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## Treadway takes stand against war

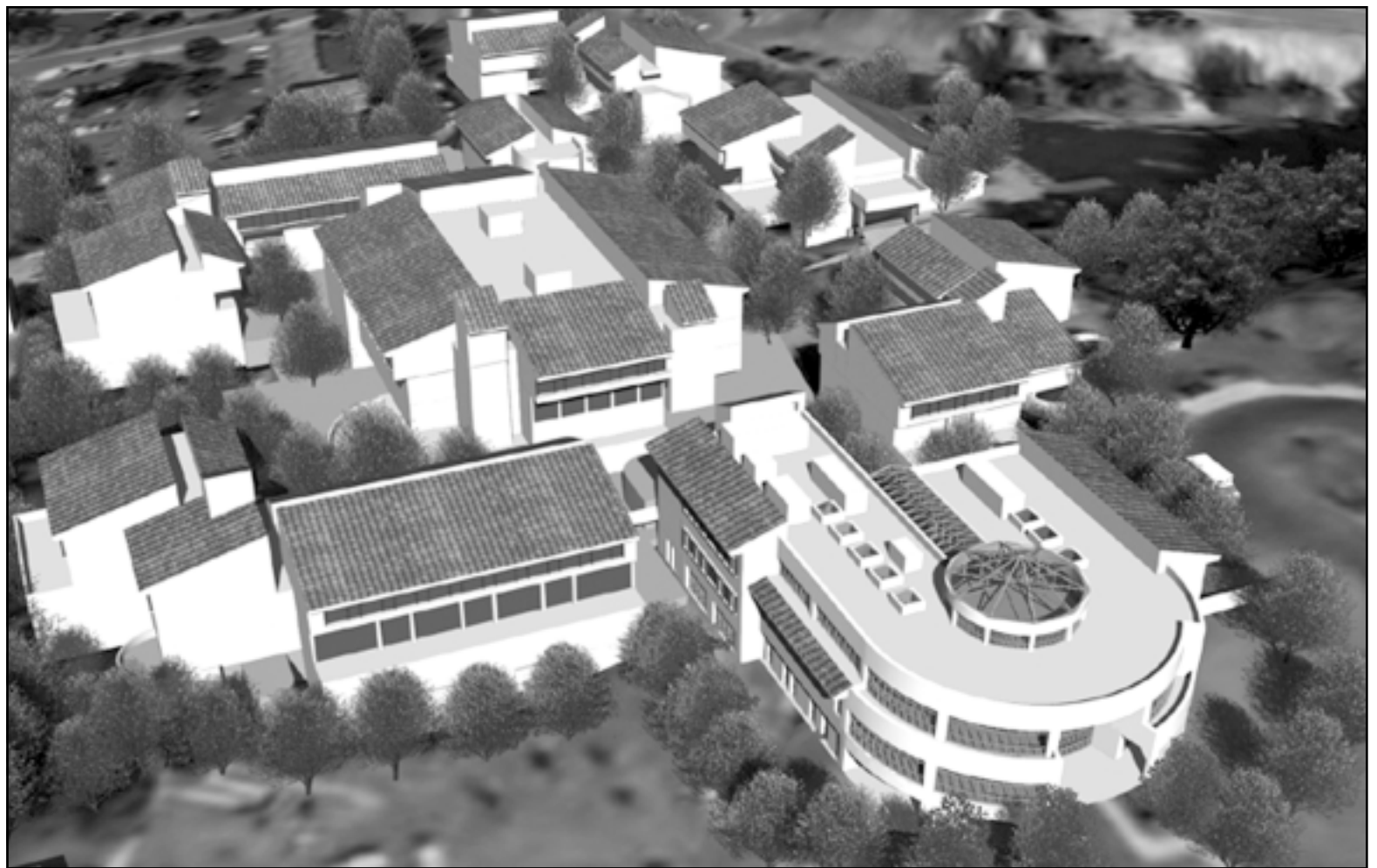
By AMAN MEHRZAI  
Editor-in-Chief

His voice breaking with emotion, Ohlone President Doug Treadway Friday spoke forcefully against the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Speaking to faculty and staff in his fall State of the College address, Treadway said, "I believe that in our classrooms we have a responsibility to teach regarding options to solving conflicts without war."

