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## Ohlone disaster drill successful

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Amidst the sounds of police dispatcher's static, Ohlone ran an emergency response simulation exercise similar to the large scale Regional Golden Guardian terrorism response exercise that many Ohlone students attended in Oakland.

The exercise was staged for the purpose of testing the college's preparedness and for training officers and staff how to properly serve the school during a disaster. The Nov. 23 exercise simulated a close proximity earthquake, which is a significant risk for the school due to the closeness of the Hayward Fault.

The school's response to the simulated emergency was held in accordance with the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) that all public agencies must follow. An Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was set up in the Smith Center dance studio. The response team received emergency calls and sent out officers and buildings and grounds staff to

help where they could. Efforts to assess the school's damage, repair dangerous sections of the campus and assist students was also routed through the EOC.

To demonstrate damage to the campus, large folded posters were attached to school buildings with descriptions of the site's damage written on the inside of the fold. Some of the simulated on-campus dilemmas included the front of Building 5 collapsing and fires at various locations across campus.

Ohlone's response to the simulated disaster passed the scrutiny of SEMS guidelines but Police Chief Steven J. Fajardo said, "There is always something that we could do better." He specifically pointed towards a lack of documentation and the possibility of improvements in communication.

Current plans call for there to be at least one disaster exercise a semester and Fajardo hopes to make a few changes for the future, "The school knows that we are trying to be prepared and the next step is the get students and teachers more involved."

## Dancin' in the NUMMI



Photo by Rostislav Tsvetanov

The Chops Big Band induced uncontrollable bouts of dancing during their concert Nov. 18 in the NUMMI Theater.

## \$2.2 million more for Newark

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The budget for Ohlone's future Newark Center of Health Science and Technology just rose slightly.

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees Monday, the request for over \$2.2 million was approved unanimously. This vote returned money that had been previously taken away from the project and placed in an Unaligned Contingency Budget. With new funds, the total budget for the Newark Center has reached \$99.2 million.

Trustee Member Nick Nardolillo expressed concern over whether it was wise to take out money from reserves this early in the construction process, which is still in the first phase. Nardolillo said, "I'm concerned that if we get another hit, where will the money come from?"

Deputy Superintendent Deanna Walston explained that there would be no money left in the Unaligned Contingency Budget if the request was passed but there would still be \$3.5 million in other contingency funds that are part of the overall Measure A Bond projects budget. She also stated that the Board would

not be able to award any bids for future construction phases if it did not have the money from the request.

The board was slated to approve construction bids after deciding on the money request and, as such, were put in a tight spot. Board Member Robert Brunton explained, "Even if I don't approve of the \$2 million and 39 thousand, I still have to vote for it."

The project is still in Phase 1 Increment 1 where groundwork and the very basic foundation are being worked on. The building pads and earthwork for the parking lots are almost finished and the main waterline has been installed.

There have been some issues with PG&E's inability to get four-inch gas pipes due to rebuilding efforts after the recent hurricane season. The groundwater retaining bioswale could also be an issue, as West Nile virus-carrying mosquitoes have possibly been found at a site north of the construction grounds and the still water could be at risk.

An update on the Newark Center focusing on the bids, as well as updates on the Student Support Services Building and the compressed calendar will be held tomorrow at the College Council Meeting from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the Library's Video Conference Room.



Photo by Nick Zambrano

Mary Van Noord going to Newark.

## Transfer and Career Services Center to be relocated

By SARAH NOORI  
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The Transfer and Career Services Center (TCS), located on the fourth floor of Building One, may be relocated to the One Stop Center in Newark, moving its popular services off campus and becoming less accessible to most students.

Reasons for the relocation include impending projects on the

Fremont campus, such as the demolition of Building 7 to make way for a new student services building. Dean of Counseling Martha Brown said the TCS will be moved out of its home in Room 1405 to maintain classroom space during the construction period. Among these adjustments, TCS may be shifted to a different location on campus. Brown said no firm decisions have been made as to where the TCS will

be relocated, although the TCS staff commented on the Newark site being mentioned.

Work-Based Learning Specialist Mary Van Noord will become the Career Center Job Developer at the Newark One-Stop Center. She received the official news Monday that her present position as head of TCS was being terminated. She was offered the Career Center Job Developer position at the One Stop

Center, which she has accepted.

Her duties at the college consisted of helping students on a personal basis with resumes and being the liaison between employers and students seeking jobs. "I would like to welcome students to come see me at the Newark center and hope I can be of service to them at my new location," Van Noord said.

The changes may take effect next semester. The current center in

Room 1102 will remain open and will remain in existence throughout any possible changes. "Students should continue to look forward to the services offered to them on campus," Brown said.

The center offers services in transfer assistance, job and internship search skills, career counseling and testing, on-campus and work-study jobs, and CSU & UC application workshops.