

Ohlone hires Newark Mayor David Smith

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The mayor of Newark, David W. Smith, has started working as Ohlone's new Executive Director of Asset and Enterprise Management Services.

President Doug Treadway announced Smith's hiring during the final fall semester board of trustees meeting on Dec 14, 2005. Address-

ing the board, Treadway said, "Dave Smith will be a strong leader for Ohlone in building our partnerships with business and industry in the Bay Area and attracting external funding resources to support continued excellence in our academic programs and facilities."

At a Learning College Task Force Meeting last Thursday, Smith explained, "My job is to secure major capital for the new Newark Center,

work on the frontage development and anything else that Treadway tells me to".

The Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology and the mixed-use frontage development that Smith will be working on are two of Ohlone's largest construction projects. The Newark Center project's budget has recently been raised due to increasing prices for construction materials and its date of completion has fallen a semester behind schedule. The frontage property development is still in the planning and negotiation stages but will eventually house commercial and retail space along Ohlone's border with Mission Blvd.

Smith will concurrently oversee his duties as mayor of Newark and as an Ohlone executive. He holds the record in California for second longest time as a mayor, serving for more than 27 years and having been elected thirteen times in the enclave city. As mayor, Smith made a concerted effort to attract business to his city and has been answered by major corporations such as Sun Microsystems and Cargill Inc.

Smith's position has only recently been created due to Ohlone's current construction plans and increased involvement with local businesses. He started at his new post on January 16, the day before spring semester instruction began.



Photo by Mo Mohtashimi
Newark Mayor David Smith

Google refuses to surrender records

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For a few semesters now, Ohlone College has started requiring students to register and log in before using the Internet. This measure has helped insure that students, whether or not they're 18 or over, do not use the facilities for pornography.

It is probably not the case at this juncture that Ohlone has turned whatever records it may have over to the Justice Department or that it even keeps them on file. However, what students of this campus use the Internet and what they use it for is possibly a matter of record.

Be My Valentine art contest

From Friday, Feb. 10 to Thursday, Feb. 28, the Valentine Art Show will return to the Louie Meager Art Gallery.

Artworks from students, faculty and visitors are solicited and may be submitted until Feb. 7 to the Gallery by mail or drop-off.

Works must be of a consistency to hang on the exhibit wall and cannot be larger than 18" by 24".

Three "Best of Show" prizes will be awarded: for an artist under 18 years of age, one for over 18 years, and one for the most creative entry. There is no fee to enter. The juror will be Gallery Director Margaret Stainer.



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