**THIS WEEK**

**Ongoing**
- Ray Carolino’s “Faces of Pedro” photo exhibit, Edouard DeMerlier Photography and Library galleries (through Sept. 13).
- Kristin Wagner’s “Milk, Milk” photo exhibit, Floating Wall Gallery

**26 • Tuesday**
- Associated Students’ Welcome Back Week, in front of A & R, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- NOCCCD Board Meeting, Anaheim Campus, 5:30 p.m.

**27 • Wednesday**
- Associated Students’ Welcome Back Week, in front of A & R, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Opening reception for “Faces of Pedro” and “Milk, Milk” photo exhibits, TE-1 second floor lobby, 7-9 p.m.

**28 • Thursday**
- Academic Senate, WCR, 3 p.m.

**THEY SAID IT**

“What lies behind us and what lies before are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.”
— Oliver Wendell Holmes

“What you are speaks so loudly I cannot hear what you say.”
— Ralph Waldo Emerson

Contributed by Sheryl Smith

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**Semester Starts with Dip in Classes, Students**

Lines are longs and resources are thin, but the year starts smoothly.

The 2003-2004 academic year is underway and operating under the axiom “may you live in interesting times.”

Enrollment is both up and down — depending on which measure you use.

Total students enrolled, the more common measure, have decreased by 9% — from 13,186 to 12,011 — as of the fourth day of classes last year compared to this year.

That’s in line with what was expected.

Course offerings were cut by 10% in an attempt to meet our new, smaller enrollment target.

What wasn’t necessarily expected was an increase in what’s called “fill rate” or “seat count.” That method of measuring enrollment compares the number of seats available to the number of seats taken.

Using this barometer, enrollment is up about 4% compared to this point last year.

In short, we’ve got fewer students here, but with fewer sections available students are filling up existing class sections more quickly than they did last year.

Like our campus, Fullerton College has experienced a similar drop in headcount while cutting about the same percentage of course offerings.

We have yet to see any measurable impact from our own system’s fee increase or the increases at CSU and UC. Each system has also increased tuition.

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**Mini-Grant Winners Announced at Opening Day**

Recipients of the Foundation’s “Mini-Grants” were announced at Opening Day. The program, in its second year, funded more than $9,100 worth of items for 22 campus programs.

Each individual grant request must be for items totalling $500 or less. The intent is for programs to be able to buy things that otherwise wouldn’t be funded in the college’s budget.

Here are the projects that were funded:

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Important Computer Virus Alert

**** NOTICE ABOUT VIRUS ******

Academic Computing is mobilizing people to work on computers on campus that have been affected by W32/Nachi.worm. Our priority will be on computers that will be used for:
- Registering Students
- Financial Aid
- Bursar area
- Counseling area
- Bookstore
- etc.

Staff and Faculty computers will be addressed next. Please note that we have a list of computers that are being looked at and will coming over to work on your computer later today. Please note that people coming over to work may not necessarily be Paul or Andy, but someone that we have recruited from other campus areas.

For any questions, please give me a call
ext 47157
Ismat Kahlon

‘Virus Detected’ — What Do I Do?

** High Priority **

Important Information Concerning the current Virus on Campus:

If you see virus on your computer, please continue to press following in order:
- clean
- delete
- stop

Please do not press on “exclude”.

If virus is still there, or shows up again, please repeat above steps again, until it goes away.

We have people going around the campus working on removing this SoBig virus, and they should be coming to your area shortly.

For any questions please call us at ext 47157

Academic Computing
Ismat Kahlon

Supportive Employees

Frank Smith, director of Academic Computing, passed along his thanks to the following employees who are supporting the response to the virus outbreaks on campus. These are the people who are going from office to office working on the computers.

Academic Computing Staff:
- Andy Majdalawi
- Paul Hamblin
- Ismat Kahlon
- Troy McKeown
- Chuck Helms

Volunteers from other campus departments:
- Kevin Peery
- Michael Johnson
- Virginia Derakhshanian
- Marylou Ford
- Tanh Chau (work-study student)
- Quy Nguyen (work-study student)

Learn More About ‘SoBig.F’

Want to know more about the virus — or more correctly, the worm — known as SoBig.F? Here are a couple of links to news stories:


Cypress Idol judges: Simone Cowell (a.k.a. Pat Ganer); Portera Abdul (Diedre Porter); and Randy Jackson (Randy Martinez). Cypress Idol contestants are shown in the top image (clockwise from upper left): Liana Koeppel, Michael Brydges, Sandy Schaefer, and Sheridan Ball.

You can also view the Opening Day multimedia presentation (a.k.a. the slides) as a .pdf by clicking this link.
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.
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.