Happy Holidays!

► Dr. Lewis reflects on 2005 and sees wonderful things in store for 2006. Thanks for your hard work and devotion.

As we head in to the holiday break, it has been gratifying to observe the many ways we connect with each other as individuals — not merely colleagues.

I have the pleasure of attending a number of holiday functions across campus each year. This year, I have seen a lot of something that has been missing in recent years: new faces.

Indeed, 2005 may well be remembered as the year we truly began recovering from the recent budget cuts. We have hired new faculty, new staff and a new dean for the Library/Learning Resource Center.

Our enrollment has also stabilized and we’re even looking to grow.

The new Student Activities Center opened and Tech Ed III was remodeled. The Central Plant was completed.

At the close of the semester, we are poised to open the new L/LRC and preparing to move services such as Financial Aid, CARE, EOPS and DSP&S into the first two floors of the current Library/Administration Building.

This year has set us up well for the future.

In 2006, the college will celebrate its 40th anniversary. We’ll break ground on the new Student Center. The piazza will be renovated and the fencing will begin coming down. Maybe I should type that in all caps: THE FENCING WILL BEGIN COMING DOWN!

It feels good to finally say that. It has been a long time coming.

In 2006, we will start to get our campus back.

That’s not to say there won’t be construction pains. Obviously, that goes with the territory. Repairing the piazza will be invasive.

But, at the same time, the pond area will return to its old, inviting self, and will even be a little bit brighter with the openness of the new walkway in front of SEM and with the glass-faced L/LRC at the east end.

In late fall, Administration will return to the current Library/Administration Building. About the same time, we will host the official 40th anniversary event on campus. We’re making a big push to invite back alumni and retirees.

Finally, I’d like to add my personal thanks for your hard work, dedication and commitment to student success. People are what make Cypress College a truly outstanding campus. I wish you a happy holiday season and a prosperous new year.

— Margie Lewis

Ongoing
» Final exams (through December 21)
16 • Friday
» DPS Bell Christmas Performance, FA-304, 9 a.m.-noon.
» Holiday Concert “Symphony Winds Performance,” FA-304, 7 p.m. $3.
18 • Sunday
» Glad Tidings of Joy, Campus Theater, 4 p.m. $15 general admission; $12.50 students/seniors; $7.50 children 12 & under.
21 • Wednesday
» Last day of the fall semester
23 • Friday
» Winter break begins; campus closed through January 2.
3 • Tuesday
» Campus re-opens; winter intersession begins
13 • Friday
» Opening Day
16 • Monday
» Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday (campus closed)
17 • Tuesday
» Spring 2006 semester begins

“IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A MAN TO LEARN WHAT HE THINKS HE ALREADY KNOWS.”

— Epictetus

Women’s Soccer 2nd in CA

The defending state champion Chargers came up just short in their attempt to repeat as the top women’s soccer team in California. Cypress finished the season with a 22-2-2 record.

The Chargers opened strong in the state final-four tournament, scoring three times in Saturday’s semi-final match to blank American River College and advance to the title game. In the final, the Chargers were topped by arch rival Long Beach City College, by a 2-0 margin.

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December 16, 2005 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis
Alumni Search Part of Upcoming 40th Anniversary Celebration

As part of our preparations for the 40th anniversary celebration in 2006, we are making a concerted effort to compile a database of alumni names, addresses, and other contact information so that we can invite the alumni to the celebration scheduled for next fall.

If you should hear from former students during this holiday season or if you have lists of them already, please forward this information to Rhonda Kraft in Public Information. She can be reached at ext. 48038 or at rkraft@cypresscollege.edu.

All alumni for whom we have contact information will receive a newsletter in January, updating them on college activities and encouraging them to plan to attend the anniversary celebration.

Thanks in advance for your help in this important effort.

Computer Network Upgrade, Take Two

The network/system upgrade that was attempted on December 10 did not go as planned due to technical difficulties beyond Academic Computing’s control. Another attempt will be on the January 7, 2006.

During that time, many computing services will be offline and not accessible for at least 2-3 hours, starting at 8 a.m. They are: GroupWise; WebMail; Novell; the Cypress College Web site; Citrix; shared folders; Internet access; and electronic attendance.

