

## THIS WEEK

### 11 • Thursday

- » Adjunct faculty meeting, 6:30 p.m.

### 12 • Friday — Opening Day

Campus Theater

- » Refreshments ..... 8:30-8:50 a.m.
- » Welcome and introductions of new staff, Greetings from the Board, 40th Anniversary Video presentation ..... 9-9:30 a.m.
- » “Best Practices in Student Success Throughout Campus” ..... 9:35-11:15 a.m.
- » State of the College, Greetings from Chancellor Hunter, Student and Alumni presentations, Door Prize drawing, Closing remarks.... 11:15 a.m.-Noon
- » Lunch ..... Noon
- » Division Meetings ..... 1:30 p.m.

### 15 • Monday

- » Martin Luther King holiday (campus closed).

### 16 • Tuesday

- » Spring semester classes begin.

## THEY SAID IT

**“Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.”**

— Robert F. Kennedy

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# @Cypress

January 12, 2007, Newsletter from President Margie Lewis

Core Values:

Excellence

Integrity

Collegiality

Inclusiveness

## Welcome Back to the Spring 2007 Semester

► **Dr. Lewis notes that the amount of campus construction is winding down as the L/LRC’s first anniversary approaches.**

Here we are in 2007!

It seems like time flies. Later this month, January 30 to be exact, the college will mark the first anniversary of the opening of the Library/Learning Resource Center.

These days, all it takes it a quick walk around the pond to know that the campus has already turned the corner on construction.

Yes — there is a tremendous amount of activity. The cranes and other large pieces of equipment around the campanile prove that.

But, at the east end of the pond is the beautiful new L/LRC. Across Lot 7 is the new Maintenance and Operations Building. And, ringing the pond, is a beautifully tailored green lawn.

By Tuesday, the piazza adjacent to SEM, Fine Arts and Humanities is scheduled to re-open — marking the end of a phase of another construction project although some work remains to be done.

In the heart of campus, it won't be long before we see steel rising to create the frame of the new Student Center and Bookstore.

This scene is already unfolding at the future home of the School of Continuing Education, adjacent to Lot 4.

Two new elevators are scheduled to open this semester, and the campus administration is planning to return to what is now called the Cypress College Complex.

Perhaps most importantly, the tremendous difficulty in getting from one point on campus to another has greatly been resolved for our students. No longer does going from Admissions and Records to Student Activities require a trip through two parking lots.

That's not to say all is perfect.

Construction is still messy. But, the light at the end of the tunnel certainly is shining.

While the construction on campus has eased, so, too, has the budget situation.

For the second consecutive year, the Governor has issued a budget proposal that is very favorable to community colleges.

His support, and that of the Legislature, is an important validation of the work we do and the lives we touch.

I hope this is a wonderful year and one in which you will discover much personal joy and professional success.

— Margie

### Fee Reduction Already in Effect

Lower fees are now in effect — with the state having dropped “tuition” from \$26 per unit to \$20. A full-time student essentially gets a class for free based on the change, which took effect on January 1. A typical 3-unit course now costs \$60, compared to \$78 last semester. Based on a 12-unit load, that's a \$72 savings — or essentially a free class. Students can continue to select classes on WebStar up to 11:59 p.m. on the day before the class begins. After that they will need an add code.

### Food Services Relocates

Food Services has moved out of its long-time location adjacent to the former Culinary Arts Dining Room in preparation for construction in that area. Harmony Foods will work from a main location on the first floor of the Humanities, in what used to be the former convenience store. Two additional locations are also available. A kiosk location will be open along the main path adjacent to Tech Ed III. A coffee cart will also be in operation along the path between SEM and the pond.

