

THIS WEEK

2 • Saturday

» Saturday Classes in Session (no holiday)

4 • Monday

» Labor Day holiday (campus closed)

5 • Tuesday

» 16-week, late-start classes begin

12 • Tuesday

» NOCCCD Board of Trustees meeting, Anaheim Campus, 5:30 p.m.

13-14 • Wednesday-Thursday

» AS Welcome Back Week event

DID YOU KNOW?

Editors of the *New Oxford American Dictionary* selected “podcast” as the Word of the Year for 2005. Podcast is defined by the reference as “a digital recording of a radio broadcast or similar program, made available on the Internet for downloading to a personal audio player.” The word is derived from a combination of “broadcasting” and “iPod” — though neither is actually required for a podcast to be produced or heard.

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September 1, 2006 Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

Core Values:

Excellence

Integrity

Collegiality

Inclusiveness

16-Week, Late-Start Courses Begin This Coming Week

► **With enrollment running even compared to last fall, the late-start classes present an opportunity to meet the campus growth target.**

Cypress College’s late-start courses begin this coming week, presenting an opportunity for enrollment growth since enrollment this semester is running even with the same period last year.

The classes last 16 weeks and offer full-credit. They conclude just before the winter break.

All course sections with space still available are listed on the college Web site. They can be found with one-click access by selecting the “Open Classes” link under “Quick Links” at the lower left of the

Cypress College home page.

Among the additional efforts to promote these classes are a listing on the new marquee.

All students who are eligible to enroll this semester are receiving a personalized e-mail reminding them of the opportunity to start a class or add an additional class.

Late-start classes are also promoted in the college’s first-ever Podcast (see story below), which was made available on Thursday.

In addition to the late-start classes, students have one other opportunity to select courses for the fall: “Half-Semester Courses” begin the week of October 23.

These classes offer full credit in just nine weeks of study. The courses are also on the “Open Classes” list on the Web.

On the Air: Cypress College ‘Podcast’ Debuts With a Focus on Student Success

Cypress College has launched a “Podcast” — essentially a computer-file based radio-style show — to help tell the college’s story to students and those who are considering enrolling. The first episode hit the Internet on Thursday. It is being announced in an e-mail sent to the roughly 20,000 students who are eligible to take classes this semester. It will also be available as a free download from the popular [iTunes Music Store](#).

The first edition features an interview with Joyce Ricci, the college’s Interim Dean of Counseling and Student Development. She discusses various strategies for students to be successful and avenues for them to find assistance.

You can [listen to the show online by clicking here](#) or you can [subscribe to this, and future, editions, by adding this link](#) to your iTunes library.

40th Anniversary Open House on Oct. 21

The entire campus community is welcome to attend — and encouraged to participate in — the upcoming 40th Anniversary Open House, which will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, October 21. A brief program will be available in the Theater at 2:30 p.m. The event will also provide an opportunity for former students to visit with their professors, and a number of retired faculty and staff are expected to be on hand. [Please encourage any former students and or colleagues to participate in this event.](#)

Alumni Newsletter Set to Mail

Cypress College’s new alumni newsletter — appropriately titled “*Chargers*” — should begin arriving in homes by this time next week. The four-page, full-color document features updates on a number of former students, information on the 40th Anniversary Open House and a feature story on two alums who faced off against each other in a Major League Baseball game. Alumni can sign up to receive the publication by filling in contact information on our [Web site’s 40th Anniversary page](#).

CHARGERS

Congratulations to Baseball Coach **Scott Pickler**, who managed the [Yarmouth-Dennis Red Sox](#) to the [Cape Cod League](#) championship on August 13. It's his second league title in the past three years. The 122-year-old Cape Cod League's official season preview article said Pickler "is one of the nation's top junior college coaches and has the prestigious distinction of being named 'National Coach of the Year' three times."



