

## THIS WEEK

### 22 • Wednesday

- » Last day to drop classes with a "W" for semester-length courses

### 23-26 • Thursday-Sunday

- » Thanksgiving holiday (campus closed)

### 28 • Tuesday

- » [Registration for Spring 2007 semester and Winter Intersession begins](#)
- » NOCCCD Board of Trustees meeting, Anaheim Campus, 5:30 p.m.

### 30 • Thursday

- » Academic Senate meeting, Staff Conference Center, 3-5 p.m.

### 7 • Thursday

- » [President's Holiday Reception](#), Theater Lobby, 9:30-11 a.m.

## THEY SAID IT

**"Kindness is in our power, even when fondness is not."**

– Samuel Johnson

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November 20, 2006, Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

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## Americana Finds "That Lovin' Feelin'" With Man of the Year Pick

► **Bill Medley of The Righteous Brothers is selected by the Foundation as the 2007 Man of the Year recipient.**

Add Americana Man of the Year to the list of accomplishments of [Bill Medley](#). Medley, half of the '60s duo The Righteous Brothers, is also a Grammy Award winner and a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Medley, who lives in Newport Beach and was raised in Orange County, was selected for his years of service and philanthropy in the community. He is known for his support of Santa Ana High School, his alma mater, and for his work with the Orange County Pavilion. However, the bulk of his time and energy are spent on the [effort to combat lupus](#).

Medley and Bobby Hatfield began performing as The Righteous Brothers in 1962. Their most-popular songs include "You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'," "(You're My) Soul and Inspiration" and "Unchained Melody." The pair continued to perform together until Hatfield's death



in November 2003, about 8 months after The Righteous Brothers were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

In 1987 Medley teamed with Jennifer Warnes on the duet "(I've Had) The Time of My Life," which was included on the soundtrack from the movie *Dirty Dancing*. The song hit number one on the Billboard Hot 100 and won a 1988 Grammy Award for Best Pop Performance by a Duo or Group with Vocal and an Academy Award for Best Original Song.

The Americana Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, February 24, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at the Disneyland Hotel Grand Ballroom. Americana is the Foundation's largest fundraiser.

Last year, with 720 people attending, the event netted \$125,000 — the most-successful effort since Americana was established in 1976. Proceeds support scholarships and endeavors such as the Foundation's "Mini Grants," which

are distributed to programs across campus.

Campus employees and a guest can attend Americana for \$175 per person. Americana seating for the general public is \$225.

## Registration for Spring 2007 and Winter Intersession Begins Next Tuesday

Current students can select their classes for next semester beginning as early as next Tuesday.

Distribution of e-mail notifications presenting students with their registration date and time began last week.

Students who are eligible to enroll will also receive an e-mail newsletter with a reminder from the college.

Additional information will be placed on campus, advertised in the *Chronicle* student newspaper and covered in the next edition of

the Cypress College Podcast.

In addition, faculty are encouraged to share the following information with students:

- Registration begins on November 28
- Registration Information for continuing students (dates and times) is on page 7 of the class schedule.

The Spring 2007 Class Schedule is available both online at <http://www.CypressCollege.edu/schedule.php> and in print on campus in locations such as the Bookstore and Admissions and Records.

Preliminary indications are that the college is on track to meet the year's enrollment target. That, however, requires strong enrollment in the upcoming Spring Semester and the Winter Intersession.



## CHARGERS

A memorial vigil and funeral mass were held last Thursday and Friday, respectively, for **Lisa Gigliotti**, who died earlier this month from injuries and burns sustained in a car accident.

Members of the campus community raised \$950 to help the adjunct Spanish instructor's family with her medical costs. That money has been provided to her husband, Lorenzo, by the Foundation.

Lorenzo e-mailed to share that photos of Lisa, who worked here for 11 years, have been added to the [Web site set up by the family](#).

NOCCCD Trustees also adjourned their November 14 meeting in her honor.



