‘1/2-Semester Courses’ Begin October 22

These short-term courses are our last opportunity to boost fall 2001 enrollment.

This is the last week to encourage students to enroll in “1/2-Semester” courses, which begin on Monday, October 22.

It is also the last chance for Cypress College to boost its FTES count for the fall semester. With state growth funds on the line, increasing enrollment is vital.

Flyers and complete “1/2-Semester” course listings are being sent to each division office and are available in various student services areas, including Admissions and Records.

Please share this information with your students.

Flyers are available to distribute by contacting the Public Information Office at ext. 47006 or info@cypress.cc.ca.us.

These nine-week classes provide students with the opportunity to complete a full-length course in a compressed format.

Many of the 114 sections of classes provide transfer credit for our students who will be headed off to universities. Courses in Computer Information Systems and Marketing may also be of interest to members of the business community.

Registration is underway now.

For the first time, students will be able to use WebStar to enroll in these 9-week classes. In addition, students, and potential students, can call or visit the Admissions and Records Office at (714) 484-7346 or simply attend the first class session and visit A&R later.

The entire “1/2-Semester” class schedule is available on the campus Web site at http://www.cypress.cc.ca.us. Clicking on the “1/2-Semester” icon (below) will bring up the complete listing of courses.

Have you registered for “1/2-Semester” courses?

Campus Climate Survey, Student Satisfaction Survey Available

The President’s Advisory Cabinet (a.k.a. PAC) has decided that the Campus Climate Survey and the Student Satisfaction Inventory reports will be disseminated to everyone on campus.

Both documents are available in the “Documents” section of the campus Web site. To find the reports, follow the “News, Information & Documents” link from the main index page. Or, simply type in the location http://www.cypresscollege.org/news/ and click on the “Docs” button.

In addition, all deans and Student Activities will receive a physical copy of the reports. Anyone who would like their own copy should contact Barbara Hunt at ext. 47312 or bhunt@cypress.cc.ca.us.

The Student Satisfaction Inventory was distributed and analyzed by Noel-Levitz at the request of the 5% MORE Steering Committee. It was intended to provide information to more effectively communicate with students and potential students as part of the effort to expand enrollment and bolster retention. The report provides a valuable look at what students like and dislike about the college.

The campus climate survey was actually conducted as two independent studies — one for students and another for employees — in November and December of last year. The student survey was delivered to a random sample of 76 class sections with 2,004 students enrolled and 1,019 returning surveys. The employee survey was delivered to the approximately 1,000 people working at Cypress College; 331 completed and returned the forms to the college’s Institutional Research Office, which analyzed the data and prepared the final reports.

The campus climate survey results were presented to the NOCCCD board earlier this month.
Tyrone Branyan, who led the Chargers to a state basketball title in 1977 and is a member of the Cypress College Athletic Hall of Fame, will be inducted into El Dorado High School's Hall of Fame this week. Before coming to Cypress, he was a two-time all-CIF performer on back-to-back CIF basketball championship teams for the Golden Hawks. After leaving the campus, he won two Southwest Conference championships and an NIT title while playing at the University of Texas.

It was reported in this column last week that Peter Matthews will be presenting at an upcoming seminar. The more impressive part of the story was left out, however. Matthews will serve as a panelist during a session on political science and political activism, and will specifically talk about connecting theory with practice, at the American Political Science Association’s annual convention in Boston next August. He was the Democratic nominee for the 38th Congressional District seat in 1998.

Deadline to RSVP for Strategic Conversation Here

The deadline to RSVP for attending Strategic Conversation #4 is Monday, October 15.

The Strategic Conversation is a roundtable discussion with the NOC-CCD Board of Trustees; the focus of this Conversation is the challenges of the dramatic demographic changes that have occurred in Orange County, especially the north and central areas, and which will continue into the next 20 years.

If you plan to join the lively discussion on “The Challenge of Change: Ready or Not—Here It Comes!” on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, please call Nancy Deutsch at ext. 47326 or e-mail nndeutsch@cypress.cc.ca.us.

Refreshments will be served from 5-5:30 p.m.; the Strategic Conversation will take place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center in Buena Park. You must RSVP to attend.

Web for Faculty, Electronic Grade Training This Week

Beginning this semester faculty are required to post final grades on the WebStar Web site. Grades for recently concluded short-term class will need to be posted by November 1.

WebStar for Faculty training will be offered three times this week. On Thursday, training on the Cypress College campus is scheduled in the North Computer Lab (SEM-114) from 8-10 a.m., 10 a.m.-noon, 1-3 p.m., and 3-5 p.m. In response to the request from Adjunct Faculty members, two sessions are scheduled in the North Lab on Saturday, from 9-11 a.m., and from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The first hour of each workshop will be formal training; the second hour will allow for time to practice on the WebStar site.

All full-time and adjunct faculty are invited to attend. Please call ext. 47324 or ext. 47326, or e-mail staffdev@cypress.cc.ca.us to register for a workshop on either October 18 or 20.

If you are unable to attend workshops on Thursday or Saturday, training will be held in the Fullerton College Staff Development Lab from 8-10 a.m., and in Fullerton 901B from 10 a.m.-noon, 1-3 p.m., and 3-5 p.m. on Wednesday, October 17. RSVP to Mark Greenhalgh at ext. 27036, if you plan to attend.

Reorganization Committee Meeting on Wednesday

Members of the Reorganization Committee plan to present a draft organizational structure — and ask for additional input — at their meeting this Wednesday.

The meeting will be held in FA-304, from 1-3 p.m.

It is one in a series of open forums that the Reorganization Committee is holding for staff and students to provide input regarding the organizational structure of the campus.

Campus participation in this process is important and encouraged.

Everyone has the opportunity to share their views with the committee at this week’s forum. It would be greatly appreciated if those who plan to address the committee would also present a copy of a written document for committee members.

Those who are unable to attend the forum, but would like to provide the committee members with input, should send comments to Mike Kasler.

Comments will be shared with all committee members.

Scholarship Booksale Begins October 29

The annual Language Arts Scholarship Booksale is scheduled for October 29 through November 1. Proceeds from the booksale make it possible for the Language Arts Division to award scholarships to deserving students each year.

Furthermore, it’s a great opportunity for students, staff and faculty to pick up some wonderful books at a great price.

Been thinking about getting rid of that stack of books that you know other people would love to read? The booksale committee is currently accepting book donations for the sale.

For more information, call Melanie Nabahani at ext. 47176.

Students and staff are invited to drop by the Workforce Prep Center’s 2nd Annual Fall Ball between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Tuesday for light refreshments and a small gift. The WPC hosts this event to welcome fall and the holiday season, and to help motivate students to a successful conclusion of the semester.

“College Major? I Need to Choose a Major?” will be presented by Sharon Easton on Wednesday, from 5-6:30 p.m. in TE1-205. “Using the Internet in Your Job Search” is scheduled from 1-2:30 p.m. on Thursday with presenter Michelle Dugan in TE1-206.

Court Reporting will host an open house on Saturday, from 9:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The event will take place in the Business Building.

Microsoft Office XP Pro is available to students and employees for just $99 — less than half the already-discounted academic price and just a sixth of the retail price. The deal is made available through the Foundation for California Community Colleges. Orders can be placed online at http://www.CAstudentbuys.org.

If you’re aware of a student being called to active military duty, please let us know at ext. 47006. Thanks.