Welcome Back!

Fall semester is already upon us. Classes begin August 20th, for what promises to be a semester to remember. Enrollment is up and change is in the air. This issue of e-bulletin focuses on updating returning faculty and staff with regard to changes to the campus they may be seeing for the first time.

It Just Keeps on Getting Better

**Budd Building**

One glance and you can tell that extensive work is being done on the Budd Building. The Budd project consists of several different components which will contribute to enhanced aesthetics and usability. All phases of the project are either complete or nearing completion.

- The Budd decking and stairway project is well underway and is expected to be ready for use prior to opening day of Fall Semester. The college is making use of composite construction materials which have much better resistance to the effects of weather than normal wood.
- The Budd fountain project is underway, but not scheduled for completion until early in the fall semester. Ongoing construction is not expected to impede traffic into or out of the Budd Building.
- ADA accessibility issues in Budd 1 parking lot have been addressed. In the northeast corner of the parking lot a retaining wall and an enhanced transition to the footpath leading to the Budd building have been constructed. This project will be complete prior to opening day of the fall semester.
- Renovation of the Budd 2nd floor bathrooms is underway. This project will provide better access for students and staff with disabilities, and will be complete prior to opening day.

**Soccer Field**

As you can see, what was once the Budd 2 parking lot is quickly turning into a new soccer field (right). The asphalt has been removed and the site is being prepared for drainage and irrigation to be installed. The next phase of the project will include grading and planting seed.

**Parking**

We all know that the construction on campus will effect parking. In an effort to understand and lessen these effects, the district has completed a comprehensive report. The report identifies potential issues and is intended to be a useful tool for mitigation efforts.

The parking report can be viewed in the Public Information Office: Horton Administration Building, Room 208.

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Talk-the-Talk

**CEQA**—The California Environmental Quality Act is a California law (California Public Resources Code section 21000) passed in 1970. This act requires development projects to submit documentation of their potential environmental impact. On July 26, 2007, Delta College held an Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting in Lodi. This meeting signaled the earliest stage of the CEQA process for the Lodi Center Project. Future phases include producing a draft environmental impact report and a final environmental impact report. Both documents will be made available to the public for comment.