Registration Questions? We’ve Got Answers to Common Queries

The Admissions and Records Office has prepared information to answer questions frequently asked by, or of, employees.

The Admissions and Records Office has prepared the a fact sheet to answer commonly asked questions at the start of a semester. Here are some highlights.

Q. Can students still apply for this semester?
A. Yes! Students can apply by accessing our online admissions application on the college website.

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Q. How is it decided what students will be allowed to add?
A. Add codes are given at the discretion of the instructor.

Q. If students are dropped because of non payment of fees, can they get back into the classes?
A. Yes. See the full Q-and-A for more details.

Q. What proves that students are officially enrolled?
A. Current rosters prove official enrollments. Instructors also receive add/drop notifications every 24 hours.

Q. Should a student be allowed to sit in a classroom if they are not officially enrolled?
A. Students not listed on an official class roster should not be allowed to sit in the class until they are officially enrolled. Unofficial classroom participation presents an enormous liability for the college.

Mortuary Science in O.C. Register on Sunday

Cypress College’s Mortuary Science Program will be featured in a photographic essay in The Orange County Register this Sunday. Staff photographer, Leonard Ortiz was on campus last last year to produce the feature, which is part of the publication’s ongoing “Orange Slices” series. Ortiz’s photographs of the Restorative Arts Lab is scheduled to appear on the back page of the Local Section. As part of the piece, he also interviewed Kathy Boettger. OCRegister.com will host a short video clip related to the feature.

Classes to be Held This Weekend, Not Monday

Cypress College will be observing the following holidays, some of which impact weekend instruction. Here is the official schedule of when classes are held, according to the Board-approved Academic Calendar: January 21, 2008, Martin Luther King holiday (January 19-20 classes will be held); February 15-18, 2008, President’s holiday (no Saturday or Sunday classes); March 17-23, 2008, Spring Break (no classes); March 21, 2008, Spring holiday; and May 26, 2008, Memorial Day holiday.

THEY SAID IT

“Faith is taking the first step, even when you don’t see the whole staircase.”
– Martin Luther King Jr.

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”
– Martin Luther King Jr.
Margie Lewis Named Americana’s 2008 Woman of the Year

Cypress College President Emeritus Margie Lewis has been named Americana 2008 Woman of the Year. The event is Saturday, March 1, with the reception and silent auction starting at 5:30 p.m.

A gourmet, 4-course dinner follows at around 7 p.m., which in turn is followed by the awards program.

The Americana Awards are the Cypress College Foundation’s largest annual fundraiser. In turn that money is used to support students and programs here at the college.

Last Year the Foundation distributed $273,000 in Scholarships, with another $30,000 in Student Emergency Assistance and in Book Loans. Americana raised net proceeds of $220,000 last year.

The Foundation also funds the Mini-Grants program, which supports small campus projects which wouldn’t otherwise be funded.

Tickets are $225, all but $90 of which is tax-deductible. Cypress College employees and a guest may attend the event at the discounted rate of $175 per person.

Dr. Lewis retired from Cypress College in June, after serving 8½ years as president. The Board named her President Emeritus upon her retirement.

Pay Dates and Tax Information Update Provided by Bursar’s Office

With tax season upon us, the Bursar’s Office is receiving numerous inquiries regarding W-9s. The Bursar’s office is only responsible for the distribution of the paycheck after the District driver delivers them.

Therefore, inquiries regarding hours worked, exemptions, W-2s, and W-9s should be directed to District Payroll at (714) 808-4754 (or ext. 84754 from campus phones).

This semester’s scheduled paydays are as follows:

“Hourly” and “work study” employees: the 10th of each month AFTER 12 p.m. is the pay date, unless the 10th lands on a holiday or the weekend, then the preceding workday would be the pay date. Be prepared to have your picture ID ready.

Classified: the 10th and the 25th of each month, after 12 p.m., are the scheduled pay dates, unless they land on the weekend or a holiday, then the preceding workday would be the pay date.

