Welcome to the Spring 2005 Semester

It’s going to be a busy year with a lot of construction, related moves and an accreditation site visit.

Happy New Year and welcome to the Spring 2005 semester. During the past year, under the leadership of Nancy Byrnes, the college developed a new Strategic Plan to guide us in the years 2004-2008. We now have a revised Vision and Mission Statement and new directions. There are five directions in this plan as compared to six in the previous plan. The directions are statements of intention related to Instruction, Student Support Services, Campus Support Services, Campus Climate, and Community Relations.

Each direction has several goals associated with it, and each goal has one or more objectives. At this time the objectives are tasks to be accomplished within the next two years. By 2006 we will develop additional objectives that we will work on in 2006-2008.

This new plan has been approved by the Planning and Budget Committee and by PAC. This spring, committees will meet to develop action plans for the objectives in the new plan. These action plans will specify how we will meet the objective and who will be responsible.

One of the strengths of the new Strategic Plan is that it brings together the Planning Agenda items from the recently completed self-study, as well as goals and objectives from the Technology Plan, the Student Equity Plan, Staff Development, and Title V.

By having all these plans included, we will be better positioned to allocate resources based on the Strategic Plan. Many people were involved in the development of this new plan, and I want to thank them and especially Nancy for her leadership.

Early in December you might have heard a collective sigh of relief when the self-study was finally completed and shipped off to District Production to be copied.

Completing the self-study was a massive undertaking that, in one way or another, touched almost everyone on campus, but it’s now finished and it’s something that we can be very proud of. Having read the complete document in various drafts more times than I care to remember, I can tell you that it paints a picture of an institution that cares about students and student success, that is taking seriously the dialogue related to student learning outcomes, that has figured out how to connect planning, budgeting, and evaluation, and that functions in a cooperative, professional way.

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Relocation and replacement of the campus main gas meter is underway and should be completed this week. This work is essential to the Central Plant and co-generation project. The gas will be disconnected on Thursday and part of Friday. The Central Plant is scheduled to be completed by July and a written agreement with Southern California Edison ensures that the college will receive a nearly $1 million rebate when the facility becomes operational.

Work is also in full swing on the new Student Activities Center (formerly the Maintenance and Operations office) facing the pond. Demolition is taking place this week and new construction should begin next week. Student Activities is scheduled to relocate in June.

The Library/Learning Resource Center is now just slightly behind schedule because of the heavy rains. The project had been running ahead of its completion timeline until the recent storms. Half of the first-floor slab has been poured and the remainder will be completed when it’s dry enough to do so. The second-floor concrete slab is also slated to be completed soon. A more detailed timeline and update will be shared in upcoming editions of @Cypress.

Renovation on the current Library/Administration Building has already begun.

Fencing has been placed at the front of the building where a new elevator will be installed, and work is starting on that portion of the project.

By spring break, the first floor of Library/Administration will be vacated, with the offices moving to the first floor of the Business Building. Relocation of the Bursar’s Office and of Admissions and Records will take place during spring break. The Office of Institutional Research will move prior to then. The campus Production Center will also move to Business before spring break.

Finally, in an effort to reduce speed on Circle Drive, traffic humps have been installed. Signs warning of the humps and announcing the 15 mile-per-hour speed limit have also been installed.

Campus Update: An Overview of Recent College News

Interims Dean, Employees Hired

Marilyn Glattly has been selected as the new Interim Dean of Fine Arts to replace Kaleta Brown. Marilyn has been at the college for 24 years as a Dance instructor and has also served as department coordinator. The following five employees have been hired or newly promoted in the last few months: Antionese Clark, Admission and Records Technician; Brian Dean, Admissions and Records Technician; Mary Dowell; Administrative Assistant II (Fine Arts); Karla Fajardo, Bookstore Assistant; and Donna Landis, Administrative Assistant II (Health Science). The new employees were approved by the Board of Trustees and will be introduced at Opening Day on Friday. The retirements for Kaleta Brown and Margie Haas, Evaluator, were accepted by the Board at the December 14 meeting.

