

THIS WEEK

24 • Monday

- » ½-Semester Classes begin
- » Student Learning Outcomes Flex Workshop, 2-4 p.m., Chili's on Valley View & Cerritos
- » Deadline for Faculty Applications for Spain Spring 2004 Study Abroad program
- » Outstanding Alumnus nominations due to Foundation
- » "Rockabilly Holga" and "Aviva Las Vegas" photography exhibits open, featuring work by Richard Billik. Reception March 26, 7-9 p.m., Tech. Ed. II Bldg.

26 • Wednesday

- » Intermediate Powerpoint II Instruction workshop, 2-4 p.m., Teaching Learning Center

27 • Thursday

- » Cabrillo String Quartet, noon, FA-304
- » "Sweet Charity" performances continue, 8 p.m., Campus Theater (also Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.)
- » Women's History Month Event: Herstory and More, 7 p.m., FA-304

28 • Friday

- » KinderCaminata

THEY SAID IT

"Sometimes our light goes out but is blown into flame by another human being. Each of us owes deepest thanks to those who have rekindled this light."

— Albert Schweitzer

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What to do in an Emergency?

► Terror-alert status and military conflict are good cause for a review of plans.

With war just underway in Iraq and the related elevation of the nation's terrorist-alert status, it's an important time to review the campus' emergency response process.

Here are some critical items to remember when an emergency arises — whether it's a fire, earthquake, or protest:

- Stay calm;
- If appropriate, call Campus Security at ext. 47387; or call the campus switchboard operator at "0" and ask her to call 911 and notify campus security; and
- Follow instructions from Campus Security.

To be prepared, faculty are asked to keep track of which students are in class. Such a list becomes a vital resource in the event of an evacuation, when it's necessary to account for everyone's whereabouts.

In preparing for an emergency, it is also

important to know that state law requires all public employees to remain on the job during a crisis.

The campus Emergency Management Protocol was put in place last May. All Campus Security staff and administrators have been trained. To further prepare, two campus-wide evacuation drills have been set for April.

The Public Information Office has also put into place an electronic distribution system. Details are available on the Web and the online version of @Cypress.

Evacuation Drills:

Two practice campus evacuations will be conducted on April 29 — at 10:30 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. The drills are scheduled to be in compliance with the Standardized Emergency Management System, the preferred approach to emergency management used by government agencies because it is flexible and adaptable to the needs of emergency responders in California.

Governor Signs Retroactive Current-Year Cuts into Law

On March 18, Governor Gray Davis signed retroactive California Community College budget cuts, totaling \$141 million.

Protected from further reductions were the budgets of categorical state programs including EOPS, DSP&S, Matriculation, CalWorks and Foster Kinship Care Education, which had previously frozen their spending in anxious anticipation of the Governor's decision.

Based on early release information from the Community College League of California, Cypress College is facing \$1.8 million in retroactive cuts for the year, with \$1.2 million of that amount to be taken directly from the college's general fund.

"If you're in a categorical program, then this news is better than what you expected," said Karen Cant, Director of Budget and Finance. "Unfortunately, the cuts are worse if you are in a position where you are managing budgets across a number of areas. How to respond and where to cut from is now less clear."

Programs and services specifically pinpointed for budget reductions by the Governor were Economic Development grants, of which Cypress has three (ATTI, Multi-media, Nursing); PFE Funding; TTIP; and \$450,000 which was to be used towards instructional equipment.

A full analysis of the Governor's reductions is expected from the Community College League on March 21 in the State Budget Update. See @Cypress Online for further coverage of student reactions to the Governor's budget proposals. @

Memorial Service Tomorrow for Connie Lowery

A memorial service for Connie Lowery will be held tomorrow (Saturday, March 22) at Knott Avenue Christian Church. See [page 2](#) for details.

CHARGERS

Cypress College Foundation Board Member **Johnnie Strohmeyer** was named to the California State Legislature's annual Women of the Year list. Nominated for the honor by Tom Harman, R-Huntington Beach, Strohmeyer was responsible for starting the Red Ribbon campaign in Cypress. This year is the 17th time the Legislature has recognized women of the year from each of California's 80 Assembly districts. The winners will have breakfast Monday, March 24 with Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante followed by a ceremony in the Assembly's chambers, where each woman will receive a proclamation acclaiming her achievements.



The Cypress College softball team continued its winning ways with a 10-1 beating of Orange Coast, March 17.

The Lady Chargers have lost just three games this season, and only one to a conference team.

Pitcher **Lindsey Klabacha** secured the win for the Lady Chargers, improving her personal record to 13-2 overall.

The team is now 19-3 for the season, and 5-1 in conference play.

STAFF TIPS

Retention Tip #9

Do classroom research -

Determine what works and does not work, and make the appropriate modifications.

