Semester has a Memorable Beginning with Full Classes, Heavy Rains

As of Wednesday night, courses were filled to 102% of capacity and enrollment was nearing last spring’s census figure.

It certainly has been a memorable beginning to the spring semester. Students returned to campus on Tuesday battling driving rain, flooded grounds and classrooms bursting at the seams.

At the end of the day Wednesday, the college had already reached a fill rate of 102% and — despite heavy course cuts — the total enrollment was just eight students shy of the spring 2009 census figure of 14,945.

The enrollment picture alone would be enough to cause frustration for students and disappointment for many as they were unsuccessful in attempts to petition classes.

Anticipating this enrollment crunch, Dr. Kasler shared the following message with students via e-mail:

> These are extraordinary times. No matter who you are or what you are doing, we know the State’s budget situation and the current recession have had major impacts. Cypress College is experiencing both record enrollment and historic levels of budget reductions. Those two things combined are likely to mean you’ll be waiting in line somewhere at some point on campus.

A resources section was also added to the campus website to assist students in their search for classes.

The hunt for classes played out against the backdrop of the most-severe weather experienced at the college in at least a decade. There was a report of a tornado blowing through neighboring Seal Beach and a roof collapse just blocks up Valley View in La Palma.

Flooding blocked entrances to the campus and closed a portion of Lot #9 for a short period. However, Cypress College survived relatively unscathed, with minor leaks in some buildings.

The weather events prompted college officials to evaluate emergency procedures in anticipation of additional storms this weekend.

Students, Employees Urged to Keep an Eye on Belongings

Cypress College is a safe environment, but in these tough economic times it is important not to have a false sense of security about our personal belongings.

In recent months, there has been a noticeable increase in the theft of personal property from vehicles and unattended property in our community, including on our campus.

For that reason, we ask that you heed these tips and share these warnings with students and staff in your areas:

- Secure your vehicle by locking the doors and rolling windows up.
- Do not leave items in plain view on the seats or floor of your car.
- Placing expensive belongings in your trunk can be risky since you may be observed placing them there, tipping off potential thieves.
- Better still — don’t leave valuables in your car.
- Keep belongs such as laptop computers, cell phones and mp3 players at arm’s length.
- Lock your office when leaving.
Wet Beginning to Spring 2010 Semester

At points during the week — albeit few and relatively brief — it might have been possible to boat to Cypress College. Above is an image provided by Melody Bachman. Bachman, who lives east of the campus, provided a number of images to us of the lake-like conditions near the campus. She kindly annotated the photograph above. The baseball and softball fields are seen adjacent to the traffic light.

The image above was posted on the social networking service Twitter by @kylevenus. It shows the main entrance to the college from Valley View Street. No word on how his vehicle survived this endeavor.

Despite the waves coming ashore on our tiny island nation, it was no day at the beach for “HappyVirus” of the AcuraZine.com user forums, who said his car suffered significant water damage at the intersection of Valley View and Cypress College West. Further, he noted the photograph doesn’t even represent the water level at its highest: “the picture was taken after the water level went *DOWN*” (see picture at left).
Free H1N1 Vaccinations Now Available

Beginning Wednesday, January 20, 300 doses of H1N1 vaccine will once again be available to students, faculty, and staff. All prior restrictions as to who is eligible to receive this vaccine have been lifted, since there is now an ample supply of the vaccine nationwide.

H1N1 flu shots will be available on a first come/first serve basis as follows:
Monday-Thursday: 10 am - 12 noon/1 pm - 4 pm

There is no charge for this immunization.

Please remember that the BEST protection against the flu is to keep your hands away from your face, and to wash your hands, especially before eating.

The Cypress College Health Center is located on the first floor of Gym II and can be reached by phone at (714) 484-7296.

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Italian-American Hall of Fame taps Lasorda

By BARBARA GIASONE

FULLERTON – Los Angeles Dodgers executive Tommy Lasorda, a Fullerton resident for more than 40 years, will be inducted into the Italian American Sports Hall of Fame, his assistant Colin Gunderson said Thursday.

The ceremony will take place Feb. 27 in Chicago.

Gunderson said Lasorda, 82, will also be honored as the Cypress College Americana Man of the Year in February, and will speak at the Cypress College commencement in May.

"We’re saluting Lasorda for all his work in the communities," Cypress spokesman Marc Posner said.

Lasorda will be recognized in Chicago for his outstanding career including two world championships, four National League pennants and eight division titles during his 20-year career as the Dodgers' manager.

He was also the ambassador of the inaugural World Baseball Classic in 2006 and 2009.

The Chicago hall houses the Tommy and Jo Lasorda Exhibit Gallery with a five-screen, 25-foot panoramic display of tributes to sports heroes.

George Randazzo founded the Italian American Boxing Hall of Fame in 1977 to raise money for a struggling Catholic youth program. The initial event honored 23 for Italian American boxing world champions including Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta, Sammy Angott and, posthumously, Rocky Marciano.

