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**Good afternoon!** Luckily, all has been relatively quiet lately and we have not had any more excitement like the bomb scare of two weeks ago. I have been through many bomb scares over the years and even though the odds of an actual armed bomb being present are minute, in these days of a heightened awareness in regard to terrorism, you have to treat every incident as if it were the real thing. Although some people have pointed out some minor glitches in our response to the bomb situation, the overall response accomplished what had to be done in a timely fashion, i.e., secure the immediate area around the threat to establish a safe perimeter. We will review our emergency response procedures to see how they can be improved, but I am pleased with the efforts of our campus police and their quick assessment of the situation and action in response to it.

**Crime Alert**

I'm sure that many of you saw the crime alert that Chief Bromme put out on campus e-mail last Tuesday. Apparently, a student was accosted by two individuals in Holt late in the afternoon. He was forced to give up his valuables to the two men. Even though Delta is a safe haven in most respects and we don't normally think of such crimes as occurring on campus, we are to a certain extent a microcosm of the larger society and they do occur, although to a much lesser degree. Nonetheless, the advice provided by the chief that is quoted below is good practice for all of us to follow.

"Please practice good personal safety at all times. Walk with one or more persons. Stay on well lit and well traveled pathways. Be aware of your surroundings. Report any suspicious activity to Campus Police."

**Halloween Contest**

I was fortunate to have lived in the Santa Cruz area for almost 17 years. One of the most interesting and fun days in Santa Cruz is Halloween. I say that because Halloween has almost taken on the proportions of a national holiday in that community. Even though we don't celebrate it to the same level here in Stockton, I have always enjoyed Halloween and want to keep some type of Halloween tradition going (even though I am not personally going to dress up – my dressing up days are over!).

On Monday I will be going around campus to judge the Halloween spirit and decorating imagination of a number of campus offices. The winning office will receive a pizza luncheon for their area. This year we are adding something new: a costume judging contest for the best costumes for a male and female. Each of the winners will get a special gift basket for their efforts. The individual costume judging contest will take place during the Halloween celebration in the board room that begins at 11:30 next Monday. Everyone is invited.

## **Navy Rocks**

A couple of weeks ago I received an e-mail from Barbara Barroga concerning an impromptu concert by the U.S. Naval Band in Upper Danner. Like several others, I went to hear the band thinking that I was going to hear John Philip Souza marches and what I ended up hearing was Weezer, Black-Eyed Peas, and the tunes of other Top 40 bands. What I and others didn't realize is that the Navy has more than one type of band. In short, this band was not your Father's Navy Band! In spite of the fact that it was too loud, I still enjoyed it. It is obviously a great recruitment tool and the students who were present seemed to be having a good time.

## **Kudos**

Many thanks to Stan Stinnett and the custodial crew for the great cleaning job they did in the interior stairwells at Shima. Stan has indicated that the custodial crew will be doing a regular schedule of deep cleaning to get the campus back to a level of cleanliness and shine that we all want to see. It won't happen overnight, but they are off to a great start!

Thanks to the efforts of new Speech Instructor Anna Johnson, the Delta College Forensics Team is making a major comeback to their glory days! I have been impressed with the recent string of successes by the members of the team and if you know Anna and her amazing energy, there is no doubt that this is just the beginning of a long period of success.

Another special thank you and kudos to Jazmin Amen, Mark Mekjavich, and the Transfer Center staff for organizing another fantastic Transfer Day and College Night. This event provides a great service to our students and to the high school students in the community. Special appreciation must also go to all of the Counselors, Faculty, and staff from other departments and programs at Delta who contributed and/or participated in this event as well.

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