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Students protest talk by Powell

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At least half a dozen Ohlone students were among 400 protesters when former Secretary of State Colin Powell came to speak at De Anza College's Flint Center on Wednesday night.

Cindy Sheehan, who gained international attention for camping outside Presidents Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas, spoke earlier Wednesday to encourage students to speak out against Powell and the war on terror.

"Praying for peace is not enough," said Sheehan. "You need to sit down here tonight and say, 'Colin Powell, we're not going anywhere until you admit the truth.'"

Sheehan's only son, Casey, died in Iraq.

Sheehan was accompanied by other mothers who had children

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Photo by Devina Deo

Protesters at DeAnza College prepare to greet former Secretary of State Colin Powell Wednesday night.

Board won't switch on land sale

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Wednesday night the Ohlone College Board of Trustees confirmed their Oct. 26 decision not to sell two large parcels of land that had been previously marketed for lease or sale.

The decision drew heated response from many of the 20 to 25 people in the audience. At one point one man shouted at the board and left the room in obvious anger.

The land was part of a 41-acre mixed-use project that would contain commercial, residential and retail space. The areas to be developed included Ohlone's olive promenade along the border of Mission Boulevard, land southeast of the campus and land along Mission Boulevard, north of Anza Road.

Ohlone had accepted proposals from prominent real estate developers such as Avalon Bay Communities, Dutra Enterprises and Sobrato Development Companies

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Disaster drill planned

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Want to put on fake blood and pretend you've been injured in a terrorist attack? Ohlone students are encouraged to volunteer for a statewide terrorism exercise that will be held Nov. 15, starting at 8 a.m.

The Fremont Fire Department is looking for volunteers for the event, which is being put on by Citizen Corps.

To participate, you must be in good health and have comfortable clothing that you wouldn't mind ruining. Minors must provide a signed parental consent form.

The enactment will take place in the Oakland McAfee Coliseum parking lot at 7000 Coliseum Way from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

To sign up, call (510) 494-4244 or email CReed@ci.fremont.ca.us for further instructions.

3-D Stardust program set Tuesday

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The sky stands for a multitude of possibilities, an endless sea of knowledge waiting to be found. The heavens symbolize that anything imaginable can be achieved. Not long ago, people dreamed that man could land on the moon. Now, not only have scientists brought that dream to life, they've surpassed it. Space technology can collect information from comets flying by.

In 2004, NASA released Stardust, a spacecraft sent into orbit to collect dust samples from Comet Wild 2 as it flew between Jupiter and Mars. According to Ohlone's Science Night web page, "Stardust spacecraft made the closest ever flyby (236 km) of the nucleus." Stardust was a mere 148 miles from the comet, equivalent to a trip from Fremont to Placerville. For details, go to www.ohlone.edu/newsevents/

20051115nasasciencenight.html

Stardust has sent back data and is scheduled to return to earth in January 2006 with raw materials from Wild 2. Dr. Scott Sandford, Co-Investigator of the Stardust Discovery Mission and Astrophysicist, will be on campus to discuss details of Stardust's structure, flight and new information on comets. Sandford will also show 3-D images of Comet Wild 2.

In conjunction with NASA, Ohlone students have submitted original 2-D artwork of the comet for the Art of the Comet contest. During NASA Science Night, top submissions will be recognized and awarded \$250 scholarships. Selected entries will be put on display in the Smith Center.

NASA Science Night will be held Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the Jackson Theater from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be a reception and presentation. This event is free and the first 300 people will receive free 3-D glasses.

European teens have healthier approach to sex

By ANNA NEMCHUK
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There is no topic more controversial than sex. Teenage sex is even hairier territory. Politicians and PTA mothers expound its horrors with the fervor of the condemned, united in their stand against such atrocities. Teenagers, predictably, are of a differing mind.

Here's the catch - this is America. There exists a place where parents are more concerned with

their children's knowledge of how to properly put on a condom than convincing them sex is evil or wrong, where the government looks down on abstinence programs and places condom machines on the street, where the statistics for teenage pregnancies, abortions, and STD infection rates are almost laughable in comparison to the U.S.'s.

It is, in fact, the large continent on the other side of the globe: Europe.

Last Thursday, Nov. 3, Tom McMahon, Ohlone psychology professor, held a lecture on the differences between North American and European approaches to young sexual behavior. McMahon recently spent almost three weeks traveling through the Netherlands, Germany and France in an effort to communicate with health and legislative professionals about teenage sexual health.

Exacerbating the problem is the hands-off approach many Ameri-

can parents adopt. A cutting contrast this, the European method involves explaining in great detail all facets, both psychological and physiological, of the reproductive act and system, educating kids about existing STDs and the risk of pregnancy as well the surest methods to avoid both, (In a refreshingly realistic procedure - condoms, not abstinence.) teaching that sex is a fun and natural activity best enjoyed in a loving, trusting relationship, making sure to always leave the door

open for discussions, and, finally, trusting teenagers to make their own, informed, choices. The result of this is not, as one may think, more teens having more sex - the numbers are about even, but the numbers for STDs and unintended pregnancies are much higher in the United States than in Europe.

McMahon estimated 140 people, mostly college students, attended the lecture. Just wait, he asked of teens, make sure it's the right time and use condoms.