



More to pay health fees

By FRANK ADDIEGO
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It was an eventful year for Ohlone College, and the next few years will be even bigger. There will be a student center in place of Building Seven, a new satellite campus in Newark and we will be saying goodbye to some of our oldest and most venerable professors. The years 2006 and 2007 will see big changes for Ohlone.

Ohlone College's Board of Trustees approved a resolution in support of AB982 student health fees. This means that students who receive financial aid will no longer have their health fees waived.

The Board approved this measure unanimously, with the exception of Nick Nardolillo who was absent from Wednesday's meeting. This move may prove to be the cause of some debate.

Also, expect Ohlone to market itself more aggressively.

"The thing that really gets me," said Trustee Dan Archer, "is that we don't market ourselves."

On Wednesday night, the Board reviewed enrollment trends. President and Superintendent Doug Treadway said that

Fremont schools had seen "a drop in their senior classes."

It turned out that while Ohlone enrollment increased dramatically during the nineties, the immediate past has seen slight declines. The drops in enrollment were mainly among students from the 30-49 year-old range.

Demographically speaking, Ohlone's enrollment was also comparatively weak among Hispanics and drop-outs were more prevalent among males than females.

The Board of Trustees also reviewed plans for a new Student Center. While a number of sites were considered, it will most likely be built in the wake of the demolition of Building 7. It may also be used as the new meeting place for the Board of Trustees.

Expect big changes also, as the Smith Center has built a new shell. The center plans to surplus its original shell. This authorization was made as part of the consent agenda. What effect it will have on the Smith Center or any other endeavors at Ohlone College remains to be seen.

The next two years will see Ohlone College come closer and closer to the completion of the brand new Newark Ohlone Cen-

ter. Bids have been awarded to contractors including Top Grade Construction and ISEC Inc. The campus undertaking will cost taxpayers more than \$3 million, focusing on science and technology. Classes are expected to begin on the new campus in the fall of 2007.

Professors Howard DeWitt, Jim Klent, Dennis Roby and Gloria Reid are retiring this year. The Board of Trustees approved their retirement. They also confirmed employment authorized by the President/Superintendent and the recapitulation of payroll warrants as portions of the consent agenda.

During the Board of Trustees meeting, the campus experienced a power outage. It interrupted the meeting for roughly one minute. It did not seem to interfere with business, although campus police did enter the meeting.

Patrice Birkedahl, Ohlone's Public Information Officer for Campus Relations, said, "they were thinking someone might have hit a pole, but they just don't know."

The power outage shut down one of Ohlone's main servers for a few minutes.

Class focuses on women in the west

By OLIVIA SPERANZA
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"Who cooked the last supper?" Professor Cynthia Katona asks this in her upcoming *Women in the Western World* class that is being offered for fall of 2005. The first time this course was taught in California, Katona and two other women instructed it at Cal State East Bay. She was a major figure in the second wave of the feminist movement, leaving her with first-hand accounts and experience from this landmark event.

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"Women's issues are prominent in the news again," Katona said. Her course will be touching not only on these current events, but will also revisit women's issues of the past. Due to the course comparing western culture with other cultures around the world, this class does meet the diversity requirement. Topics of discussion will include everything from religion to the American Revolu-

tion. "All issues are women's issues," Katona said. *Women in the Western World* is expected to be a popular course for the night students. If too many Ohlone students enroll for this class, Katona may consider teaching it again at Ohlone in the future.

With only one paper assignment for the entire semester, *Women in the Western World* is geared to accommodate those who wish to concentrate on the subject matter.

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