

Short semester plan hits a snag

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merits of various colleges, including Ohlone's, compressed calendar plans.

According to Ron Travenick, the director of Admissions and Records, this delay is due to the Chancellor's "nervousness" in regarding compressed calendars. Travenick explained in a Faculty Senate meeting that there many reason for the apprehension. First and foremost is the possibility for abuses by colleges to receive extra funds by manipulating the calendar to show Full Time Equivalent Student (FTES) enrollment. The record of FTES are what govern how much money the colleges receive. Apparently some colleges submitted proposals that were blatantly engineered to manipulate FTES and this is what set the Chancellor's office on edge. The Chancellor's office is also concerned about its ability to ensure that no abuse will take place. After budget and staff cuts, the office's ability to monitor

colleges has suffered. As a result of this, the chancellor is hesitant to approve plans that contain the possibility for abuse.

Travenick told the Faculty Senate, "The thing that I wanted to impress on you is that we have not given up" but also expressed reservation regarding extreme efforts to affect the chancellor's office. He warned the senate by telling them, "It's not prudent to spend more time across the campus if the yellow caution flag is up." The chancellor's office hasn't cut off all negotiation with Ohlone. Faculty Senate president Barbara Tull said, "The good news is that they are still in conversation with us while they are not with others."

Ohlone staff plans to work with President Doug Treadway and directly with the Chancellor's office in the coming weeks to work on the issue. The College Council and Faculty Senate will hold a joint meeting on Dec. 7 to discuss the issue.

Students play roles in disaster drills

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At least 74 Ohlone students were injured or died horrible deaths in a terrorist attack Tuesday, but it was all pretend.

It was a planned, statewide terrorism exercise and the only real danger was the possibility of sunburn.

There were at least 10 emergency events, including bomb attacks and biological warfare. At the Oakland Coliseum, Ohlone students were "exposed" to O-Ethyl-S-[2(diisopropylamino)ethyl] methylphosphonothioate, or VX, a deadly chemical mass produced in the '50's.

The exercises were organized by Citizen Corps, part of the USA Freedom Corps initiated by George W. Bush in January 2002 in response to the 9/11 attacks. There were exercises across California, including the one in Oakland. Golden Guardian 2005, the official title of the exercise, focused on the Sacramento Valley Region and the Bay Area.

Everyone on site was given a role to play during the exercise, from "Controllers," those who manage and set up the event and play response people of agencies not actually playing in the exercise, to

"Actors," volunteers who role-play during the event. Realism was facilitated by make-up artists on site who used stage blood and skin-wax as well as prosthetics to simulate the injuries assigned to actors, from blunt object injury to exposed fractures.

The elaborate trial included the activation of law enforcement and fire departments to Hazardous Materials Control (HAZMAT) and Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT). However, due to the nature of the chemicals released at the Oakland location, where most of the Ohlone students involved participated, a large number of actors were wheeled into the morgue set up for the exercise by the time antidotes for VX became available.

The "Player Hot Wash" is the official term used by Citizen Corps for the time, up to one hour, after the exercise has been terminated and any player can ask questions about what happened. The four hours between the activation of the exercise and the arrival of HAZMAT was brought up more than once in conjunction with the number of people whose triage tag, a badge of sorts explaining what is wrong with a person, was marked "MORGUE."

Ohlone is planning a small-scale "tabletop" drill on Friday.

Riots possible in U.S.?

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effort, which has been getting progressively more unpopular with the general public. The entire situation has been looking more and more like the 1960s and 70s with the Vietnam War. A recent USA Today poll shows that more than half of Americans want to withdraw from Iraq within the next year. In 1970, about half wanted to pull out of Vietnam. Could this trend create the needed anger and pathos necessary for something like the Kent State Riot? And even if it could, do we want it to? The Kent State Riot is more often referred to as the Kent State Massacre.

France is not in an enviable position right now. The price of peace seems to be apathy and we should be happy we were still at a point where apathy is possible.



Audience members put on their 3-D glasses for a film during the NASA presentation in the Jackson Theater Tuesday.

NASA show all about comets

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People were given glow bracelets, 3-D glasses and cookies as they mingled about during the reception before the show.

"I like NASA. I owe them one because I wanted to be an astronaut when I was a little girl, and I hear there are 3-D glasses," said MaryAnne Silva, Ohlone student.

Not just students came to enjoy the event. "I'm interested in science, the sky and the universe, and comets are a really interesting part of our solar system. I can't wait to see what they teach us today, and I really love 3-D technology," stated Jon Degallier, instructor of Computer Studies.

Around 200 people piled into the theater. Jim Wright, Vice President of Instruction, introduced Dr. Sanford, whose work has been acknowledged through many different awards.

"Feel free to wear these through my whole talk as a fashion statement, but I recommend you don't," joked Sanford as he explained to the audience that only some parts of his presentation would be in 3-D.

Sanford began his discussion by talking about what comets are and then went into the Stardust mission. "Comets are small objects that spend most of their time way out in the solar system," said Sanford.

The type of comets that we send missions to are the ones that become "short period" comets because we will know when they will fly nearby, where other comets just appear and leave without the preconceived knowledge of it coming.

Students battered

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The writer of this article was also assaulted by police on two occasions while attempting to cover the story for the *Monitor*.

While observing a San Jose student being arrested, the reporter was hit in the head with a baton and pushed back to lose his balance.

On another occasion, while riot police were pushing back the crowd, this reporter was attacked,

thrown to the ground, and assaulted with the officer's baton.

Eight students in total were arrested that night. All were minorities, who are alleging racial profiling by the San Jose Police, who are already facing allegation of profiling by the NAACP.

Powell, who was paid \$50,000 to speak as part of the college's Celebrity Forum at De Anza's Flint Theater, left early for security reasons.

Speakers denounce 'imperialism'

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enous movement] is a positive alternative to present global conditions." When asked what extent the indigenous movement has on American soil, Choice responded, "It completely re-writes our understanding of history by returning it to the truth and enforces us to address injustices."

Noel Amherd, an Ohlone Anthropology instructor, spoke about how the Bush administration used laws and force to mold their version of terrorism onto the Ameri-

can public. Amherd sees this as a problem because law does not equal justice. "The law can never encompass justice, because law can always be reduced to its violent enforceability," said Amherd. "American citizens share responsibility [of the causes of terrorism], due to our enforced consent, in our taxes used, the products we buy, the gas we put in our car; we cannot escape fully from [responsibility]."

African American and Islamic activist, Amir Abdul-Malik said that a number of topics molded and

distorted the people's perception of American politics. Abdul-Malik described the institution of western imperialism as a form of enslavement. Abdul-Malik said that Muslims would eventually win against western imperialism in the Middle East and domestically, even though the Muslims are outgunned and out-resourced.

Two of the speakers, Choice and Abdul-Malik, also spoke at De Anza College before riots broke out resulting in the arrest of eight people, mostly students.

Thanksgiving feast planned

The ASOC will host a Thanksgiving feast Tuesday, Nov. 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Building 1. There will be free food for students and staff.

The ASOC is also collecting canned food for the Tri-City Homeless Shelter. Call (510) 659-6063.