Journalism students earned seven awards at the Journalism Association of Community College's Southern Region Conference earlier this month, according to their adviser, **Robert R. Mercer**. CyChron.Com, the Chronicle's 24/7 online news site, won General Excellence. It has won the award every year since 1998. Students who received individual awards are: Jason Rosete, cartoonist Jasmine, Sarah Shahayar, Jennifer Morris, Armando Torres, Amir Haylock, Annie Rivera, and the Chronicle's editor in chief, Alex Culp.

## Institutional Effectiveness Report, Strategic Plan Status Report Available

Two comprehensive reports have been distributed by the Office of Institutional Research. The 2004-06 Strategic Plan Status Report summarizes the progress made on action plans that were to be completed by the end of the 2005-2006 academic year.

The 2005-06 Institutional Effectiveness Report provides information about the college from various perspectives and levels.

In addition to wide distribution on campus in print, each report is also available in electronic format on the J-Drive. The Institutional Effectiveness Report is in the "Research" directory while the Strategic Plan Status Report is in the "Planning" directory.

Both reports were reviewed by the Board of Trustees during their November 14 meeting.

A [multimedia presentation](#) used to review the two

reports, along with the 2005-2006 End of the Year Report, is also available for review. The End of the Year Report features highlights from the past academic year. Copies of this report are available for your review and distribution from the Public Information Office.

Earlier this month, *@Cypress* reported that two other important planning documents had recently been distributed on campus. Both the Educational Master Plan and the Strategic Plan with Updated Action Plans for 2006-2008 are now available.

The Educational Master Plan was distributed to all Leadership Team members and division offices have 4-5 copies available. It is also on the J-Drive.

Additional copies of the Educational Master Plan and the Strategic Plan with Updated Action Plans are available from Nancy Byrnes' office.

## Blueprint

A report  
on Cypress  
College's  
Construction  
Projects

The Health Center has undergone an elective procedure for a face lift of sorts. The entrance to the center, located on the first floor of Gym 2, has been relocated from under the piazza to the building's exterior, facing Parking Lot 4. An awning will be added to complete the work — which should make the center much easier to find.

The two new elevators for Tech Ed 1 and the Business buildings could be up and running for the start of the spring semester. Inspections of the lifts are scheduled for the early part of January in hopes that they will both be operational when classes begin on January 16.

In order for that to happen, work on Phase II of the piazza will at minimum need to be partially completed. To that end, a test pour of concrete is scheduled to take place during the first week of December. If all goes well, the remaining concrete will be poured during the winter break.

All of the underground work, which centered around utilities and communications infrastructure, on the Student Center project has been completed. Crews are now doing site preparation, which involves moving and re-compacting the dirt on the site. The process should be completed in the next week. Fabrication of the caissons will take place in December. The caissons are drilled into the ground to provide foundational support for the building. Their purpose is the same as driven piles — however, the drilling process is significantly more quiet than the pile-driving exercise. This work is more expensive, but considered to be worth the additional cost considering the location in the center of campus.

There is hope that the path between the Cypress College Complex and the pond will be re-opened in time for the start of the spring semester. Some construction-access issues still must be resolved. If that happens, concrete can be poured along the path.

The third and fourth floors of the Complex are scheduled to open during the second week of February. Administration will be located on the third floor, while conference rooms will occupy the fourth.

## BRIEFLY

It's beginning to look a lot like winter break. The first sign is the save-the-date announcement of the President's Holiday Reception. It will take place on Thursday, December 7, from 9:30-11 a.m., in the Theater Lobby. The annual event is held to thank campus employees for service to the college's students.



In another sign that the end (of the year, anyway) is near: just two editions of *@Cypress* remain before the semester comes to a close. Your trusty newsletter will take this Friday off to recover from all the turkey and stuffing. Publication resumes on Friday, December 1 and the final edition will arrive on December 8.



The NOCCCD Board of Trustees approved the Wage Comparability Study agreement reached earlier by negotiating representatives of the District and Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) #167 and ratified by the CSEA membership. The agreement specifies the parameters to be used in assessing the comparability of the District's classified employee compensation with that of 11 other community college districts within a 40-mile radius.