"We need to teach about Iraq and Afghanistan. To actively question why we are really there. The \$5 billion of the U.S. economy going to support that war every month is a misplaced priority of unprecedented proportion when you consider that every day 30,000 African children die of starvation and illness that is preventable for much

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*Drawing courtesy of tBP Architects*

**Architects' view of the new Student Services Center, which will replace Building 7 and extend into current Parking Lot P.**

## Trustees approve new student center

By JESSICA LOSEE  
Features editor

After deliberating over determining how to act against dilapidated drains, the Ohlone College Board moved to the subject of the plans for the construction of the new Student Services Center late Wednesday night.

The Center will be built where Building 7 now stands and would incorporate all of the administrations of the school including the Counseling department, the Student Health Center, Financial Aid, Admissions, and many more.

The plans for the three-story building were presented by Rick Mangum and Gary Frye of tBP Architects.

Consisting of three levels, the Student Services building will allow several departments to move from the portables into more permanent settings, have meeting rooms while possibly also allowing students to gather in the rotunda of the building to study or fill out paperwork as they do in the lobby of Building One.

"To have everything right there is so accessible," said board member, Nick Nardolillo.

"Students are literally going to be able to walk into the building and see all of the services right through the door," explained Mangum.

tBP Architects, the company designing the building, has been studying the possibilities for the building and consulting with staff and students about needs that have yet to be filled by other structures already existing on campus.

According to tBP, some disabled students and staff have approved the easy accessibility of the building, which provides not only an elevator to all three floors, but also

a ramp on the outside that will allow disabled students access to the first floor.

The lower level will consist of meeting rooms and a reception desk, which will have different services available to students.

The second level will consist of Admission and Records offices, Student Government, a small testing room, and more meeting rooms. The Student Health Center will be moved to the top level of the building and have a separate, more private entrance, allowing students to come and go with little notice. The

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**Cynthia Lee Katona**

## Katona's book about books

By ANNA NEMCHUK  
News editor

For students tired of officious textbooks and tabloids, Professor Cynthia Lee Katona has written a guide to books: *Book Savvy*.

A snappy cover and a catchy title make this slim, crisp volume look anything but daunting. The contents are an original mix of books reviews and short essays about books, reading, and the author's own experiences. The book reviews are quick and sweet, containing basic information such as title, au-

thor, page length and synopsis as well as the author's own difficulty rating, reading tips, and relevant movies. The surrounding material is perhaps even more intriguing, with a striking portrayal of the lamentable state of reading in America and some very good philosophical reasons to scribble all over one's books.

Lean and tan, Professor Katona would look at home by Indiana Jones' side, but her speech is measured, cultured, and clear - an English teacher's dead giveaway. A late but fervent convert to reading,

she describes herself as "your friendly neighborhood book pusher".

There are 88 books reviewed in the text; Katona read over 1,000 to make the cut. Her main criteria demanded that the book turn the audience onto reading more books.

The books are arranged alphabetically by title and there is no index: no accident, as Katona wanted seasoned readers to discover something new.

The list encompasses many genres, from the classical to the

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## New employees listed

New Ohlone employees announced during President Doug Treadway's talk Friday included:

- Kelly White, Counselor.
- James Etheridge, Interpreter.
- Monique Clark, Interpreter.
- Tim Johnson, Interpreter.
- Stella Huang, Accounting Tech III.
- Kelly Green, Bio Tech Program Coordinator.
- Carol Morodomi, PTA Instructor.
- Denise Poteat, Microbiology Instructor.
- Wayne Yuen, Philosophy Instructor.
- Sarah Cooper, Psychology Instructor.
- Mark Salinas, Chicano Studies Instructor.
- Tracy Virgil, English Instructor.
- Maria-Eugenia Grant, Chemistry Instructor.



