August 19, 2004 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

Dr. Lewis: Welcome Back for the 2004-2005 Academic Year

We are engaged in a noble enterprise, to help individual students improve the quality of their lives and achieve their dreams.

Welcome to the Fall semester 2004 and the beginning of the 2004-2005 academic year!

As I write this, I am looking at the steel beams that form the framework for our new Library/Learning Resource Center. I have had the opportunity over the summer to watch the beams being erected on a daily basis, and last month I was able to don a hard hat and tennis shoes to take a tour of the construction site. After so many years of hoping for a new building and several years of planning, it is incredibly exciting to see evidence that the building is taking shape at last.

In the spring, work will begin on demolishing the piazza area just south of the Library/Administration Building, which is where the new Student Center will be located.

Just imagine—in three years the area around the pond will be completely different. The L/LRC will be on the east side; the section of the piazza (the “pier”) just south of the Science/Engineering/Math Building will be gone, opening up the north side of the pond; the first two floors of the current Library/Administration Building will have been remod-eled to house various student services; near the southwest corner of the pond the new part of the Student Center, housing A&R, the bookstore, and food services, will be ready for use; and on the south side of the pond will be the wonderful new Student Activities area.

This has traditionally been the “back” of the campus. As I look out of my window now, sometimes all I see are the ducks playing in the pond; but when the construction is finished, this part of the campus will be filled with students, faculty, and staff.

Students at other institutions have indicated on surveys how much they like having a “Quad” in which to gather, so once our construction is done, we too will have such a place. The area will become the vibrant heart of the college, connecting the north and south ends of the campus, bringing people together around the lovely pond and creating a shared space that will add to the sense of community that is so important for us.

For Cypress College is not only a community college, serving the people who live and work in the cities around us, but we are also a community ourselves. The American Heritage College Dictionary defines “community” as, “A group of people having common interests, . . . similarity or identity, . . . sharing, participation, and fellowship.” Certainly this definition fits us.

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Updates Galore Following a Busy Summer for Cypress College

It was a busy summer at Cypress College, and in Sacramento ... where a budget was passed early enough to be understood by the time classes started.

Here is a look at some important news of note since classes ended in May.

>> Ray Haas

It is with deep sadness that we report the passing of Ray Haas, the highly successful architect of the wrestling and women's soccer programs. He died June 4 at Kaiser Lakeview Hospital in Anaheim of a stroke. He was 63.


Haas, a three-time Coach of the Year honoree by the California Coaches Association, posted a record of 248-16-21. He was featured in Sports Illustrated's Faces In The Crowd on January 17, 2000.

He worked as diligently to help his players receive scholarships as he did in any other facet of his coaching routine. Haas proudly pointed out that more than 75% of his athletes played at four-year colleges or universities. During his tenure as wrestling coach he helped develop 57 All-Americans and 16 individual state champions. He accumulated a dual-match record of 293-48-3 and 11 conference titles.

A graduate of Ohio State University, Haas was a four-time wrestling letterman and Olympic regional trials champion for the Buckeyes. He coached wrestling at Anaheim High School (one year) and Kennedy High School (three years) before starting at Cypress in 1967.

He is survived by his wife Margie, an employee in Admissions and Records, and their children Derek Haas, Heather Devan, Daniel Smith, and Amy Baldaray.

Per the Haas family, a Cypress College Foundation scholarship fund for women's soccer will be established in Ray's memory. Contributions may be directed to the Foundation office.

>> Welcome Aboard

Nina DeMarkey has begun her duties as the Dean of the Social Science Division. For the past nine years, Nina has been employed by the NOCCCD. She has held positions in management, counseling, and teaching. Most recently, she was director of Digital Media Programs and Grants and part-time Articulation Officer. In addition to the educational environment, Nina has 17 years of corporate experience in human resources management.

She and other new employees will be introduced tomorrow morning at Opening Day.

Also joining the District is Christie Wallace Noring, who replaces Donna Hatchett as the director of Public Affairs. Christie brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the NOCCCD.

