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War or Peace speaker



Photo by Aman Mehrzai

Former U.S. Rep. Paul Findley spoke at the April 10 symposium, *War or Peace?* at the Chandni Restaurant in Newark, moderated by Ohlone President Douglas Treadway. Other speakers included Rep. Pete Stark, D-13th District. See story on Page 6.

Earth Day cleanup set for April 22

By **BRITNEY BINDEL**
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As the result of grassroots efforts, on April 22, 1970, 20 million people celebrated Earth Day across America for the first time.

Now, Earth Day is celebrated internationally. Ohlone will join efforts with fellow earthlings in the “Get Down to Earth” project on Friday, April 22. From 2 to 6 p.m., more than 25 crews, led by faculty and staff, will spread out over the campus to pick up litter.

During the same time, BFI and the Environment and Culture Club will be distributing information about recycling.

A year ago, President Doug Treadway discussed Ohlone’s vi-

sion, core values and goals for the next five years. One of the values was responsibility of environmental resources, to “Promote and maintain a clean, safe and healthy college environment through continuous engagement of students and college personnel in campus preparedness, wellness, beautification and environmental sustainability.”

Vice President Jim Wright said the president’s vision called for individual contribution. As a result, “Get Down to Earth” is the action put to Treadway’s words.

According to club adviser, George Rodgers, top priorities of the Environment and Culture Club for Earth Day are re-establishing the recycling program to be “cred-

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Ohlone makes step toward four-year degree program

By **FRANKIE ADDIEGO**
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On Friday, the Ohlone College Council met and discussed, among other things, a proposed program whereby Alliant College would hold some classes on the Fremont campus. This would allow students to take classes on the Ohlone campus leading to a four-year degree.

President and Superintendent Doug Treadway said that this arrangement would help student development on the campus. Alliant University was founded in 2001 and has six campuses in the state of California. The council said that they had already asked Rep.

Pete Stark to ask for federal funding.

If Alliant University and Ohlone College do enact a program in concert with one another, it will begin in 2007 or 2008. It’s also a possibility that Alliant and Ohlone will hold trial courses. Ohlone may also enact similar programs with other universities, most likely including the University of Phoenix. “We’re not going to create an exclusive arrangement,” said Treadway.

Alliant is expected to hold a number of four-year courses at Ohlone. It appeared that, there would be no cooperative classes between Ohlone and Alliant.

The council also discussed the Classified Senate.

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ASOC sets Carnival

By **CLIFTON M. DER BING**
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The student government has set the annual carnival for Wednesday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Palm Bosque.

ASOC Committee chairperson Karina Laiwalla said, “ASOC has been working hard to host this event for Ohlone students and staff to enjoy. The carnival is meant for all to kick back at this free-of-charge Hawaiian-themed event.”

The event will have many games and activities, such as a bouncy obstacle course, bouncy boxing, football throw, dunk tank and more. There will also be food and drinks available, including barbeque hot dogs and hamburgers, baked potatoes, chili, and an array of desserts and tropical drinks. ASOC members approved \$5,000 for the Carnival.

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Student survives, friend dies in freeway wreck

By **SEAN CRAWFORD**
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Ohlone student Ayman Ahmed, 20, died April 3 after the Acura Integra he was driving overturned six to eight times in a high-speed collision on Interstate 880.

Another Ohlone student, Mark Fagundes, 20, was a passenger in Ahmed’s 1999 Acura and survived the wreck with minor injuries.

Fagundes said the Acura was northbound at around 90 mph in

Fremont around 9 p.m. Saturday, when the traffic ahead suddenly slowed.

“I was playing with his radio, when I see this BMW creeping behind us,” Fagundes said.

To avoid the slowing traffic, Fagundes said Ahmed swerved right to avoid a breaking car ahead, merged into another lane and lost control of the car.

“It was fishtailing right, left, and then right again, heading head-first into a (sound) wall.” Fagundes said the BMW clipped the Acura, spinning it sideways,

facing into oncoming traffic.

The driver’s side of the Acura hit the sound wall, then the car rolled backward up the sound wall and flipped six to eight times, travelling over sixty feet against traffic coming to rest upside-down, with Fagundes suspended from his seatbelt.

Fagundes said he crawled out through a broken window and went around the car to check on Ahmed.

“I knew it wasn’t good, but I didn’t want to think about it,” he said. “I saw him hanging upside

down, his head limp, choking on blood.”

The California Highway Patrol arrived shortly afterward. Ahmed was transported to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley, where he died around 11 a.m. Sunday.

The CHP is investigating the cause of the accident.

Ahmed was a part-time student at Ohlone.

“I believe my seatbelt saved me. Nobody should have to see their homeboy die at 20,” said Fagundes.



Photo by Sean Crawford
Mark Fagundes