

THIS WEEK

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- » “Japanella,” exhibit of photographs by John Upton, Edouard De Merlier and Floating Wall galleries (through Oct. 30).

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- » “Race for the Arts” fundraiser for Patrons of the Arts, Vessels Club at Los Alamitos Race Course, 6 p.m.

12 • Tuesday

- » Disabilities Awareness Forum, Staff Conference Center, 2-4 p.m.

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- » Artist’s reception for “Japanella,” Edouard De Merlier Photo Gallery (TE-III), 7-9 p.m.

15 • Friday

- » “Annie,” Campus Theater, 7:30 p.m. Additional performances on October 16, 22, 23 at 7:30 p.m., and October 17, 24 at 4 p.m.

THEY SAID IT

“Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell ‘em, ‘Certainly I can!’ Then get busy and find out how to do it.”

– Theodore Roosevelt

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October 1, 2004 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

Draft of Accreditation Report Coming to Web Site on Monday

► The report is being posted to CypressCollege.edu to allow for campus input in advance of the accreditation visit in March.

A draft of the accreditation self study report will be posted to the campus Web site on Monday.

This step will continue the process of gathering campus input on the document, which is being prepared for the upcoming accreditation process.

An accreditation site visit will take place March 15-17, 2005. The report must be approved by the Board of Trustees during its second meeting in November.

The first draft of the accreditation self study was shared with the Board of Trustees in August. It was subsequently reviewed by the steering committee as well as various committees.

Pat Ganer, the accreditation study chair, has since been incorporating those committee responses into the revision that will be released next week.

It will be circulated for about three weeks.

An e-mail will be sent to all campus accounts when the draft of

the self study has been uploaded to the Web site. The e-mail will contain a link to the specific location of the report. Further information will be shared in next week’s edition of @Cypress.

The report will be put onto CypressCollege.edu as part of a Web log — or blog.

This software allows visitors to the site the opportunity to review the document and make comments. Subsequent visitors can see the body of comments that have already been made.

The process is akin to a virtual campus meeting. It is the same one used to review the [draft of the new strategic plan directions](#) and the [institutional learning outcomes draft](#).

Using the blog is simple.

Anyone who wants to review the document can do so by following the simple links on the site. The site will be divided into subsections that mirror those in the draft of the accreditation report.

To comment on the report, simply click into the corresponding section, type your name and e-mail address, followed by your comments. Clicking the “Post” button adds the comments to the running dialog.

The responses will then be reviewed and considered for the final report that will be submitted for Board approval next month.

I Didn't Know That!

An instructor can e-mail an entire class with the single click of a button — if students have input their address and checked a box. When a student enters an e-mail address in their WebStar profile and then checks the “Preferred Address” box, it activates the e-mail address to show up on instructor rosters. An instructor can then e-mail a whole class. If students do not have an e-mail address in WebStar, they can enter one by logging in and selecting Personal Information. [Click to see an illustration.](#)

Disabilities Awareness Forum Set for Oct 12

The Friends of Diversity Club is planning and sponsoring a Disabilities Awareness Forum for Tuesday, October 12, from 2 to 4 p.m., in the Staff Conference Center, located on the first floor of the Fine Arts building. The forum will feature students and members of our community who will share their personal experiences of living with a disability. The event will be facilitated by Virgil Adams. For more information contact the Roosevelt Center at ext. 47104.

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CHARGERS

Dental Hygiene student **Kimberly Cruz** was selected as a recipient of the 2004-2005 Trident/Hispanic Dental Association Foundation Scholarship, for which she has received \$1,500. Supported and funded by Cadbury Adams, makers of Trident Sugarfree Chewing Gum, this scholarship program aims to further the dental education of undergraduate, Hispanic students who have been accepted into, or are presently enrolled in an accredited dental or dental hygiene program.