Sixteen of Pickler's former Cypress College players from the 2006 season are moving on with scholarships and A.A. degrees: **Josh Tamba**, Louisiana State University; **Matt Wallach**, Cal State Fullerton; **Wes Etheridge**, UC Irvine; **Garrett Green**, San Diego State; **Mike Evola**, Cal Poly Pomona; **Nick Rhodes**, University Of Hawaii; **Matt Miller**, Mesa State, Colorado; **Justin Arika**, Texas A&M Arlington; **Joel Weeks**, Cal State Fullerton; **Jason Fronczak**, UC Irvine; **Taylor Green**, Oregon State; **Blaine Wilson**, University of the Pacific; **Garrett Young**, Liberty University; **David Stokes**, Liberty University; **Jason Shimizu**, Hawaii Pacific; and **Mike Vass**, UC Riverside.

Registration Question and Answers from the Admissions and Records Office

Can Students Still Apply For The Fall Semester?

Yes! Students can apply to the college by using the [online application](#). Computers are available in A&R, Business, the L/LRC, the Transfer Center, and Student Activities.

Are Students Enrolled If They've Been Given An Add Code?

No, students are officially enrolled when they add the class in WebStar with the add code they were provided and pay the required fees. They should do this immediately.

How Are Classes Added That Have Already Started?

Students must obtain a four-digit "Add" Code from the instructor — if there's seat availability.

How Are Classes Added That Haven't Started But Are Closed?

Students must attend the first class meeting

and obtain a four-digit "Add" Code from the instructor — if there's seat availability.

How Are Online Classes Added?

The student must first e-mail the instructor. If there's seat availability, the instructor will e-mail the student an "Add" Code.

Are Add Codes Good All Semester Long?

No, they are only good until the add deadline for that particular class.

Where Can Class Deadlines Be Found?

Deadlines for semester-length classes are on the "IMPORTANT DATES" page of the Class Schedule. Deadlines for short-term class are provided under the CRN in the Class Schedule.

What's Wrong If A Student's Name Does Not Appear On A Roster?

The student has not added the class, has dropped the class or has been dropped for non payment.

Can Students Still Attend A Class If They Are Not On The Roster?

Allowing non-enrolled students to sit in a class may result in the student not receiving a final grade or units completed for the class and it's an enormous liability for the College.

Is A Student Officially Enrolled If Their Name Is Penciled In On The Roster?

No, the student must properly add the class and pay the required fees to be officially enrolled.

Should An Instructor Print A New Roster Periodically?

Yes, a new roster will keep the instructor advised of those students who are officially enrolled in the class.

What Are Webstar's Hours?

Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-11:30 p.m.; Saturday 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, September 10 and October 22 only, 7 a.m.-11:30 p.m.

Blueprint

A report on Cypress College's Construction Projects

By the time this edition of *@Cypress* hits e-mail boxes, the campus may just have a new elevator in service. The new lift adjacent to Tech Ed 2 near Gym 2 is set to undergo a certification inspection sometime today (Friday, September 1). If all goes as planned, the elevator will go into service, the first of three in a package that also includes Tech Ed 1 and Business. Taking a combined look at the three elevators, the project is 45% complete. A fourth elevator, part of a different project, is being built inside the Fine Arts Building.

Progress is also visible on the section of piazza between the two Gym buildings and above the Student Activities Center. The new railing is going into place and progressing at a solid pace. It appears that the crews have benefitted from the learning curve on the first phase of the piazza repair and are making good progress. The second phase, which also includes the area adjacent to Humanities, SEM and the west side of Fine Arts, is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

That's just the tip of the iceberg.

Here is a roundup of the status of all the other construction projects on campus: Library/Learning Resource Center, 99% complete; Central Plant, 95% complete; M&O, 95% complete; Student Activities Center, 98% complete; Cypress College Complex, floors 1 and 2, 100% complete; Cypress College Complex remodel, floors 3 and 4, 2% complete; Student Center and Bookstore, utilities in progress; piazza renovation, 38% complete; electrical upgrade, 100% complete; School of Continuing Education Building, 5% complete; Remodel for Efficiency (RFE) in Tech Ed III, 100% complete; RFE in Business, 60%; RFE in Tech Ed I, 50% complete on the first floor and 25% complete on the second floor; RFE for Theater Arts and RFE for Gym II, submitted to Department of State Architecture; and the field restrooms are in the design phase.

