Doors to Library/Learning Resource Center Set to Open on Monday

“Substantial completion” of Cypress College’s first new building in 30 years has been reached.

Monday is a milestone day in Cypress College’s 40-year history. The new Library/Learning Resource Center is scheduled to open its doors for the first time, bringing a two-year construction project to a climax.

The 62,500-square-foot building completes the vision of the college’s original architects by adding an anchor structure at the east end of the pond.

Featuring reflective glass, stucco siding and a rotunda, the building departs somewhat from others on the campus; however, the sharp angles and inward-sloping top of the building provide a strong visual tie to the existing Cypress College structures.

In addition to its prominent location facing the pond, the two-story building will be more accommodating to students because of its architecture and interior design.

The former library’s main entrance was on the third floor of a building that also used to house Admissions and Records and campus administration. Students had to climb two sets of stairs just to get to the Library — and a third set to access roughly half of the library’s book collection.

The Library now resides entirely on the second floor of the L/LRC and is accessed via a curved staircase or an elevator — both located in the entry rotunda.

The L/LRC’s first floor includes the North Computer Lab, the Writing Center, the Learning Center and the Teaching Learning Center.

Both floors offer study rooms with all the necessary amenities — and pretty nifty views.

Speaking of views: The rotunda provides a loft-style area, looking out the front of the building and across the pond at the former Library/Administration Building (now the Cypress College Complex) and the campanile. From the rotunda, both the Student Activities Center and the SEM Building can be seen to the left and right, respectively. Gym I is on the left and the construction site for the Student Center is also in view.

With activity now concentrated around the pond, that architectural feature of the campus becomes the primary gathering spot it was intended to be. It also helps connect the L/LRC with the other student services in the area, as well as those coming to the area as part of the Student Center.

Services in the Learning Resource Center (first floor) are open 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Friday. The Library (second floor) is open 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 8 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday; and 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Saturday.

The campus map has also been revised in anticipation of Monday’s opening. The map will be added to the campus Web site and is included in the “Extras” section of this edition of @Cypress.

A number of employees will work through the weekend to prepare for the opening. They include staff from Maintenance and Operations and Academic Computing, who will be installing all of the computers between now and Monday.
No More Signature Page Required for Online College Application

Enrolling as a student at Cypress College just became a lot easier. At noon on Wednesday, the “signature page” became history. The signature page was a document that students needed to download, print out and return to the college in person, via mail or through a fax. It was one tangible barrier in a process that was otherwise completely electronic. It was also a stumbling block for some students who applied late to the college and then had to wait for a registration hold to be cleared manually once the signature page was reviewed by an employee in Admissions and Records. With the new technology, students who submit an electronic application close to the beginning of the semester may find that they are immediately able to select their classes — completing the entire registration process in a matter of minutes.

WebStar Open Sunday, Feb. 5, to Assist with ‘No Show’ Deadline

WebStar will be open on Sunday, February 5, in order to assist instructors with the new drop process, which can be completed entirely online. Paper rosters are no longer required to be mailed to Admissions and Records with the implementation of the new process this semester. A faculty member’s online submission is all that is required.

February 5 is the deadline for instructors to drop students who are “no shows” in semester length classes (January 17-May 26).

Staff Development Coordinator Nancy Deutsch has provided the step-by-step process for dropping the students online. It can be found at http://www.cypresscollege.edu/~staffdev/.

This same process will be utilized for all future withdrawal periods.

Regular WebStar hours are 7 a.m.-11:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are 7 a.m.-6 p.m. WebStar is usually closed on Sunday.

A report on Cypress College’s Construction Projects

In addition to the highly anticipated opening of the Library/Learning Resource Center on Monday, another high-profile project is scheduled to get underway this week: installation of the new electronic marquee and athletic scoreboards. The marquee will replace the current one located at the college’s main entrance at Valley View and Lakeshore. One electronic scoreboard is being installed at “Ray Haas Field” — home of the soccer teams. A second scoreboard is being installed at the softball field. The contracts were awarded in November, and the architectural design has been finalized in the intervening two months.

