Groundbreaking Ceremony Held for L/LRC

Construction crews will begin work this week on the first new building in decades.

Gerald Ford was President. The nation had just celebrated its 200th birthday. Cypress College was marking a decade of service.

That was the environment the last time a new building — Health Science — was constructed on campus.

On Thursday, a groundbreaking ceremony for the new Library/Learning Resource Center was held adjacent to the pond. In just 18 months, that exact spot will be in the shadow of the 62,000-square-foot L/LRC.

The ceremony featured brief remarks from Dr. Lewis, Board of Trustees President Leonard Lahtinen, representatives from the design and construction firms of tBP Architecture, FLCM and PCM3, Language Arts/Library Dean Eldon Young, and Associated Students President Elsa Garcia.

Construction begins in earnest next week as crews begin preparing for pile driving to take place next month. That work will not be completed by the start of the semester, though measures are being taken to keep the noise to the lowest possible level. Hearing protection is also available free of charge at the Health Center.

Women’s Soccer Plays in State Final Four This Weekend

The women’s soccer team defeated San Diego Mesa 1-0 on November 25 to advance to the State Final Four tournament for the ninth consecutive year.

The Chargers will face Lassen College of Susanville in the Women’s Soccer State Semifinals tomorrow (December 6). In the other semifinal, Long Beach City faces Sierra College. The championship contest will be played on Sunday between Saturday’s winning teams.

All the games will take place at the Oliveira Soccer Complex in Lemoore at 2 p.m.

With a 19-0-2 record, the Cypress women are the second-seeded team from Southern California. The team’s opposition enters the tournament as Northern California’s top-seeded team, with a 22-0 record this season.

Results will be posted to the CA Commission on Athletics Web site following the game. They will also be posted on the college Web site.

“A bend in the road is not the end of the road unless you fail to make the turn.”

– Unknown

Contribution by Steve Gold

“Success supposes endeavor.”

– Jane Austen
Foundation’s ‘Pull for Cypress’ Campaign Ongoing

As the year comes to a close, many people plan donations for a variety of reasons.

Some are prompted by the season in the spirit of helping others, some do so for tax purposes, while others just manage to finally “get around to it” after procrastinating in recent months.

If giving is on the agenda this holiday season, the Foundation’s annual “Pull for Cypress” campaign is worthy of consideration.

No one knows the impact that Cypress College has had on its students more than our faculty and staff. The college has expanded the horizon and opportunities for one-half million students over the past 37 years.

In light of the current state budget crisis, never has financial support of the college been more critical than it is today.

Fortunately, the Foundation has never been better positioned to help. Last year was probably the Foundation’s most successful year ever.

In the last year alone:
• Nearly $150,000 was distributed in student scholarships;
• The College’s Teacher Preparation program, which serves 300 students, received a
grant from the Foundation, preventing it from elimination due to budget cuts;
• The Library Textbook Collection Program, which provides books to low income students, was also “saved” as a result of funds received from the Foundation;
• The Black Studies Learning Community program also received a grant that enabled it to continue serving nearly 100 students;
• Faculty and other college staff were awarded twice as many Foundation “mini-grants” as they were last year (a total of 22);
• Four more new automobiles were donated to the Automotive Department;
• $5,000 was raised for furnishings for the newly renovated theater.

More information about the “Pull for Cypress” campaign is available from the Foundation, which is located on the second floor of the Library/Administration Building.

To save the walk, click here to send an e-mail. Please include your contact information.

Photography Students to Document Head Start

Cliff Lester’s photography students are working with the Riverside County Office of Education on an exciting project to document the story of children in that county’s Head Start Programs.

The result will be an exhibition entitled “Giving Children a Head Start in Life.” Each of the participating Cypress College students will be assigned to preschool classrooms, playgrounds, and parent activities with the opportunity to capture the faces of the young children and their families.

When completed, the exhibition will be displayed in the Riverside County Office of Education’s main office and at seven regional offices throughout the county. It will also be shown at special events.

Individual images will also be used in brochures, flyers, the agency’s newsletter, and other promotional materials. An on-campus exhibition is also planned.

Associated Students’ Food Drive Feeds 25 Families

The annual food drive sponsored by the Associated Students provided heaping baskets of food for 25 deserving families. A Thanksgiving turkey was included in each basket.

Each of the recipients is a current Cypress College student.

The food drive was held November 11-24.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Come to Cypress College and Go Places!
Her Building?

At Thursday’s groundbreaking ceremony for the new Library/Learning Resource Center, Dr. Lewis commented about Kay Bruce’s insistence on using the phrase “when the new Library is built...” long before funding for the project was ever identified.

If you missed the ceremony — or just want to bask in the thought that “it’s really going to happen” — click here to view a photo slideshow from the groundbreaking.
Holiday Art Sale

The Fine Arts Division’s annual Holiday Art Sale was held in the Fine Arts Gallery on Monday and Tuesday. If you missed you, consider the Art Department’s new t-shirt (see page 2).
Thanks for Giving

Members of the Associated Students provided a Thanksgiving feast for 25 Cypress College student families thanks to donations of food from across the campus (see page 2).
Core Values of Cypress College

Cypress College is committed to:

**Excellence**

Quality and high standards in instruction and student services, supported by professional growth for faculty and staff.

**Integrity**

An ethical standard that emphasizes honesty, fairness, accountability, and trust.

**Collegiality**

An environment that emphasizes teamwork, collaboration, communication, courtesy and respect both on campus and with the surrounding community.

**Inclusiveness**

A community that embraces diverse individuals, provides an accessible, supportive climate and encourages a variety of perspectives and opinions.

Drafted on May 1, 2003 by the Core Values Editing Taskforce, which includes representatives from students, faculty, classified staff and managers, and approved by the President’s Advisory Cabinet on May 29, 2003.
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 14,000 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, 122 career-certificate programs, and degrees in 48 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 $18 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.