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.

@Cypress is published each week. If you would like to have items included, please contact Marc Posner in the Public Information Office at ext. 47006 or mposner@CypressCollege.edu.

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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. Yasuhiyo 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.
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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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 started 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.