Those who are off campus, and have Internet access, will be able to connect to WebStar and the District Web site. Please make sure students and staff know the direct access to WebStar at: https://www.banner.nocccd.cc.ca.us.

Keep in mind, if things don’t go as planned, the campus systems/network may be down longer. Be prepared if it does.

Several construction milestones will be achieved in the next week:

• The pathway between SEM and the pond is ready to open. It features new concrete to replace the path that was destroyed as part of the piazza removal. New lighting has been installed and the re-configuration also permits the path to be used as access for emergency vehicles, something required under current construction code.
• Crews are also ready to pour the paving for a new fire-access lane that will reconnect the portion of Lakeshore severed by construction of the Library/Learning Resource Center.
• Noresco is in the process of closing out the Central Plant project. Perhaps the most visible sign will be the re-opening of the path between Gym 1 and the Student Activities Center. During construction, pedestrians had to detour through the gym.
• On Monday, crews will begin construction of the new elevators. This phase of the project will see installations in the Business Building, Tech Ed 1 and between Tech Ed 2 and Gym 2.

A little further out on the timeline, the L/LRC is still scheduled to open in January (see last week’s @Cypress for further details).

Move-in for the services occupying the first two floors of the Library/Administration Building will take place in February. The first floor will open on February 10 and the second floor on February 24. The area will be home to Financial Aid, EOPS, DSP&S, CalWorks, CARE, and the deans of Student Support Service and Counseling.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Come to Cypress College and Go Places!
Spring Opening Day
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2006

8:30 a.m. Light Refreshments, outside Campus Theater
9 a.m. – 12 p.m All-Campus Meeting in Campus Theater
   Greetings from the District & the Board
   Introductions of New Faculty and Staff
   State of the College by Dr. Lewis
   Construction/Facilities Update
   SLO-CATS Presentation

Noon to 1 p.m. Lunch by reservation (see below) in the Theater Lobby
   In celebration of the 40th Anniversary, we’ve rolled back the price!
   Join us for a barbecue lunch, beverage and dessert for just $5.00.
   First the Hills Were Alive with Dr. Lewis as “Maria” … Followed by a Trip to Space and the Famous Moped Photo.
   — What will she do this year? Come to the Barbeque to find out! —

1:00 p.m. Division Meetings will be held in the following divisions:
   Business - B-203     Fine Arts - FA-112
   Language Arts - H-101     P.E. - GymII-112
   Social Science - H-120     Vocational Tech - TEI-200

   *Earn up to 5 hours of Flex Credit

Enclosed is my $5.00 (check made payable to Cypress College)
   for lunch on January 13, 2006.

Name ___________________________ Division ___________________________

Return to the Staff Development Office NO LATER THAN
   Friday, JANUARY 6, 2006.
"Hire Me!" Workshops

Designed for Individuals Seeking Full-Time Faculty Positions with the North Orange County Community College District.

Part I: Perspectives on Hiring: Application, Letter of Interest, & Resume Writing

Workshop presented by Kelly Carter, Cypress College Counselor

Saturday, January 28, 2006
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
NOCCCD Board Room,
1st floor, Anaheim Campus,
1830 W. Romneya Dr., Anaheim, CA

Part II: Perspectives on Hiring: The Interview

Workshop facilitated by Kelly Carter, Counselor, featuring...
  Dr. Margie Lewis, President of Cypress College
  Diane Henry, Dean of Physical Education, Cypress College
  Michael Brydges, Speech Communication Faculty, Cypress College

Saturday, February 4, 2006, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
NOCCCD Board Room, 1st floor, Anaheim Campus,
1830 W. Romneya Dr., Anaheim, CA 92801

Please call 714-484-7324 for reservations.
For information, contact Nancy Deutsch, Cypress College Staff Development Office:
714-484-7326 or ndeutsch@cypresscollege.edu

Directions: From 91 Freeway, take Euclid exit and drive south to Romneya Dr.
Turn right on Romneya. Turn left into second entrance of NOCCCD Anaheim Campus.
Park in any unmarked parking stall. Parking permit is required.
Purchase $2 daily parking permit at yellow dispensers on site, if you are non-NOC CCD employee.

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