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR SPRING 2007

### January

- 15 Martin Luther King Holiday (campus closed)
- 16 Classes begin
- 27 Last day to:
  - Add classes
  - Drop classes and receive a refund for registration fees
  - File request for "Credit/No Credit" grading option
- 29 Late-start classes begin

### February

- 3 Last day to drop classes without a "W" on transcript
- 8 Last day to file for Spring 2007 graduation
- 16-19 Lincoln's Birthday/Presidents' Day (campus closed)
- 24 Americana Awards Banquet

### March

- 15 Last day to:
  - Apply for vocational certificates
  - Apply for CSU General Education and IGETC Certification
- 19 "½-Semester classes" begin
- 22 Senior Day
- 30 KinderCaminata

### April

- 2-5 Spring Break (no classes)
- 6 Spring Holiday (campus closed)
- 28 Last day to:
  - Drop classes with a "W" on transcript
  - Add/decrease variable unit classes

### May

- 17-25 Final Exams
- 24 Commencement
- 25 Spring 2007 Semester ends
- 28 Memorial Day Holiday (campus closed)

## Campus Update: A Recap of Changes on Campus Since Last Semester

### ► Welcome Aboard:

Twelve new classified employees are being introduced at Opening Day. The new and newly promoted classified staff are: **Ly Chang**, Evaluator in Admissions and Records; **Margaret Cortez**, Administrative Assistant I in the Counseling Center; **David Dang**, Lab Tech for Chemistry and Biology in the SEM Division; **Brian Dean**, Technician in Admissions and Records; **Avery Estabrook**, Student Services Specialist in EOPS; **Lori Hopper**, Lab Tech for Mortuary Science in the Health Science Division; **Sandra Miranda**, Evaluator in Admissions and Records; **Alycia Rivera-Mullen**, Library Assistant II in the Library/Learning Resource Center; **Daisy Rodriguez**, Accounting Tech in the Bursar's Office; **Dawn Sontag**, Administrative Assistant I in the Health Science Division; **Jeanne Thompson**, Student Services Tech in Financial Aid; and **Luu Tran**, Technician in Admissions and Records.

### ► Budget:

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger unveiled his budget proposal this week, and the first look seems pretty encouraging for community colleges and the students we serve.

Specific details aren't yet available for the District and the campus; they will be shared in a future edition of *@Cypress*.

Here are some highlights from a state-wide perspective, as authored by Jim Austin, the Interim Vice Chancellor of Fiscal Policy in the California Community Colleges system office in Sacramento:

As expected, despite the on-going structural deficit in the general fund and the soft condition of some of the Proposition 98 structural components, the Governor has once again demonstrated his commitment to the California Community College system. The governor is proposing a year-to-year increase in the Proposition 98 base for the community colleges of approximately \$377 million, and 6.4% increase from the record current year funding. The overall increase in Proposition 98 funding for K-14 education is \$1.8 billion. The community college share of Proposition 98 is a record setting 11.06% compared to an unprecedented 10.74% in the current year's budget act.

The Governor's Budget proposes no fee increase. CCC college fees for credit courses will remain at \$20 per credit unit pursuant to agreement reached in negotiations on the 2006 Budget Act. CCC fees remain the lowest in the nation by far and are just 24 percent of the national average.

#### Major Adjustments:

- \$109.1 million increase (2 percent) for enrollment growth for Apportionments. This funding will enable CCC to enroll an additional 23,000 full time equivalent (FTE) students. This level exceeds the 1.65 percent change in the adult population, and is in addition to the fund-

# Blueprint

A report  
on Cypress  
College's  
Construction  
Projects

### ► Construction:

**Piazza Project** — The large section of the piazza between the Humanities, SEM and Fine Arts buildings is set to re-open for the start of classes on Tuesday. Also set to be open again on Tuesday is a strip of piazza that runs in front of the Health Science Division and Mortuary Science Department main entrances on the second floor of the Tech Ed III Building. The work on this section was completed entirely during the winter break.

Many new blue metal rails have already been installed, with more to come in the near future. These rails replace the old cement railings, which had to be removed because of structural concerns.

A section of piazza above the Student Activities Center and a large section in front of the Fine Arts Building, which is currently usable for pedestrian access, will re-open in the coming weeks.