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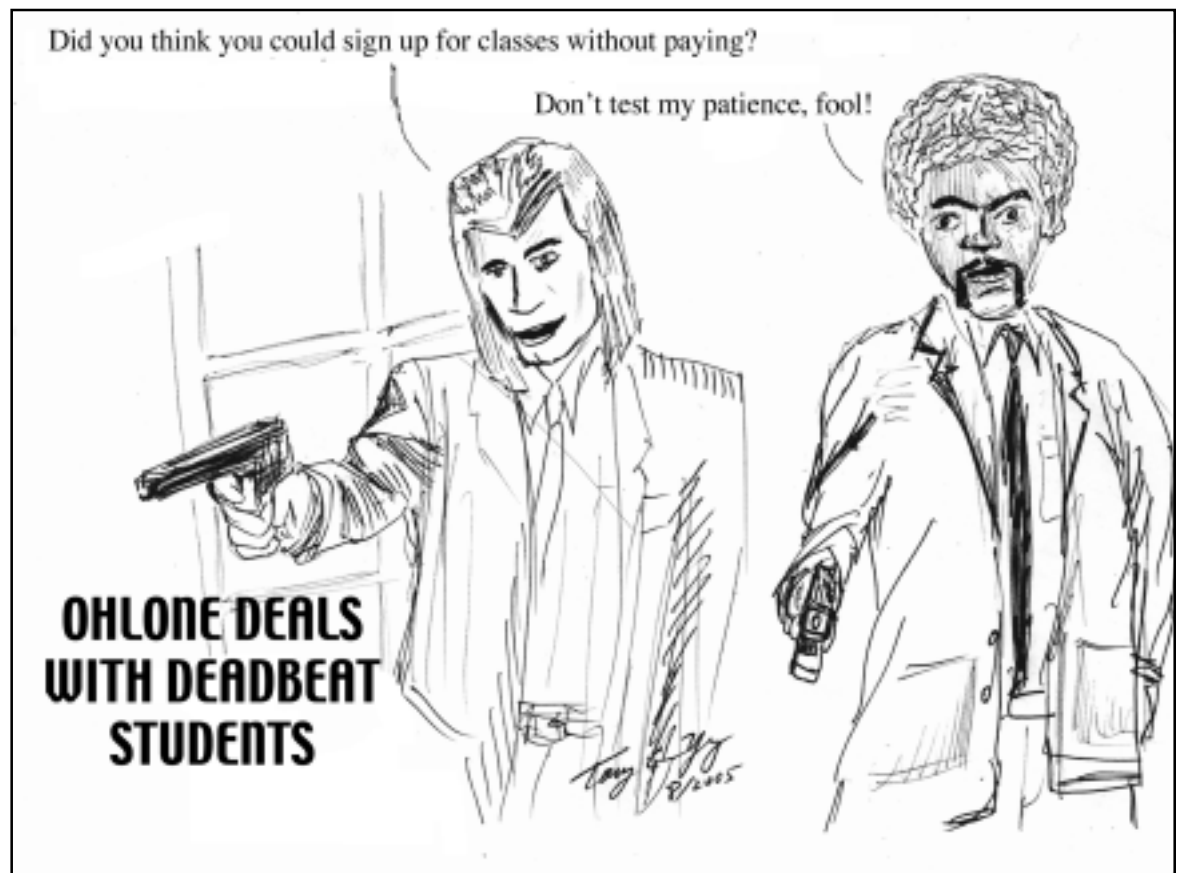


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## OPINION

# Look it up in the dictionary – there's lots of new stuff

By **JESSICA LOSEE**  
Features editor

There have been a few new additions to the tens of thousands of words in Webster's Dictionary. Yet, the new accompaniments may not be all what you're expecting.

