Current Enrollment Almost Identical with Fall 2004 Numbers

With the number of students just about even, second “Half-Semester” classes represent an opportunity to meet our growth target.

The number of students enrolled on campus this semester is nearly identical to the headcount one year ago — an indication that efforts to help students navigate through the various construction zones have paid off.

In fact, the added TLC may actually be helping bring more students into the college, since more students enrolled after the start of classes this year than the number of students who enrolled after the start of classes in fall, 2004.

Academic Senate Seeking Candidates for Adjunct Representative Election

The adjunct representative on the Academic Senate is elected annually. The only requirements are that he/she expects to be a member of the adjunct faculty both the fall and spring semesters and is available to attend Senate meetings 3-5 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of every month.

If you are interested in this position, please respond to Steve Gold, via e-mail at SGold@CypressCollege.edu or campus mail, by noon, Thursday, September 22. Include your division and (optional) a candidate’s statement of 35 words or less which could be included on the ballot.

If only one person responds, that person will be named the adjunct senator. If more than one person responds, there will be an election.

Serving on the Senate is a great way to learn more about the college, and your participation is encouraged.

Over $3,600 Collected for Katrina Victims

As of September 14, more than $3,600 has been collected on campus to assist the Red Cross Hurricane Katrina relief effort. The total doesn’t yet include money raised by the Associated Students during Welcome Back Week or funds raised by clubs. The drive officially ends today.

Donations can be made in the Health Center or in the Student Activities Center. Direct questions to Mary Lou Giska.

Reception for Newly Tenured Faculty on Oct. 4

A reception for newly tenured faculty and new managers will be held on October 4, from 2:30-4 p.m. in the Food for Thought Dining Room. The event honors the faculty on their achievement. The dozen faculty who attained tenure at the close of the 2004-2005 academic year were recognized and approved by the Board of Trustees in May. Each newly tenured faculty member and new manager will be individually introduced with a brief biography at the event.
BRIEFLY

Effective September 1, 2005, the standard mileage rate was increased to 48.5 cents per mile. This is an 8-cent increase per mile over the prior rate. The mileage rate applies to the time period in which the miles are driven and not the date in which the miles are claimed for reimbursement. All mileage claims will be adjusted to ensure that each employee is reimbursed the appropriate rate based on the date driven. If you have any questions, please call April Marie Tory at (714) 808-4731.

The Art Gallery is showing a three-person exhibition by artists who transform trash and other discarded materials into art. “Beautiful Debris” runs through September 29. The gallery is open 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 6-8 p.m., Tuesday and Wednesday. Admission is free.

The 2005-2006 Request for Travel and Conference Funding electronic form must be submitted to the Staff Development Office by 4 p.m. on or before one of the following dates: September 30, 2005; November 18, 2005; February 3, 2006. For questions, contact Nancy Deutsch at ext. 47326 or e-mail staffdev@cypresscollege.edu.

CHARGERS

The board approved the retirement of Alice Payne, Counselor, effective May 31, 2006, at the September 13 meeting.

At the same board meeting the promotion of Beatrice Sargbah to Accounting Specialist at the Anaheim Campus was announced.

Pat Ganer, Speech Instructor, is scheduled to make a presentation on legislative re-districting to the League of Women Voters on September 22.

The women’s alumni water polo team defeated the current team 8-7 last Wednesday on a last-second shot. The current players also didn’t find success in the recent Cypress College Women’s Water Polo Tournament, losing all four games.

Volleyball won the consolation championship of the Pasadena Tournament last weekend.

The men’s soccer team lost at Pasadena, 2-0, and at Southwestern, 2-0.

Women’s soccer won 5-0 vs. Santa Barbara, shutout Cabrillo 6-0 and West Valley by a 5-0 margin.

Associated Students Sponsoring Blood Drive on September 21

The Associated Students are hosting the Fall Blood Drive on Wednesday, September 21, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The drive will be held at the new Student Activity Conference Room in Building #8, located between the pond and the pool.

All blood donations will benefit Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Miller Children’s Hospital and St. Joseph’s Hospital.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds.

All donors will receive a free ticket to the Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific and another complimentary gift.

The Associated Students are asking faculty to inform their students about the event and the importance of donating blood.

For a preferred appointment, please call Becky Rojas at ext. 47199 or visit the Student Activities office. Appointments are subject to availability.

Walk-ins are also welcome.

CSU/UCI Joint Ed.D.: Information Sessions

Information sessions regarding the CSULB option of the CSU/UCI Joint Ed.D. in Educational Administration and Leadership will be held on the following dates: Friday, September 23, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Friday, October 14, from 1-2 p.m.; Friday, November 4, from 5:30-6:30 p.m.; Friday, December 2, from 1-2 p.m. All sessions will be held in Building ED1, Room 40 at the CSULB campus.

Dr. Dawn Person, CSULB Co-Director, and Dr. Nancy Christensen, UCI Program Coordinator, will provide an overview of the program including application, coursework, timelines, and fees.

Current students in the program will also be present to describe their experiences in the program thus far. Most doctoral students participating in these information sessions have begun the dissertation process.

Please pass along this information to colleagues who you believe would be prospective candidates for the program.

Please contact Pilar Ellis via e-mail at pellis@csulb.edu or at (562) 985-2474) to RSVP.

For information regarding parking, please call Parking Services at (562) 985-4146. A campus map of Cal State Long Beach is available at http://daf.csulb.edu/maps/parking/index.html.

A report on Cypress College’s Construction Projects

The scaffolding around the Library/Learning Resource Center is coming down, and, shortly, the building’s exterior will look complete as the glass is installed. Progress is also apparent on the interior of the L/LRC with crews installing the framing for drop ceilings and already finishing some of the internal walls. Move-in is still scheduled to be completed in January, 2006.

Completion of the Central Plant is also nearing. Crews are installing an enclosure around the stacks on the piazza, and the total project should be done by mid-October.

Renovation of the piazza will take place in three phases. The bids for the project were opened this week, and a contractor was selected to advance to the Board for consideration of approval. Work on the elevator for the front of the current Library resumed this week. The project is on schedule to be completed in November.

Meanwhile, as construction costs escalate, concern about the actual cost to build the new Student Center grows. There are strong indications that Hurricane Katrina will drive costs up even further. Bids for construction of the Student Center will be solicited in November.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Come to Cypress College and Go Places!
Fall 2005 and Fall 2004 Enrollment Nearly Identical

This chart represents the number of students enrolled this semester (blue squares) as compared to the enrollment last fall (yellow squares). The day-to-day comparison is strikingly similar. It's also a strong indication that the efforts made to help students find their way across campus worked as intended. In fact, more students enrolled after the start of classes this year than did last year.
Constitution Day

Tomorrow (Saturday, September 17) is Constitution Day. In honor of the celebration, We the People who produce @Cypress pass along a replica of the historic document and a link to the Library of Congress' Constitution Day Resources page.
You're Invited

Join Us in Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month with Guest Speaker . . .

Marco Antonio Firebaugh
Former California Assembly member
Sponsored AB 540 exemption for Non-resident Tuition
Champion for California's Environment
Protecting California's Working Families
Fighting for Educational Equity
Improving Our Quality of Life

Date: Wednesday, September 28
Time: 11:00 am - 12:30 pm
Location: Campus Theater

Sponsored by the Campus Diversity Committee
For further information, contact Gina Marrocco (714) 484-7049