**Elevators** — The elevators adjacent to the Tech Ed I Building and one attached to the Business Building are set for inspections which should clear the way for their use later this semester. The two are similar in design to the new elevator between Tech Ed II and Gym II.

**Student Center** — Crews are in the process of installing drilled caissons that will help form the foundation of the Student Center and Bookstore buildings. The caissons are similar to piles, except that they're not as loud to install because the concrete is poured in place, rather than being pounded into the ground as a pre-formed column. Given the location in the center of campus, this more expensive process was selected for the project.

Once installation of the caissons is completed, caps will be installed to allow for the attachment of steel girders. In the next month or so, all the underground work — which has been the most difficult part of the construction because utilities had to be cleared from the area — should be complete. Workers will soon be installing steel girders.

**School of Continuing Education** — During the winter break, steel began to rise from the SCE construction site. The support framing for the building now looks nearly complete. The single-story building will host SCE's administration.

ing that is already in the system for the unrestored FTES from the prior three years. When the \$109.1 million is added to the restoration funding that is already in the system, there will be the potential for at least 4% funded growth over the estimated level of current year FTES. The amount of actual restoration dollars available in 07/08 will not be known until February.

- \$224.9 million increase for a cost-of-living increase (4.04-percent COLA) for general-purpose Apportionments.

- \$19.6 million increase for Categorical Program enrollment growth and COLA (2 percent and 4.04 percent, respectively). These programs provide essential services to special populations and include Basic Skills, Matriculation, Disabled Students Programs and Services, Campus Childcare Tax Bailout, and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services.

- \$33.1 million redirection of surplus Basic Skills overcap incentive funding to support additional Matriculation and support services for community college students. Of this amount, \$19.1 million is specifically dedicated to additional counseling and tutoring services for those students most at risk of failing to complete a program.

- \$9 million one-time current year funding and \$9 million in ongoing funding to support additional nursing program investments in community colleges. These funds are available in the community colleges base from 2006 Budget Act set-aside actions and are now proposed to assist colleges in expanding enrollments by providing startup funding for new nursing programs, funding new clinical simulation laboratories, expanding services that will reduce attrition, and funding incentives to add additional prerequisite science courses.

- \$33.2 million increase to offset the remaining fee revenue reduction incurred

by colleges in the budget year due to the reduction in student fees from \$26 per unit to \$20 per unit in the spring of 2007 and other workload adjustments.

- \$197.2 million reduction to Apportionments to reflect estimated growth in local property taxes of an identical amount.

### ➤ **Americana:**

The 32nd Annual Americana Awards, sponsored by Warland Investments, take place on Saturday, February 24, 2007 at the Disneyland Hotel Grand Ballroom.

The Americana Awards honor citizens of the year from the eight cities that form Cypress College's primary service area. In addition, Americana salutes a person of the year.

This year's recipients are:

**Bill Medley** — Man of the Year  
Citizens of the Year:

**Bruce and Johrita Solari** — Anaheim

**Dr. Steve Smith** — Buena Park

**Karl and Penny Dash** — Cypress

**Dr. Sheldon Singer** — Garden Grove

**Cliff and Becky Ishii** — La Palma

**Marilynn Poe** — Los Alamitos/  
Rossmoor

**Tom Blackman** — Seal Beach

**Jim Nelson** — Stanton.

The Americana Awards Banquet will also feature a Salute to the Cities, honoring each of the eight towns that comprise Cypress College's primary enrollment area.

Medley, half of the '60s duo The Righteous Brothers, is a Newport Beach resident, a Grammy Award winner and a member of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Medley, who 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.

Employees can purchase tickets for themselves and a guest to Americana for the discounted rate of \$175.

Tickets are normally \$225 per person, \$2,500 per table, \$3,500 for a founder's table and \$10,000 for a patriot's table.

A variety of sponsorship opportunities are also available.

