May 19, 2006, Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

Softball Earns Team’s Fifth State Championship Title

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The women's softball team earned the Chargers fifth state championship with a 1-0 victory over Mt. San Antonio College on Mother’s Day. Cypress came back from a one run loss to Mt. SAC earlier in the day to take the title. All five of Cypress's championships were won under the tutelage of head coach Brad Pickler.

Freshman third baseman Brittnay Hay drove in the game winning run to propel the Chargers to the championship. Freshman Alyssa Gutierrez got her first pitching start of the tournament in the championship game. Gutierrez retired ten batters in a row before allowing the first Mt. SAC player to reach base.

In the fifth inning, Cypress pulled out two hits in the inning to score. Freshman outfielder Sabrina Hernandez singled to center to lead off. Freshman outfielder Jade Espinoza laid down a sacrifice bunt to move Hernandez to second. Gutierrez grounded out to second moving Hernandez over and Hay singled to third with Hernandez scoring the game-winning run.

Cypress didn't get a hit after the fifth but the lone run stood up for the victory. Gutierrez struck out two batters in the seventh and forced a ground out to end the game. She allowed just three hits while striking out six to finish her freshman season with a 17-2 record.

Cypress celebrated the victory before an eleven hour bus ride back home from Redding. Cypress was awarded the newly designed State Championship trophy along with numerous individual accolades. Gutierrez won Most Valuable Player honors for the State Tournament getting two RBIs and winning the championship game on the mound. Sophomore pitcher Elisa Graves earned Most Valuable Pitcher as she pitched the first four games for Cypress allowing just two earned runs with 18 strikeouts for a tournament ERA of .540. Espinoza won Golden Glove honors for her fielding work over the tournament including a homerun-saving catch through the fence in the team’s first game against Mt. SAC.

The Chargers closed out the season at 53-5, their best record since 1998. They earned their fifth straight Orange Empire Conference Championship, the eleventh overall for Pickler.

Employees Honored for Service to the College and NOCCCD at End of the Year Luau

Jim Phillips received a standing ovation from his colleagues as he was honored for his 40 years of service to Cypress College. The Economics professor was one of 121 people who received service pins for their work on campus and in the District. The pins were presented at Tuesday's End of the Year Luau.

40 years of Service
Jim Phillips.

35 years of Service
Russ Flynn, Pat Ganer, Brian Killen, Chuck Licari and Bob Vandergrift.

30 years of Service
Ellen Berger, Tom Enders, Regina Ford, Ric Gorno, Bob Harkrider, Renie Harter and Angela Lippolt-Rios.
Culinary Arts Major Nancy McCann is Selected as Outstanding Graduate for 2006

Nancy McCann has spent the past five years enrolled at Cypress College. As she prepares to graduate, she has hopes of returning. In another five years, she sees herself as an adjunct Culinary Arts instructor. McCann returned to college in 2001, at age 35, after taking a safety and sanitation class that was part of the Culinary Arts Program. Through that experience, McCann realized that she longed to return to college to achieve her childhood dream of getting a college education. When she enrolled at Cypress College, McCann had worked in retail and distribution for 25 years. In 1996, she purchased the company she had worked for; still, she was aware that if something happened to her business, it would be difficult to obtain solid employment without a college degree or another set of skills. After researching alternatives, McCann decided to pursue an Associate in Arts Degree in Culinary Arts.

McCann feels she has achieved her educational and professional goals. She has received academic scholarships from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, the California Restaurant Association Educational Foundation, and the Anaheim Area Hotel and Lodging Association. She is named in the Who’s Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, was named to the President’s Honor Roll for the fall 2005 semester, and earned certificates from the National Restaurant Association.

Through her studies in the Culinary Arts Program, McCann was hired part-time at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Resort, where she is now the lead line cook, overseeing a restaurant that facilitates meals for up to 600 people.

She also maintains her business as a full-time job and is the mother of two community college students.

Her extracurricular involvement includes 20 years of volunteering in an Orange County community organization and on campus.

Newscaster, Producer Claire Mack to Deliver Commencement Address on Wednesday

Claire Mack’s media career spanned nearly 30 years at Bay-area television stations KGO and KCSM. She also spent 20 years in politics and, even in retirement, maintains her own consulting business.

A one-time high school dropout, Mack went on to complete her diploma, and earn an associate degree in broadcasting from the College of San Mateo. She also earned a bachelor’s degree in broadcasting from Antioch College in San Francisco. During her media career, Mack was the producer/host of a half-dozen television programs, including specials on Black history and alcoholism. She produced and hosted a higher education program from 1993-1998. Mack also was the producer/host of two radio shows. She was also involved with KCSM TV’s community affairs efforts, first as the Promotion/Community Affairs Assistant from 1976-1988 and then as the Community Affairs Coordinator for a decade, from 1988-1998.

