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## Sustainability is theme of World Forum

By **JOYCE LEUNG**  
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A presentation on “Environmental Sustainability: The Natural Step Approach” with speaker George Basile will launch this year’s lineup of World Forum lectures on Tuesday, September 20 from noon to 2 p.m. in Epler Gymnasium.

Environmental sustainability refers to the practice of considering both ecological and human conditions when making individual and group decisions.

“At every level you’re part of that big machine that makes a difference,” said Basile. At the core of this practice is an understanding that human life relies on the earth’s resources and services.

Through conservation and an ecologically conscious approach to business, environmental sustainability hopes to preserve our current ecosystem.

Though Basile said he felt most

people view sustainability as irrelevant to their lives, he stressed “It’s the most important topic of our time.” His intention next Tuesday is to “make this stuff real to people.”

Basile serves as a consultant and researcher for The Natural Step, an international organization that advises such Fortune 500 companies as FedEx, Kinko’s, the Home Depot, McDonald’s, and the Bank of America, as well as other well-known corporations like Starbucks, Nike, and IKEA. According to Basile, their purpose is to “help these corporations create a vision of success that embeds sustainability, whether they want to take big steps or small steps.”

The Natural Step is grounded on four principles of sustainability. As stated on their website, a sustainable society is one that decreases the amount of resources taken from nature, lessens the number of unnatural substances released into the

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## Dancers for the Gala



*Photo by Krista Martinez*

**Members of the Persian Dance Club, Anahita Dadnam, left, and Mitra Khatibi, practice for their performance Saturday night at the Gala to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Gary Goren Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts. For more photos, see Page 5.**

## New campus hits snag

By **OMER AHMED**  
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Ohlone could be prevented from building the new Newark Campus due to subdivision deed restrictions that were made public by Ohlone trustees last night.

The 80 acres of land purchased from Sun Microsystems two years ago is part of the New Technology Park subdivision, which is governed by CC&R’s (covenants, conditions and restrictions) set to regulate property development. Education was not specifically permitted by these terms, allowing the majority property owners within the subdivision to keep Ohlone from constructing the new campus.

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## Constitution Day set for Sept. 21

By **AMAN MEHRZAI**  
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Here at Ohlone and at federally funded educational institutes across the nation, Sept. 17 will be officially recognized as Constitution Day.

But because the official day lands on a Saturday, ASOC decided to celebrate constitution day on Wednesday, Sept. 21, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

This day is intended to remind Americans of the laws and duties

that our civil servants (the legislative, judicial, and executive branches of government) must abide by to insure the needs and welfare of the masses are being met.

As our country becomes polarized by different political ideologies, there is a need for people of this nation to understand that political parties do not govern this nation but the constitution does.

Constitution day also reminds us of the boundaries that our gov-

ernment must never violate or supercede and to reduce oligarchical tendencies with checks and balances between the three branches of government.

As Ekta Patel ASOC legislative representative said, “I think this new mandate that is starting this year is very important and will be helpful as the constitution spells out what government can do and what government can’t do.”

This celebration will include free food and prizes in a constitution quiz in front of Building 1.

## President Treadway to lead delegation to China

By **OMER AHMED**  
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Ohlone’s President, Dr. Doug Treadway, will soon be heading for China. Accompanying Treadway will be the Dean of Exercise and Science/Wellness, Leta Stagnaro, and Executive Director of the Ohlone College foundation Josephine Hawkins.

Among the cities to be visited are Hong Kong, Shanghai, Hangzhou, and Taizhou. The Hong

Kong University of Science and Technology will also be visited.

The focus on the trip will be establishing more connection with China. This will be accomplished by creating relationships with private Chinese businesses and entrepreneurs. The possibility of working together for business management and training education will also be explored. Plans are not finalized but the trip will last 13 days, from Oct. 6 to 19.

Treadway’s trip won’t be

Ohlone’s first tangible contact with China.

In August of 2004, a delegation of educators and government officials came from the large Asian nation to Fremont. They were here to meet with college officials and take a tour of a number of Ohlone’s academic programs including biotechnology, broadcasting, and nursing.

At the end of the visit, the Chinese representatives and Ohlone College officials signed a coopera-

tion agreement to strengthen ties between the groups.

Three months later in November 2004, Ohlone sent Vice President of Instruction Jim Wright, Board of Trustees Member Garrett Yee, as well as Xisheng Fang and Alison Hill on a nine-day delegation trip to Taizhou, China. Then in spring 2005, Ohlone sent a follow up faculty delegation including Vicki Curtis, Cynthia Katona, Connie Olsen, Chris Bolt and Vern Puimarta. The result of these meet-

ings is a Sister College Program between the Ohlone Community College District and Taizhou Community College/Taizhou Radio and Television University.

Referring to the positive relationships being forged, Yee said, “This was a ‘win-win’ for both Taizhou College and Ohlone.”

The Sister College Program has not begun in full force yet but possible future plans and major objectives include a student exchange

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