Memorial Services for Connie Lowery Set

Cypress College lost a valuable member of its community this week as Connie Lowery, 54, passed away on Monday, following complications resulting from chemotherapy treatment.

A memorial service is scheduled to take place on Saturday, March 22, at 11 a.m., at the Knott Avenue Christian Church, 315 S. Knott Avenue in Anaheim.

Connie was the heart and soul of many on-campus events — with an exuberance that extended well beyond the bounds of her job description as the support person for Staff Development.

She was the friendly person with whom faculty interacted when signing up for flex-credit events, campus workshops and Opening Day. Connie was the tireless planner of events such as this month's colloquium, the campus 35th Anniversary Celebration and the End-of-the-year BBQ. Classified staff also have Connie to thank for her work on events such as Classified Staff Appreciation Day. She was named the Classified Employee of the Year in 2000.



Typical Connie — having fun with a routine task, at the End of Year BBQ.

Connie also was one of Cypress College's first students, studying theater arts, and remained an avid supporter of the performing arts as an employee.

In her 27 years of service at the college, Connie excelled in each and every category. For her efforts on behalf of Staff Development, she was named to the State Executive Board for the California Community College Council for Staff Development in April, 2001.

Though what most people will remember about Connie is that she gave meaning to the lives of those she touched, her tireless support and motivation will linger on in the hearts of many, on this campus and beyond.

Connie is survived by her parents, a sister and three nephews.

"Sweet Charity" Continues to Thrill Audiences

Have you ever known a girl who wants something so badly that she tries too hard to get it? The first major musical to hit Cypress College's newly renovated Campus Theater, "Sweet Charity," tells the story of just such a person.

Based on a book by Neil Simon, and an original screenplay by Federico Fellini, "Sweet Charity" premiered on Broadway in 1966 and was directed and choreographed by the legendary Bob Fosse. The musical went on to become a hit major motion picture in 1969, starring Shirley Maclaine; and the 1986 Broadway revival won 4 Tony Awards.

Cypress College performances are directed by Diana Polsky and staged by Cypress College students.

The final performances take place March 27, 28 and 29 at 8 p.m. in the Campus Theater.

Second 1/2-Semester Classes Begin March 24!

Cypress College's 9-week, 1/2-Semester classes begin this week. The classes offer students the opportunity to complete a full-credit course in half the time.

Construction Update: Piazza Finishing



Crews continue finishing work on the piazza level. Contractors are proceeding with the erection of the metal side forms to the face of the structural slab and the replacement of the topping slab. This portion of the work is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

Design development for the new library/learning resource center is nearly complete. Architects and staff are now in discussions regarding the interior design and color scheme of the facility.

BRIEFLY

Out-of-state field trips were recently authorized by Trustees for the following Cypress College groups: Student representatives to the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence at Lewis and Clark College in Portland; Forensics Team to Portland where they will compete in the National Parliamentary Debate Association National Championship Tournament at Portland State University and to Oxford, where they will compete in the American Forensics Association Tournament at the University of Mississippi; and Nursing students to Phoenix, where they will attend the 51st Annual Convention of the National Nurses Association.



It's that time of year again.

The Cypress College Campus Children's Center is having its annual Helen Grace Chocolate Easter Egg sale Fundraiser again. Please call or e-mail jkoo@CypressCollege.edu if you are interested in ordering some candy or if you'd like a catalog. The children and staff thank you in advance for your continuing support.

SAVING TIPS

Tip #6

Use Your Shades and Blinds - On hot days, draw the curtains and/or shades in your office to keep the sun out. Remember to close doors to the outside to keep in cooler air.



Cypress College @Alerts Go Online

Is Cypress College closed for some reason? A rolling blackout? Weather-related damage?

Find out before you drive to campus.

In an effort to communicate urgent and late-breaking information with students and employees, Cypress College has established this optional listserv. It is maintained by Yahoo! to permit notifications even if there is damage to the college or its computer network.

The concept was developed as part of Cypress College's *Emergency Management Protocol*

Use of this list is extremely limited, so you can feel confident subscribing with the e-mail address to a mobile device, such as a pager or cellular phone. Most wireless providers now offer a text messaging address as part of their basic service.

Cypress College campus updates are provided via a listserv hosted by Yahoo! To sign up for these updates, please visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ccnotify>. This group is a general list for distribution of important news updates about Cypress College. Students and employees can subscribe to get breaking news about campus closures, etc. It is not a press release distribution list. For more information e-mail info@CypressCollege.edu.



Students Protest Governor's Proposed Tuition Hike

Approximately 200 students protested on the Cypress College campus on March 17, while as many as 10,000 fellow community college students walked the streets surrounding the state capital building in Sacramento — all to denounce Governor Gray Davis' proposal to slash community college financing and more than double student fees to close a huge state budget deficit.

