Student Survey Shows Satisfaction, Mostly

A similar employee survey will be distributed via the Web in the next 10 days.

Last semester's Student Satisfaction Survey revealed that most students are happy with their experience here at Cypress College. Nearly 450 students, representing a cross section of the college's demographics, returned completed surveys to the Office of Institutional Research.

Students said they were pleased with the quality of instruction, campus safety, CypressCollege.edu, the variety of courses, the catalog/schedule, and the opportunity to experience intellectual growth.

They also reported that faculty are knowledgeable in their fields and are available to students after class and during office hours.

The areas where students reported dissatisfaction — such as availability of classes — were attributable to the heavy budget cuts experienced last year.

Compared to the same survey conducted in the spring of 2001, students were significantly more satisfied in the areas of campus safety, convenience of paying for classes, and the student center. More importantly, they also noted the college's commitment to underrepresented populations and to students with disabilities.

The budget cuts could also be seen in reviewing the survey results based on areas where students were significantly less satisfied than in 2001.

The upcoming employee Campus Climate Survey will be similar to the original, which was also done in 2001.

It will be the first broad survey conducted via the Web. All campus employees will receive an e-mail with a link to the survey in the coming days.

The survey will be completely anonymous and will take no more than 15 minutes to complete. It will cover the overall campus climate, issues related to diversity, campus participation and the college's effectiveness.

Black History Month Stresses Success, Overcoming Obstacles

This year's Black History Month will center on the theme “Overcoming Obstacles, Striving for Success.” The celebration will begin with events in the middle of February.

The second annual Black Film Festival will take place on three afternoons in H-108, with screenings from 3-6 p.m. The festival takes place as part of the Black Studies Learning Community coursework, though it is open to the campus. The films are:

• “Carmen Jones” — a classic musical with a murderous twist that features phenomenal stars during the 1930s. Showing on Thursday, February 19.
• “Panther” — a historical overview of the beginning and end of the Black Panther Party and its involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. Showing on Tuesday, February 24.
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Other events are:

Black Student Union Mixer: Don’t miss out on an opportunity to mingle with the Black Student Union in the Culinary Arts Dining Room on Wednesday, February 18, from 5-8 p.m. The BSU has invited other Afrocentric clubs from neighboring institutions, representatives from the business community, and the college community. There will be a few speakers throughout the evening, and refreshments will be served.

Dr. Thomas Parham: He will be here to speak on Wednesday, February 25, in L-216. Dr. Parham is an outstanding speaker and is the vice president of Counseling at UC Irvine. Dr. Parham brings a great deal of experience and enthusiasm to share with the students and faculty.

African Fashion Show: It will occur on Friday, February 27, in FA-304 and is sponsored by the Black Student Union. The event will provide insight into fashion and culture. Tickets are $5 and can be purchased from Kim Wise, in H-223, Fola Odebunmi, in H-271, or a member of the BSU.
**Students Get Grant to Build Cosmic Ray Detector**

Cypress College's chapter of the Society of Physics Students was recently honored by the parent organization. The students' research proposal — "Constructing a Cosmic Ray Detector and Investigating the Nature of Secondary Cosmic Rays" — was selected as a 2003-2004 Undergraduate Research Award winner.

It was submitted by students Peter Koo, Julius DeRojas, Alexandru Mitroi, Anatol Hoemke and Adam Dye.

They will receive $1,195.40 to conduct research outlined in the proposal, including construction of a cosmic ray detector.

"The students will build it and test it," said Ron Armale, the faculty advisor for Cypress College's Society of Physics Students. "Then they'll measure how many cosmic rays reach the surface from deep space."

The students' work was one of six proposals funded by the society.

"The awards committee was extremely impressed with your proposal, for its research potential and for its potential to enhance SPS on your campus," wrote Gary White, the organization's director.

**The area around the new Library/Learning Resource Center is truly a construction zone. In the last week, the handball courts and the wall around the former warehouse have been demolished.**

The former bookstore also has been gutted, in preparation for its pending demolition. (The building will be the first of the "temporary" structures to be knocked down.)

Finally, the area adjacent to the former handball courts is being prepared as the new fire-access lane. It will replace the section of Lakeshore Drive that is currently blocked by construction of the L/LRC. The 62,500-square-foot building will eventually cover part of the old road.

