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A summer turning-point for Ohlone

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Reflecting on the past semester and looking forward to the future, Ohlone President Doug Treadway discussed key points of success and what to expect in the summer and fall of 2005.

“Wrapping up this school year, we had a fairly successful ‘smoke free campus’ initiative,” said Treadway. The initiative was a goal set by the president to make the entire Ohlone campus into a smoke free zone up to the parking lot, where designated signs and markings indicate where it’s okay for the students to smoke.

In early March, Treadway decided not to approve the campus police’s request to carry hand guns on campus.

In February and April, the first two world forums were held with special guests talking about the war in Afghanistan and Iraq, with the second forum focusing on U.S. - China relations.

This summer, Ohlone expects its largest summer enrollment ever. A heavy marketing campaign focused on an increased budget will offer more classes for students to take.

In the fall, the campus plans to keep its head up in a budget hold pattern due to a forecast of a stagnant state funding that is causing colleges across the campus to cut back.

“We’re holding our own,” said Treadway, “we are expecting a flat enrollment while many colleges are losing out.”

Dancin’ in the Quad



Photo by Melody Marquez

Katherina Bui and Marilou Alejo, historian and vice president of the Asian Pacific American Student Association, perform a hula dance at ‘Can’t Stop, Won’t Stop,’ a festival in the Quad Wednesday to celebrate Asian Pacific American heritage month. See story on Page 4.

A man and his cactus



Photo by Inez Black

Larry Ferea, with the Building and Grounds Department, has brought welcome touches of color to the campus this spring with his flowering plants, such as this flowering cactus called an Eulychnia ritter - E. saint pieana. His tips for success: Plant on a sunny grade to ensure good drainage. Rocky, sandy soil is best. Do not plant in an area where water puddles, as the roots will rot. And, entrust your plants only to people like Ferea, who have green thumbs.

Board reviews Building 7 plans

By TONY C. YANG
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The Ohlone Board of Trustees went on a field trip Wednesday, surveying the college’s buildings and grounds in preparation for a vote on a new student center.

Along with President Douglas Treadway and an architect, the walking tour gave board members a better feel for the physical layout of the college. This allowed them to better visualize the major changes they will consider in the coming weeks.

“We have 30-year-old buildings,” said Ron Travenick, director of Admissions and Records. “We have spots for 2,419 cars.” It is important to consider all the options, he said.

The college does have an estimated 10 percent of surplus space, which may be used for parking, but it is for contingency use only. He added, “It’s not an exact science.”

Trustee Garrett Yee supported the change: “I like the idea of integrating [the student center] onto campus.” The “L-shaped” proposal was a “great idea.”

Not everyone was enthusiastic. “It’s great,” said Trustee Ruthe Foster. “But I am real concerned about our campus in Newark.”

Most agree, however, that there are current deficiencies that must be fixed. “The restroom facilities are not that great,” said Trustee Dan Archer. “They are small and aren’t accessible.”

If the restroom renovation, along with the rest of the master plan, is approved by the board March 25, the south edge of campus will become a construction zone for some time.

Administrators believe the benefits outweigh the negatives. “Change is necessary,” Treadway said. “It is time to implement [the master plan].”

Adios from us

This is the final issue of the *Monitor* for spring semester. Watch for us in the fall. We return the first day of school, Aug. 15. Don’t worry, be happy, and, as Bob Marley said, “Let’s get together and feel all right.”