

Students soak up information at Transfer Day

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Transfer Day has come and gone, and in its wake students are left with invaluable information on their prospective colleges. Hopefully, these students were helped on their way to a four-year school and degree, if not, they have some idea as to goals that can be reached here at Ohlone College.

The event was held on Tuesday, September 27 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and saw an unprecedented student turnout. In total, 42 colleges were in attendance, packed into the first floor of Building 1 and out onto the concourse, and fed out pamphlets, application papers, and free pens to students like an all-you-can-eat buffet. Representatives from

schools like Sonoma State sat elbow to elbow with the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising. Everywhere, students spoke with admissions counselors and learned about their universities of choice.

The representatives were enthusiastic and appreciative of the attention at their booths. "This Transfer Day has been great," said Ebony Lewis, the representative from UC Santa Cruz. "I've been busy all day, and there's been a pretty consistent flow of students here."

"There's been a very good turnout," agreed Erica Rosin of Sonoma State. "It looks like more students are here than there were last year." Other representatives were so swamped with students that they were unavailable for comment, like

the representative from the UC Berkeley booth.

Diane Berkland, the Chairperson and Organizer of Transfer Day, had only praise for the event. "...I'm very happy with how things turned out. We've had a better turnout than last year, and the students have a lot of interest and are asking a lot of good questions." Students were aided in their questioning by printouts of the PDF file found on the Transfer Day website with questions for representatives, showing the dedication that the staff of the event had for getting the necessary information to the students.

For further personalized help on transferring, majors, graduation requirements, baccalaureate degrees, career planning or testing, the Counseling Department on the first floor of Building 1 has hours

Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. 5 p.m., with an hour break from noon to 1 p.m. Choose from fifteen different counselors to assist with goals at www.ohlone.edu/org/counseling

Remember, applications for UCs and CSUs begin the first of October and last until the end of November. "Be proactive and complete your applications early," said Mary Van Noord of Transfer and Career counseling services. To that end, a UC "Personal Statement" workshop was held Sept. 26, and another will be held Nov. 8. To sign up, see the

Transfer and Career Services department on the first floor of Building 1 and check out www.ohlone.edu/org/tcs

Admissions agreements are also still available for several schools. Although UC Davis is currently under way and will be ending their agreement acceptance period, UCs Santa Cruz, Riverside, and Santa Barbara will be accepting them, along with CSUs San Jose, East Bay (formerly Hayward), and Monterey Bay. All those interested, please see the TCS department.

Katona signs *Book Savvy* in Library

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Cynthia Katona, Ohlone English professor and recent author, along with a gathering of supportive friends and cheese, celebrated the publication of her new book, *Book Savvy*, at the Ohlone Library last Tuesday.

The event was very well received by the audience, who coerced additional, unplanned readings from the humble and clear-voiced Katona - she recited choice tidbits from the book, such as one of the eleven reasons to read more. She also gave the room a bit of a laugh, recounting her days of reading in a mental health hospital for a group of senile elderly with incontinence troubles.



Cynthia Katona

Her relating of these occasions did more than just lighten the mood; she had everyone enthralled in any-

thing she was saying.

Students passing by for refreshments stood and listened to this woman, so full of life, recounting episodes of situations most would only find in a movie about the clinically insane.

When Ms. Katona sat down, much against the wishes of the crowd, she began signing copies of her book, chatting with each person who came to her and personalizing each signature.

Sadly, as all good things, the reception had to end eventually, though not without hugs and congratulations for Katona. Copies of *Book Savvy* are available at most commercial bookstores, as well as in the Ohlone Bookstore and the college library.

Ohlone getting its own seismograph

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Ohlone Students will soon have the ability to see the vibrations of the Earth on a computer screen using a new seismograph. The machine has the ability to record the ground tremors or seismic waves that result from earthquakes and other ground movements in the Earth.

The device, a Ward's Horizontal Seismograph with Computer Interface, has a number of advanced features, including the ability to display information onto multiple monitors. More features are currently being added to the device's software before shipment.

The geology, physical geography and oceanography departments will use the seismograph for academic purposes, possibly including long-term observation and recording of seismic activity in the local area.

Data won't be hard to come by, as the Bay Area is no stranger to earthquakes. The Hayward fault is very close to Ohlone's main campus and possibly runs under the Newark campus. The device will also be able to record earthquake data from around the world.

With the help of the Information Service Department, it may be possible to display the seismograph's data on a publicly available monitor.

Professors Paul Belasky and George P. Rodgers collaborated in choosing the model to be purchased. The seismograph will likely be held in Room 8109B or 8109C. The device has a list price of approximately \$1,500; the money for the machine came through the Division of Math, Science, and Technology from a Partnership for Excellence fund.

The geology department may also need ASOC support or student volunteers to help with monitoring and maintaining the seismograph. The device is expected to arrive in late September or early October due to the manufacture's upgrades. The purchase constitutes Ohlone's first seismograph.

School receives federal Title 3 Grant

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Ohlone College was one out of 28 institutions awarded with a Title III Grant out of a pool of 1,000 applicants. Title III will bring in \$1,750,000 over the next 5 years and take effect on Oct. 1.

The money couldn't have come at a more opportune time, during a period of severe budget cuts to funding of community colleges.

Funding from the grant is also aimed toward at-risk students who have difficulty transitioning from

the structured nature of high school to the lack of structure in college.

"We need a middle ground," commented Ohlone President Doug Treadway, "25 to 40 percent fall through the cracks."

It is also the hope of Dr. Treadway that teachers will collaborate over the summer to create curriculum that will be relevant and practical to students. After all, part of the college's mission is "to make students informed consumers," added Treadway.

Another aspect to this funding is a major push toward the computer-

ization of the campus. Placement exams have already been transferred from paper to computer, so students receive their scores within minutes.

The added funding will also provide means for a shopping list of new equipment, faculty innovation projects, and continued professional development for staff, according to Deb Parziale, who took part in the Title III Application Committee.

The development of a student demand schedule will give students, instead of teachers, the power to sway the scheduling of classes.

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