The event was so popular, Randazzo was encouraged to start a Hall of Fame to honor all Italian American athletes. Some of the first honorees were Eddie Arcaro, Joe DiMaggio and, posthumously, Vince Lombardi.
WE ARE SAFE AND IN GOOD SHAPE:
First, it is important to note that we are safe and the campus is in good shape. As of this morning, there is no flooding nor are there indications of meaningful water damage in buildings. We are continually monitoring the status of the campus and the weather picture.

PROCEDURES:
In response to this week’s weather situation, I want to both share information about the events and provide procedures on how we can effectively communicate in the event of an emergency. The guidelines below indicate how we will respond to all emergencies as they arise in the future.

INFORMATION SHARING:
It is important for all of our employees to be aware of how we communicate urgent information. Here is that process:

Phone Tree:
- President’s Staff is informed of a given situation
- Members of President’s Staff determine resource needs and call their direct-report employees, initiating a “phone tree”
- Remaining members of the Management Team begin calling their direct-report employees, filling out the phone tree. (the campus Organization Chart is attached)

E-mail:
In addition to that process, and in recognition that multiple methods of communication are necessary, a number of other means of communication will be utilized, including all-employee email distribution.

Text Message:
An emergency text-messaging system is also available through MyGateway. Employees are strongly encouraged to sign up. To do so go to your “personal information channel” in MyGateway and click on “Set Text Message Alert Preferences.”
MASS COMMUNICATION:
Several communications tools are used by the college to communicate on a broad scale. We ask all employees to be familiar with their availability and to share this information with our students so they are aware of where to go for accurate, consistent information about campus emergencies.

Our primary tools include:

- **Campus website** — Information will be placed on the front page of CypressCollege.edu under the “In the News” heading. As a situation escalates, the information may become even more prominent in a brightly colored “alert” box.

- **MyGateway** — All students can receive “personal messages” in their MyGateway account. These messages can be rapidly distributed and are available to students upon logging in to their MyGateway account.

- **Text messaging** — Students can opt-in to the District emergency text-messaging alert system in their MyGateway account. *Your help in encouraging them to do so is appreciated* (instructions above).

- **Social media** — In order to provide a method of communication outside the college’s technology infrastructure, the college also uses the social networking sites Facebook ([http://www.facebook.com/CypressCollege](http://www.facebook.com/CypressCollege)) and Twitter ([http://www.twitter.com/CypressCollege](http://www.twitter.com/CypressCollege)). These have already proven to be highly effective tools for sharing information.

In addition, in the event of an emergency, be prepared to listen for instructions from people such as floor marshals and Campus Safety.

CAMPUS CLOSURE:
If an emergency develops while the campus is closed, the expectation is that all managers will report to campus, unless otherwise directed. Conversely, all other employees are expected to remain away from the college, unless otherwise directed by a supervisor. Standing exceptions, such as Campus Safety and M&O staff, will be communicated by your immediate management supervisor.

Finally, it is important that we all focus on our role in providing a safe environment for our students. When in doubt, take action to “do the right thing” to resolve a situation.
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Career Center

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Articulation – Stacey Howard, Articulation Officer

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Matriculation – Kris Nelson, Coordinator

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Student Discipline

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Advisory Committees

Language Arts – Eldon Young, Dean

Learning Communities

Legacy Program

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Language Lab/Open Commons

Learning Resource Center – [Vacant], Special Project Director

Distance Education/Learning Lab

Peer Assisted Learning (PAL)

Supplemental Instruction (SI)

Tutoring Services

Science, Engineering & Math – Richard Fee, Dean

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Weekend College Coordinator
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- Petitions
- Student Activities – Paul Bottiaux, Advisor
- Graduation
- Senior Day

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- Honors
- Service Learning
- Teacher Prep – Dennis Davino, Special Projects Manager

**Student Support Services** – Rick Rams, Dean
- Ambassadorship
- CalWORKS
- CARE
- Extended Opportunity Programs & Services – Gilbert Contreras, Manager
- Financial Aid – Keith Cobb, Director
- Guardian Scholars
- Outreach

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- Economic Development
- Grants
- Tech Prep
- Title V
- VTEA
- Advisory Committees

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**Personnel**

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**Academic Computing** – Mike Kavanaugh, Interim Manager, Systems Technology Services
- Media Services
- Telecommunications

**Bookstore** – David Okawa, Manager

**Business and Auxiliary Services**
- Budget & Finance Services - [Vacant], Manager, Campus Accounting
- Bursar Office - Renie Harter, Manager, Campus Accounting

**Campus Safety** – Shirley Smith, Director
- Switchboard
- Facilities Use & Rentals
- Food Services
- Grant Support Services
- Personnel
- Production Center
- Swap Meet

**Physical Plant & Facilities** – Albert Miranda, Director
- Maintenance & Operations – José Recinos, Manager
- Mailroom

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