



Campus Update

September – November 2008

Staff Art Show

We had our annual staff art show at the Faculty Club from September 1st to October 31st. We had several staff employees from different departments participate with exciting array of medium used. We were very pleased that Chancellor Yang and his wife, Dilling came by for the Art Reception in October to view the creative works and meet some our artists in person. This event seems to get better each year and we will continue this tradition.

Halloween Celebration

We offered two staff activities for Halloween this year. The first was our Annual Halloween Decorating Competition in which we encourage departments throughout campus to use their creative genius to decorate their department in the most original design. This is a great team-building activity that unifies the department in a competitive spirit but also sets the stage for smaller department celebrations. Staff Assembly honors the winners of this competition with lunch for the department.

The second activity is a Halloween Costume Contest which is held at our University Center at lunch time. This activity is open to individual staff as well as groups of staff who all dress in a particular theme. Our costume contest winners get a lunch card to use at the UCen. Halloween has had a negative connotation on campus due to our Isla Vista party scene that makes the national news every year. We feel we are really making a difference when we can bring a positive uplifting staff activities to campus which we are pleased to say includes also our student staff.

Staff Communication

We are making an effort to coordinate with other staff groups on campus to create a staff e-mail list called the "S-List". Currently, we are printing a quarterly newsletter that is distributed via mail services on campus. This is quite costly and is not very effective form of communication. Communication with staff on campus is challenging and we hope to make this transition in the next year with the help of other staff groups who have expressed the same needs.

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