BRIEFLY

The District has recently implemented some new security measures requiring users to change their Banner password once every 90 days. Approximately 45 days prior to the password expiring, when logging in to Banner, users receive notifications that the password will expire in so many days. A file in the "Banner Documentation" folder on the J-drive describes the steps to change your Banner password. Remember to change your password before it expires. Those who do not make the change prior to its expiration will have to call the District IS Helpdesk at ext. 84849 to regain access. The new measures are intended to better protect Banner's data.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- **FULL-CREDIT:** Cypress College's 58 bachelor's-degree programs are equivalent to the first two years at Cal State, the University of California, and many private universities
- **FAST:** 122 career-certificate programs, completed in one semester to two years
- **EARN MORE:** Associate's degrees are offered in 48 areas of study; earning an associate's degree boosts lifetime earnings by \$250,000
- **LOW COST:** \$78, plus books, for a typical class
- **FINANCIAL AID:** Cypress College administers more than \$6 million in federal and state funds annually
- **FLEXIBLE:** Classes available during the day, evening, on the weekend and even online

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The Cypress Connection

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The 40th Year

Remember when you had your 40th birthday? Your friends howled with glee, bought you “grim reaper” birthday cards, festooned your office with black balloons, and chortled because they were only 39. And who knows what your enemies were doing?

Well, this is the 40th for Cypress College and there are big doings on the way. Everyone is invited to this party. It is a festival, celebrating an institution that was mother and father to all of us, and though at times we liked to criticize, complain, and occasionally “diss” our own family, we spent the best years of our working lives in one of the most creative environments and among some of the most creative people we will ever know. It was as messy as a democracy and equally as thrilling. It was our second home, our creative outlet, our blank canvass, our laughing and debating place. It was, and still is, an important part of our lives.

Come meet old friends and colleagues. Come meet former students. We are Cypress’s history.

If you’re in the area, don’t miss the celebration. It is...

“Welcome Back Retirees.”



New Library

As many of you may have read in Marc Posner’s campus news. You can visit it online and see the campus changes at the following website. Copy and paste it into your address block;

<http://www.cypresscollege.edu/~pio/@Cypress/@Cypress-2006-08-25.pdf>

The new library is really state of the art, incredible. I attended the dedication ceremonies and was given, along with many others, a tour of the facility, its stacks, study rooms, computer search systems, the educational lab, the works. It’s a long way from index cards.

Cypress College Connection
Margie Lewis
August 2006

Dear Retirees:

The college is celebrating its 40th anniversary this year, and we want you to come back and help us mark the occasion.

We have scheduled a campus-wide Open House for Saturday, October 21, from 2:00-5:00 p.m. There will be a brief program in the Theater from 2:30-3:00, at which time former college presidents and Associated Students presidents will be introduced. We will also have some musical entertainment by the student cast that is performing "Bye Bye, Birdie" this fall, and there will be a video with highlights of the last forty years.

Following this program there will be campus tours, and each division will be open to provide a place for retirees and alumni to reminisce with each other and with current faculty and staff. The Patrons of the Arts will sell refreshments out by the pond, and the Bookstore will have 40th anniversary mementoes available for sale. We will also be selling copies of the college's forty-year history, which is being written by Pat Ganer.

Both the Art Department and Photography Department are mounting alumni and retiree shows this fall. The galleries will be open on October 21 for you and our other guests to visit.

The college is truly being transformed by the massive construction projects underway. The new Library/Learning Resource Center, which opened last January, is a beautiful, state-of-the-art building; the new Maintenance and Operations Building opened this summer; Business, Tech Ed I, Tech Ed III/Health Science, the Theater, the Cypress College Complex (formerly the Library/Administration Building), and the tennis courts have been renovated. The piazza is also being renovated.