According to the Baltimore Sun, the dictionary accepted such words as civil union as well as cargo pants and the notorious chad (the tiny area of the polling card from the 2000 Presidential Election that was meant to be punched out for the person you wished to vote for). These tiny pock-marks of paper became the bane of that election and appeared in several fascinating forms including the swinging, hanging, dimpled, and the most popular, pregnant chads.

Of course, dictionaries must consider and deliberate over their new additions.

"For words to be included in the dictionary," explains the Sun. "three criteria are considered: How long has the word been around? (A minimum of three years is typical.) How widely is it used? (It must show up in mainstream sources, not just obscure journals.) And how frequently does it appear?"

Those among the words that did not appear in Webster's this year included Amber Alert, ringtone, and TiVo. TiVo, the program that allows customers to record television programs on a hard drive to view at a later time, fast forward and rewind live TV; in brief, the best thing since sliced bread and Nintendo.

The Sun also points out that improvements have been made to the definitions of existing words including sheesh (interj. used variously to express disbelief, surprise, annoyance, etc.) and the addition of other slang words such as wedgie (n. a prank in which the victim's undershorts are jerked upward so as to become wedged between the buttocks).

Another dictionary has been expanding their own collection of words, the Oxford Dictionary of English just added such words as demographic, phishing (email scams to get unsuspecting people to give out their bank account numbers in order to receive a portion of a large amount of money, but being robbed instead), and labradoodle (a mixed breed of dog made by cross-

ing a Labrador and a Poodle).

When one goes to look up slang words in the dictionary, one tends to find merely the space where the word would be alphabetized if it had been added or a definition unrelated to which the searcher was expecting.

I recollect looking up the word dork in my enormous 10 lb. dictionary and finding something similar to the following:

n. the penis of a whale

Now, to a 12-year-old, that definition would be the joke of the year, but in recent editions of dictionaries, the definition has been changed to the following, from [www.dictionary.com](http://www.dictionary.com):

1. Slang. A stupid, inept, or fool-

ish person: "the stupid antics of America's favorite teen-age cartoon dorks" (Joshua Mooney).

2. Vulgar Slang. The penis.

Not only has the definition changed, but it has become a certifiable slang term. As a child, I dreamed of having a slang dictionary, which would, undoubtedly, provide hours of enjoyment for my easily-entertained sixth-grade humor.

The fun of this has faded away, today these dictionaries will approve such words as labradoodle and, yes, even Botox, and next year, they will be toasting their new edition which will feature a diamond-studded special-edition with the word bling imprinted into the book in gold plate.

Sheesh.

# Campfires in Texas: Bush continues to burn in spotlight

By **TONY C. YANG**  
Special correspondent

Army Specialist Casey Sheehan's dead, cold body lies six feet under, in loamy soil.

But his death continues to haunt his mother, Cindy Sheehan, fueling her spirited campaign to gain some "facetime" with President

George Bush.

As of last weekend, Bush had still not acquiesced to her request—more of demand—now that she has camped out in front of his Crawford, Texas, ranch.

This apparent snub comes at a time when more than a majority of Americans say they have lost faith in the president. His approval rating is an abysmal 38 points.

Ms. Sheehan has been called a traitor and an opportunist, and even members of her own family said she had an agenda.

And she does.

What mother wouldn't want to know the reasons for a son's death? What parent wouldn't go to the ends of the earth, in her case, the deserts of central Texas, to find out the truth?

President Bush missed a great opportunity to reclaim his compassionate conservative image when he sped by in an armored SUV, on his way to a \$2 million barbecue with Republican contributors.

Taking an hour out of his five-week vacation does not seem unreasonable, especially when he admits he has only met with less than 200 "Gold Star" families.

Sheehan was not your typical grunt. He had aced the ASVAB and wanted to be a chaplain's assistant.