>> Budget Update

The new state budget is largely positive for Cypress College, the District and the other California Community College campuses.

On the down side, enrollment fees have been boosted to $26 per unit. There's no doubt that increase will put an additional strain on students. However, it may also make more students eligible for assistance. Students should be directed to the Financial Aid office.

Moving to the positive side of the ledger, there is a 7.4% increase in the state budget for community colleges, which will allow for an increase in full-time enrollment by more than 40,000 students statewide.

After having endured severe cuts during the course of nearly 3 years, Cypress College finally has money to grow (3% growth is funded in the budget). And, a significant effort is being made to do that.

Also of note in the budget was the defeat of a plan that would have charged a “differential fee” to students who already had degrees. Keeping this fee from being included in the final budget was a substantial victory for the community colleges because it puts all of our students on an equal foot. When the differential fee was last charged in the 1990s, community colleges experienced sharp enrollment declines.

The budget also moves Partnership for Excellence...
Updates from a Busy Summer for Cypress College Include Successes, Relocations and Some Enrollment Growth

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As of Wednesday, enrollment was up about 2.5% from last fall. The percentage of change usually fluctuates on a daily basis. However, the day-to-day changes have been more significant this year. By Thursday, enrollment was running 4.7% ahead of last year.

The good news is that the fluctuation is always on the positive side. At no time since registration began has enrollment been below last-year’s numbers.

The “seats taken” are up 8% over last year.

Sufficient classes are available to meet student needs and to meet the college’s enrollment target. To meet the goal, the student population will likely need to grow back to roughly the level we were at prior to the mid-year budget reductions of January, 2003.

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When it’s appropriate, please suggest to students that they take additional classes.

Baseball, Softball Teams Advance

Both the softball and baseball teams advanced to their respective state championship game in May. Late-inning rallies by the opposing teams doomed both Cypress squads, however.

The men were the defending state champions while the women marked their return to the state finals. Softball is coached by Brad Pickler; brother Brad heads the baseball program.

And speaking of baseball, Felipe Garcia — a member of the 2003 California championship team at Cypress College — won a national championship with Cal State Fullerton during the summer. Garcia was the Titan’s designated hitter.

Former Charger Matt Larson made his professional debut, playing for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays’ rookie-league affiliate. The 23-year-old right-handed pitcher picked up a victory in his second outing with the club.

Campus Safety Relocates

The Campus Safety Office is no longer located under the piazza, having moved to the old Culinary Arts offices under the staircase next to the Food For Thought Dining Room. The campus switchboard is also located there. The telephone numbers are the same, and the directional signs have been adjusted to reflect the change.

The move is necessary to prepare for construction, and as additional work begins, there will be other temporary moves this year. @Cypress will keep everyone posted.

It should also be noted that the campus map has been updated to indicate areas that are closed on the lower level of the campus. In addition to being distributed to all campus e-mail boxes, the map has been enlarged and is being posted at more than two dozen locations on the campus.

Access to all buildings is available from the piazza, which is currently the best route for pedestrian transportation.

For additional construction updates, please see page 4, where you’ll find our regular “Blueprint” column.

Parking Update

The week of August 17-20, 2004, is the parking registration grace period for the School of Continuing Education. Students will be allowed to park in Lot 4 student spaces only without charge.

The period of August 23-September 3, 2004, is the new-semester parking grace period. Students will be allowed to park in student spaces only without charge for a two week period.

Campus Safety staff will monitor the parking situation during this time and assist students with finding parking when necessary. Students should be encouraged to park legally and in student parking areas only.

Staff Parking Passes

All staff parking permits expired on August 16; however, they will be honored through Friday August 27, 2004. New parking permits may be obtained at the Maintenance and Operations Office.

As a reminder, M & O moved a couple of months ago to its temporary location in the old Children’s Center. When picking up staff parking passes, it may be easier to drive in off of Holder for convenient parking.

