Participation Needed for KinderCaminata

- Event plants the seed in children’s minds that a college education is an expectation.

KinderCaminata will be held this year on March 19, and for the first time it will feature title sponsors, who have underwritten nearly the entire cost of the event.

Sempra Energy, commonly known as the Gas Company, provided $2,500 to pay for just about everything other than the children's lunches. Knott's Southern California Resort had already agreed to pay for the food.

What’s needed now is participation from the campus community.

KinderCaminata is designed to provide local school children a first day of college — with the end result being an expectation in their own minds, and the minds of their parents, that a college education is something they will complete. Many children, especially those whose parents didn’t attend college, grow up anticipating that their education will end after high school graduation.

The event, which will be held in the morning on the East Lawn adjacent to Gym II, features career stations. At these booths, the children get a glimpse of various careers available to them.

Traditionally, the Chemistry Department’s booth is at the top of the children’s list. This year, Nursing and Dental have already agreed to return to the event.

Participation provides a chance to plant a seed with the children and to interact with the numerous parents who also attend. A good number of the parents are also potential students.

More information is available by e-mailing Darlene Fishman or calling ext. 47283.

‘Construction Zone’ Added to CypressCollege.edu Website

CypressCollege.edu — just like the campus — now sports a construction zone. It’s not an endless series of pages with the annoying “this page under construction” message. Rather it’s a spot where information on the campus projects can be quickly accessed.

“Construction Zone” features maps indicating closed areas or paths on the piazza and ground levels of campus. There are also links to stories (which will be taken from @Cypress, Chargers Magazine and other sources) and photo galleries of construction and construction-related events.

The new “Zone” provides an opportunity to efficiently communicate information about the projects and changes in plans to the entire campus community. It can be accessed by clicking on an icon similar to the one at the left, located on most pages of the Web site.

‘I Didn’t Know That!’

A new feature is coming to @Cypress. It’s called “I didn’t Know That!” It is intended to feature the many programs, services, new courses, procedures, Banner or e-mail shortcuts, etc., that are available at the college that some or many of us don’t know about. It may be something new or something that has been going on for a while, but the point is that knowledge of it may not be widespread.

“I Didn’t Know That!” will premier next week. Submissions can be made to the Public Information Office via e-mail or by phone at ext. 47006.
A New Road

Crews work on the new fire-access road, which runs along the edge of the L/LRC construction project. A section of Lakeshore Drive will be removed to accommodate the 16,500-square-foot building (top). The directional sign indicates the correct path — which appears to require the new fire-access road — from the old Bookstore to the temporary Bookstore in Gym II. Of course, no one in the construction area should be in need of a trip to the Bookstore. The sign predates the beginning of construction on the L/LRC (bottom).
Not Quite a ‘Chamber of Commerce’ Kind of View

The 5% MORE Steering Committee probably won’t be using this photograph (at the top) on any upcoming brochures. However, it does show a significant portion of the L/LRC construction area — including where the handball courts have been demolished (on the left). The “temporary” building that served as home to the Bookstore is still standing — though it’s not necessarily in the best of shape. It will be torn down later this month to make way for the new L/LRC (bottom).
Construction

Fencing around the L/LRC construction area has been extended to the edge of the pond to prevent students from attempting to cross the sloped bank (top). A dump truck lays down the topping for the new fire-access road, which will replace a section of Lakeshore Drive.