Certificated and Adjunct: The LAST working day of the month, after 12 p.m.

As a reminder, District Payroll offers direct deposit to almost any financial institution.

Records Mark Start-of-the-Semester Outreach, Marketing Efforts.

On Monday, the first day of classes for the semester, the information booth recorded a single-day record 574 contacts.

That is an increase of approximately 17% or 96 student contacts in a single-day compared to the first day of Fall 2007.

The information booth, which is located just inside the main entrance to the Business Building, is a project of the Student Support Services Division.

Record totals were also noticed in e-mail communications presented to students by the Public Information Office.

Nearly 18,000 e-mail newsletters were distributed to students and potential students the week before classes began. There were 9,439 students contacted along with another 8,483 people who were eligible to enroll in classes, but had not yet done so.

The effort marked a dramatic shift from the first time the college distributed all-student e-mails in the Spring 2004 semester. At that time, there were 2,254 students who had e-mail addresses listed in Banner, or less than 15% of the total population.

With 18,533 students listed as being “eligible to enroll” when the e-mails were distributed this semester, 611 did not provide us with an e-mail address. Percentage wise, 96.7% of our students now have e-mail addresses supplied in Banner.

Additionally, the e-mails were followed up with messaging in mygateway. All students received a short message in their “personal announcements” alerting them to the e-mails being distributed and briefly highlighting the content.
You are invited to join the North Orange County Community College District Board of Trustees for Strategic Conversation #9: “Collaboration – Something for Everyone” beginning with a social hour and refreshments at 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 26, in the Cypress College Theatre Lobby, 9200 Valley View Street, Cypress.

Opportunities to Discuss What’s Important to You

Session I – Sharing Collaborative Activities
Participants will proceed to assigned tables and facilitators where they will share collaborative activities in which they have participated. They will then discuss – What was the goal, the process, the outcome? How did they feel about them, and what impact did they have on students?

Session II – Identifying Ways to Expand Collaborative Activities
After a short break during which the facilitators will categorize the activities shared in the first session, the participants will convene the second session by selecting one of the categories and sitting at its assigned table. They will address – How can this collaboration be expanded? What are the challenges and possible solutions?

Bonus Session – Open Microphone
Participants will have the opportunity to ask questions or discuss issues either related or unrelated to the planned topic of collaboration. Once again leading this bonus session, successfully initiated last year, will be:

Dean Day, School of Continuing Education
Pat Ganer, Cypress College
Joe Carrithers, Fullerton College

RSVP by February 14, 2008

Your Name:

Your District/Campus Location:

Please respond with this information to:
NOCCCD Public Affairs, at cwallacenoring@nocccd.edu or Anaheim Campus-Ninth Floor
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Q. When should the add code be given to the student?
A. Instructors need to give students the add codes RIGHT AWAY so that the add deadline is not missed. Deadlines are publicized in the Class Schedule.

Q. Can any class be added just by obtaining an add code from the instructor?
A. No. If the course description in the Class Schedule indicates a prerequisite or acceptable placement test score, the student cannot add the class until the clearance has been made by the Assessment Center, DSPS, or a Cypress College Counselor.

Q. Does the student come to Admissions and Records Office to add (or drop) classes?
A. No. All adds and drops are done online using WebStar.

Q. How do students add (or drop) classes?
A. Students add classes via Webstar using mygateway@nocccd.edu. WebStar is available 7am – 11:30pm Monday through Saturday. Add and drop deadlines can be found on page 2 of the Class Schedule for semester length classes and under the course description for classes that meet less than the full semester.

Q. What’s the process of adding if the add deadline has passed?
A. A green, Late Add form must be completed by the student, instructor, and dean before submitting it to A&R.

Q. What happens if students add but don’t pay their fees?
A. They may be dropped from their classes and a hold may be placed on their student record which will prevent them from adding/dropping classes, obtaining transcripts, registering for future semesters, etc.