Plans call for test piles to be driven in February. Once the results are available, the remaining support piles will be fabricated and driven by the end of March.

The building is scheduled for completion in fall 2005.

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

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**BRIEFLY**

The Admissions and Records office will resume its regular hours of operation starting Monday.

The hours are:

Monday and Thursday, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Tuesday and Wednesday, from 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

The office is closed on Friday.

More than 3,400 Cypress College "add codes" have been used since the start of classes. Combined, Cypress and Fullerton colleges have used over 8,000 of the new codes.

The add codes allow students to enroll in a class with a faculty member's signature — without physically having a signature and without having to wait in line at Admissions and Records.

A problem with students being unable to add additional units to a variable-unit class has been fixed. If a student is registered in a variable unit class, the student can now go into WebStar and add units (no additional add codes are needed).

Most significantly, the add codes are keeping students out of line at A&R.

The Cypress College Writing Center and English Tutorial Service has made free tutoring available for all Cypress College students. Tutors, graduate students from neighboring universities, will be available in the Writing Center Monday through Thursday, from 8 a.m.-8 p.m., and on Fridays, from 8 a.m.-noon.

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**CHARGERS**

Baseball coach Scott Pickler was selected as the Orange Empire Men's 2002-2003 Coach of the Year by the conference athletic directors.

Pickler guided the Chargers to a state championship last season.

Peter Mathews recently received the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drum Major Award. He was honored along with Congresswoman Maxine Waters by the Southern California Region Ministerial Alliance of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mathews was honored for his efforts as a "media personality." He has spent the last year making appearances on television as a political analyst.

The women's basketball team, currently in first place with a 5-1 record in the Orange Empire Conference (13-7 overall), headed into action on Thursday, January 28. The team scored a pair of double-overtime victories at Saddleback (January 21) and Irvine Valley (January 22).

The team is coached by Margaret Mohr.

The Men's basketball team is currently 3-3 in Orange Empire Conference play and 12-7 overall (the records were current, preceding a game on January 28).

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Inside, Outsider
Curated by: Yvonne Cherbak and Jay Sagen
February 5-26, 2004
Reception: Thursday, February 5, 7-9pm

Inside, Outsider is a show of paintings and drawings by the patients at Metropolitan State Hospital. This show is co-curated by Yvonne Cherbak and Jay Sagen, both of whom are artists and instructors who have worked with the mentally ill for a number of years. The work evokes immediate response by the viewer with its direct expressiveness and openness. The curators believe this exhibition is an opportunity for the public to focus on a segment of our society seldom looked upon.
# Black History Awareness

**FEBRUARY 2004**

**at Cypress College**

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“School Daze”  
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|        |        |         | 6:00 – 8:00 pm  
African Fashion Show  
Fine Arts 304  
Tickets: $5.00 (see K. Wise H224) |        |        |          |

**Theme:** “Overcoming Obstacles, Striving for Success”
BLACK HISTORY MONTH

“OVERCOMING OBSTACLES, STRIVING FOR SUCCESS”

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No Inventory

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It’s not exactly the fall of the Berlin Wall, but two piles of cement rubble are notable steps in the Library/Learning Resource Center construction. The wall around the former warehouse (above) and the handball courts (below) have been knocked down.
Ahoy Cypress College Faculty,

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Have you been shipwrecked by a tidal wave of poor student writing? Do you feel that you have been marooned on an island of incoherent expression, illogical organization, weak development, and grammatical errors? Has the writing submitted by your students been taken over by pirates?

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Tutors will be available in the Writing Center Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., and from 8 a.m. until 12 noon on Fridays.
Tutors are not proofreaders; however, tutors can help your students with the generation of ideas, organization, development, unity, coherence, and mechanics.

To make a tutoring appointment, students can sign up in H324, The Writing Center.

**The Writing Center**
Thirty computers are available to students for typing and for Internet research. An instructional assistant is present to help students with word processing (Microsoft Word or Word Perfect) and with instructional software.

The Writing Center is open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m., and Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**The Writing Center Website**
The Writing Center’s web page features many on-line resources for writers. 

For further information regarding the tutorial service or other services provided by the Writing Center, please contact Melanie Nabahani, Writing Center Coordinator, at extension 47176, or Kevin Peery, Writing Center Instructional Assistant at extension 47183.