The young man, only 24 years old, was killed in Iraq last April.

It was, as T.S. Eliot put it, the "cruellest month" for Sheehan's mother. She posed a question to Bush:

"Why do you make time for donors and not for me?"

## CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

# Strangest thing that happened this summer?



**KIRANDEEP KAUR**  
Undecided

"I went to India and got pulled over by the cops who demanded bribes."



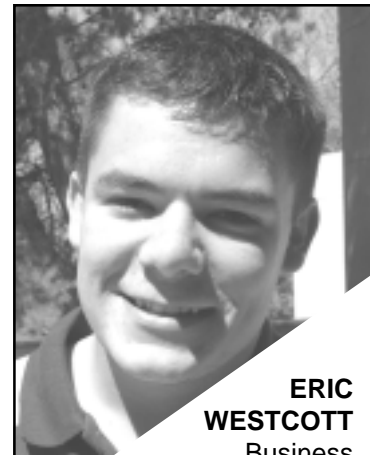
**STEVE WARNER**  
Business

"I was in a major brawl in Reno during a baseball game."



**REBECCA CHEN**  
Undecided

"I met a guy in Tahoe in the street and asked him to pose nude in a photo and he did."



**ERIC WESTCOTT**  
Business

"Worked at a cemetery and had a lady ask to be buried in her car."



**TUAN LE**  
Engineering

"I almost died river rafting when my boat tipped over. I screamed, 'Help I am drowning.'"



Photo by Aman Mehrzai

Alisha Francisco, left, and Olivia Speranza leave Tuesday for South Korea.

## Two students win scholarships to study, teach in South Korea

By AMAN MEHRZAI  
Editor-in-Chief

Ohlone students Olivia Speranza and Alisha Francisco are preparing for a trip that will endlessly change their lives.

They both won full scholarships to study the Korean language, culture, Tae Kwon Do, and International Relations at a university in South Korea.

Although the classes abroad will not be accredited at Ohlone, Kay Harrison, professor of speech communications, worked out a special Ohlone accreditation for the students who will tutor English to Korean students and keep journals. They will receive six units each for spring semester.

Both Alison Hill, director of enrollment management and Harrison will be in contact with Speranza and Francisco, who will email them with progress

and updates.

"Kay Harrison has gone above and beyond in helping us," said Speranza. "She has made special accommodations for our safety and helped us meet with former Korean exchange students to discuss with us what to expect. She is really interested in the outcome of this trip. We will keep in touch with them to let them know how things are."

The students will be leaving Tuesday, Aug. 16 and will not return to the U.S. until Dec. 23.

Speranza and Francisco have set aside some time to first visit Shangha before class starts in Korea Aug. 23.

On the return trip, they plan to visit Japan, where Speranza's grandmother lives.

"I am most looking forward to fend for myself in this trip," said Francisco. "I want to be wide-eyed in seeing what's out there. I am really excited."

Speranza said, "I've always wanted to travel."

## Calendar of Events

### AUGUST

**19 Last day** to add semester-length class without instructor's signature.

**21-22 Auditions** for Ohlone production of *The Laramie Project*.

**26 Last day** to drop and be eligible for a refund.

### SEPTEMBER

**5 Last day** to add a semester-length class.

**5 Last day** to drop a semester-length class without a "W" grade.

**9 Last day** to petition to complete a class on a credit/no credit basis.

**5 Holiday.** Labor Day. No school.

**10 Ohlone Flea Market.** In lower parking lots.

**12 Golf Tournament.** Twenty-first annual Fremont Bank/Ohlone College Golf Tournament.

Proceeds benefit the athletics programs. For information, call Donna Runyon at (510) 659-6053.

**20 World Forum.** Campus-wide discussion on the topic, "The Natural Step Approach to Global Environmental Sustainability." Time, speakers and location will be announced.

**27 Transfer Day.** Representatives of UC, CSA and private colleges and universities will be available to answer questions at tables from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Then there will be a panel discussion from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For information, go to the Transfer Center, which has moved to Room 1102, near the counseling offices.

