



President's Report to the Governing Board March 15, 2005

1. CUYAMACA COLLEGE IN POPULAR SCIENCE

Congratulations to Cuyamaca College Astronomy student, Danny LaCrue, who submitted a composite picture of the Tarantula Nebula and was featured in the March 2005, edition of *Popular Science*.

2. COLLEGE PANEL PRESENTS INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES MODEL (STANDING ROOM ONLY!!)

On Wednesday, March 9th, a team of four faculty and administrative staff members of the college including Michael Wangler, Geography Instructor and Curriculum Committee Co-Chair; Kristin Zink, Child Development Department Coordinator; Cristina Chiriboga, Vice President, Instruction, and Al Taccone, Division Dean of Instruction presented at the statewide Chief-Instructional Officers/Chief Student Services Officers Conference, *United We Stand*. The topic was on the College Student Learning Outcomes Model, shared governance processes, and the training activities related to it. The group also addressed next steps and an analysis of key factors in implementation. The presentation drew a capacity crowd and was very well received!

3. AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY GRAND OPENING

"Start Your Engines," was the call of the day as over 100 people gathered to celebrate the Grand Opening of the newly remodeled Automotive Technology Complex at Cuyamaca College on Thursday, March 10th. Governing Board members and Chancellor Suarez were driven to the event by our capable faculty and staff making a grand entrance for the ribbon cutting. President Perri acknowledged the many individuals whose vision, support, organizational skills, and patience over the past two years led to the successful remodel project. Cuyamaca College received a proclamation from Assemblyman Jay LeSuer's and Senator Hollingsworth's offices; and faculty Jim Custeau, Pat Garity, Jim Hannibal and Chris Branton lead tours of the new facility. Featured were three re-modeled, state-of-the art classrooms, a heavy equipment lab, an electronics lab and a new computer lab.

4. ON-LINE COUNSELING, ANOTHER AVENUE TO SERVING STUDENTS

With "Students First" as our motto and goal, coming this spring 2005, Cuyamaca College students and the general community will have another form of counseling available to them. ON-LINE COUNSELING represents a first step in the direction of delivering a structured counseling service via the world-wide web. Students and webpage visitors can discover answers to their questions from our FAQ section, learn about available campus services, and fill out a student intake form for follow-up purposes where a professional counselor will contact students in a timely manner. For immediate consideration there is a "quick question" section where questions are answered normally within a 48-hour timeframe. This service is now available online at: www.cuyamaca.net under the **Online Services** pull down menu under Cuyamaca College, click on the "Ask a Counselor" link.

5. ASCC STUDENT CENTER GRAND OPENING

ASCCs' Grand Opening of the relocated Student Center was a great success! Over 150 staff and students came to the BBQ and toured the newly improved Student Center. The Student Center now includes a ping pong table, DVD, VHS player, movies, computers, a copy machine and snack bar. Campus Clubs were invited to set-up information tables for students to sign up for clubs. Two new clubs were introduced and are now active on campus, "Women in Technology" and "The International Club." ASCC is planning another BBQ on Tuesday, April 5th, from 11:00-1:00.

6. CONGRATULATIONS FORENSICS TEAM

Congratulations to Griffins/Coyotes Speech & Debate Team! The PSCFA Spring Champs Speech/Debate Tournament was held at Pasadena City College on February 25-27. Cuyamaca College students, Mona Weaver won 2nd place in Novice Poetry; Robert Eugenio won 2nd place in Novice Drama and was a finalist in Novice Poetry; and Walter Brooks-McDaniel won 3rd place in Novice Poetry. Marie Britt was an Octo-finalist in Novice Parliamentary.

7. CUYAMACA COLLEGE ATHLETIC UPDATE

Women's Basketball: The Pacific Coast Conference has selected Cuyamaca College basketball player **Amy Hoyt** as its Women's Athlete of the Week. She's been double-teamed, knocked out and came back to score 25 points in the second half against Southwestern College after a collision the prior the game. Per Coach Sorour, she's demonstrated amazing courage and toughness and has carried us offensively, averaging 18 points in conference. Way to show Coyote Spirit!

Men's Basketball: **Ronnie Simpson** and **Marlon Pierce** made all conference 1st team.

8. WOMEN IN SCIENCE MONTH – LRC DISPLAY

For the "Women in Science" month, the LRC will feature a display of international and American women, past and present, who have made wonderful contributions in the sciences and mathematics. Brief biographies of these extraordinary women are on display. Also on display are library materials about them. The library display runs through April 8, 2005.

9. UPCOMING EVENTS - PLEASE JOIN US!

- Science & Technology Mall Groundbreaking
Thursday, March 31st, 10:00 a.m., Cuyamaca College Quad
- Cuyamaca College Botanical Society Annual Scholarship Luncheon
Saturday, April 16th, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m., Barona Valley Casino & Event Center
- Student Fine Art Exhibition Reception
Thursday, April 21st, 4:00 p.m., LRC
- EOPS Parenting Conference
Friday, April 22nd, 8:30 a.m., Cuyamaca College Quad
- Cuyamaca College Foundation Dinner Dance
Saturday, April 23rd, Hyatt Islandia
- Cuyamaca College's 11th Annual Career Fair
Wednesday, April 27th, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Cuyamaca College Grand Lawn