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October 9, 2000 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

## THIS WEEK

### 9 • Monday

- > Workforce Prep Center Advisory Committee Meeting, Culinary Arts, 8-10 a.m.
- > "Informally Yours" piano concert, FA-304, 10 a.m.

### 10 • Tuesday

- > "It's a Power & Control Thing" program, L-216, 5:30-7 p.m.
- > NOCCCD Board, DEC, 5:30 p.m.

### 11 • Wednesday

- > "It's a Power & Control Thing" program, H-136, 2-3:30 p.m.
- > "Meet the Pres." discussion with Dr. Lewis, Library Patio Third Floor, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

### 13 • Friday

- > "Rocky Horror Show" opens in Campus Theater, 8 p.m. and midnight. Also 8 p.m. Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

## THEY SAID IT

“Experience is not what happens to you. It is what you do with what happens to you.”

– Aldous Huxley

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## 2nd 9-Week Courses Start Week of Oct. 16

► **Classes offer students the opportunity to earn full credit in half the number of weeks.**

Faculty and staff are being asked to encourage students to pick up an extra course as part of the second nine-week program beginning the week of October 16.

The nine-week program provides students with the opportunity to tear the semester in half. The courses are completed in two months — between October 16 and December 21.

Dozens of classes are available: from Accounting to Marketing, and Windows to the Web. A complete listing of courses is available on the Web site and on flyers in Admissions and Records.



## Sex Crimes Workshop: 'It's a Power and Control Thing'

Learn how to prevent sex crimes and why the prosecution of such assault cases is so important during "It's a Power and Control Thing" – a workshop being presented twice this week.

The first presentation is scheduled for Tuesday (October 10), from 5:30-7 p.m., in room L-216 of the Library/Administration Building. The second will be held on Wednesday (October 11), from 2-3:30 p.m. in Humanities 136.

"It's a Power and Control Thing" provides all participants with an understanding of the crime of sexual assault. The program's format encompasses not only prevention education, but also the dynamics of sex crimes and the importance of the investigation and prosecution of these cases. Presenter Amanda Combs is a Prevention Education Specialist for the Sexual Assault Victim Services component of Community Service Programs. She is a state-certified sexual assault counselor and has six years experience in the field.

The event is co-sponsored by the Associated Students and the Social Sciences Division. For more information, call ext. 47020.

## Summer Students Complete More Courses, Get Better Grades

Students who attend summer courses here at Cypress historically complete courses at a higher rate and earn better grades than those students taking classes in the fall and spring terms.

For example, students enrolled for Summer 1999 completed courses at a 76.2% rate, 13.2% better than the 63% completion rate for Spring 2000 and 13.5% higher than Fall 1999.

The disparity is similar for the 1997-98 and 1998-99 academic years.

Data also show that summer-session students earn significantly more "A" grades by percentage, and that their failure/drop rate is substantially lower when compared to both fall and spring students.

During Summer 1999, 39.3% of students earned A's, 14.2% higher than those earning top marks during Fall 1999,

and 12.1% greater than Spring 2000. F's, NC's or W's were recorded for 32.6% of students enrolled during Fall 1999 and Spring 2000. That's 12.5% higher than the percent of Summer 1999 students. Again, the difference is consistent with the prior two academic years.

There are several possible reasons for the statistical differences, according to Caroline Sheldon, director of Institutional Research. First, students who enroll in summer courses may be more serious about their studies and thus tend to perform better. A second possible explanation is that it's possible more students from University of California and California State University campuses enroll in courses here during the summer than do in the other terms. Studies also indicate that students perform at higher levels in compressed-format classes.

## CHARGERS

Speech Instructor **Donna Friess** is the presenter at the annual meeting of the Statewide California Coalition for Battered Women. She is presenting "Early Child Abuse: Effects and Resiliency Factors" at the conference in Long Beach on October 20. Friess is the author of "Cry the Darkness" and has been a guest on the Oprah show.



Four students from the campus newsroom that produces the Chronicle newspaper, CyChron.com and the CNC Juice cable news show won awards at the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Southern California Region Conference held on September 29 and 30 at Cal State Fullerton. **Ross Domen** and **Aman Chowdry** won the general excellence award for a news Web site. **Eric Greenwell** won third place for on-the-spot news writing and **Pierre Briet** won a third place award for on-the-spot feature photo.