### LATER

**Oct. 6** – Last day to apply for Fall 2005 graduation.

**Nov. 4, 5, 11 and 12** – Ohlone production of *The Laramie Project*, in the Jackson Theater.

**Nov. 11** – Veteran's Day Holiday. No classes.

**Nov. 24-27** – Thanksgiving Holiday. No classes.

## Eye-opening play is set

By JESSICA LOSEE  
Features editor

Tracing the events in a small community, *The Laramie Project*, a play by Moises Kaufman, addresses the issues of hate crimes and intolerance.

Laramie, Wyoming was faced with the grim reality of a hate crime committed in their small town. The death of Matthew Shepard, an openly gay college student, opened the eyes of the nation to the intolerance of different cultures. The play will be presented by the Ohlone Theatre Department this fall.

Newark Memorial High School also put on the production three years ago and faced protesters, including the Rev. Fred Phelps of Topeka, Kansas. Phelps also protested at the trials of Shepard's murderers.

"I have never called it a controversial play," said Mark Nelson, director and producer of the play. "I don't think it will cause a controversy, but it's certainly a moving theatrical piece, which will cause people to think."

Although most key roles have been filled, there are some open along with openings for lighting, make-up and costumes. Auditions will be Aug. 22 and 23 at 6:30 at the Smith Center.

Production will be Nov. 4, 5, 10, 11 and 12 at the Jackson Theatre.

## Jobs and internships

To check on these jobs, students may visit Transfer & Career Services, Building 1 Room 1405A. Open Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m., and closed noon to 1 p.m. and Fridays.

**ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT/SECRETARY** - Full time, entry level position in Fremont. Schedule to be arranged. Minimum two years college education in a related field - accounting and business is preferred. Some accounting and QuickBooks experience preferred but not required. Some training will be provided. Candidate with some work experience preferred.

**#1498278**  
**ELEMENTARY NOON SUPERVISOR** - Part-time, \$6.94/hr, in Fremont. Work 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on school days. Seeking reliable, prompt and per-

sonable worker with experience with school-aged children. Must be fingerprinted at FUSD district office before starting.

**#1494614**  
**CUSTOMER SERVICE REP** - Full-time, entry-level position, \$15-\$18 per hour in Fremont. Hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Seeking candidate familiar with Excel, Outlook and organization skills are essential. Some electronics industry experience desired. Will train. Job Description: Data entry of sales orders and order management.

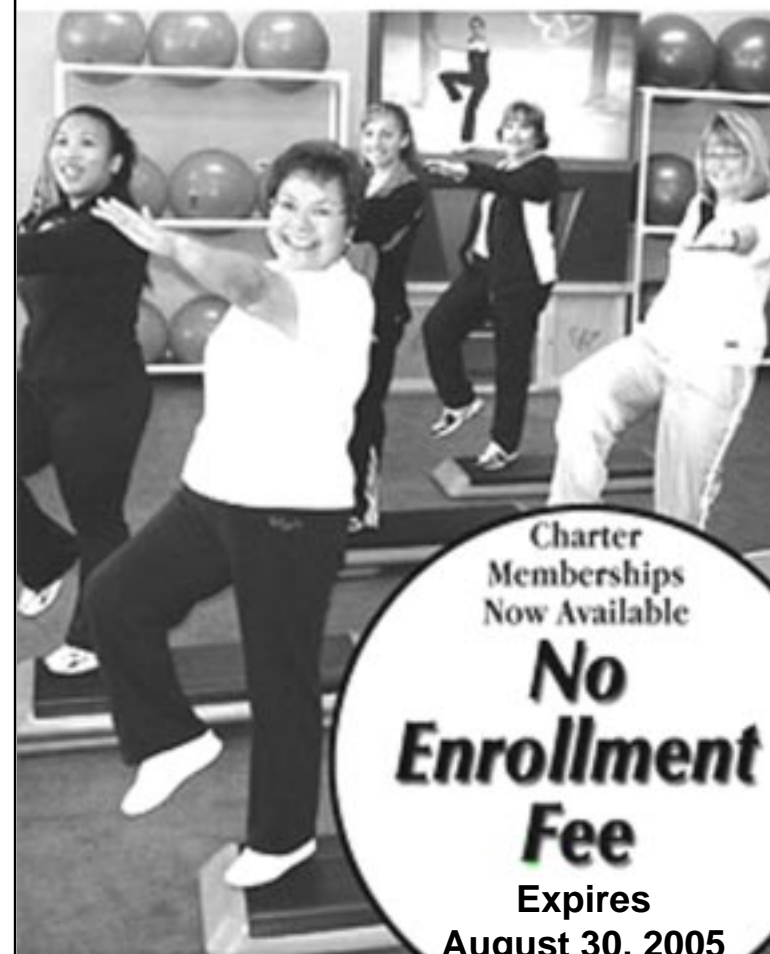
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**ACCOUNT MANAGER** - Full-time entry-level position, with schedule to be arranged. Previous sales experience required. Job description: Focus on account development, collect market feedback.

