On a recurring basis, the college receives information about threats of various degrees to the campus. Thankfully, these threats are generally intended to evoke a reaction from the college, but have no credibility. This type of incident is not unique to Cypress College.

**In each instance where the College is informed of a threat, we treat the report with great seriousness in an effort to provide for the safety of our students, employees and visitors.**

We ask that each member of the campus community do the same. That is, **if you hear someone make a threat or observe something of a potentially threatening nature, you are asked to report this information to Campus Safety without hesitation.**

A threat late last week only came to light because classmates took the initiative to inform campus officials.

We remind our students, employees and any others who are on campus that reporting any threat is important. **None of us should individually make the determination that a threat is not credible and thus not worthy of being reported.**

**Campus Safety can be reached at (714) 484-7387.** Every member of the campus community should program this number into their mobile phones so it is handy.

In the case of an immediate threat, you should dial 911 and ask someone nearby to simultaneously contact Campus Safety. This will greatly aid in establishing an efficient response.

Working in conjunction with the Cypress Police Department, Cypress College officials responded to a threat reported late last week.

While police determined there was no cause for arrest or further investigation, College officials have begun disciplinary procedures with the student involved, and have increased campus security presence for the immediate future.
Cypress College has a long-standing tradition of progressive incident-response training. This includes a regular series of drills and collaborative initiatives with local law enforcement and other response agencies.

Incidents such as the one in the past week deepen our resolve to be fully prepared. As the college does after each drill, a debrief has been held and a tabletop exercise scheduled. Measures are also being enacted to improve our communication, response and collaboration.