For more information, contact the Foundation at ext. 47126 or visit <http://www.CypressCollege.edu/foundation>.

### ➤ **Scholarships Apps:**

Scholarship applications are currently available for download from the main page of the college Web site at <http://www.CypressCollege.edu>. The application can be completed and submitted entirely online.

### ➤ **Senior Day:**

The college's annual Senior Day has been set for March 22.

In recent years, the event has been transformed to include booths from campus programs, divisions and student services. A series of workshops has also been added to the half-day event.

Traditionally, some 800-1,200 students from area high schools have visited the campus to have a look and to explore our many educational programs.

The workshops include: "Choosing a College Major" — presented by Sharon Easton; "Smooth Transitions to Transfer" — presented by Stacey Howard; and "Getting Free Money to Fund Your College Education" — presented by Alan Reza and Lizzy Macias.

Each of the workshops will be held in the Student Activities Center.

## **Spring Publication Dates for @Cypress**

This is the semester's first edition of *@Cypress*.

In all, 17 publications for *@Cypress* during the Spring 2007 semester will be produced.

The weekly newsletter from Dr. Lewis is distributed each Friday during the semester, excluding a hiatus on April 6 for Spring break. The February 16 edition will appear a day early due to President's Day.

Here are the remaining publication dates: January 19, 26; February 2, 9, 15, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 13, 20, 27; May 4 and 14.

Please submit any news items to be published to the Public Information Office at ext. 47006, or via e-mail to [mposner@CypressCollege.edu](mailto:mposner@CypressCollege.edu).

In addition to being sent to all campus e-mail accounts, this publication is also available on the Web site. E-mail subscriptions are also offered to any interested community members.

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# Cypress College

## Opening Day Agenda

### January 12, 2007

#### Campus Theater

Coffee, Theater Lobby.....8:30-8:50 a.m.

General Session ..... 9-9:30 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions, Margie Lewis

Greetings from the Board, Barbara Dunsheath

40th Anniversary Video, Marc Posner

“Best Practices in Student Success Throughout Campus” ..... 9:35-10:30 a.m.

(Small Groups in the Theater Lobby)

Small Groups Report..... 10:35-11 a.m.

“It was the Best of Practices; It was the Worst of Practices,” Pat Ganer.... 11-11:15 a.m.

State of the College, Margie Lewis ..... 11:15-11:30 a.m.

Greetings from Chancellor Hunter ..... 11:30-11:35 a.m.

Student and Alumni Presentations ..... 11:35-11:50 a.m.

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Carolyn Whaley

Steve Cifelli

Door Prize Drawing, Nancy Deutsch ..... 11:50-11:55 a.m.

Closing Remarks, Margie Lewis ..... 11:55-Noon

Lunch by reservation, Theater Lobby.....Noon-1 p.m.

Division Meetings ..... 1:30 pm

(See back page for details.)

# New and Newly Promoted Classified Staff



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Records



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Administrative  
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**David Dang**  
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**Brian Dean**  
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The current edition of @Cypress features updates on a number of items, including construction, the state budget situation and much more.

# Division Meetings

Division Meetings will be held at 1:30 p.m.\*

<b>Division</b> .....	<b>Location</b>
Business/CIS .....	BUS-203
Counseling.....	No meeting
Fine Arts.....	FA-112
Health Science (*1-3 p.m.).....	TE3-317
Language Arts** .....	HUM-131
Library/Learning Resource Center .....	No meeting
Physical Education .....	GYM 2-112
Social Science** .....	HUM-131
SEM .....	No meeting
Vo-Tech.....	TE1-200

\*\* Note: The Language Arts and Social Science divisions will meet jointly from 1:30-2:30 p.m. in H-131 to begin planning for the Humanities Building renovation. Following this meeting, the divisions will meet separately in Hum-101 (Language Arts) and Hum-120 (Social Science). The construction meeting is an important first step in the building remodel and faculty are strongly encouraged to participate.



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