State Budget Proposed

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has released his initial state budget proposal. Specifics for our District are still being analyzed and more information should be available at Opening Day when Karen Cant provides an update from today’s state budget workshop.

The following information is taken from the Community College League of California’s early assessment of the budget proposal:

- Despite the state’s ongoing budget challenges and a $2.3 billion cut to Proposition 98, this budget shows Governor Schwarzenegger’s commitment to
The women's volleyball team completed its most successful season in school history with a fifth place finish in the state tournament at San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton. This marked the first time in school history the women's volleyball team advanced to the state championship tournament. As the 16th seed from Southern California, Cypress was also the lowest seed to ever advance to the Citi California Community Colleges Commission on Athletics Women's Volleyball Championships. The Lady Chargers, coached by Nancy Welliver, finished 1-2 in the double-elimination tourney. Cypress lost a hard-fought match to the host Lady Mustangs in the first round by scores of 30-27, 30-23, 18-30, 39-37. The Lady Chargers bounced back with a sweep of Butte College (30-19, 30-19, 30-22) before falling to San Diego Mesa (30-20, 30-28, 30-23). The Lady Chargers concluded the season ranked 6th in the state in the California Community College Women's Volleyball Coaches Association poll.

News from the Board of Trustees
During the Annual Organizational Meeting of the Board of Trustees, the following members took the oath of office to serve another four years on the Board: Leonard Lahtinen, Molly McClanahan, Manny Ontiveros, and Nancy Rice.

Board officers for 2005 also were elected at the December 14 meeting: Molly McClanahan, President; Donna Miller, Vice President; and Jeff Brown, Secretary. Those filling these roles in the past year were honored for their service: Nancy Rice, President; Molly McClanahan, Vice President; and Otto Lacayo, Secretary. For 2005, Chancellor Jerome Hunter also was appointed Executive Secretary, and Violet Ayon, Executive Administrative Aide to the Chancellor, was appointed Recording Secretary.

Americana Recipients Named; Event on February 26
The 30th Annual Americana Awards Banquet is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, at the Disneyland Hotel Grand Ballroom. The banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception and silent auction, followed by entertainment provided by Knott's Berry Farm, and dinner at 7 p.m.

All proceeds directly benefit Cypress College students by providing scholarships and funding for programs not covered in the general budget.

Bill Wood — president of the PacifiCare Foundation and vice president of Community Relations of PacifiCare Health Systems — will be honored as the 2005 Americana Man of the Year and Knott's Berry Farm will be named Distinguished Business Partner for its generous support of Cypress College.

This year's fund-raising event will feature “A Look Back” theme, paying tribute to all the past Men and Women of the Year and Citizens of the Year award recipients. Citizens of the Year honorees are acknowledged for humanitarianism, philanthropy and partnership efforts demonstrated within their communities.

Tickets for the black-tie-optional gala are available to employees at a discounted price. Reservations are still being accepted. For more information, call the Foundation at ext. 47126.

Semester Abroad Program for Cypress and FC Announced
Semester Abroad faculty have been selected for Summer 2005 — Australia — and Fall 2005 — Prague, Czech Republic.

Robert Mercer is headed down under. Carolyn Heath of Fullerton College will teach Marine Biology in the Barrier Reef region of Australia. Claudia Stanger of Fullerton College and CC's Mercer will teach a variety of English and Journalism courses and a photography course, all with a Bohemian twist.

Exact costs, courses offered and dates are currently being finalized and will be available soon.

Students will be recruited starting early in the semester for both programs and are encour-

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Society of Physics Students Honored by the Parent Organization

The Cypress College chapter of the Society of Physics Students has been selected by the national parent organization as an Outstanding SPS Chapter for the 2003-2004 academic year.