This is the second consecutive year Cruz has been awarded a scholarship from the HDA Foundation Scholarship program. Last year Cruz was named a winner of the Procter & Gamble Oral Care & HDA Foundation Scholarship, which honors Hispanic students who demonstrate scholastic achievement, community service, leadership skills, and a commitment to improving health in the Hispanic community.



Beth Piburn, Nursing, and **Fola Odebunmi**, Economics, were appointed by the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges to the Occupational Education Committee and the Relations with Local Senates Committee for the 2004-2005 academic year, respectively.

October Flex Activities Kick Off on Tuesday, Continue Oct. 12 and 19

The first of three proposed flex activities for the month of October is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5, from 1-4 p.m., in L-216. The seminar, entitled "Re-envisioning Challenges in Learning and Educating," will be presented by Jason Merchev. This dynamic, interactive presentation serves to open the doors to new paradigms of thinking through the application of the values of the wise throughout the ages to education, self-development, self-learning, and personal wisdom. The workshop will include a combination of lectures by Merchev, small group discussions, whole group reporting, and a PowerPoint presentation. Merchev, a former Cypress College student, received his master's degree in psychology at Cal State Fullerton. He has collated and published four volumes of books of quotations titled *Values of the Wise*.

The second flex activity, "Awakening the Genius Within: On Human Potential, Passion, & Uniqueness," will be held on Tuesday, October 12, from 1-4 p.m., in L-216. Yasuhiko Genku Kimura, founder and chairman of Vision In Action and editor of *VIA: The Journal of Integral Thinking for Visionary Action*, a philosophy, science and literary journal dedicated to invoking creative thinking and visionary action, will share his perspective regarding human

potential and the expansion of human consciousness. Kimura is a spiritual philosopher, author, consultant, and educator, who has presented at the Smithsonian, State of the World Forum and other prestigious centers of world culture. Some of his books include *Think Kosmically, Act Globally*; *The Twilight Manifesto*; and *The Book of Balance*. He has also published various articles on evolutionary ethics, spiritual philosophy, integral science, and business strategy.

The final installment of the flex activities is scheduled for Tuesday, October 19, from 12:30-3 p.m., in L-216. The presentation of "Art & Creativity as a Unique Human Choice & Destiny" involves the screening of the short film "Androgyne," followed by a discussion, led by Ambika Talwar, on the subject of creativity as a choice and a destiny in developing one's unique gifts and potential. The film, winner of Best Original Story Award at a festival in Belgium, questions the purpose of art and the meaning of creativity. English instructor Ambika Talwar is an LA-based poet/artist who also produced the film.

Students and staff are welcome to participate in these educational and entertaining events. For more information, contact Ambika Talwar via email at atalwar@cypresscollege.edu or at ext. 48664.

Blueprint

A report
on Cypress
College's
Construction
Projects

Construction will begin December 1 on the Maintenance and Operations building, the Student Activities Center and the Administration elevator. A "job walk" took place on Thursday for the M & O and Administration projects.

Some 70 representatives participated in the Administration job walk and 40 participated in the one for the M & O building. A job walk provides the opportunity for people interested in bidding on a project to see the area and learn specific details of the upcoming construction. The information gathered will then be used by the participants to bid on the work, if they desire.

Architectural plans for the Tech Ed III project are ready for submission to the Department of State Architecture. That process should take about six months. If that timeline holds, construction will take place next June, July and August.

Construction on the L/LRC remains on schedule. A topping ceremony will most likely be held in November. The ceremony is used to mark the milestone of the last piece of structural steel being placed and generally resembles activities at a groundbreaking event.

BRIEFLY

The Patrons of the Arts will be hosting their "Race for the Arts" annual fundraiser on Saturday, October 9. A gourmet dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the private Vessels Club at the Los Alamitos Race Course. The tax-deductible donation of \$40 per person also includes parking and privileges of the Vessels Club membership, including access to private betting windows. All proceeds go to student scholarships. Tickets must be purchased by October 5. More information is available by calling ext. 47134.