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# End of the Year Report, Institutional Effectiveness Report and Strategic Plan Update Presented to NOCCCD Trustees

The following information is taken from “News from the Board of Trustees” — A Summary of the Board Meeting of November 14, 2006, prepared by Christie Wallace Noring, the District Director of Public Affairs:

Cypress College Annual Report – Dr. Margie Lewis, President, presented the following Cypress College reports: 2005-2006 End of the Year Report, 2005-06 Institutional Effectiveness Report, and 2004-2008 Strategic Plan with Objectives and Action Plans for 2006-2008.

In the presentation that was positively received by the Board, Dr. Lewis highlighted significant happenings on the campus during the past year that included: opening of the Library Learning Resource Center, progress in the campus-wide construction program, start of work on the Educational Master Plan, focus on student learning outcomes, and start of the college’s 40th anniversary celebration.

Many other accomplishments in the End-of-the-Year Report also included:

The Softball Team and Forensics Team won state championships.

Forty-seven new courses were developed, 264 courses were revised, and 52 online classes were added.

The college’s partnership with Toyota was an inaugural T-TEN Award recipient.

Groundbreaking took place for the new Student Center.

Almost all computing technology was upgraded as part of the college’s ongoing technology replacement plan.

The first Latino Family Outreach Night was held.

The annual Americana Dinner drew 720 guests and netted an unprecedented \$125,000, and the college foundation assets reached \$1.4 million.

Emergency grants of \$20,000 were awarded to students.

Strong diversity of students continued, and student numbers increased in the age group of 25 to 29.

The Institutional Effectiveness Report included:

Success (earning A, B, and C grades, or credit in pass/fail classes) was attained by 64.6% of all enrollments, compared to 63.5% in 2004.

Basic skills completion rates improved for several subgroups (categorized by both gender and ethnicity) in English, English as a Second Language, and mathematics.

Degrees were awarded to 652 students and certificates to 596 students, up 5% and 24%, respectively, over the past three years.

Student transfers to the University of California system were up 58% (although to the California State University system transfers were down).

Students were significantly more satisfied in the college, compared to two years earlier, citing quality of instruction and the user friendliness of Webstar among strengths.

The college’s Strategic Plan additionally included the following accomplishments from the past year:

Assistance was provided to faculty to develop student learning outcomes.

Improved computer access was provided to students with new labs.

A staffing needs assessment was developed to guide the process of hiring new employees.

Multiple health and wellness activities were conducted.

A student internship coordinator was hired, and a Student Ambassador Program was initiated.

[Download the multimedia presentation](#) Dr. Lewis made to the NOCCCD Board of Trustees covering these three reports.

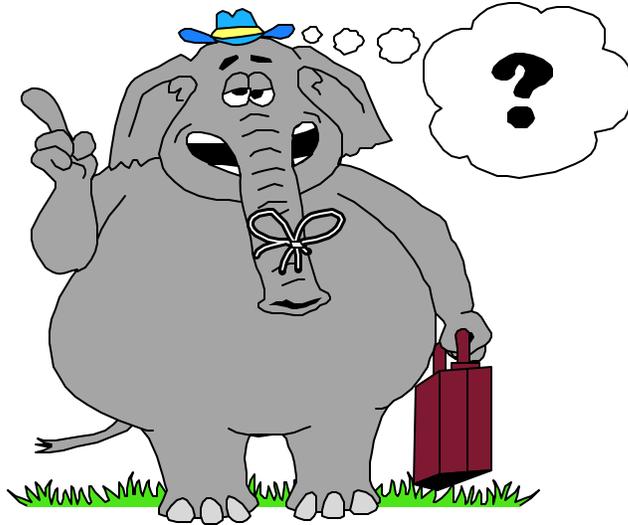
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*\* Fees are established by the California Legislature and are subject to change.*

**These lower fees go into effect for all classes offered after January 1, 2007.**



Have Questions about transferring?

# California State University, Fullerton

Advisor appointments for fall 2006

10/30 (mon) 10am-3:30pm

11/6 (Mon) 10am-3:30pm

11/15 (wed) 1pm-4pm

11/22 (wed) 10am-3:30pm

12/4 (Mon) 10am-3:30pm

12/13 (Wed) 10am-3:30pm

you may sign up 30 days in advance for  
appointments.

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