THIS WEEK

6 • Tuesday
> “Meet the Pres.” conversation, President’s Office Lobby, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

7 • Thursday
> Academic Senate, WCR, 3 p.m.

9 • Friday
> Cultural Diversity & Human Relations training, H-131, 8:30-11:30 a.m. or 1:30-4:30 p.m.

12 • Monday
> Veterans’ Day — campus closed

Continuing
> 99¢ Store Show, Art Gallery (through Nov. 15)

THEY SAID IT

“Families and communities are the ground-level generators and preservers of values and ethical systems. Without the continuity of the shared values that community provides, freedom cannot survive.”

– John Gardner

Cultural Diversity, Human Relations Training

▶ Workshops on Friday are being provided for classified staff by Staff Development.

Jill Leilani Nunokawa — a civil rights counselor at the University of Hawaii — will present a workshop on “Advanced Training in Cultural Diversity and Human Relations.”

Two sessions of the workshop will be offered on Friday. They are being presented specifically for classified staff.

‘Meet the Pres.’ Season Finale on Tuesday Evening

The season finale of “Meet the Pres.” — the three-times-per-semester open forum with Dr. Lewis — is scheduled for Tuesday evening, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the President’s Office Lobby (Library/Administration Building, second floor).

The event presents “60 Minutes” to ask questions and discuss concerns with the college president. It is open to all staff and students. Participants may stop by at any time during the hour and stay as long as they would like.

There is no agenda.

Refreshments and drinks will be served. Participants are also welcome to bring their own dinner. “Meet the Pres.” is co-sponsored by Staff Development and the President’s Office.

Campus Gets $1.6 Million State Energy-Efficiency Grant

At the height of California’s energy crisis — and against the backdrop of daily power interruptions and massive financial penalties — campus and district officials applied for a state energy grant. Now comes the news that Cypress College is one of a few campuses statewide to have been successful in the effort.

Campus Maintenance and Operations will be granted nearly $1.6 million to perform critical upgrades of the college’s electrical infrastructure.

Sessions will be held from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-4:30 p.m. They will take place in H-131.

All classified staff members are strongly encouraged to make time in their schedule to participate in either the morning or afternoon session. RSVP to the Staff Development Office at ext. 47324 or 47326, or e-mail staffdev@cypress.cc.ca.us.

This program on cultural diversity and human relations is important and especially timely, given the events of recent weeks.

Before leaving campus to be a guest on CNN’s “Talkback Live” program, Salam Al-Marayati, executive director of the Muslim Public Affairs Council, spoke at Thursday’s forum on racism during wartime (left). David Phillips wrote a White House briefing on Afghanistan then shared his insights about the country on campus last Tuesday.
Documents Galore on Campus Web Site

If you’re looking for that nostalgic first edition of @Cypress, you’ll find it online. Wondering what the exact definition of the Strategic Plan’s “Goal Six” is? Just fire up your trusty Web browser.

The “Documents” section of the campus Web site has just been renovated to provide single-stop access to the most popular documents and publications on campus.

Visit the site and you’ll find a complete archive of @Cypress, the Strategic Plan, the End of the Year Report, Cypress College’s Mid-Term Accreditation Report, the Campus Climate Survey and more.

Patients’ Rights to be Discussed at Forum this Week

Cypress College’s Health Information Technology Program has scheduled a forum for all staff and students to celebrate National Health Information and Technology Week. It will be held on Wednesday, from 11 a.m.-noon, in L-216. The topic is: “Protecting Patient Privacy: It’s Everyone’s Responsibility.”

Light refreshments will be served.

The session will focus on patient concerns, what happens when they do not trust their healthcare providers, new patient rights, and the healthcare providers’ responsibilities in protecting patient privacy. Find out what rights you have as a patient regarding your confidential health information. Rosalie Majid, director of the Health Information Technology Program, is the presenter.

National Health Information and Technology Week highlights the expanding roles of health information management professionals and their significant contributions to patient care and the bottom line.

Future Leaders Sought for Development Program

The Staff Development and Title III Steering committees are selecting a team of faculty, managers and classified staff who will participate in a leadership development program at Cypress College.

Those selected will be expected to attend eight one-day workshops held on Fridays next spring and fall. The workshops are jointly sponsored by the California Community College Council for Staff Development, the Company of Experts, and Boeing Corporation in Long Beach.

Participants will also conduct and/or facilitate, either individually or as a member of a training team, one or more campus leadership development or team-building workshops.

Typewritten letters of interest must be submitted to the Staff Development Office by November 20 at 4 p.m. For details on what the letter should include, please contact Staff Development at ext. 47324.

Learn ‘How to Deal With Difficult Students’

All faculty are invited to attend a flex-credit workshop called “How to Deal With Difficult Students.” It will be presented in Culinary Arts on Friday, November 16, from noon-3 p.m., by Richard Beyer, a counseling psychologist from Pasadena City College.

It is ideal for anyone who has ever felt threatened by a student or had a class disrupted by an angry student. Strategies and solutions will be discussed. To RSVP, call Staff Development at ext. 47324 or 47326, or e-mail staffdev@cypress.cc.ca.us.