for the Arts Fund Raiser is Saturday at 6 p.m.

The Patrons of the Arts hold their "Race for the Arts" fund raiser this Saturday (September 23) at the Los Alamitos Race Course here in Cypress.

A candle-lit dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the private Vessel's Club overlooking the finish line. Guests will enjoy full privileges of Vessel Club membership, including private betting windows and live musical entertainment.

One race will be dedicated to the Cypress College Patrons of the Arts, with six lucky patrons being photographed in the winner's circle with the winning horse.

The cost is \$30 per person, with proceeds going to merit scholarships and to help talented music, theater and dance students "reach the finish line."

Information is available by calling ext. 47134. The Patrons of the Arts is an affiliate of the Cypress College Foundation.

Stronger Emphasis Placed on CC Campus Diversity

An even stronger emphasis is being placed on campus diversity with a reinvigorated committee and additional responsibilities for Dr. George Beloz. His new title is director, campus diversity.

"I am looking forward to working with the new Campus Diversity Committee (formerly the Affirmative Action Committee) that is being organized with representatives from campus constituency groups," Beloz said.

BRIEFLY

New OCTA bus service and route information is available on campus in the lobby outside the Public Safety and Bursar's offices.

The booklet covers routes which will be in service from September 10 through next February 10.

As a reminder, monthly bus passes are sold in the Bursar's Office. The cost is \$25 for students, \$10 for seniors and those with disabilities, and \$8 for staff who forego the rideshare incentive.



The Cypress College Scholarship Club is forming and looking for students to join. The club's objective is to help de-mystify the scholarship-application process in order to make money more readily available to a greater cross-section of students.

Questions and interested students should be directed to Mary Forman at ext. 47171.



NHRA "funny car" driver Gary Densham will be on hand for the Auto Collision Repair open house on Tuesday (September 19), from 6-9 p.m. The event is being held in TE1, and also features demonstrations such as airbag deployments and hands-on repairs.

For information, call ext. 47250.



The Staff Development Committee is seeking presenters for flex activities. Call ext. 47324 for information.