Q. If students are dropped because of non payment of fees, can they get back into the classes?
A1. They can try to re-add the classes before they start.
A2. If a class has started, an add code will be needed in order to add before the deadline.
A3. The student must pay the fees immediately (online with a credit card or in person with cash or check).
A4. If a student feels there’s an error, have them contact Admissions and Records Office immediately.

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57 Freeway North well past the 91 Freeway, Exit Chapman Ave / Fullerton (Exit 6B)
Turn LEFT (West) onto E. Chapman Ave, go about 1.5 miles East to Church

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**David F. Drake**

December 9, 1929 - December 17, 2007

**Memorial Service**

Saturday, Dec. 29th, 2007 11:00 AM

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**
1231 E. Chapman Ave
Fullerton, CA 92831

(714) 870-4350

Reception following the service in Parish Hall at St. Andrew's
The Cypress College 2008 Americana Awards

Dr. Margie Lewis, who dedicated so much of her life to higher education, and who served as Cypress College President from 1999 to 2007, has been selected by the College as the 2008 Americana “Woman of the Year.”

Now in its 33rd year, Cypress College’s Americana Awards recognize esteemed individuals whose lives reflect a passionate dedication to helping others and to the betterment of our community. Last year’s Man of the Year was Bill Medley, formerly of the Righteous Brothers.

“Citizens of the Year” from the eight cities surrounding Cypress College will also be recognized: Frank Garcia, Anaheim; Dennis Salts, Buena Park; Linda and Brian Sunley, Cypress; Mallory Vega, Garden Grove; Sherrie and Jay Goldberg, La Palma; Allen and Lauri McLean, Los Alamitos; Bob Eagle, Seal Beach; and Ann Nguyen, Stanton.

The event is Saturday, March 1, 2008 in the Grand Ballroom of the Disneyland Hotel. A silent auction and reception begin at 5:30 pm, followed by dinner and then the program. Six hundred guests will attend and black tie is encouraged.

The Americana Awards is the signature event and major Fundraiser for the Cypress College Foundation, netting $120,000 last year. The Cypress College Foundation distributes $300,000 in student Scholarships, Emergency Assistance and Book Loans each year. Tickets to Americana are $225, all but $90 of which is tax-deductible. This year’s Title Sponsor is C.W. Driver; other major sponsors are the Disneyland Resort, Yamaha Motor Corporation, Forest Lawn Memorial Parks, and the Orange County Teachers Federal Credit Union,

Cypress College provides a quality higher education to 14,000 students each semester, offering 58 university-transfer majors, 139 career-certificate programs, and degrees in 48 areas of study.

For more information, contact the Cypress College Foundation at 714-484-7128.
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*Note: Schedules for specific days of the week are marked by color.*
The state of our Associate Degrees

Community colleges have recently been given direction by the CCC System Office (CCCSO) to either remove non-compliant associate degrees from campus publications, or revise their noncompliant degrees to align with Title V.

The Liberal Arts and General Studies degree options are out-of-compliance and need to be revised, or removed from the 2008-09 catalog.

AA Degree —Transfer Students
The Liberal Arts AA degree has been revamped by the “AA Workgroup” and informally submitted to the CCCSO for consideration. The college may be able to maintain this type of degree for the 2008-09 catalog, if approved. The Liberal Arts degree was originally designed for transfer students, also known as “Option I”. Four new degrees under Liberal Arts are included in the workgroup’s proposal. Each new degree option includes 18+ units in an “Area of Emphasis”. NOTE: Departmental majors are still an option under Liberal Arts.

The four NEW degrees are:

- Arts & Humanities
- Communication & Critical Thinking
- Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Math & Science

AA Degree —Non-Transfers
The General Studies AA degree has not been revamped at this point. This degree was not designed for transfer students, but for those who wish to obtain a two-year degree without the prospects of attending a four-year school. Although the Curriculum Committee and AA Workgroup understand the importance of the General Studies degree, the workgroup’s efforts were primarily focused on the Liberal Arts degree due to the demand from students in recent years.

