From the President: Happy Thanksgiving!

► Despite terrorist attacks, there are many reasons to be thankful.

The Thanksgiving holiday provides us an opportunity to remember all that we are grateful for in our lives — our families and friends, our colleagues, our students, and the opportunity we have to do meaningful work on a daily basis.

This year, however, Thanksgiving takes on even more significance as we contemplate what it means to be Americans. For many of us there is renewed appreciation for the freedoms that we enjoy and a deepened realization of how precious these freedoms are.

We have recently witnessed an overwhelming tragedy and suddenly find ourselves living in a country at war. While these events cause us grief and engender sympathy for all the victims — both those who lost their lives, and for their loved ones who have to live with such a shocking and devastating loss — we also feel thankful for simply being alive.

As I write this, I am looking out over our beautiful duck pond, seeing blue skies and bright sunshine — fall in Southern California. I feel personally blessed to have the privilege of being president of this great college. It is a joy to work with you to help our students learn and grow and develop the skills and attitudes that are needed to become thoughtful, engaged citizens who will promote tolerance, understanding, and acceptance in our wonderfully diverse world.

Thank you for joining me in this magnificent endeavor.

My very best wishes to you for a happy Thanksgiving.

Spring 2002 Schedule Now in Print and on Campus

Cypress College’s spring 2002 class schedule is now available on campus in print. Students can pick up copies in Admissions and Records, the Bookstore and several other offices.

Spring classes begin January 22 and winter courses begin on January 2. Late-start 16-week classes begin on February 4; and — no fooling — second “1/2-Semester” courses start on April 1.

The schedule contains listings for the spring semester and winter intersession classes, as well as separate pages highlighting weekend, evening and short-term courses.

The schedule is also on the Web site at http://www.cypresscollege.org/schedule.

Interim Language Arts Dean, Student Activities Advisor Sought

Cypress College is seeking an interim dean for the Language Arts Division and a new advisor for Student Activities.

The interim dean will serve in the position from January 7 through June 30 while the selection process for a permanent dean is completed. The interim dean will not be eligible to apply for the permanent position, which is available because of the upcoming retirement of Barbara Marrs.

Applicants for the interim position must currently be an employee in the district.

The new Student Activities advisor will be a current, full-time Cypress College faculty member, who will serve in the position on 80% reassigned time.

Tom Cooper is currently serving in the position on an interim basis.

Applications for the positions are due to the Office of the President by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21.
Board Places Bond Measure on March Ballot

Trustees for the North Orange County Community College District, at their meeting on November 13, voted to place a bond measure on the March ballot.

If approved by voters residing within the District boundaries, Cypress College will receive $62 million for campus-improvement projects.

Proposed projects include:
- Renovation, remodeling, and modernizing of classrooms, laboratories, lecture halls, theater, etc. The renovations would include improvement of classrooms to accommodate items such as computers, multimedia, Internet access and video projectors;
- Replacement of 35-year-old carpeting and seats in lecture halls and the theater;
- Provision of storage for hazardous materials used in labs;
- Construction of a new restroom building near the baseball and softball fields;
- Remodeling of storage areas for use as rehearsal venues for Fine Arts Division;
- Consolidation of designated computer labs and learning centers to new Library and conversion of their existing space to classrooms;
- Repair of the Piazza to correct major water leakage and structural damage;
- Construction of a new Library/Learning Resource Center to include computer labs and writing and math learning centers, and furnishing and equipping the facility;
- Construction of a new Campus/Student Center to include Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Career Center, Transfer Center, Student Activities, Food Services, Bookstore, and conference rooms;
- Implementation of the Access Plan to improve college visibility and accessibility through signage, walkways, roads, and grounds;
- Construction of a new “temporary” buildings; and
- Construction of a new maintenance facility with accompanying storage/warehousing/receiving areas, which would also replace a 30-year-old “temporary” building.

The state does not provide funding for these construction projects.

Native American Month Displays in Library

The celebration of Native American Month is in full swing in the campus Library with displays of artifacts, photographs, jewelry and books. Also available, on the Library’s Web page, is a large collection of Internet links.

One of the displays features pottery and artifacts that belong to Byna Stiehr (pictured below). Part of that display includes photographs from the Pathways exhibit that was conceived by Jerry Burchfield and created by Native American youth in Southern California. The display was designed by Linda Cooper.

A second display, created by Judy Koike, features books about Native Americans.

The Internet links cover a variety of resources. They can be found at http://www.cypress.cc.ca.us/library/native.htm.

Student’s Work Featured in Local Photo Exhibit

Student Diane Edwards’ Pieces of Amazonia photographs will be featured in an exhibit opening on November 26.

Her photos will be displayed at the Cypress Community Center Gallery, at 5700 Orange Avenue, as part of a joint project with the Cypress College Photography Galleries. The gallery is open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., and Saturday, from noon-4 p.m.

She took the photographs on a recent trip to the Amazon.

Edwards was the grand prize winner in May’s juried student photography exhibit.

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

Director of Economic Development (SCE)
Student Services Technician (FC)
Student Accounting/Records Supervisor (SCE/Wilshire)
Interim Dean of Language Arts (CC)
Student Activities Advisor (CC)

To prepare for the November 26 deadline for Staff Development travel/conference proposals, the “Nuts and Bolts of Staff Development Proposal Writing” workshop will be offered three times this week. The sessions will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. in the North Computer Lab, and in the Teaching Learning Center located in Media Services (second floor of TE2) on Tuesday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 9 a.m.

For information and reservations, contact Staff Development at ext. 47324.

Tuesday is the deadline to apply for participation in a leadership development program. For information, call Staff Development at ext. 47324.

The final WebStar for Faculty training sessions on the Cypress College campus have been set for December 4. All will be held in the North Lab. The two-hour sessions are from 10 a.m.-noon, 1-3 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. The training covers the process for entering grades online.

Space is limited, so please call ext. 47324 to reserve a seat.

Interested in participating in a Weight Watchers at Work Program? Call Connie Lowery at ext. 47324. The program would provide an on-campus meeting each week.