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# Trustees okay design for new student center

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Counseling Department and Transfer and Career Services will also be located on the third level.

Plans for the Student Services Center have been in the works for a while; the board started discussing the reconstruction in April of this year, explained Partice Birkedahl, the public information officer for the school.

The building will cost approximately \$28 million and construction is slated to begin in December 2006. Construction will take approximately 18 months, according to Birkedahl.

About three years ago, voters passed the Measure A bond, which will fund the project.

This is not the first design that the board has seen; a series of three sets of designs have been presented to the college President's staff and

to the board members. Changes were made to previous designs including the addition of the giant rotunda, the addition of an elevator, and the integration of the building with surrounding areas including the bus stop, and possible connections between the Services Center and Building 6.

One main feature of the building is the giant rotunda, which will be made mostly of glass, allowing views of the hills and possibly the Bay, and will have a skylight to provide a large amount of natural light to all levels of the building.

The building has a more modern look like that of the Gary Sorenson-Smith Center, making some of the feedback from the board negative.

"[The building] looks out of place and it looks stuck on" said board member John Weed, complaining that it wouldn't match.



Artist's concept of what the new building will look like from the parking lot.

"The building has evolved quite dramatically," said Mangum. "It fits the campus like a glove."

The board members approved the Design Drawing phase of the building at approximately 8 p.m.

Wednesday so that the Working Drawing and the Construction Document phases may begin.

## Shovels start new campus

Ohlone officials gave the new Newark campus a ceremonial start by breaking ground May 24. From left are Trustees Dan Archer, Bill McMillin, Garrett Yee, Ruthe Foster, Nick Nardolillo, Bob Brunton and John Weed. In the background is Ohlone President Doug Treadway.



## Katona has new book out

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obscure to children's fiction. The cult favorite *American Gods* by Neil Gaiman nestles alongside Vladimir Nabokov's controversial masterpiece *Lolita*, accompanied by tortured Philip Roth's *The Dying Animal*, Umberto Eco's thoroughly Gothic *The Name Of the Rose* and Jack Schaefer's classic-hiding-as-*Western Shane*.

"We're not working hard enough, trying hard enough - they just don't know how to fight the fight," Katona exhales, referring to uninspiring literature teachers, "Students are smart, they're looking to go further, deeper."

Students and anyone interested in doing so can find the book on Amazon.com and other retailers. The book is reportedly featured at Borders at the Fremont Hub.

# Treadway lists recent college achievements

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less than the war cost. The best way for Western nations to win the war on terrorism is to wage a war on world hunger," said Treadway.