## OPENINGS

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

Director, Campus Diversity (Fullerton)  
Tutorial Services Coordinator (Fullerton)  
Media Specialist/Audio Visual Repair (Fullerton)  
Library Assistant, Administrative (Fullerton)  
Instruction Office Assistant (Cypress)  
Athletic Therapist (Fullerton)

## 'Meet the Pres.' on Wednesday on the Library Patio

► **"60 Minutes" of discussion offers opportunity for an update on the 16-week semester proposal.**

The second meeting of this semester's "Meet the Pres." series is scheduled for Wednesday (October 11), from 5:30-6:30 p.m., on the Library Patio located on the third floor of the Library/Administration Building.

Although there is no agenda, the dialog will offer an opportunity to share information and opinions on the 16-week semester proposal which was submitted to District Planning

Council last month.

Sponsored by Staff Development and the President's Office, the "Meet the Pres." series was designed so all staff and students could share ideas, agreements and disagreements with Dr. Lewis.

Those attending are welcome to drop in, or leave, at any time during the hour.

Drinks and dessert are provided; however, it's a "bring-your-own-dinner" affair.

The final "Meet the Pres." session of the Fall semester is scheduled for Thursday, November 9, from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Student Center.

## Hispanic Heritage Month Explores Latin Literature

The Center for Intercultural Understanding is presenting "The Magic and the Real in Latin American Literature" as part of the Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on campus.

Dr. Lucia Guerra Cunningham, professor of Latin American Literature at UC Irvine, will provide insight on various authors, including Garcia Marquez, Rulfo, Carpentier and Jorge Luis Borges.

The presentation will take place on Tuesday, October 17, from 6-8 p.m., in room L-216 of the Library/Administration Building.

A reception, with refreshments, follows.

For more information, contact the Center for Intercultural Understanding at ext. 47049.

## National College Week Set for October 16-23

National College Week provides the perfect opportunity for all college employees to tell the story of how accessible Cypress College is to everyone who seeks a higher education.

Students – and parents of potential students – should contact the Financial Aid Office for information about resources such as financial aid, grants and scholarships.

Because of the new Cal Grants and the influx of Partnership for Excellence money, California community colleges have never been more accessible.

National College Week is part of the U.S. Department of Education's "Many Paths, One Journey: Building One America" initiative, which also includes a "Campus Week of Dialog."

## 'Rocky Horror Show' Opens Friday, October 13th

Cult classic "Rocky Horror Show" is set to open on Friday the 13th in the Campus Theater, with performances at 8 p.m., and the requisite midnight.

A satire of 1950s "B" horror movies, "Rocky Horror" focuses on the story of a transvestite from transsexual Transylvania who decides to create for himself the perfect man.

The play is quite obviously not for everyone. The movie version drew an "R" rating for adult material. However, based on its popularity, it should draw tremendously well.

After closing here on October 22, the "Rocky Horror Show" opens November 15 on Broadway with Dick Cavett and Joan Jett.

Our production is also timed with a large "Rocky Horror" convention in Las Vegas.

## BRIEFLY

Workforce Prep Center director Kelly Grimes and 20 CalWORKs/CARE students have been selected to attend Working Wardrobe's "The Power to Succeed" – where each student will be assigned a personal shopper who will assist in the selection of eight complete outfits, including jewelry, accessories, shoes and handbags.



Speaking of clothing for those who need it: The campus Community Services Committee has taken a van full of donated clothing to the Volunteer Exchange in Westminster. Bev Harrington estimates that more than 100 coordinated outfits (clothing, shoes, accessories, etc.) were collected on campus for the effort. Volunteer Exchange has opened its doors to students needing to be outfitted, she said.



The Roosevelt Center – the campus home of Disabled Student Programs and Services — hosted an open house on October 4. It was an opportunity to introduce new staff and share new technology intended to help those with learning disabilities. New computer systems have recently been installed on campus. They host software and hardware, including a closed circuit TV system, which enlarges text and images for those with limited sight.