College Selected as a Recipient of a $1 Million Oracle Portal Grant

The Oracle Enterprise Application Integration Consortium Portal Grant allows for the implementation of a Web site portal.

Cypress College has been awarded a $1 million Oracle Enterprise Application Integration Consortium Portal Grant to integrate systems and provide for a “single sign on” capability.

Essentially, it will allow visitors to the Cypress College Web site to sign on for a personalized experience. For example, a faculty member who signs on would see different information than a student who signs on. A student might have their class schedule appear right on the front page, for instance.

One example of a portal is the “My Yahoo!” service, which features local weather and personalized content, including a link to an e-mail account and calendar.

The grant will cover the costs of software, hardware, and services associated with the implementation of a portal system, an intranet portal that integrates with online learning, administrative computing and student services systems. The portal is compatible with Banner and will be integrated into the college’s existing system and protocol for online and distance education, Banner data and the existing Web site.

The Oracle Portal Project will provide an integrated technology solution to better cater to students, staff and faculty needs. The portal software provides all members of the campus community, including students, staff, faculty, or alumni with “single sign on” to their integrated teaching and learning interests, student services, and extra-curricular parts of campus life.

The Portal Solution allows users to create customized learning portals for building online communities where users can interact with course-related materials, communicate with one another and have access to customized information services.

Students are able to access information, such as integrated email, grades, class schedules, financial information and other student services online. The single point of access to systems and applications would provide enhanced network security at the campus and district levels.

The portal software facilitates the real-time integration with Banner. It also extends Banner’s capabilities by integrating the current Web-based products, such as e-mail, and future Internet applications, such as video on demand.

Webmaster Mike Mounier has already begun working on some programming that will tie into the project.

I Didn’t Know That!

SCE’s Computer/Internet Center, located in CE2-3, offers testing for typing speed. Many employers in the area send their applicants to the SCE lab to utilize the test. Thy typing test consists of three 5-minute timings after providing time to warm up. To pass, the person taking the test must make no more than three errors on a 5-minute timing. The necessary speed is determined by the individual employer. To schedule a test, call the Computer/Internet Center at ext. 47437.

Informational Workshops for Sabbatical Leave

Informational workshops for prospective sabbatical applicants will be held on September 27, 3:30 p.m., in the faculty lounge at Fullerton College, and September 29, 3:30 p.m., in the Staff Conference Center, located on the first floor of Fine Arts, at Cypress College. The workshops will review sabbatical procedures, evaluation criteria, proposal format, content guidelines, and required application forms. The deadline for submission of sabbatical proposals to the President’s office is November 1.
What’s a Portal

This image, taken from Public Information Officer Marc Posner’s “My Yahoo!” page demonstrates the concept of a portal. The center portion includes user-selected categories such as “News Clipper” and “My Front Page Headlines.” Information on the left includes a daily scoreboard that ordinarily would show hockey results in addition to the National League West-leading Dodgers final score and schedule. Local weather and links to e-mail and a personalized calendar are also available.
New L/LRC Photo Gallery Available

A photo gallery containing new images of the Library/Learning Resource Center has been added to the “Construction Zone” at CypressCollege.edu. The images were taken on Friday, September 24, 2004. They include overviews of the building and a look at work on the rotunda. Click here or on the image above to visit the gallery.