Capping his emotionally charged speech in the Jackson Theater, Treadway tearfully read from a poem by Seamus Heaney, which said, "Human beings suffer, they torture one another, they get hurt and get hard. No poem or play or song can fully right a wrong inflicted and endured. History says, don't hope on this side of the grave. But then, once in a lifetime the longed-for tidal wave of justice can rise up, and hope and history rhyme."

A captivated audience of nearly 400 faculty and staff gave the president sustained applause several times, and ended with a standing ovation.

After the talk, Treadway told reporters he was moved to speak out against the war by his travels abroad to Europe this summer.

"This has a personal aspect to me. Going to Europe impacted me. I met different business leaders and professionals who were wondering what we Americans were doing. We're making matters worse," said

Treadway. "We should be using our brains not our guns."

Several teachers said Treadway's talk showed courage and leadership.

"People are seeing the human side of the president, not a CEO. Previous presidents didn't show that side," said Professor of Anthropology and Archeology George Rodgers.

"People appreciate that even if they didn't agree. They appreciate that of him as our leader."

Treadway said his purpose for talking about the war was to encourage faculty and staff to educate and advocate people to speak their minds.

"When fear of speaking out dictates what we say and do, democracy itself is imperiled. The antidote to repression and fear of expression is hope: defiant, resilient, persistent hope, no matter what the odds against us may be."

In other topics, Treadway said Ohlone admissions have declined due to an overall decrease in Bay Area college enrollment.

"We haven't reached a financial crunch yet, but if we don't make up in enrollment, then we could be affected financially in the 2006/07

academic year," said Treadway.

He pointed to some highlights from the last school year:

- The creation of two successful World Forums covering the war and China relations.

- Two Ohlone delegations traveled to China and set up an exchange agreement.

- Two Ohlone students were awarded full-expense scholarships to South Korea for spring semester.

- ASOC sponsored a successful Unity Week and conducted outreach programs to Latinos.

- Ohlone was awarded a federal Title III grant that will be funded for the next five years, increasing funding for varying programs and services.

- The nursing program received a special award from VTEA.

- The Classified Senate was dissolved and the CSEA and SEIU participated in shared governance in non-negotiated areas of consultation and staff involvement.

- The District received two economic grants for biotechnology and environmental sustainability practices and programs at the college and private industry.

- The Department of Labor selected the Bay Area Biotech Con-

sortium. Ohlone College serves as the lead educational institution, as the first place winner for the 2005 Recognition of Excellence Award.

- Ohlone received a state grant for environmentally sustainable business development in which staff members delivered 35 training events serving over 400 professionals in district and statewide.

- The registered nursing program received full national accreditation, the only Bay Area community college to do so.

- A seismograph with computer interface was acquired for geology and oceanography classes.

- Ohlone College for Kids had a record year with over 1,000 participants from grades 4 through 9.

- The state-funded Child Development Center opened its doors in spring.

- In May, groundbreaking for the new Newark campus occurred, followed by a gala celebration and launching of the Capital Campaign for the Newark Campus.

- The Board approved a revised Master Site Plan for the Fremont Campus. The Board also declared 40 acres of surplus property and invited developers to bring forth plans for private development of

the campus frontage and southern boundary.

- The Board also approved the design of the new student services building.

- Campus Police installed 32 surveillance cameras for constant monitoring.

- Wooden stairs were replaced with concrete along with the installation of 11 ADA doors and two ADA ramps.

- Earth Day was celebrated in April with staff and volunteers setting a goal for coming Earth Day events.

- Through grant funds, the services of an organization called The Natural Step were acquired to conduct a sustainability analysis for the college.

- Ohlone's Measure A construction bonds were sold on the market at a high premium, bringing in \$110 million, with \$1 million going to financing costs, which were absorbed by the premium made. An additional \$4 million was returned to taxpayers in early bonds retired.

- Over-all enrollment at Ohlone dropped, reflecting a trend set in the entire Bay Area, but enrollment of high school graduates at Ohlone increased by 40 percent.