Mack has served on the American Cancer Society Board, the San Mateo County Arts Council, the American Red Cross Board, the City of San Mateo Planning and Housing Committee, the San Mateo County Grand Jury, the San Mateo NAACP, and was the “first American-African woman” elected to the San Mateo City Council, where she served from 1991-2003.

She and her husband, Edwin, have been married since 1953. They have three daughters and two granddaughters.

Graduation Ceremony at 6 p.m. on Wednesday Adjacent to Gym II

Cypress College’s 39th Commencement will be held on Wednesday (May 24) at 6 p.m.

The ceremony will take place on the East Lawn, adjacent to Gym II. It is open to the entire campus community.

This year 753 students are graduating and 537 have earned occupational certificates. Eleven are members of the Alpha Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

Claire Mack, a Bay-area newscaster, producer and politician will deliver the commencement address (see biography above).

Culinary Arts major Nancy McCann will receive the Outstanding Graduate Award for 2006 (see her bio at the top of this page).

Fifty-two students were nominees for the award and 19 finalists were considered by a campus committee for the honor.

Walter Bowman, a local real estate broker, will receive the Alumnus of the Year Award. Bowman has a long history of involvement with the college, including the Patrons of the Arts and the Foundation Board (see the April 7, 2006 edition of @Cypress for his bio).

This is the final edition of @Cypress for the 2005-2006 academic year. @Cypress will return on Opening Day (August 18). Please send submissions for that edition to the Public Information Office.

For nearly a half-million students, Cypress College has been a springboard to their dreams. Come to Cypress College and Go Places!
Entire Dental Hygiene Class of 2006 Passes National Board Exams

Congratulations to the Cypress College Dental Hygiene Class of 2006 for a 100% pass on the Dental Hygiene National Boards. “The senior students did an outstanding job on their boards with scores above the national average in all subject areas,” said Ina Rydalch, Director of the Dental Hygiene Program at Cypress College. “Several students received a high score, one a 97% (99% is considered a perfect score) and another a 95%.” Rydalch noted that the testing director at American Dental Association told her that “again, Cypress did very well, you always represent the profession and demonstrate a high proficiency.” The final school ranking is expected to arrive in August. The program traditionally ranks at, or near, the top in the nation.

Engineering Students Selected for National Science Foundation Program

Two Cypress College students — Torrey Dickinson, of Buena Park, and Christina Shu, of Cypress — have been selected to participate in the Summer 2006 National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Program. The program will be conducted at Loyola Marymount University.

Dickinson is a Civil Engineering major who is planning to transfer to Cal Poly Pomona. Shu, a Material Science Engineering major, plans to transfer next year as well. Both are sophomores.

The students were nominated by Engineering faculty member Brinda Subramaniam and their selection was finalized by the Loyola Marymount University faculty.

As participants in the NSF REU Program these two students will be conducting research with 17 other outstanding community college students and six Loyola Marymount University students under the direction of LMU faculty and staff. Each participant receives free on-campus housing and tuition, and a $4,410 stipend.

Service Pins Awarded to Employees for their Dedication to CC

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25 years of Service
John Alexander, George Beyer, Elmo Castro, Mary Kay Davis, Betty Disney, Carolee Freer, Marilyn Glattly and Mark Majarian.

20 years of Service
Joel Baca, Pat Boer, Joe Franks, Laura Greico, Rob Johnson, George Kraft, Carol Lewis, Rosalie Majid, Peter Mathews, Byron Russell and Tom Parisi.

15 years of Service
Minnie Allison, Peggy Austin, Ana Cota, Liana Koeppel, Katie Kruse, Jann Nelson, Patty Pelachik, Brad Pickler, Cecilia Richie, Cynthia Shroot and Kazuyo Takahashi.

10 years of Service

5 years of Service

Rosalie Majid, Director, Health Information Technology Program, is hosting a “Webinar” — short for a Web Seminar — next Thursday (May 25). Consider it an electronic outreach effort intended to increase exposure, and thereby increase enrollment. For those interested in the Webinar, a flyer with all the details is included in the @Cypress “Extras” section.

Cypress College is currently celebrating the campus’ 40th anniversary. The college first opened on September 12, 1966 — an unbelievable 74 days after escrow closed on the 110-acre former dairy farm. Newsweek magazine described it as “the instant campus.” Several events will mark the anniversary. The community is invited to attend a campus Open House on Saturday, October 21, 2006, from 2-5 p.m. One highlight is the opportunity for former students to visit some of their friends and faculty members.

