Special Collections Addition to Library Provides a Home for History

The new L/LRC provides a place for archiving the college's history — something to remember while packing for campus moves.

When the new Library/Learning Resource Center opened a little more than a month ago, the campus gained its first true home for items of historical significance to the college.

The timing couldn’t have been better as the campus is at the beginning stage of an unprecedented number of office moves. Undoubtedly, as people pack up, they’ll come across a number of items — such as old photographs, staff directories or pennants — that are too significant to toss, but don’t really belong tucked away in a box or a drawer, either.

The Special Collections room in the new Library was constructed just for this purpose. Previously, historical documents like copies of the Cypress Chronicle (or the Hoofbeat before it), were housed in a small display case in the former Library.

In addition to the new space, Librarian Monica Doman completed a sabbatical project to digitize and archive historical photographs. Librarian Alfredo Eutimio has been chronicling events and presenting them as video projects on DVD. He also maintains the Special Collections section of the campus Web site at http://www.cypresscollege.edu/~sc/.

The Web site contains items such as a digital reproduction of the student handbook published by the first class of Cypress College in 1966.

Items of interest should be sent to Eutimio in the L/LRC.
Plan Now to Attend Graduation; Regalia Order Forms Due March 17

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Steve Gold's year as Academic Senate president made him realize, that in the eyes of students "the faculty ARE Cypress College." He wrote the "top ten" list and a plea for greater faculty involvement in graduation last year. His original letter is in the "extras" section of this edition of @Cypress.

A report on Cypress College's Construction Projects

Details for this summer's remodels for efficiency projects are taking shape. As initially planned, the Business Building will undergo a full remodel from June through August, and Tech Ed 1, excluding the area currently occupied by Academic Computing, will do the same. The remodel of the second floor of Tech Ed 2 is being delayed until October. The change is based on some flexibility in construction timelines and, more importantly, because of lessons learned from last summer's remodel of Tech Ed 3.

The piazza adjacent to Humanities is the next section to be worked on as part of that renovation project. Planning is underway. As the piazza project is completed, new rails will be attached to replace the fencing.

The first and second floors of the Cypress College Complex are scheduled for occupancy some time during the third week of this month. Financial Aid, Disabled Students Programs and Services, EOPS, CARE, CalWORKS and the deans’ offices for Counseling and Student Support Services will relocate to those floors. The third floor of the building is completely demolished and the fourth is approximately half done; the space was formerly occupied by the Library.

Work on the Student Center is scheduled to begin next month (see page 1 for groundbreaking info).

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If you would like to know more about the possibility of teaching for a semester in the Study Abroad Program, please contact one of the following individuals who will send you more information.

Eldon Young, x47169  Patricia Thomas, x27292
eyoung@cypresscollege.edu  pthomas@fullcoll.edu

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Park in Lot 1.

Questions? Contact the Cypress College Staff Development Office.
Phone: 714-484-7324 or Email: edouglas@cypresscollege.edu

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“Focus on the Strategic Plan”

A Discussion with the NOCCCD Board of Trustees

Tuesday, March 28, 2006
4:30-5 p.m. - Refreshments
5 p.m. - Strategic Conversation
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Buena Park Holiday Inn Hotel and Conference Center
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But seriously, folks, my reason for writing this is to ask you, on behalf of the Academic Senate, to attend graduation.

And who better to do it than a repentant sinner such as myself? You see, I have attended very few graduations. My reasoning was that some people enjoy such ceremonies and some people don't, and those who enjoy them can do a fine job of representing those of us who don't. Besides, I really do think those mortarboards look silly.

But faculty attendance at graduation has been poor since I've been here, and it's getting worse, and I think it's time that you and I both faced some facts.

We set high standards for our students, and then we work very hard to help our students meet them. Not all of our students succeed, but the students at graduation are among those who HAVE, and they are justifiably proud. They could get their piece of parchment without attending the ceremony, but they are not satisfied with that. For many graduates and their families, the graduation ceremony is one of the most important events in their lives. For some, it is the first time that anyone in their family has received a college degree. They have worked hard to earn your approval, and they want you to hear their names called and to see them walk across that stage, even if you have never heard their names before. Yes, your role is a passive one for a change, but it is an important one, just the same.

Now, you can rationalize, as I have, that one more or one less faculty face in the sea of faces isn't going to make any significant difference, and of course you are correct. But it just isn't right to have only one out of five or even one out of three faculty members present. The graduates deserve a lot more than that. They deserve to have five out of five, or as close to it as we can get. WE taught them. WE held them to those high standards. And WE owe it to them to be there and to say, “Well done!”