Please plan to visit us on October 21 to renew old friendships and to see how the campus has changed. We would love to have you join us.

For more information please contact me at 714/484-7308.

Margie Lewis

Whose Doin' What?

Rick Gruver has been “busy” playing golf. A few months ago he was in Kona, then Palm Springs and then off to his home state Pennsylvania. In July he played Arnold Palmer’s course in Latrobe.



Several years ago, when Rick was new to golf, he made a hole-in-one at a local course in Long Beach. **Don Hucker, Ron Redman** and I were witnesses, but we couldn’t help asking ourselves: Where is the justice? I’ve played over thirty years and have yet to get a hole-in-one. I don’t know about the others, but I gave serious consideration to signing up for **Rick’s** psychological services to relieve me of my anguish.



|Char Felos on the “40th Committee”

Why is it not surprising that an artist would send a letter written in a clear, clean # 2 pencil? Great

letter. Filled with information. The writer? **Char Felos**. She begins her letter with the familiar retiree mantra “Like most retirees, I’m busy!”

She does, however, miss teaching and the students and the “excitement in their faces when they discover something.” She also misses the “sharing of ideas with colleagues.”

As we would expect, she is “making art.” She has had two art exhibits in May. One opened in Boulder, Colorado and the other in Ojai, California. She is also chair of the architectural committee in her community of Seabridge in Huntington Beach. It is “ a full time job.” She loves sports cars and bought a silver Porche a year ago.

She’s remodeled her home of twenty-seven years—“gutted it.” She meets many of her former students at Walt’s Warf in Seal Beach for lunch and has dinner with former colleagues who are not only friends but also “really family.”

She’s serving on the 40th Anniversary Committee for the College. It meets regularly to make the anniversary a success. Retirees are important to that success.

As so many of us have said: How did I have time to work? I don't really know." (Interesting side note: She doesn't go online and yes, she still uses a three-hole binder. It seems that **Don Tyrell** has a soul mate.)

Nancy Rayl, Marsha Jeffer, Nelson and **Chris Dudley, Marilyn** and I, along with **Nancy's** son **Matt** and his wife **Teji**, enjoyed a dinner at **Nancy's** a few weeks ago. **Nelson** and **Chris** are consummate motor-home vagabonds, especially to the high desert. They keep meeting fascinating travelers on the highways and in the camp grounds.

Marsha is busy with her Mailbox Etc. in Long Beach where she and other franchise owners are trying to wrestle United Parcel Service to the legal mat, nationwide—fairly successfully, it seems. She's nearly ready for complete retirement—finally.



Nancy is headed to Churchill, Canada to go dogsledding and to visit the polar bears, somewhere up in the Great North. She can't stand temperatures below 60

degrees. It will be 30—minus. Good luck.

We spent the evening rehashing some of the lighter moments of our Cypress careers. The party was punctuated with laughter and exclamations, such as: "Remember the time that **Carl Ehman** did.... And **Jack Spindle** said....And **Bill Clarke** rumbled that he thought that....And **Jim Lucostic** said to **Bob Vandergrift** at the Stanton tennis courts when ...and **Dale Carlisle** received an award for best retention of students because he forgot to turn in his drops?" The memories just kept coming.

Brian and **Marlene Myres** returned from Ecuador shortly after the last newsletter reached your computers and/or desks. **Brian** is a devoted "birder" and he viewed about 200 species on the trip, which puts him over 2,500 species on his life list. He and **Marlene** met an ex-patriot who now lives on the western slope of the Andes, and they say that "in one morning we saw 18 species of hummingbirds at his feeders—spectacular."



He and **Marlene** are politically involved in KASES—the Kentucky Association of Science Educators and Skeptics—“still fighting the good fight against introducing creationism into the curriculum.”

Sandy Schaefer says that she and her husband **Bob** “have been retired since last May (2005), although he still has some business ventures.” They’ve “been taking lots of trips to Cincinnati to see old friends and grandchildren (and the tall stacks in October).” They visit various “active senior communities”—for possible transplantation?

