April 8, 2005 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

Season Starts with Chargers in Major League Baseball Lineup

Eleven of Scott Pickler’s top alumni have made it to “The Show.” The newest member of that group topped the best-known on Monday.

It was Cypress College Day in Denver as the San Diego Padres and Colorado Rockies opened their 2005 seasons on Monday, April 4. Trevor Hoffman, a four-time National League all-star, was looking to close out the victory for the Padres.

With two outs in the ninth inning, the Cypress College alumnus figured to be a lock for his 394th career save. One of baseball’s most intimidating closers, Hoffman has the third-highest saves total in baseball history and had closed out a dozen games at Coors Field, more than any other visiting pitcher.

But, Cory Sullivan — making his Major League Baseball debut — had different plans.

Sullivan, also a Cypress College alumnus, made his first plate appearance with a runner in scoring position and the Rockies down by two runs. He doubled to bring his team within a run and later scored the tying run. The Rockies went on to win.

Both Sullivan and Hoffman figure to be keys to their respective teams’ success this season.

Hoffman returned last year following a 2003 season in which he missed five months while recovering from shoulder surgery.

Sullivan lost a significant part of last season to elbow surgery. But, he looks to get significant time playing in center field this year.

He closed out the preseason by earning the team’s Spring Training Most Valuable Player award. Last season, before the injury, he was batting .300 as he led the Double-A Texas League with 167 hits.

Sullivan’s debut gives Cypress College more than a dozen alums who have played Major League Baseball. Eleven have played for Coach Scott Pickler, who came to Cypress in 1985.

Others who have played for Pickler at Cypress College and have gone on to the majors are:

Jeff Patterson, New York Yankees; Jason Bates, Colorado Rockies; Charles Gipson, Tampa Bay Devil Rays; David Newman, Baltimore Orioles; Augie Ojeda, Minnesota Twins; Keith McDonald, St. Louis Cardinals; Keith Ginter, Oakland Athletics; Steve Smyth, Chicago Cubs; and Gerald Laird, Texas Rangers.

Ongoing

Edward R. Martin’s “Small Journeys,” Edouard De Merlier Photography & Library Galleries (through April 30).

11 • Monday

Smoking cessation seminar, Student Activities Conference Room, 5-7 p.m.

12 • Tuesday

NOCCCD board meeting, Anaheim campus, 5 p.m.

14 • Thursday

Academic Senate, Wilson Conference Room, 3-5 p.m.

15 • Friday

“Holes,” Studio Theater, 7:30 p.m. Additional performances on April 16, 22 and 23, at 7:30 p.m.; April 17 and 24, at 4 p.m.

I Didn’t Know That!

In December 2004, several speed humps were installed on Circle Drive in an effort to reduce speeding. Since then only one accident has been reported at a lot entrance or exit.

In comparison, eight accidents occurred in February and March of 2004 at a variety of lot entrances and exits. Considering those statistics, Campus Safety Director Sheryl Smith reports that the speed humps have been an effective tool in an effort to bring speeds down to the posted 15 mile–per–hour speed limit.

Smoking Cessation Seminar Set for April 11

The Health Center, in cooperation with the County of Orange Health Care Agency Tobacco Use Prevention Program, will be sponsoring a free seminar on “How to Quit Smoking.” The program will be held on Monday, April 11, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Student Activities conference room. Food, beverages and a smoker’s survival kit will be provided. Registration is limited and an RSVP is needed by Friday, April 8. For information or registration, please call the Health Center at ext. 47361.

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Call for End–of–the–Year Luau Opportunity Baskets

The End–of–the–Year Luau has been set for Tuesday, May 17, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Theater Lobby.

Following last year’s success, the Luau will once again feature opportunity baskets. The Staff Development Committee is inviting interested divisions, groups, or clubs to develop and donate a basket of selected items in a theme of your choice to be part of the opportunity drawing.

All proceeds will be used for Staff Development activities and events.

To donate a basket, email ekroutil@cypresscollege.edu or contact Elizabeth at ext. 47324 by Friday, April 22. Please provide the following information: the group represented, the theme of your basket, the name of the contact person for your group, and the contact phone number and/or e-mail address.

Faculty and Staff Discount for Opening of ‘Holes’

Faculty and staff can take advantage of the buy-one and get-one-free discount offer that can be used for any Cypress College Theater and Dance performance this semester, including the upcoming spring play “Holes.”

Adapted by Louis Sacher from his 1998 Newberry Medal children’s book, “Holes” follows Stanley Yelnats, a troubled teen sent to Camp Green Lake, a foul place miles from everywhere. The residents of the “camp” are required by the warden of the detention center to dig holes “in order to build character.” Lots and lots of holes.

Performance dates are as follows: April 15, 16, 22, and 23, at 7:30 p.m.; April 17, and 24, at 4 p.m. All shows will be held in the campus Studio Theater. Tickets are $12 for general admission.

Additional information is available through the department’s Web site at http://finearts.cypresscollege.edu/~theater/ or by calling the box office at ext. 47200.

‘Holes’ Stars Children of Cypress College Employees

Two faces of performers in “Holes” will look vaguely familiar when the production opens up next Friday.

Two of the kids, Dan Clarke and Ian Wise, are the sons of Marcia Clarke and Kim (Wise) Beatty, respectively.

Both boys participate in the “Special Admit” program that provides an advanced academic opportunity for students who haven’t yet graduated high school.
The non-profit organization Gays & Lesbians Initiating Dialogue for Equality presented a panel discussion on Thursday, April 7, from 1-2:30 p.m. in L-216 at Cypress College. The event was co-sponsored by the Cypress College Diversity Committee and the Gay and Lesbian Association of District Employees. GLIDE’s presenters were Michael Eselun and Becky Weinreich.

GLIDE is a speakers bureau committed to eliminating homophobia through interactive presentations to the community.

Co-sponsored by CIU/Diversity & G.L.A.D.E.

Thursday, April 7th
1:00-2:30
L-216 Lecture Hall

More Info: Marcia Clarke, ext. 48069--Web: www.socal-glide.org

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It didn't take long to demolish what used to be Admissions and Records, the Bursar's Office and the Admission's Annex. Click anywhere to view the slideshow.