The bid openings for the Student Center have been pushed back to January 31 because of the number of questions potential bidders asked in an effort to prepare their bids on the project. Because of the tremendous cost escalation in the construction industry in recent years, it is anticipated that the bids will be over budget — but hopefully not so far over budget that construction will be delayed.

The college has committed to constructing the Student Center and to completing remodels for efficiency. Tech Ed I and Business will both undergo remodels this summer. Tech Ed II was completed last summer, and earlier remodels were completed on the first floor of Tech Ed I, the Theater and the Tennis Courts.

Remodels are also planned for Humanities, Fine Arts and Science/Engineering/Math with capital outlay funds. The November ballot will probably include a statewide bond proposition that, if passed, would fund the Humanities remodel.
"Hire Me!" Workshops

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-NOCCCD employee.

Sponsored by: NOCCCD, Cypress College and Fullerton College Staff Development
The Learning Commons (LC) features computers for word processing, instructional software use, and Internet research. The LC also provides built-in power and data connections for students with personal laptop computers. Instructional CDs, DVDs, video and audio cassette tapes are also available at the front counter. Beginners are welcome as an instructional assistant is on hand to help students with all aspects of computing.

Language Learning Center
Former Location: Humanities Building Room 303
Phone: (714) 484-7193
Hours of Operation: Same as Learning Commons
Offering - PCs with word processing, Internet access, and instructional software.

Math/Science Learning Center
Former Location: Science/Engineering/Math Building Room 114
Phone: (714) 484-7151
Hours of Operation: Monday and Wednesday: 8am - 3pm, 5pm - 8pm
Tuesday and Thursday: 8am - 3:30pm, 5pm - 8pm; Friday 8am - 12:00pm
Offering - Free tutoring for students who need help in Mathematics as well as limited science resources.

The new Distance Learning Lab (DLL)
Offering - A 'smart classroom' of 30 Internet-accessible computers and an LCD projector for online and hybrid courses.
Hours of Operation: Same as Learning Commons
Reservations are required and scheduling is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.
Phone: Elizabeth Douglas at (714) 484-47324.

Second Floor
College Library – Hours of Operation
8:00 am – 9:00 pm Monday through Thursday
8:00 – 6:00 pm Friday
11:30 – 3:30 Saturday

The library’s textbook and reserve collections will be available January 30 for students. CDs, DVDs, cassette tapes, maps and pamphlets will be made available as soon as possible.

Students may access the Internet, the library catalog, the extensive full-text journal and newspaper databases, and the TILT academic research tutorial program. The library also provides built-in power and data connections for students with personal laptop computers.

Group study rooms are also available and may be reserved at the Circulation desk.
Every Thursday this Spring (with the exception of 4/13 & 4/27) between the hours of 12:30-3:30pm the Transfer Center will be sponsoring "QUICK QUESTIONS FOR THE ARTICULATION OFFICER"

No appointment will be necessary. Just come by and ask to speak to Stacey Howard

Cypress College Transfer Center
Articulation Office
9200 Valley View FA100
Cypress, CA 90630
714-484-7129
Hours 8am-5pm
Cal State Dominguez Hills

Advising Appointments in the Transfer Center

March 2nd (Thurs) 10am-12pm
April 7th (Friday) 10am-12pm
May 9th (Tues) 10am-1pm

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November & December 2005
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Workshop Presenter: Alan Reza
areza@cypresscollege.edu
Extreme Campus Makeover in Progress
January 30, 2006

Note:
Elevator access is available on the south side of campus through Tech Ed III (located under the main staircase).

For updated information, visit the campus Web site at http://CypressCollege.edu.

See reverse for ground-level closures.
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The new Student Activities Center, located along the south side of the pond, opened last summer. These two buildings, along with the new Student Center (shown below), will make the pond the central gathering spot on campus.

In addition, a Maintenance and Operations building is being constructed in parking lot 6, a complete renovation of piazza began during the winter break, and new elevators are being installed.

During the next two years, construction work will present a significant challenge to pedestrian travel across campus. We appreciate your support and flexibility during this period as we build a more efficient campus.

For additional and updated information, please visit CypressCollege.edu and click on the construction icon.
Click the image above to view the photo gallery.