AA Degree —Occupational
This degree option still meets compliance standards for Title V, and remains unaffected.
**IMPLICATIONS FOR STUDENTS:**
Students who were previously enrolled at Cypress College under a prior catalog year (before Fall 2008) are able to complete their degree requirements according to their existing “catalog rights”. This is a system-wide policy which applies for all degree options.

**“Division Meetings scheduled on Opening Day, January 11th are an optimal time to begin these discussions.”**

Other possible scenarios for 2008-09:

- Cypress College does not have degree options for Liberal Arts and/or General Studies. Reminder: Students are allowed to choose a subsequent catalog year’s requirements for their program, at which time the college may have a compliant degree in place.

- Cypress College receives approval for the four new Liberal Arts degrees, but no option yet exists for General Studies.

**ATTENTION FACULTY!**
The AA Workgroup advises faculty to begin discussions about AA degrees to determine if they wish to develop an 18-unit Area of Emphasis for General Studies. The example of the four Liberal Arts Areas of Emphasis may be used as a model. However, the General Studies degree is not restricted to this format. Areas of Emphasis include a description justifying how courses constitute a unique “pattern of learning”. Furthermore, the Areas of Emphasis includes courses that may double-count for transfer GE requirements.

Division Meetings scheduled on Opening Day, January 11th are an optimal time to begin these discussions. Faculty may send DRAFT proposals to:

Stacey Howard  
Transfer Center, FA-100  
Phone: X47025 or X47129  
Email: SHoward@CypressCollege.edu

**TIME-LINES FOR 2008:**

- **February 5**—Curriculum must review AA degree revisions intended for the 2008-09 catalog. Forthcoming degree proposals are more likely to receive approval for the 2009-10 catalog.

- **February 12**—cease further publications of non-compliant degrees in the catalog and schedule of classes.

- **May**—Revised degree(s) for Liberal Arts and/or General Studies for 2008-09 must be approved by all four local bodies (Curriculum Committee, District Curriculum Coordinating Committee, Board of Trustees, and Academic Senate).

- **July 1**— request to convert a non-compliant degree to a compliant degree form submission deadline.

**CONCLUSION**
This is an important issue that may impact many of our degree-seeking students at Cypress College. Your cooperation and input is vital to this process. For more information, please contact AA Workgroup members.
Part I: Perspectives on Hiring: Application, Letter of Interest, & Resume Writing
Workshop presented by Kelly Carter, Cypress College Counselor

Saturday, February 2, 2008
Registration: 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.
Presentation: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
NOCCCD Board Room, 1st floor, Anaheim Campus
1830 W. Romneya Drive, Anaheim, CA 92801

Part II: Perspectives on Hiring: The Interview
Workshop facilitated by Kelly Carter, Counselor, featuring
Dr. Michael Kasler, President of Cypress College
Dan Willoughby, Dean of Humanities, Fullerton College
Virgil Adams, Human Services Faculty, Cypress College

Saturday, February 9, 2008
Registration: 9:30 - 9:50 a.m.
Presentation: 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
NOCCCD Board Room, 1st floor, Anaheim Campus
1830 W. Romneya Drive, Anaheim, CA 92801

Please email edouglas@cypresscollege.edu to make a reservation or call the Cypress College Staff Development Office 714-484-7324 for information.

Directions: From 91 Freeway, take Euclid exit and drive south to Romneya Drive. Turn right on Romneya. Turn left into second entrance of NOCCCD Anaheim Campus. Park in any unmarked parking stall. PARKING PERMIT IS REQUIRED. Purchase $2 daily parking permit at yellow dispensers on site, if you are non-NOCCCD employee.

Sponsored by NOCCCD, Cypress College, and Fullerton College Staff Development
Early Alert Process

Directions to complete this activity
(This is one of the required items necessary to maintain your eligibility for textbook service next semester)

1) You have received 5 progress report letters/forms in your packet. You need to fill in your name, Banner ID # as well as instructor and course information. If you need additional forms let us know. Keep one for your information.