The student protests at Cypress were part of an organized walk-out by the Associated Students to show their support for the demonstration in Sacramento, and to raise their own voices against the Governor's tuition hike proposal.

"The state budget cuts are a slap in the face," AS student trustee Brianna Padilla told the campus newspaper, the *Chronicle*. "I am upset the state would increase fees and cut funds to services. ... We are all intent on stopping the increase."

Such protests have resonated with politicians across the state, with Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante, a community college graduate himself, telling the *Sacramento Bee* that Davis' cuts were "shortsighted and showed no vision." The Davis budget has also garnered immense criticism from Republican legislators.

Community Colleges have also seen strong support in the media, including a supportive editorial in the *Long Beach Press Telegram*, which referred to Davis' proposal as "Undeserved Budget Cuts," in a headline.

Sacramento Bee columnist, and respected political reporter, Dan Walters dedicated his column on Tuesday to the protests:

"While spending must be tightened to close the state's multibillion-dollar budget gap, Monday's protesters resented the self-evident fact that community colleges, not for the first time, are bearing an unconscionably disproportionate share of reductions." Walters said. "When the state began to see budget shortfalls a couple of years ago, community colleges were singled out for disproportionate reductions and the pattern held true when Davis unveiled his deficit-closing budget in January. Overall, the Davis budget would give the University of California a 4.1 percent increase in financing and boost the state university system by 1.2 percent while slashing community college dollars by 6 percent."

To ensure that the Davis camp takes the students' stance seriously, further state-wide protests are being planned for April 8.

February 17, 2003

To: President's Bulletin

Event Date: Thursday, March 20, 2003

Contact: Mary Forman (x47171) or mforman@cypresscollege.edu

CYPRESS COLLEGE CELEBRATES WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Cypress College will celebrate Women's History Month with two exciting events:

On Thursday, March 20th, the second annual *DAY OF EXPRESSION* invites students, faculty, support staff, and administrators from across campus to come together to meet and mingle, and to express themselves on this year's theme, "Women and Peace." Participants are invited to share music, dance, poetry, personal stories, artwork, etc. that celebrates women's connection to peace. Come to learn something new, make new friends, and honor those women who have come before us. This program is co-sponsored by the Isis Club, which works to foster a spirit of community among women on campus, and the Cypress College Center for Intercultural Understanding. The program will be held on Thursday, March 20th from 6-8 p.m. in the Cypress Café. Donations of finger foods are always appreciated.

On Thursday, March 27th, Cypress College continues to celebrate Women's History Month with an evening of stories and songs, *HERSTORY AND MORE*, an event co-sponsored by the Cypress College Center for Intercultural Understanding and the Cypress College Foundation. This event will begin promptly at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Building, room 304 at Cypress College, 9200 Valley View Street, Cypress. For this event, nationally known storyteller Angela Lloyd will join acclaimed local storytellers Linda King Pruitt, Leslie Perry, Barbara Wong, Nancy Wood-Conover, Carol Feeney, and Ed Walsh for a special performance of personal stories and folktales about women of courage, kindness, strength, and spirit. This event is free and open to the public, adults and children over 12. Off campus guests will be allowed to park for free in Parking Lot #8.

For more information about either program, contact Mary Forman at x47171 or mforman@cypresscollege.edu.

Cypress College

KinderCaminata 2003

VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP

February 10, 2003

Dear Colleague:

In order to have another successful KinderCaminata, it is important for faculty, staff and students to participate. The KinderCaminata Committee would welcome your involvement in any of the following activities. Thank you for volunteering your valuable time.

Please keep this section as a reminder.

ACTIVITIES FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 2003:

- Decorations and Set-up 7:00 am - 8:30 am
Bus Greeters 8:00 am - 9:30 am
Career Station Attendants 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Water Station 8:30 am - 11:30 am
Snack Assistants 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

To sign up to volunteer, please complete and return the bottom portion of this form to Hortensia Modregon, EOPS Office, by March 10, 2003. If you should have any questions, Hortensia may be reached at Ext. 47368.

HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

Please cut & return this portion:

KinderCaminata 2003 VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEET

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For your convenience, there will be two separate orientation sessions for volunteers. Please select one of the following:

- Tuesday, March 18
Wednesday, March 19

Both sessions will be held from 11:00 am to 12 noon at the Fine Arts Staff Conference Center.

Please return to Hortensia Modregon, EOPS Office, by March 10, 2003.

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Educational Excellence

Students and staff are proud of the many top-quality academic and vocational programs at Cypress College. Our students say Cypress College is a good place to build skills and connect with others. Many feel their confidence grow. Graduates say that after completing a program at Cypress College, they feel well prepared for their next step, whether that's a career or the university.