Furthermore, my year as Academic Senate president has made me realize, more than ever before, that we the faculty ARE Cypress College. I mean no disrespect to the many other dedicated people who make possible what we do, but, more than the administration, more than the Board of Trustees, WE are the college, especially in the students' view. If you believe that too, then how can we possibly have our one, major, all-college, public ceremony without the full participation of the faculty?

Let's show the graduates and their families that we are proud of them, but also that we are proud of who WE are and what we DO!
CYPRESS COLLEGE

Graduation 2006
Wednesday, May 24, 2006

Faculty Robe Information Sheet

Academic Cap and Gown

Please PRINT all information

Name:_________________________(Male/Female):_____

Degree

Bachelor____ Master____ Doctor____

Dress or Suit Size____ Weight____ Height____Ft._In.

Hood Information

Major:_______________________

From:_______________________ __________________________

School Name City State

Cost: Bachelor and Master cap gown and hood $15.00
      Doctor cap gown and hood $25.00

Please make checks payable to Cypress College
Order must be received by Student Activities Office attention:
Becky Rojas by March 17, 2006, or there may be an additional
charge for shipping for late orders.

****Have own regalia _____ Will Attend _____ Will not attend
ACDFA Showcase

Tuesday, March 7 @ 7pm
Studio Theater
Tickets: $5.00

*All proceeds will benefit the students participating in the American College Dance Festival
Onward and Upward

Well...here I am... after sumptuous suppers, diet-smashing desserts, mountains of candies, and enough eggnog to be scrambled. Is the gym walking distance?

We've spent more time than ever at Mammoth Lakes. The extreme skiing of our twenties has become the...well...let’s call it “cautious” skiing of more advanced years. It’s no longer “I’ll be the first down the mountain.” It’s “I’ll be the only one down the mountain.”

We spent Xmas in Ixtapa, played golf, kicked the rust off my halting Spanish and had a great time at the Mercado with the Mexicans—a wonderful, delightful, and generous people. Am doing some ghost writing, finished my novel, and on to the next--a comedy. I can’t handle any more murder scenes.

Have to practice my “background artists” pedestrian stride for the next one-second commercial moment in television-land. I’m on call this week. Life is good. But I get occasional leg cramps.

Who’s Doin’ What?

Nelson Dudley sent an informative letter in December. Two of his paintings were accepted for exhibition in the Third Biennial Orange County Juried Exhibition. The exhibit opened January 22. It will close Sunday March 26. The show is open from 12:00 to 3:00. Try to get over there to see his works:

Fast Food. 3x4 foot, acrylic on canvas.

Early Morning Polo Loco. 3x4 foot acrylic on canvas

Last July he and Andy took a “3,500 mile trip in the R.V.” And the last week in December they spent “visiting friends in Muleje on the southern tip of Baja.”

Nancy Rayl had a Bob Chamness sighting at the film festival in Palm Springs a few months ago. He’s looking fine and is enjoying retirement.
Brian and Marlene Myres came by over the holidays and Brian brought me a wonderful illustrated Avon edition of Shakespeare, “copyrighted” 1889 with an inscription to one Lillian Doyle for Christmas 1890. I am having it restored. It is a treasure. Brian goes to the local auctions and bids on various items. This is the second time has brought me fascinating book. I collect old books—some valuable, some not so valuable, and all interesting.

Brian and Marlene were out here visiting Brian’s daughter, son-in-law, and Brian’s grandchildren. They both look well and are happily in love. We consider it a privilege that they will call us when they’re in town. They have fascinating stories about small town living in Kentucky. Lots of laughs. Good time.

Joe Boyle says that Neill Cooney has retired. Neill is now teaching one class, and playing golf with at least three or four golf hustlers—Ron Redman, Don Hucker, and Ric Gruver. They took all my cash, so I stopped playing with them. Redman is semi-pro and Gruver got a hole in one after playing for only a few months. Only a fool plays with guys like that. Somehow, however, I think that Neill is holding his own.

Don Tyrell was at the Holiday Party and had his quill pen with him. I once remarked to Don that he should be a doctor, considering his handwriting. He will get to computers someday, but only after he masters the ballpoint. Unfortunately, he receives the “Connection” by Conestoga wagon. The picture below pretty well tells it all when I asked him if he knew if he was one of the most
popular members of the Cypress staff. President Marjorie Lewis reminded us that students she meets in the community always ask about Don. He has made a major impact on their lives.