2) Once you have finalized your classes, print (legibly) the course title and course number as well as the name of your instructor on the “Student Progress Report” section under your name.

3) Make contact with your instructor early in the semester and identify yourself as an EOPS student.

4) Provide one progress report letter/form to each of your instructors. As you give them to your instructors, note the date and time you turn it in on your informational copy. Let them know that EOPS requests that they complete this and return it to you between February 18 and March 21, 2008.

If they have any questions, they can contact an EOPS counselor at X 47368 and we will be happy to talk with them.

Why do we do this?

1) To assist you in making contact with your instructors. It is important to network and develop good working relationships with others, including your instructors.

2) To assist you in actively seeking feedback about your progress and performance in your classes.

3) To assist your instructors in knowing that you are with the EOPS program so if there are concerns or difficulties, they have a place to contact. We care about you and your progress. We are here to assist you in being successful in your educational and personal goals. We want to be available before little problems become big problems. The sooner we all work together to resolve issues the better for all.

4) The EOPS program is required to monitor their students and their progress. We are accountable to the state which provides us with our funds. We do not want to jeopardize the program and our students by not complying with the state regulations.

5) It is part of the EOPS requirements.
ATTENTION FACULTY - YOUR INPUT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT!

The student named below is part of the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) program here at Cypress College. EOPS is designed to assist in the retention and academic success of each of its students. For this reason we encourage our students to make contact with you early in the semester and identify themselves as an EOPS student so that you may address any progress concerns you may have either with us or the student.

To assist us in verifying that our students are making the required contact with their faculty, we request your cooperation in meeting with the student to provide your feedback, complete the bottom portion of this form and return it to the student between February 18 and March 21, 2008. The student is expected to return and review the completed form with their counselor.

Our intention is to discuss this feedback with the student during their counseling sessions and to encourage them to take advantage of our support services to help them progress in areas in which they are challenged or need assistance. Each EOPS student is informed of this procedure and has signed a release form giving us their permission to do so.

If you become concerned about a student’s progress at any point during the semester, please do not hesitate to contact our EOPS Counselors at x47368. Your feedback will help us to assist our students in achieving their academic and career goals.

Thank you for your cooperation and support. Your feedback is a vital component of the support services our EOPS students receive.

Sincerely,
Mara Scott
EOPS Manager

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Comments
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Student signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________ Instructor signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________
Save the Dates!

Cypress College
Outreach and Recruitment Events
Spring 2008

Thursday, February 7, 2008
8 am – 1 pm
Black College Fair and Black History Month Celebration

10 am – 1 pm
Student Support Services Success Week

Friday, April 4, 2008
8 am – 1 pm
Kindercaminata

Thursday, April 17, 2008
8 am – 1 pm
Senior Day

Tuesday, May 6, 2008
5 pm – 8 pm
Parent Night

For more information regarding these events and/or participation, please contact Marion Shocklee at (714) 484-7371. More information, including locations and agendas, will be available soon.
Vanguard University
Spring 2008 Visits

Spring visits in Front of the L/LRC

January 14, Monday  10am to 1pm
January 23, Wednesday  3pm to 6pm
February 21, Thursday  3pm to 6pm
March 27, Thursday  3pm to 6pm
April 17, Thursday  3pm to 6pm
April 29, Tuesday  10am to 1pm
May 14, Wednesday  3pm to 6pm

No Appointment needed!
Walk up table advising!
CYPRESS COLLEGE TRANSFER CENTER
9200 VALLEY VIEW FA 100
CYPRESS, CA  90630
714-484-7129

Spring Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm & Friday 8am-5pm
Make and appointment in the Transfer Center. You may schedule an appointment 30 days in advance.

