Student Center Opens Tuesday Providing First One-Stop Services

It is the last of the new construction on campus. Services moving into the building will be closed today through Tuesday.

Perhaps the best has been saved for last. For the second time in a week, Cypress College is poised to open a new building — the Student Center — which will complete the recent phase of new construction that began with the passage of the Measure X bond in 2002.

The Student Center becomes one of the anchor buildings for the pond, acting as a destination on the west end of the pond in concert with the Library/Learning Resource Center as the primary draw at the east end.

Significantly, the Student Center also becomes the figurative front door to the campus — a place where new students can begin their interaction with the college.

The two-story, 30,642-square-foot building will provide the college with its first one-stop location for student services.

Among the services included in the glass-front building, which sweeps around the campanile, are Admissions and Records, the Bursar's Office, Counseling, an information booth, the Honors Program, Transfer Center and Career Planning Center. Food Services and student Photo I.D. will join in as Student Center tenants in the near future.

Each of the services moving into the building at this time will be closed today through Tuesday morning.

Architecturally, the building is a companion to the smaller, single-story, Bookstore Building, which opened on Tuesday. The Bookstore also incorporates the Production Center and Extended Day operations as well as a warehouse for bookstore inventory.

Functionally, the Student Center has ties to the Cypress College Complex, home to additional student services such as EOPS, DSP&S, CARE, CalWORKS and Financial Aid.

In fact, the Financial Aid office is a matter of feet away from Admissions and Records — a far cry from the days when those two critical services were separated by a walking distance measured in minutes and a flight of stairs to boot (and that was without construction barriers).

The opening also brings to reality a vision of a campus with the pond area at the heart of student activities.
CSEA and the District have again agreed to implement a four-day, ten-hour workweek schedule for summer 2008. The schedule will begin the week of Monday, June 2, and employees will return to their normal five-day, eight-hour workweek on Monday, August 11. The July 4th holiday will be taken on Thursday, July 3 and employees will receive eight hours of holiday pay.

All students, faculty, and staff members are invited to make their voices heard during Orange County Higher Education Capitol Day on May 8. The event is being planned to emphasize the importance of higher education during this difficult economic time. The main message is: Higher education is a solution!

Letters to legislators are being collected throughout all of the county's public community colleges and universities to be delivered in Sacramento by chancellors, presidents, and other leaders. Letters in the NOCCCD are being collected in the Public Affairs Office, and also may be e-mailed to Melissa Utsuki or Christie Wallace Norin in the Public Affairs Office. A template letter is also available from the Public Affairs Office.

### Student Center Opens on Tuesday, Marking End of New Construction

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Life. In addition to the L/LRC, the Student Center, Student Activities is a third anchor of the area.

The Student Center is the last of the new buildings to come to campus. In addition to the Bookstore and L/LRC, the college has also built a new Maintenance & Operations facility and a new home for the School of Continuing Education.

Work on the Student Center began in July, 2005, when part of the piazza was removed to make way for the building, which was then conceived as a single structure incorporating the Bookstore.

That September, relocation of underground utilities began — a lengthy, but necessary operation to keep them from becoming covered, and inaccessible, once the foundation was poured.

Nearly two years ago, to the day, on April 19, 2006, a groundbreaking ceremony was held as work began on the building itself. Topping off, which generally marks the mid-point of a construction project and the placement of the final piece of structural steel, was held on April 11, 2007.

Construction of the Student Center, Bookstore and the major renovation for the Student Activities Center cost $25.1 million and were funded from a variety of sources, including Measure X, local funds, and state money.

### Dr. Doffoney Selected as New Chancellor, Pending Board Approval

Dr. Ned Doffoney is poised to succeed Dr. Hunter as the next chancellor of the North Orange County Community College District, Manny Ontiveros, President of the Board of Trustees, announced on Thursday.

“On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Ned Doffoney has accepted the Board’s offer to serve as the next Chancellor of the North Orange County Community College District,” Trustee Ontiveros wrote in a bulletin to all NOCCCD employees. “The Board will formally approve Dr. Doffoney’s appointment at its regular meeting on May 13 and he will assume his duties as Chancellor effective July 14, 2008.”

Dr. Doffoney is currently President of Fresno City College, a position he’s held since 2001.

Dr. Doffoney graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana with a bachelor of arts degree in economics and mathematics in 1972 and a master of science degree in vocational rehabilitation counseling in 1975. In 1991, He graduated with his doctor of education in institutional management from Pepperdine.

Dr. Hunter is retiring at the end of the academic year.

### New Campus Map Reflects Bookstore Opening, Gateway Project

A new campus map is available on the campus website. The document reflects the opening of the Bookstore earlier in the week and the closure of the front of the campus as work on the Gateway Project got underway.

While the new map is available for distribution, you may not want to make too many copies.

An additional revision will be made public on Tuesday as the Student Center opens.

The new map shows two new paths of travel along the edge of the Gateway Project construction zone. That area includes what used to be Lakeshore Drive, adjacent to Lot #1 and the Business Building and extends to the front of the Theater and the pathway in front of the Cypress College Complex. This construction closure will be in effect through July.

On the other end of the spectrum, next week’s revision will show the opening of the center of campus for the first time in roughly three years.

Pedestrians will once again be able to move from the front of the campus to the pond area without walking around the Complex. Gone, also will be treks through the parking lots because of various pathway closures. It will also open up travel on the piazza from north campus to south campus, through the Student Center. See this week’s photo gallery for related photos.

The Cypress College athletic track, which has been closed for the installation of a new track surface, is open once again. The new track opened on Wednesday.

Neglected in all the news of relocations last week was the move of the Extended Day Office. Extended Day is located inside the Production Center on the northeast corner of the Bookstore Building. All the adjunct mailboxes are located in this area. In addition, Extended Day serves as home to the evening and Saturday administrator.

This year “A Night with Forensics” celebrates its 10th year of students speeches. This year’s event occurs immediately after Cypress College Parent Night. It takes place in H-131 at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6.
Cypress College Department of Music
Electronic Music and Recording Arts Program (EMRA)

Presents:

**Nosferatu (1922)**

The story of "Nosferatu" is one of gothic horror, sensuality and ultimately, death. Essentially a retelling of Bram Stoker's Dracula, Nosferatu traces the blood-sucking progress of the count as he takes over a small German village, then attempts to spread his influence and activities to the rest of the world.

With an original music score by the students of the Electronic Music 1 class
FA-304
Monday 8:00 p.m.
May 5, 2008
attendance is free and open to the public
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.