Former students and employees can reconnect with the college and subscribe to our upcoming Alumni Newsletter by visiting http://www.CypressCollege.edu/40th. More information about the anniversary can be found at that address as well.
The Cypress Masterworks Chorale, Camerata & Orchestra Proudly Present

Benjamin Britten’s
WAR REQUIEM

Featuring:
Susan Montgomery, Soprano
Nicholas Preston, Tenor
Steven Pence, Baritone,
And the
Southern California Children's Chorus
Dr. Sheridan Ball, Director

Date/Time: Sunday - June 4 - 4:00 PM
Cypress College Campus Theater - Address: 9200 Valley View Street, Cypress
South of the 91 freeway - Between Lincoln & Orange

On Sunday, June 4th, at 4:00 PM the Cypress Masterworks Chorale, Camerata and Concert Orchestra will present what many critics consider to be one of the most powerful choral/orchestral compositions of the 20th century, the dramatic anti-war masterpiece - Benjamin Britten’s War Requiem. This remarkable composition is being performed with greater frequency in recent years, probably reflecting some degree of social commentary regarding the United States’ ongoing entanglements in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Middle East in general.

Composed in 1961 to celebrate the consecration of the new Coventry Cathedral in England (the original having been destroyed by Luftwaffe bombs in World War II), the War Requiem employs a remarkable collection of over 200 performers. There are two orchestras on stage - a standard concert orchestra and a smaller chamber ensemble - plus three soloists, a large symphonic chorus and a children's choir. The sheer dimensions of such a monumental undertaking have often discouraged more frequent productions of this powerful piece. Nevertheless, the War Requiem is highly regarded in the music world and more ensembles are mounting productions of this masterful composition as it develops an ever-increasing following. Having once experienced the War Requiem, music aficionados are often anxious for the next opportunity to hear this remarkable piece.

Why this great appreciation for such a massive and yet profoundly thought-provoking work? By the time Benjamin Britten composed the War Requiem he was already world renowned as one of the great composers of his generation. He also was not in the least hesitant to declare himself a conscientious objector to what he viewed as the cataclysmic consequences of war. Having personally lost several friends and acquaintances to the ravages of World War II, Britten was very receptive to the commission from Coventry and set about the task of designing a definitive anti-war statement.

After considerable research Britten decided to structure the work on the model of a traditional Requiem Mass, which had proven to be such a powerful framework for so many great composers of the past. But intertwined within this Mass, Britten inserted the poetry of Wilfred Owen, a young English lieutenant who had been killed in the last few days of World War I. During the course of the war, Owen's poetry had become more and more poignant and disturbingly descriptive in revealing the "pity of war". His work often sought to unveil the inner depths of the soldier's existence - probing the lives and emotions of those devastated or destroyed by war's malevolent passage. Fortunately for us all, Britten proved to be the perfect musical conduit to communicate Wilfred Owen's dramatic poetry.

The artistic union of these two creative forces gave birth to one of the 20th century's most profound works of art - the War Requiem.

The Cypress Masterworks Chorale and Camerata, a combined ensemble of 120 singers, has toured throughout Europe, Russia, and the Middle East, and has performed at the Hollywood Bowl, the Orange County Performing Arts Center, the Vatican and Radio Vienna, in addition to three appearances in New York City's famed Carnegie Hall. The Chorale also performed at the Sydney Opera House, in conjunction with their New Zealand-Australia concert tour and last summer made their second appearance at the Vatican as part of their Italy concert tour.

Dr. Sheridan Ball received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of Northern Colorado and a Doctorate of Musical Arts from the University of Southern California. He served as the Chairman of the Cypress College Music Department for six years and is currently celebrating his 25th Anniversary Season as director of the Cypress Masterworks Chorale & Camerata. Dr. Ball is also an Associate Conductor for MidAmerica Productions in New York City.

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Health Information Technology/Medical Staff Services Science Program Information Webinar

Date: May 25, 2006
Time: 10:00 am to 11:30 am
Title: Rosalie Majid - Health Information Technology Program Information Workshop
College: Cypress College
Faculty: Rosalie Majid, RHIA

Participant/Student DETAILS:

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The Cypress College Foundation held the annual Scholarship Awards Convocation on Monday, May 15, 2006, awarding scholarships to the largest group of participants in recent memory. Click anywhere to launch the slideshow.
End of the Year Luau

The annual End of the Year Luau was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 (see page 1 for details). Click anywhere to launch the slideshow.
The Week in Pictures

It was a busy week as the semester and academic year come to a close. Take a look at a variety of events, from the Vo/Tech BBQ to construction to the 2nd Annual ESL Potluck (OK, it was on May 5, but now we’ve got pictures). Click anywhere to launch the slideshow.
Cypress College hosted its annual Hall of Fame Ceremony on Thursday, May 18, 2006 in Gym II. Twenty three players were inducted from the colleges 14 athletic programs while baseball player Wes Etheridge and softball player Lindsay Skarsten (seen above) were selected as the male and female Scholar Athletes for 2006. Retired Sports Information Director Alan Lombardi received the Lifetime Service Award. Click anywhere to launch the slideshow.
Softball Captures State Championship

The Softball Team captured the program’s 5th California Title on Mother’s Day (May 14, 2006). Congratulations to Coach Brad Pickler and the women. Click anywhere to launch the slideshow.