They are “spending September in New Zealand and Australia (driving through the mountains on the British side of the road.)” In November they will be in Seattle and Vancouver.

So far she misses her “students but definitely not the essays.” She’s “been taking (vocal) music classes (at Cypress)--some with **Barbara Marrs**.” **Sandy** has also been a volunteer “for CatsInNeed (basically feeding, cage-cleaning, ferrying cats to vet, and serious playing.)” Her husband “grants wishes and speaks for Make-A-Wish, and [they] both are about to start work for Habitat for Humanity (easy, non-skilled jobs

only).” They “also belong to the Continuing Learning Experience for seniors at CSUF, so [they] get to hear all kinds of interesting lectures, concerts and learn new skills.”



Dee Showley was “recruited by, and has been working (unpaid volunteer) with Professor James Tabor to make more people and bookstores (from Great Britain to So. Cal.) aware the significance of his new book, The Jesus Dynasty.”

Dee says that it is “a brilliant secular study of Jesus and his extended family based on archeological, scientific historical, physical and chemical evidence, using critical historical and literary analysis. His reconstruction is based on provocative theses—a bold new synthesis.”

After several years as an adjunct professor at Cal State, **Dee** is “satisfied to work as a Grad. TA.” However, “preparing lectures and tests takes away” from his “reading and writing time.” His wife **Pam** is teaching and loves it.

Sue Parmenter writes that her son **Luke Britton** was married on May 27th in a “wonderfully traditional New England Congregational Church in East Corinth.” The reception took place “under a tent in the upper pasture of family property on Taplin Hill.” She promised to send more at a later date, perhaps for the next newsletter. Congratulations to the bride and groom.



Sandy McLeod is still writing for the Viet Tide where he is given a free hand in writing stories on a bi-weekly basis of around 1,000 words. He sent me a beautifully written piece about Maya Lin, a 21-year-old architectural student at Yale who “entered a design competition for the Vietnam War memorial.” She won. If you are interested in reading a fascinating story let me know, and I’ll see about having **The Wall and Maya Lin** forwarded to your computer, with the writer’s permission, of course. Nicely done, **Sandy**.

Gail Taylor located **Gayna Morris**, nee **Byrd**, while **Gail** and **Larry** were in Ashland, Oregon enjoying the Shakespearean festival. (**Jack Weber’s** daughter

Holly has been involved in the productions there for many years.)



Gayna moved to Salem, Oregon about eleven years ago. (This is where **Jim Lucostic** and his wife **Gena** moved when they left Florence, Oregon.)

Many of you will remember that **Gayna** worked in Student Activities and the Business Office before becoming the Bookstore Manager .

Gayna says that "Since we've been in Oregon, most of our travels have been to Canada since it is so close. "She is happy and well.

Brief Note

We haven’t heard from many of the classified staff recently. Please send us some stories and let us know what you’re doing. There are lots of us out here who want to know how your retirement is going.

Apologies to **Lu Lawrence** for misspelling her name “Lou” in the last edition. It was a mental lapse. Whatever cruise ship you and **Al** are gracing with your knowledge, enjoy your trip.

IDIOTS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD:

I live in a semi-rural area. We recently had a new neighbor call the local township administrative office to request the removal of the Deer Crossing sign on our road. The reason:

"Too many deer are being hit by cars out here! I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore."

(From Kingman , KS).

IDIOTS IN FOOD SERVICE:

My daughter went to a local Taco Bell and ordered a taco. She asked the person behind the counter for "minimal lettuce." He said he was sorry, but they only had iceberg.

*He was a Chef? Yep..
.From(Kansas City !)*

STAY ALERT!

They walk among us ... and they REPRODUCE

(Thanks to Tom Cooper for the jokes)

I apologize for the following, but I couldn't resist it:

Mahatma Gandhi was what wives wish their husbands were: thin, tan, and moral. (unknown)

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



Email: paob@earthlink.net

If you're not online, send a letter:

Pat O'Brien

"We'll leave the light on for you."