- February 11th
- February 25th
- March 10th
- March 24th
- April 7th
- April 21st
- May 5th
- May 19th
- June 2nd

All appointments are on Monday from 9:30am-1:00pm

The Cypress College Transfer
9200 Valley View FA100 Cypress CA 90630
714-484-7129
Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm & Friday 8am-5pm
CSUDH
California State University, Dominguez Hills
Spring 2008 Advisor Appointments

You may come in or call for an appointment today!

2/6 - Wed - 4-6pm
2/19 - Tues 4-6pm
3/3 - Mon 10am-12pm
4/9 - Wed 4-6pm
4/28 - 10am-12pm

Cypress College Transfer Center
9200 Valley View FA 100
Cypress, CA  90630
714-484-7129

Spring Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm & Friday 8am-5pm
By Appointment only no sooner than 30 days before.

January 30th  1-4pm  
February 6th  12:30-3:30pm  
February 13th  1-4pm  
February 20th  1-4pm  
February 27th  1-4pm  
March 5th  1-4pm  
March 12th  1-4pm  
April 2nd  1-4pm  
April 9th  1-4pm  
April 16th  1-4pm  
April 23rd  1-4pm  
April 30th  1-4 pm  
May 7th  1-4  

All appointment dates are on WEDNESDAY.

Cypress College Transfer Center  
9200 Valley View  #FA 100  
Cypress, CA  90630  
714-484-7129  
Spring Hours: Monday-Thursday 8am-7pm & Friday 8am-5pm
Winter Holidays

At our house we’re still trying to get rid of the Thanksgiving leftovers—the Hamus Alabamas of Li’l Abner fame. Leftovers never completely disappear. “Soup?” Not turkey soup? Is there anything left of that bird?

Of course, everyone forgets the last minute shopping for the holidays, decorating homes, stringing lights while muttering to themselves: “I don’t really need any more ‘stuff’. Let the younger generation collect the stuff. Better yet, let them collect our stuff." Now it’s time to take all that tinsel down, store it in the attic and wait for next year.

I won’t say anything about New Year’s resolutions, except that I have not--in fifty years--ever kept mine. The membership card to the gym is molding somewhere in my desk drawer. My promise to put a gatekeeper on my mouth so that the first thought that comes to mind isn’t allowed out of its brain cage like an unrepentant cat wailing at the moon on the back fence will work once or twice, but not all year. I’ve go to lose ten pounds and stop cursing at golf balls. I suspect I’ll fail.

Anyway, have a good season and hope for snow in the mountains. Skiing is recreation sure, but we need drinking water, don’t we? Global warming? Phhhht, that’s a myth isn’t it? Gosh my skin is dry.

Whose Doin’ What?

Jack Weber sent a great Xmas letter. I’ve always been amazed at his beautiful handwriting. It’s neat, clean and as even as his desktop at the end of the day—four pages of news. As many of you know, Jack was, among many of his occupations, a journalist, so there is plenty of detail. I’ll just send a few of the highlights.

During the infernos in Southern California, Jack’s brother Neal visited from Tampa, Florida at about the times the fires swept through the Southland. They survived the fires. Jack says it was also a year of “dislocated hips.”

The day after his latest dislocation, his leg in a cast, he, his brother Neal, John, his son, Becky and
Zack were told to evacuate. They didn’t find a motel that was available for nearly 80 miles, north in Corona. They returned home three days later. All was well.

Jack and Neal also explored “like kids again” all the wonders of Disneyland, Sea World, Wild Animal Park and “California Country,” remembrances of a joyful boyhood together in Iowa.

Holly, Jack’s daughter, teaches at a school attended by the twins—Abe and Gabe in Ashland, Oregon where Holly and her husband Lenny have been involved with the Shakespeare Festival for many years.

Jack and I were carpool buddies for many years on the 405 heading north towards Cypress. Hip dislocations and all, he’s still square dancing, when he isn’t, as he says, getting a “snake’s-eye view of the world crawling around” to get his cell phone to call for assistance after another disobedient hip unsuccessfully forces him to slow down.