A Great Environment

Students often comment about the warm, personal and friendly experience at Cypress College. They say they feel safe at the college and enjoy the atmosphere. Students like that teachers remember their first names and say "hi" on campus. They also enjoy the casual environment, beautiful grounds and ample parking. And they rave about the relaxing duck pond.

Personal Attention

Cypress College classes are always taught by highly qualified faculty members. Students think their teachers are excellent and willing to go the extra mile for them. Faculty members like Cypress College because they love to teach. The result is personal attention and one-on-one interaction between students and their instructors. Many students say they came to Cypress College for that reason alone.

Value and Quality

Ask a Cypress College student if they're getting a good deal and you're likely to hear this response: "My friends are paying a fortune for the same education." It's not only the exceptionally low cost of just \$11 per unit, either. Students say they know they're getting a top-quality education and transfer credits, too.

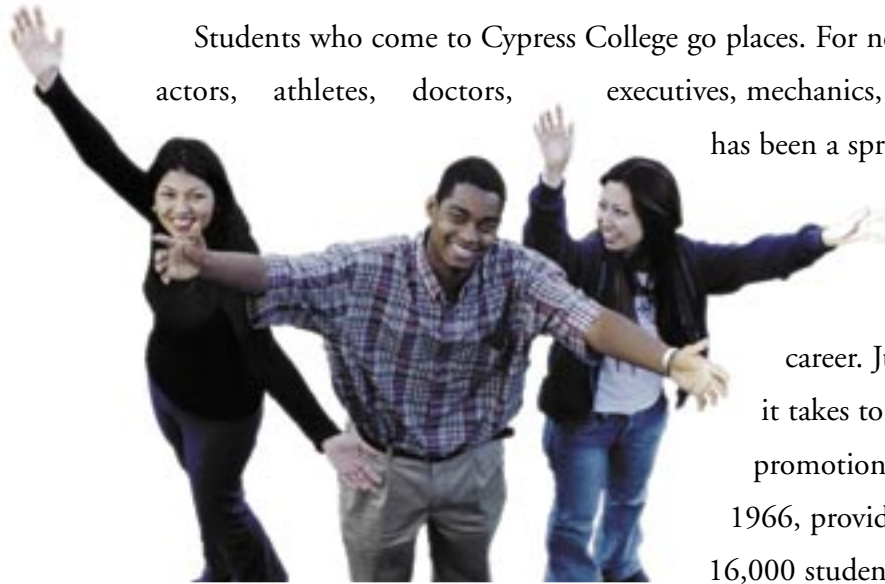
A Fun Experience

You can't quite call Cypress College a party school. At least not in an official publication. But students say they find lots of opportunity for involvement. The campus has a vibrant arts community and several top-notch athletic programs. Not to mention all the attractions — like Downtown Disney and Knott's Berry Farm — that are just a stone's-throw from the campus.

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CYPRESS COLLEGE



Students who come to Cypress College go places. For nearly a half-million people — including actors, athletes, doctors, executives, mechanics, nurses and teachers — Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. For some,

Cypress College is the ticket into their university of choice and for others it provides essential training for a rewarding career. Just one Cypress College class is often all it takes to provide cutting-edge skills that lead to a promotion or a new job. Cypress College, founded in 1966, provides a quality higher education to more than 16,000 students of diverse backgrounds each semester.

More than 25% of Cypress College's students are Latinos, 18% are Asian, 7% are Filipino, 5% are African American, 38% are Caucasian, and 7% are from other ethnicities or are unidentified. The college serves the Orange County cities of Anaheim, Buena Park, Cypress, Garden Grove, La Palma, Los Alamitos and Stanton, although residents of any city are welcome.

Cypress College is committed to promoting student success and contributing to intercultural understanding, in a student-centered learning environment. Offering 58 university-transfer majors, 107 career-certificate programs, and degrees in 46 areas of study, Cypress College has traditional semesters beginning in January and August, while short-term courses start throughout the year. A Cypress College education costs just \$11 per unit, California's lowest tuition. Financial aid and scholarships also are available to qualifying students.

Cypress College, in sunny Southern California, is in the shadow of major tourist attractions such as Disney's theme parks and Downtown Disney (about six miles), Knott's Berry Farm (less than five miles), and The Block entertainment complex (about 10 miles). The campus is 12 miles from the beach and provides quick access to Long Beach and Los Angeles. Located at 9200 Valley View Street in Cypress, the college is easily accessible from several Southern California freeways, including the 5, 91, 605, 22 and 405.

The 110-acre Cypress College campus features a lake, park-like study areas and beautiful weather year-round.

