

President's Report to the Governing Board December 11, 2007



COLLEGE NOTEWORTHY NEWS

▪ **Enrollment for Spring 2008 Begins to Grow**

Enrollment for Spring 2008 has begun and looks promising! The following is an analysis of Spring 2008 enrollment compared with Spring 2007 enrollment as of the same day of registration.

| | <u>Spring 2008</u> | <u>Spring 2007</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>Percentage</u> |
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| Date | 12/10/2007 | 12/08/2006 | | |
| Students | 3995 | 3694 | 301 | 8.1 |
| Continuing Students | 3113 | 2903 | 210 | 7.2 |
| Units | 31,974.0 | 28,501.5 | 3472.5 | 12.2 |

▪ **Cuyamaca Fest**

Over 175 students and their parents participated in the first ever Cuyamaca Fest – an event to promote early enrollment. The lower level of the Student Center was transformed into a “Department Expo” where new and continuing students and their parents could ask questions and get answers from both student services and instructional experts from throughout Cuyamaca College.



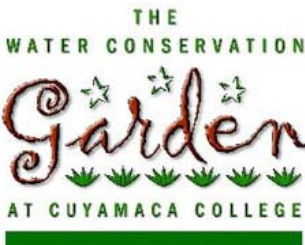
Additionally, a variety of informational workshops were offered for new and continuing students and parents. The most popular workshops were “Make College Affordable – You Don’t Have to Be Broke to Get Financial Aid”, “Start Here, Go There – Transfer Information,” and “Everything High School Parents Need to Know.” The event was held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., which allowed evening students and parents to attend the event.

▪ **Part-Time Faculty Member Presents at Mathematics Seminar**

Mr. Farshad Arjomandi, part-time math instructor, recently presented a seminar for the Department of Mathematics & Statistics at SDSU entitled “Frobenius’ Theorem and Nonlinear Geometric Control.” In mathematics, Frobenius’ theorem gives necessary and sufficient conditions for finding a maximal set of independent solutions of an underdetermined system of first-order homogeneous linear partial differential equations. And if you’re into math, you will understand what all that means!

- **Eagle Scouts Volunteer at Child Development Center**

Members of a local Eagle Boy Scout Troop recently volunteered their time at the Child Development Center to build raised flower beds for the children's garden. The troop used this opportunity for their service project. CDC Director Linda Haar is grateful for the efforts of the young men who participated in the project and to teacher Suzanne Davies and Cuyamaca College Graphic Instructor Tim Buckles for making the arrangements for the Eagle Boy Scout Troop to come and help with this worthwhile project.



- **Water Conservation Garden Receives Award**

The Water Conservation Garden was recently selected as the recipient of the Rain Bird Corporation's 2007 "Intelligent Use of Water Award." The Garden was selected from a prestigious international slate of candidates to receive the recognition and accompanying \$10,000 prize. Rain Bird Corporation created this award to "honor those persons or organizations whose innovation, leadership, ingenuity and overall commitment to improved landscape water efficiency has raised the standard for outdoor water conservation." The panel of judges found the Water Conservation Garden's contribution to innovation, water savings, landscape preservation, and overall community impact to be superior.

- **Coyote Athlete Update**

The Women's Soccer Team was very successful this season. The team ended up making the Southern Section State Semi-Finals for the first time ever in Cuyamaca history!! Our women athletes faced the #1 team in the nation - Santiago Canyon. The Coyotes came up a little short, losing only 2-1. Only five other teams have even scored a goal on them! The girls fought hard until the end and were proud of their hard work this season.



- **Local Assistance Center (LAC)**

The Cuyamaca College LAC has scaled back its operations but continues to remain open to provide fire victims with access to relief and recovery resources.

- **Wheelchair Basketball**

The Keynote Event during Disabilities Awareness Week was the 10th Annual Wheelchair Basketball Exhibition, held on Wednesday, December 5th, 2007. The San Diego Race Express played against and with members of Cuyamaca athletics. The game was followed by a lunch for the participants and volunteers. The event was sponsored by the Department of Rehabilitation, DSPS and Club ABLED, and the snack bar was open and operated by ASCC.



COLLEGE UPCOMING EVENTS

- **President's Holiday Celebration, co-sponsored by the Cuyamaca College Foundation**
Thursday, December 13th, 2007, Student Center

- **Spring 2008 Convocation**
Wednesday, January 23rd, 2008, Student Center

- **Communication Arts Building Grand Opening**
Thursday, January 31st, 2008
10:00 a.m. -- Ribbon Cutting
6:00-9:00 p.m. -- Premiere
Friday, February 1st, 2008
High School and Middle School student tours