Meet the Pres. on the Move

It looks like Dr. Lewis has picked a physically challenging semester to take the “Meet the Pres.” series on the road. Nonetheless, that’s just what she’s doing.

Rather than hold formal “Meet the Pres.” sessions this fall, she is designating specific times to “walk” certain buildings.

The series of informal dialogues will be held in various gathering spots instead of specific, pre-determined locations. The change will be evaluated before a schedule for next semester is set.

Dental Hygiene in Nation’s Top 4

The Dental Hygiene program has been ranked fourth out of 243 Dental Hygiene programs in the nation based on the average test score of graduates on the National Board Exam. The class average was a 90.2% – just a few percentage points below the highest program average. For the case-based-question section, Cypress College’s class average was a 98.9%.

Marika Trapan–Lockhart earned a perfect score, and Kelly Raburn earned a 98%.

Eleven students from Cypress College took the eight-hour written exam, and all 11 passed it. Students must receive a score of 75% or better to pass the exam.

“The Dental Hygiene Department congratulates our students for their outstanding efforts,” said Ina Rydalch, the Director of Dental Hygiene at Cypress College. “We are very proud of the honors our students receive.”

Recent graduate Trapan–Lockhart returned the praise, “Cypress College is known to have one of the best and toughest dental hygiene programs in the nation. It has lived up to its reputation. If I would have looked at the requirements that needed to be met all at once, I would have been overwhelmed. With the help and support of the faculty and instructors in the Cypress College Dental Hygiene Department, I was able to meet the goals of the program.”

The National Board Exam is administered by the American Dental Association and the U.S. Department of Education on the same day for the entire nation. Students must pass both the national and state exam to receive a Dental Hygiene license.

Cypress College was ranked first in the nation the past two years. The Cypress College Dental Hygiene program has had a 100% pass rate for 23 out of 25 years of students taking the National Board Exam. Out of over 400 students who have taken the exams during that quarter-century, only two students have failed to pass.

That’s a pretty remarkable record of success.
Student Salaz’s Guide Dog Barley 1 of 6 in National Competition

There’s the old adage that a dog is man’s best friend. For Stephanie Salaz, Barley, her Black Lab, is more than just a best friend and companion; she is her “eyes” — guiding Salaz through her life on a daily basis.

Barley, representing the Guide Dogs for the Blind organization, is one of six finalists in the Pedigree “Paws to Recognize” program. The program is dedicated to recognizing professionally trained canines — including military and police dogs, search and rescue dogs, and animal-assisted therapy dogs — and the handlers who train them.

Barley, a four-year-old Lab, inspires and encourages Stephanie, who wears a prosthetic device, to walk. Together they walk up to three miles a day.

If you haven’t already, go take a look at the new Library/Learning Resource Center. You no longer need the @Cypress spy camera to see what’s on the other side of the fencing. Over the summer break, steel framing, grade beams, sewer lines, water piping and HVAC for the new L/LRC have been constructed. The size and shape of the 65,200-square-foot building are now clear. Completion and move-in is scheduled to take place in December 2005.

The men’s and women’s locker rooms have been combined into one facility during the summer. It is the first of the college’s remodel projects and will allow the old Women’s Locker to be converted into the Central Plant and Student Activities. There are nine new team rooms and a remodeled Hydrotherapy room.

The Central Plant, which must be completed by the end of the calendar year, is the reason for the trenching on the south side of campus. Crews are placing chilled water lines connecting all of the buildings on the south end of campus to the central plant to provide air conditioning to the buildings. This project will become more active soon, as placement of the generators that will provide 935 kilowatts of electricity to round out the project. The co-generation facility will provide an on-going source of electricity to the campus. Its output will also be sufficient to keep the college operational in the event of a power outage. Finally, because the generators produce heat, additional savings will be realized because it can be used to keep the pool warm.

The new M&O Building will begin construction in October out in Parking Lot 6. All of the trades and the warehouse will now be under one roof. Completion is scheduled for next July. Overflow parking will occur on the lawn between the L/LRC and Circle Drive.