Another Language Arts Division retiree, Sue Hawley, has been making the most of her and her husband Eddie’s retirement by traveling. She writes: “This past year has been full of interesting places for us to visit.”

In April they traveled to Mexico’s Copper Canyon with friends and “Eddie’s cousin and her husband.”

They began their trip in El Paso, traveled by motor coach south where they boarded the train for the canyon.

In May they traveled To Portland to spend Mother’s Day with their son Rick and his wife Karen and their three daughters—Hannah, Jane, and Kate.

In October they took a trip to central Europe, traveling down the Danube, visiting Croatia, Romania and Bulgaria, then on to Nessabar and Istanbul.
Sue and Eddie are “healthy and happy” and have moved to North Carolina to be near their daughter Linda and her husband Eric and their granddaughters, Alyssa and Amber. They said goodbye to Phoenix on December 2nd and hello to Cary, North Carolina.

Neill Cooney’s wife Carole has created an educational website: [www.2pageplays.com](http://www.2pageplays.com). It contains 62 original 2-page-plays focusing on “Word Usage. Childhood Events of Famous People, Idioms and Expressions” that are adaptable to any grade level, depending upon the creativity of the teacher, student and parent. It has had 2400+ hits so far. The downloads and print outs are free. You might check it out.

News from Sandy Schaefer: “Hi everybody! Yippie!!! I’m connected to the world again!”

She has a new email address: [contact PIO]((E</a>)

“(easier to spell than Schaefer). My new phone number is ###.###.####. We FINALLY

Lu Lawrence and Al Simpson “are still enjoying the good life” in Washington State. Lu says it’s “a bit wet” but no real problems on their beautiful Bainbridge Island. They had quite a few rain storms recently. As you may recall, they both have been on many, many cruises as presenters and instructors. They still “manage a couple a year and have reached a 111 and counting —old habits are not easily broken.”

Bill Svendsen sent a nice Xmas card. He misses teaching when he takes a class from a teacher who is “ineffective.” But “now, however, there is so much to do—reading, travel, projects. It gets better every year.”

Nancy Rayl is busy being “stuck in a rut.” But “the rut is enjoyable and stimulating.” She is “taking two watercolor classes and going
to a one-week workshop in San Miguel de Allende in March.” Her writing workshop is still ongoing for sixteen years now. She has lectured on “Japanese Fiction and the short story at UC Irvine and will be teaching a Memoir writing class.”

Last year she went to the Palm Springs film festival and is going again this year with Elderhostel. They make it easy to get tickets and lodging. She says: “Forget the food.”

She feels honored to sponsor and introduce author Chitra Divakaruni at the upcoming annual Literary Guild’s book festival with over 500 attendees at the luncheon.

(Very busy, indeed. I need a nap.)

Rick Gruver sends an informative email, “an update” on Rick and Linda’s comings and goings.

He is continuing with his forensic practice. “Golf is still a major preoccupation.” He writes: “We spent 3 weeks in Hawaii in April (10 rounds of golf) then to Phoenix to visit our son and family. In June to Illinois and July to Pennsylvania for a family reunion and major(ego on the line) golf (which I won).”

A few months ago they “visited friends we met in Alaska last year on Country Walkers in Monterey then to SF and Napa touring with my brother and his wife (a drinking a lot of great wine) In Oct we are going to Greece and France, again with Country Walkers...we are busy and having fun.”

Gail Taylor sent this a while ago. “Always the PR person, I brought my camera to the Cypress College Foundation’s recent Golf Classic. I always volunteer and knew that a few other retirees would be there. Nancy Byrnes, now a retiree, and usually a participant in the annual "Golf Classic" was elsewhere, but regulars Don Bedard and Tom Cooper were there. Next year, let's get a few more retiree volunteer helpers as well as few foursomes of Cypress College "classics." Rumor has it that just a few of our retirees play golf.

