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## Quad speakers denounce 'imperialism'

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Western imperialism as the determining cause of global terrorism was the subject tackled by guest speakers Wednesday in the Quad. Three speakers explained with different approaches why historical practices of imperial-economic policies have led to worldwide discontent today.

The three spoke of the "problems" of imperialism and their versions of the solutions.

The "True Patriots" event was sponsored by the Muslim Students Association and other groups.

Anthony Choice Diaz, an indigenous peoples activist, said 500 plus years of native subjugation by colonialism created a world indigenous movement, which finds its roots in response to imperial globalization. Choice said the indig-



Photo by Devina Deo

Noel Amherst speaks.

enous movement was growing because the indigenous "represent 500 years of survival and that it [indig] Continued on Page 3

## Disaster 'victim'



Photo by Krista Martinez

Ohlone student Paul Cheng illustrates the faux effects of fractures, abrasions, and inhalation of VX nerve gas during a disaster drill in Oakland Tuesday. See story on Page 3.



Photo by Aman Mehrzai

A universal symbol of hope brings a ray of light to the protest at DeAnza.

## Ohlone students battered during protests at DeAnza

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Three Ohlone students were assaulted by riot police during last Friday's protest at De Anza College against former Secretary of State Colin Powell.

Ohlone student Ken Steadman 27, said he was hit several times in the back while trying to get away from the officers who advanced against the crowd without warning.

Steadman, who said he was present for the demonstration only as an observer, decided not to ac-

tively participate as part of the protests.

Although Steadman said he didn't participate in the rally, he said that he found himself drawn in and attacked by the police.

"Despite my neutrality, I found my rights violated by police as I was struck in the back several times by the riot squad as they tried to sweep the campus of protesters," said Steadman. "They [police] put on an aura of authoritarianism and superiority that reminded me of a Roman legion."

Two other Ohlone students were

also assaulted at the event.

The *Monitor's* Editor-in-Chief, Aman Mehrzai, was hit in the ribs by a baton and pushed through bushes by riot police around the same time Steadman was assaulted.

"They came without warning," said Mehrzai. "The police made a formation blocking off all students in one area, then swept through. There was a lot of confusion. I saw students get attacked by police with batons and stepped on. They wouldn't slow down, even though I told them that I was press and

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## NASA comet show dazzles audience

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People crowded in the hallway of the Smith Center to admire the chosen artwork on display that was submitted into the Art of the Comet Contest. They also awaited the STARDUST Comet Sample Return Mission presentation by Astrophysicist Dr. Scott Sandford on Tuesday night.

The chosen art ranged from wa-

tercolors and pastels, to digital graphics and drawings. Each piece had its own unique flair, and a different interpretation of the comet. Not only Ohlone students were featured, but also work from various high schools and other college campuses that were submitted.

"I came here to see the art contest. It's pretty interesting. I want to know how they did a lot of it," said Ankit Shah, Ohlone student.

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## Short semester snag?

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The shorter semester plan that met wide approval throughout the campus is likely to hit a delay from the Community College Chancellor's office.

The plan would switch Ohlone's semester from 18 weeks to 16 weeks. The proposed change was planned to possibly occur soon as Fall '06. Following the templates and instructions of the Chancellor's office, Ohlone preceded down the path toward getting approval and enacting the change. Many other colleges in California are also working on shorter semester plans.

The problem now is that the Chancellor's office has scaled back and slowed down the approval process. There is also the possibility of a moratorium being called to investigate the

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