



Students voice their opinion in support of instructor

EDITOR:

This letter is in regard to a request for a story about the recent petition in support for Microbiology Professor Dr. Rouhbaksh. Two hundred students signed a petition and many of these students sent e-mails to the dean directly and those

signatures and letters went unanswered.

Dr. Rouhbaksh has been a professor at Ohlone for 8 years and he is finishing a 1-year contract this summer. The students here support Dr. Rouhbaksh and want people to know what an excellent professor he is and that due to a selection process that

didn't take into account the voices of the students and the years of service that professor Rouhbaksh dedicated to Ohlone students, he will no longer be teaching here at Ohlone.

A rally in support of Dr. Rouhbaksh was held at the free speech area in front of Building 1

on Wednesday at 1 p.m. More than 60 students showed their support by attending. This rally was student organized and Dr. Rouhbaksh had no involvement.

When a student asked the Editor of the Monitor why they wouldn't run a story about our petition, we were informed that because the

position had already been filled and the news was too old. This letter is so that the students of Ohlone can be informed and heard.

Present and former students of Dr. Rouhbaksh:

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Photo by Melody Marquez

Gabriel Chu relaxes while he waits to donate blood.

Blood drive results improve over fall

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Staff writer

Ohlone's Spring Blood Drive collected seven more pints than the drive last fall.

The student health center organized the April 26 drive in the Cafeteria. This event was also sponsored by the ASOC.

"We had 35 pints in the fall and 42 pints this spring," said Sally Bratton, director of the Student Health Center. "The collection data from the other blood drives are usually about the same."

The blood drive is not an event limited by time and occasion. Students can consider donating blood on any other day.

Many people think that donating blood is unnecessary, which causes people to ignore, but this simple act on your part can save lives. According to the American Red Cross statistics, blood donation saves more than four million American lives each year in a demanding need of blood every three seconds.

According to the American Red Cross, one out of three people needs donated blood in their lifetime. One out of 10 hospital patients needs a transfusion.

Blood is indispensable when it comes to treating patients of serious diseases like cancer, hemophilia, surgery or accident patients.

"That is why blood drives are done every year, because people need blood," said Bratton.

Students interested in donating at any time can go to <http://www.beadonor.com>. You can also come to the Student Health Center in Building 16, call (510) 659-6258.

"The blood collected at Ohlone goes to the American Red Cross," said Bratton.

According to the American Red Cross, the eligibility criteria to give blood for transfusion to another person is that, you must be healthy, be at least 17 years old or 16 years old if allowed by state law, weigh at least 110 pounds, and not have donated

blood in the last eight weeks (56 days).

"Healthy" means that you feel well and can perform normal activities. Students must not have a chronic condition such as diabetes or high blood pressure.

According to the American Red Cross, other aspects of each potential donor's health history are also discussed as part of the donation process before any blood is collected. Each donor receives a brief examination during which temperature, pulse, blood pressure and blood count (hemoglobin) are measured.

Making donations for your own use during surgery (antilogous blood donation) is considered a medical procedure and the rules for eligibility are less strict than for regular volunteer donations.

Newark groundbreaking planned

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U.S.A., Miss Asia, Miss Vietnam, Miss Japan, Miss Punjab, Miss Thailand and more will be on hand to add to the exciting atmosphere.

The Mayor of Newark and Delaine Eastin, California's superintendent of public instruction round out the dignitaries attending. To top it all off, Ohlone's very own Foundation will kick off a capital campaign by capping off a \$20,000 scholarship giveaway to students.

"First class entertainment and first class meals," said Foundation Executive Director Josephine Ong-Hawkins. "To ensure we will continue to grow."

The events will begin at 4 p.m., to include a press conference and tribal dancing, consecrating the ground for future construction.

Ohlone President and Superin-

tendent Doug Treadway; the Mayor of Newark, David W Smith; and the principle architect of the new campus are expected to appear at the groundbreaking. After the ceremony is complete, the gala starts at 5 p.m. at the Hilton nearby. These celebrations are to "kick off the capital campaign," said Ong-Hawkins. "We want to thank the community, our donors and recognize students."

The Newark campus has been a point of discussion in almost every Board of Trustees meeting this semester. It has been the subject of much controversy, since its construction was approved in a \$150 million bond measure by local voters in 2002. \$450,000 has been spent on dealing with endangered owls in the area of construction.

Out of California's 109 commu-

nity colleges, the Newark center will be the first "green campus," meaning ecologically constructed out of environmentally sound materials.

"It's going to be a state-of-the-art facility for training people," said Treadway earlier this year.

Classes are expected to begin at the completed Newark Center in the fall of 2007.

The administration is considering a shuttle service between the Newark site and the main campus in Fremont. This would also make it easier for students without cars to attend classes at both campuses.

The Newark site is at 39370 Cherry St. For interested parties, you must RSVP to the Ohlone College Foundation by May 15 to attend the ceremonies. Call (510) 659-6020 for more information.

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