(That’s a great idea. I’ll be there.)
Raul Alvarez reports on the details: “A 130 golfers participated in the 22nd Annual Cypress College Golf Classic at Old Ranch Country Club. Sponsors included C.W. Driver, Toyota, Yamaha, and Wesseln Construction [the last one is not a typo—that's how it's spelled]. One of the foursomes was made up of Tom Cooper, Don Bedard, alumnus Steve Cifelli, and me—suffice it say we didn't win (on the other had, neither were we chased off the course).

Gail continues: “I'm taking a break from Americana planning to swim, snorkel and catch up on a few good books in Hawaii.” They left before Thanksgiving and returned on Thanksgiving day.”

She’s promised us a good story about snorkeling in Palau. She continues: “If all goes well, we may get back there this spring -- after Americana. And, Larry has a story on Travellady.com about Palau and other snorkeling sites.”

(I looked it up. Good story. Good writing. Thanks, Larry.)

Margie Lewis apparently enjoys retirement. She sent an interesting summary of some of her retirement activities. Of course, we all know that retirement is sometimes busier than employment.

Margie says that “in Sept/Oct I took a 3-week driving trip to the Southwest. We visited both the north and south rims of the Grand Canyon--what an amazing place! I enjoyed seeing it from all the different overlooks and at different times of the day. It's incredibly beautiful, but we also saw many other beautiful sights. Monument Valley with its stark landscape and huge monoliths is definitely worth seeing, as is the Painted Desert and the Petrified Forest. I especially liked Canyon de Chelly in eastern Arizona. It's nowhere near as big as the Grand Canyon, but it is quite beautiful with its red cliffs and green valleys.

“We also visited the Indian ruins in Mesa Verde and Bandelier national parks. It was fascinating to see what the Ancient Puebloans (we learned that "Anasazi" is no longer the politically correct term) were building at the same time that cathedrals were being built in Europe.”
“We also enjoyed visiting Taos, Santa Fe, and Albuquerque, where “I took my first hot air balloon ride. What a thrill! Sedona was another highlight of the trip--such a beautiful place.

“In early November we spent 3 days in New York City, enjoying the turning leaves in Central Park and a visit to Ellis Island. We also walked from Brooklyn to lower Manhattan across the Brooklyn Bridge. That was great fun. We then rented a car and drove up the Hudson River Valley just in time to enjoy incredibly beautiful leaves. I had always thought I wanted to visit New England in the fall, but I don't think I have to now that I've been on this trip. We also very much enjoyed visiting the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown--what a great museum--and then Niagara Falls. Then we drove on to Toronto and spent 4 days visiting my son, who has a post-doctoral fellowship in astronomy at the University of Toronto.

We plan to be home for the holidays and then will head out in early January for a Panama Canal cruise.

What can I say--retirement is wonderful!

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**Americana News**

President Emeritus Margie Lewis has been named Americana 2008 Woman of the Year. The event is Saturday, March 1, with the reception and silent auction starting at 5:30 pm. A gourmet, 4-course dinner follows around 7 pm, which in turn is followed by the awards program. We'd sure love to have a good turn out to support her, and, more importantly, to help Cypress students. Last Year the Foundation distributed $273,000 in Scholarships, with another $30,000 in Student Emergency Assistance and in Book Loans. Americana is the Foundation's major fundraiser, netting $220,000 last year. Tickets are $225, all but $90 of which is tax-deductible.

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Sadly, David Drake, Professor Emeritus Photography Department passed away. David was an esteemed colleague in the Photography Department for 32 years. He retired 5 years ago from Cypress College and continued to be very involved in the field of Photography. David passed after a brief and unexpected illness.
Again, forward your photos and paragraphs about what you are doing, or are going to be doing, and share with your fellow retirees, as well as others who are still laboring in the vineyards on campus.

Send your photographs, paragraphs and letters to me or to Raul Alvarez at Cypress College or to my mail address:

“We’ll leave the light on for you.”

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