Don Tyrell, a great counselor with an infectious grin.

At the last South Coast Repertory theatrical production, we heard a “hello” from Nancy Rayl and then turned around and standing beside us were Gail and Larry Taylor. It was a Cypress reunion. Everyone looked great and full of energy. Gail is again working on the Americana Awards to be presented at the Disneyland banquet, Feb 25th, and Nancy is into endless traveling, teaching writing, and being a grandmother.

Cy Edwards is doing well and looks well. He is golfing, playing the guitar and traveling. He spent three months in Barbados, has been back to Brooklyn and he’s still lecturing and assisting in sociology classes. He loves retirement and doesn’t sound as if he is willing to give up his flexible time for too much structure. As you can see he looks happy and healthy.

Sandy McLeod had a Mitz Maeda sighting a few months ago. I believe he said he saw him at a Home Depot. Sandy and Georgia have been spending a lot of skiing time at Whistler in Canada. The skiing, he says, finally “got good.” Want good snow, I say, go to Mammoth over ten feet of frozen water flakes.

Lou Lawrence sent a beautiful card, one of her masterpieces, with a view of Winslow on Bainbridge Island and the Washington State Ferry sailing for Seattle. What gorgeous country. She wondered if we’d ever considered moving back to Washington where I spent time as a youngster. She makes a compelling case and has an interesting story to tell: “I discovered Bainbridge Island from the air when I was doing a check ride for Western Airlines in 1964. I looked down at the island and said ‘Someday I’m going to live there.’”
She and Al have a cruise scheduled for this summer, a trip to Switzerland, one to Canada, and one to San Francisco.

Speaking of cruises, Kay and Mal Bruce have been on a long one and have kept many of us up to date in her personal newsletter, sending emails from onboard. As Kay says:

“We have now traveled to all 7 continents. We logged about 25,000 miles on this trip by Ship, train, sky rides, buses, ferries, and planes. We met many interesting persons on the ship who had unique stories of their lives. We saw the riches of the rich and the poorest of the poor. We saw many more commonalities than differences in people in different countries.”

Bill Svendsen called to get Cathy McCandless’s phone number or email address. She left Southern California a few years ago and resides in Shelby Township, Michigan. Bill is concluding his real estate studies at Irvine Valley College and is enjoying the classes. He comes into San Juan from Laguna every now and then to get hay for his animals.

Emeritus/Retiree Benefit Package

Thanks to the efforts of many, the Academic Senate, and Michael Brydges, in particular, retirees now have access to free parking passes, have library privileges, and can get and email address at the college. Contact Ana Cota at M&O for parking passes. Contact the library for library privileges. Click on the link below to request an email address. It will take about six weeks before this email capability can be fully processed:

http://www.cypresscollege.edu/~ac/forms/E-mail%20Setup%20Form.pdf
Reminder: Pat Ganer is collecting anecdotes from retirees to include in the Cypress History for the 40th Anniversary Celebration. We also need names and addresses of former students, so that they can be invited to the festivities. You may send them to me or Don Bedard or Raul Alvarez. They will be forwarded to those who handle the invitations.

You can reach Pat at 714/484-8668 or at pganer@cypresscollege.edu.

Keep those emails, cards, letters and phone calls coming.

email: paob@earthlink.net

If you’re not online, send a letter:

Pat O’Brien

Address and Phone available from
Public Information Office
“We’ll leave the light on for you.”

Tony Jones of the United Faculty Needs Some Help With the Union’s History:
“We would like to request faculty who were involved with the UF to provide us with information on their activities. We are beginning to develop a history of the organization and would like to make sure we know who has been involved as board members, officers, organizers in the beginning, general hell raisers, etc.
You can send information to tjones@cypresscollege.edu”

The American Awards

The Americana Awards are to be presented February 25th. For those of you who receive this newsletter by email, I am sending you the basic information under a follow-up email. Unfortunately, those who receive this by snail mail will probably not receive the information in time—my apologies.
Attendance at 2006 Americana Awards Tops 700

For the first time in the 31-year history of the Cypress College Foundation’s Americana Awards, attendance at the event topped 700 people. The awards are given annually to citizens in our primary attendance area to recognize their outstanding work in the community. Irv Pickler was honored as the Man of the Year, the Tiger Woods Learning Center as the Distinguished Community Partner and Rev. Ralph Juengel with the President’s Distinguished Service Award. We’ll have more on Americana in next week’s edition. Enjoy the slideshow.