THIS WEEK

29 • Monday
> Language Arts Scholarship Book Sale, 2nd floor of Humanities (through Thursday)

30 • Tuesday
> Afghanistan, Its People, Culture & Policies forum, H-136, 7-9 p.m.

1 • Thursday
> Racial Discrimination in Wartime forum, Theater, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Continuing
> Water works — Mixed-media group exhibition, Photo and Library galleries (through Nov. 3)
> 99c Store Show, Art Gallery (through Nov. 15)

THEY SAID IT

“We have committed the ‘Golden Rule’ to memory; let us commit it to life.”

— Edwin Markham

Submitted by Alan Ransom

Accreditation Mid-Term Report Completed

▶ Board members approve the document in advance of mini-visit on November 13.

The campus’s Focused Mid-Term Report has been completed and approved by District trustees in preparation for the upcoming accreditation mini-visit.

A two-member team from the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges will visit Cypress College on November 13.

The report was created in response to recommendations that resulted from the 1999 accrediting team visit and the college’s self-study.

A complete copy of the report is available from Nancy Byrnes, the Vice President of Educational Support and Planning.

The report focuses on three major recommendations made by the Accrediting Commission, several recommendations made by the visiting team, and an update on the college’s plans as outlined in the 1999 self-study.

In response to the commission’s recommendation that Cypress College evaluate its administrative organization, the district conducted a review of the structure. It was that study that prompted the addition of a second vice president’s position to be responsible for research and planning. A position was also created for a Director of Budget and Finance.

The re-structure also included the shift of “Chief Instructional Officer” responsibilities to the revamped Executive Vice President position — which oversees instruction and student service.

Nancy Byrnes, Karen Cant and Mike Kasler were hired, respectively, into those positions.

The second recommendation was that the college address issues of planning and research as an accountability measure, and that several plans of action be integrated and relied upon for resource allocation.

In response, the college created the positions of Director, Institutional Research and Research Analyst, and both positions were filled. Growth targets were established and outcomes were measured in the number of transfers, degrees and certificates, successful course completion rates, workforce development, and students progressing in basic skills.

Additionally, the Strategic Plan was developed through shared governance, and budgeting was later tied to the six directions of the Strategic Plan. Research was tied to budgeting and planning through the Instructional Quality Assessment process, where all programs are reviewed on a four-year cycle.

The third recommendation was that the college review its educational philosophy and vision to ensure that its mission is clear to the public, that it identifies its educational purpose, and that its purpose is related to the district mission.

Responding to that recommendation, the college vision statement was revisited and a mission statement was written.

Public Forums This Week Respond to September 11 Fallout

Two high-profile forums will be held on campus this week in response to the changes brought on by the September 11 terrorist attacks in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. Both events are open to all on campus and are free to members of the community.

Cypress College adjunct professor David Phillips — an expert on Afghanistan who recently prepared a background document about the country for the White House — will present a public forum on Afghanistan, its people, culture and policies. It will be held in H-136 on Tuesday, from 7-9 p.m.

In addition to preparing the background document for the National Security Council at the White House, Phillips has worked as a United Nations economic and social development specialist, providing advisory and technical service to the developing countries of the Middle continued on top of next page
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East and Asia — with a special emphasis on Afghanistan and Nepal.

He lived in Afghanistan for a dozen years, and is the author of four books and numerous articles on the political, social, religious and cultural aspects of the country.

Phillips completed his Ph.D. dissertation on “Leadership Styles, Development and Modernization in Afghanistan, Iran, Pakistan and Turkey” in 1972 — just a year before a coup ousted King Mohammed Zahir Shah, the man who would reportedly head Afghanistan’s new government if the Taliban is forced out of power by U.S. military action.

He teaches “Political Science 100 — Government of the United States” here at Cypress College.

The second forum will focus on racial discrimination in wartime, with particular emphasis on comparisons between the experiences of Japanese Americans in World War II and Arab Americans and Muslims in the past month. It will be held in the Theater from 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Several well-known and respected panelists will participate in the program, which is being developed by Lee Miller, a professor in Social Science.

Confirmed participants include:

- John Saito, a Japanese-American who was imprisoned in a World War II internment camp. He is the former Pacific Southwest Regional director of the Japanese American Citizens League;
- Ron Wakabayashi, the regional director for the Department of Justice’s Community Relations Service. He is a former executive director of the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission and the former national executive director of the Japanese American Citizens League;
- Chris Tan, a civil rights lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union;
- Michel Shehadeh, the west coast regional director of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee;
- Salam Al-Marayati, the executive director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council; and
- Arab-American and Muslim Cypress College students who have experienced discrimination since the September 11 terrorist attacks.

**Governor Funds Planning for New CC Library**

Planning money for the proposed new campus Library Building was added to the state budget by Governor Gray Davis as part of the partial restoration he signed into law on October 14.

Davis funded the full $650,000 which had been in the original state budget. The money allows architects to begin design work on the building. If construction money is approved in a later state budget, the new Library will be built where the Bookstore is currently located.

In the same bill, the Governor provided $32 million for scheduled maintenance and instructional equipment and $14.9 million for capital outlay projects. From that money, two electrical projects on campus are expected to be funded and $114,000 was added to the campus instructional equipment fund.

**Puente Program Fundraiser to Laughlin Approaches**

The Puente Program’s annual fundraising trip to Laughlin is scheduled for November 10.

Entertainment on the bus ride is provided by Therese Mosqueda-Ponce and riders may get lucky in one of the many “opportunity drawings” for prizes. All proceeds from the sale of the bus tickets will go towards scholarships for Puente students.

Seats for this fun-filled day go quickly. Contact Mosqueda-Ponce at ext. 47180 for tickets and information.

Of the students who have participated in the first five years of the Puente Program, 8 have earned university degrees, two are currently in graduate school and 26 have transferred to universities and are pursuing bachelor’s degrees.