Construction on the new Student Center will begin in the spring. The Student Center will include two new buildings adjacent to the campanile along what used to be Lakeshore Drive. The main building will house a variety of services, and the Bookstore will be in the second building. Additional services will occupy the first two floors of the current Library/Administration Building. Finally, Student Activities will face the Pond in the area formerly used for Maintenance and Operations; that construction is scheduled to begin in November.
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(Box lunches available for those who pre-paid.)

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Division Meetings

All division meetings will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Business/CIS ......................................................... B-203
Fine Arts ................................................................. FA-112
Health Science ..................................................... TE1-203
Language Arts/Library ........................................... H-124
PE/Athletics ......................................................... G2-112
Science/Engineering/Mathematics ......................... SEM-209
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Arturo Almaraz
Clerical Assistant 1
A & R

Gonzalo Arenas
Instructional Aide
Learning Center (LA)

Joseph Baxter
Instructor
Mortuary Science (HS)

Jesus Caloretti
Custodian
M & O

Chris Carmichael
Custodian
M & O

Susan Davis
Administrative Asst. 3
SEM (promotion)

Nina DeMarkey
Dean
Social Science

Greg Eng
Duplication Equip. Oper.
Production Center

Allison Gotoh
Instructor
Chemistry (SEM)

Richard Hock
Instructor, Air Cond. &
Refrigeration (VoTech)

Tina Maiertens
Clerical Assistant 1
A & R

Steven Marshall
Campus Safety Officer
Campus Safety

Amelia Mosley
Clerical Assistant 1
A & R

Mike Mounier
IT Specialist
Academic Computing

Ana Novisoff
Administrative Asst. 3
Fine Arts (promotion)

Amanda Ramos
Clerical Assistant 1
A & R

Jaime Ramos
Instructor
Psych Tech (HS)

Beatrice Sargbah
Accounting Technician
Business Office

Molly Schulps
Instructor
Ceramics (FA)

Teresa Sesito
Athletic Equipment
Attendant, PE

Craig Tomooka
Instructor
Chemistry (SEM)

Kimberly Tran
Financial Aid Tech
Financial Aid

Pablo Trinidad
Equipment Operator
M & O (promotion)

Duong “Don” Truong
Clerical Assistant 1
A & R

Kathy Wells
Clerical Assistant 1
Mortuary Science (HS)
Cypress College Faculty,

♦ Do you sigh heavily and frequently when reviewing your students’ writing?
♦ Do you weep over the disorganized, insubstantial, and incorrect writing submitted by your students?
♦ Could your students benefit from additional writing assistance?

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, consider referring your students to the Cypress College Writing Center and the English Tutorial Service. It’s easy, and it’s free! The Writing Center and the English Tutorial Service are open to all Cypress College students.

The Writing Center has qualified tutors and the tutorial service is free! The Writing Center is also equipped with 30 computers that are loaded with MS Word and Word Perfect, plus a variety of instructional software. In addition, students can access the Internet.

The Tutorial Service

Our tutors are graduate English students from neighboring universities. All have completed their bachelor’s degrees in English. Most are pursuing careers in teaching and have a great deal of experience in assisting undergraduate students with their writing.

To Make A Tutoring Appointment:
Students can sign up for an appointment in the Writing Center (H324), or call (714) 484-7183 to schedule an appointment.
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 5 p.m. on Fridays. Tutors are not proofreaders; however, tutors can help your students with the generation of ideas, organization, development, unity, coherence, and mechanics.

After a student has visited a tutor, a verification of attendance, including comments from the tutor regarding what was accomplished during the session, will be sent to the instructor’s mailbox.

**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.

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**The Writing Center Website**

The Writing Center’s web page features many on-line resources for writers. www.cypresscollege.edu/~writing

**Visit the New OWL—Online Writing Lab**

The online writing lab brings the Writing Center services to cyberspace. Check out this new resource at www.cypresscollege.edu/~writing. Contact Linda Borla at extension 47184 for more information.

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.
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