In a letter to Ron Armale, advisor to the Cypress College chapter of SPS, Gary White, Director of SPS, writes, “Congratulations on this notable accomplishment – less than 10 percent of the SPS chapters nationwide are so honored, about one per state.”

The selection was based on the depth and breadth of SPS activities conducted by the chapter in such areas as physics research, public science outreach, physics tutoring programs, hosting and representation at physics meetings, and providing social interaction for chapter members.

The Cypress College's chapter of the Society of Physics Students, which was formed during the 2003-2004 school year, was selected as a 2003-2004 Undergraduate Research Award winner, in which they received a grant of $1,195.40 to conduct research on “Constructing a Cosmic Ray Detector and Investigating the Nature of Secondary Cosmic Rays.” The students’ research proposal, submitted by Peter Koo, Julius DeRojas, Alexandru Mitroi, Anatol Hoemke and Adam Dye, was one of six proposals funded by the national parent society.

In the 2003-2004 academic year student Peter Koo was recognized by the Society of Physics Students as the SPS 2004-2005 Two-Year College Scholarship Awardee for his outstanding academic performance and active membership in SPS.

SPS is an organization of the American Institute of Physics.

Student Services Expand Hours to Start Semester

Here are the dates and times of the services available to students on Saturdays. Please announce the following information to students:

Bookstore .................January 15 and 22 .................................8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
Business Lab...............B-209/2nd Floor ..................................9 a.m.-12 p.m.
                (for students enrolled in Business classes only)
Library .........................Beginning January 22 .............................11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
Security (ext. 47387) ...............................................24 hours, 7 days a week

NOTE:
Classes will not meet on:
Saturday and Sunday, February 19, 20 (President’s Day Weekend)
Saturday and Sunday, March 26, 27 (Spring Break)

Parking Warning: Saturday, February 12 (exhibition in Gym II; lots #4 and #5)

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 aged to apply for financial aid by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than March 2, as the first step to studying abroad.

The Florence, Italy program for this semester is full with 45 students and faculty members Kathryn Sonne from Cypress College and Kate Johnson from Fullerton teaching English and Art History.

Spring 2006 in Rome, Italy, faculty will be selected this semester.

While some community colleges have cancelled their programs, NOCCCD continues to provide this international education opportunity of a lifetime.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Come to Cypress College and Go Places!
**Adjunct Faculty Workshop**  
**Thursday, January 13, 2005**

Distribution of keys, mail and parking hangers  
Extended Day Office  
4-5 p.m.

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WebStar Training, Sexual Harassment and Unlawful Discrimination Training  
Culinary Arts  
6:30-8:30 p.m.
**Turnitin.com Information**

Information from the Turnitin.com website: “Recognized worldwide as the standard in online plagiarism prevention, Turnitin helps educators and students take full advantage of the Internet’s educational potential. Used by thousands of institutions in over fifty countries, Turnitin’s products promote originality in student work, improve student writing and research skills, encourage collaborative learning, and save valuable instructor time.

“Plagiarism Prevention---A proprietary system that instantly identifies papers containing unoriginal material and acts as a powerful deterrent to stop student plagiarism before it starts.

“The Internet has made plagiarism easier than ever before. From elementary schools to the highest levels of academia, the ease of downloading and copying “untraceable” online information has led to an epidemic of digital plagiarism.

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“At the heart of our plagiarism prevention system are our customized Originality Reports, which contain extensive documentation of any potential plagiarism. Any text in the paper that is found by our system to be unoriginal appears underlined, color-coded, and linked to its original source. All work submitted to Turnitin is checked against three databases of content.”
Artist in Our Residence

Sherrill Spencer, from the Office of Instruction, has been accepted into the City of Brea Art Gallery's upcoming 20th Annual California Juried Exhibition. It runs January 22-March 11, with an opening reception on Friday, January 21, from 7-9 p.m.

The art gallery is located in the Brea Civic Center, which is near the Brea Mall. Adjunct faculty member also has work in the show.

For Spencer, the image above, is her first piece accepted into a gallery exhibit.