The Associated Students' recent blood drive surpassed expectations with over 144 people signed up to donate blood. Sixty-four units of blood were collected – equating to 192 lives that will benefit from this drive. Due to the use of only two bloodmobiles and time parameters, many donors were turned away.



Beginning Monday, October 4, new and returning students can submit an application for admission for the Spring 2005 term. Students can apply online via CCCApply by visiting the college's Web site. Paper applications are still accepted and can be obtained from the Admissions and Records Office.

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Foundation Initiates Corporate Development Series with Workshop

The Cypress College Foundation is kicking off its Corporate Development Series, comprised of events and workshops hosted by the college in order to link the college with the local business community.

The intent is to bring topics that will be of value to employees and to support the growth and success of businesses.

The first workshop, entitled “The Keys to Managing a Successful Career,” is scheduled for Friday, October 8. This is an eye-opening two-hour workshop designed to convey to employees the importance of supporting the mission and vision of the companies for which they work. Managing a career requires insight into the forces that can enhance or impair success on the job; specifically, there are four key elements that will be addressed: your peers, your managers, your manager’s manager, and yourself.

Contact Raul Alvarez at ext. 47126 for additional information.



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Notes: Roller coaster year for Laird

Catcher's year marked by hot start, injury

By Jesse Sanchez / MLB.com



ARLINGTON -- To say Gerald Laird's season has not gone as planned is an understatement.

Once the top candidate as the backstop of the future among young catchers in the organization, Laird started Tuesday against Anaheim -- his first start since Sept. 3 at Boston -- and continues to experience soreness in his surgically repaired left thumb. He might not play winter ball because of the thumb and there are no guarantees he will be the starting catcher next season.



Gerald Laird made his first start since Sept. 3 on Tuesday night. (Paul Connors/AP)

"It's been a roller coaster all year," Laird said. "It's going to be a rookie year that I will look back on and build off of. I learned that you can be at the top of this game and the next day you can be there at the bottom. I had a great start and everything was going my way, but one freak play at the plate ruined my season."

Laird won the starting job over incumbent Einar Diaz in Spring Training and won Rookie of the Month for April after leading AL rookies with 18 hits in the month. He suffered a major setback when he tore a ligament in his thumb during a play at the plate May 20, missing the next two months.

He was activated from the disabled list July 23 and went 4-for-15 in 15 starts upon his return before giving way to Rod Barajas behind the plate. With Barajas as the everyday catcher, Laird made his first appearance in 22 games Monday night when he came in as a defensive replacement.

"Coming off an injury, you want to go out there and play with the guys you have had success with, but you can't," Laird said. "I'm kind of stubborn and I tried to come back a little too early and it might have set me back a little bit. But I'm ready to go now and it's gut-check time. It's time to compete and I feel like I can do that. The main thing for me is to relax because I have not been out there for so long."

Showalter said Laird has taken advantage of his time when not playing. When asked, the manager disagreed with notion Laird was rushed back.

"He's continued his knowledge of the American League hitters," Showalter said. "He has sat in the meetings and continued to gather the things that a catcher needs. He realizes how fragile any job is, from a health standpoint."

Former Charger Gerald Laird Playing in Texas

Former Chargers catcher Gerald Laird, now playing for the Texas Rangers, was recently featured on MLB.com.

Making his first start since September, Laird hit a home run during this week's series against the Angels.

Laird starred for the Cypress College baseball team in 1999, and made his major league debut with the Rangers on April 30, 2003. Laird is the 10th former Charger in Coach Scott Pickler's 20-year tenure to reach the Big Leagues.

It has been an up-and-down year for Laird, who has been injured.

The MLB.com article, however, contained some supportive quotes from his Texas Rangers manager.

The article (shown at the left) can be read on Major League Baseball's Web site at http://mlb.mlb.com/NASApp/mlb/tex/news/tex_news.jsp?ymd=20040928&content_id=873878&vkey=news_tex&fext=.jsp.