

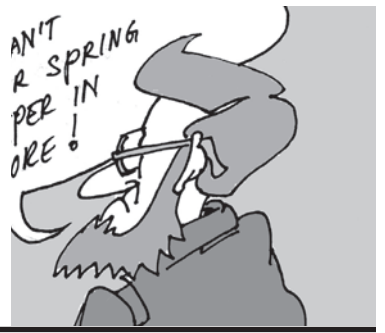


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Ironworkers secure the final metal beam in the new Newark campus building in last week's "topping off" ceremony.

Newark campus 'topped off,' other projects move ahead

By ANNA NEMCHUK
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Aug. 17 saw the crowning white beam lowered on the largely completed steel skeleton of Ohlone College's Newark Center for Technology and Health Sciences. Ohlone representatives, including President Doug Treadway, signed the painted beam prior to its ascent to the future building's roof.

In a poetic accompaniment to Ohlone's stated environmentally friendly policies, the ironworkers' "Topping Out" ceremony harkens back to ancient Northern European mythology when houses were built of wood and a branch from the tree used was placed on the topmost point of the house to allow the plant spirit a place to live and beg its favor for the occupants. Turner Con-

struction provided an article about the rite at www.ohlone.edu/org/college_rel/pressreleases/2006/20060817toppingouttradition.html

The Newark Center, at around 135,000 sq. ft., is a consequence of Ohlone's Educational Master Plan, proposed March 6, 2002 for the years 2001 to 2011, to increase and improve the college's ability to serve the community as a center of transfer education, career training and general learning and do it with an eye toward care of the environment. The Master Plan can be viewed at www.ohlone.edu/org/instruction/masterplandocs.html

In an effort to meet Gold Level Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification standards given by the U.S. Green Building Council, a voluntary

agreement-based national standard for high-value, sustainable buildings, the Newark Center is already furnished with geothermal ground coils for a heating and cooling system, solar power generators, recycled materials and water-saving landscaping. Because of last spring's rains, work on the Center has been delayed, though Turner Construction has done its best to offset the wasted time, going so far as to put workers on overtime to push the project ahead. The inceptive goal to open the Newark Center to students by January 2008 is probably not realistic, said Birke-dahl, yet chances are good classes will begin that winter.

Measure Bond A, approved March 5, 2002, is being used to finance Ohlone's construction

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Tuition to drop from \$26 to \$20 a unit this spring

By OMER AHMED
News editor

The cost of tuition will be decreased at Ohlone and other California community colleges next semester. The reduction will be from \$26 per unit to \$20.

The change is part of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's 2005-06 budget. The new budget will allocate general funds to cover the cost of the lower tuition rates in addition to giving \$700 million to community colleges for other uses. The budget also eliminates previously planned fee increases for CSU and UC schools and increases the

total funding for higher education to approximately \$19.1 billion.

Schwarzenegger's budget comes during a statewide drop in community college enrollment rates effecting as many as 39 schools. Director of Government Affairs at the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC) Jennifer Baker said community colleges lost about 300,000 students last year with higher tuition cost being a significant reason.

Ohlone College Vice President and Deputy Superintendent Deanna Walston said Ohlone has experienced stable enrollment rates

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President says welcome

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is a welcome to Ohlone College for new and returning students from Ohlone President Doug Treadway.

Welcome students, staff and faculty to the fall semester 2006 at Ohlone College. As we enter campus we see construction in evidence and no doubt we will all experience some inconveniences. There are some major improvements taking place that take lots of time and cannot be simply done when we are in class sessions 10 hours a day, 6 days a week.

I hope you will bear with it and concentrate on the many positive things that are happening like ASOC's contribution of outdoor seating with umbrellas on the quads, new automated class wait listing, new learning communities, and a college-wide emphasis this year on environmental responsibility and sustainability.

Over at the Newark campus, the steel framing is up and we can now visualize what a wonderful new addition this college will be making to the community in 2008. You can see on the college website a live web-cam video stream of the construction day by day.

If you are interested in plans for this year you can go to the college web site and log onto the president's speech file. You will find a blog site also where you can send me your comments. I hope that everyone has a satisfying and successful fall term at Ohlone.

Treadway makes environment a priority

From staff reports

Dr. Doug Treadway made environmental sustainability a key theme in his talk to Ohlone faculty and staff on Friday, reminding them that it is not the earth that needs saving.

"It is civilization, the very capacity of earth to sustain human life, that is now threatened," he said.

He explained the "green" features of Ohlone's new campus under construction in Newark, pointing out that the solar collectors will generate at least 30 percent of the electricity needed by the facility. Treadway has opposed the war in

Iraq and taken other strong positions in previous "state of the college" addresses. Friday he outlined the potentially catastrophic impact of global warming, and said, "the evidence for global warming is overwhelming, and political attempts to deny it are unconscionable."

He said he will appoint a Sustainability Coordinator and hold a campus-wide symposium in October to establish environmental priorities. Classes will be canceled during the symposium to encourage campus participation.

"We are consuming too much energy, using too much paper and creating too much garbage on this

campus," he said. "Every day needs to be Earth Day at Ohlone."

Treadway reported on projects coming up on campus, and recognized accomplishments by faculty and staff, including:

- Ohlone received one of only three federal grants under the National Science Foundation Quick Start program. Dean Ron Quinta's proposal was approved for \$250,000, to be used for Ohlone's biotechnology lab.

- The state budget for community colleges "is one of the best ones in recent memory," and Ohlone has some extra funds to be allocated for one-time projects.

- Two delegations from Ohlone visited China over the summer, and delegations from three Ohlone "sister colleges" in China visited the Fremont campus.

- World Forum topics this year will be U.S.-Mexico Relations and Immigration, the Darfur Region of Sudan, Human Rights, Freedom of Speech and Global Terrorism, and Ohlone Indian Perspective and Experience.

- Every student in Anu Ganguly's organic chemistry class last spring was accepted to a California UC, including the 2006 class valedictorian, Ayesha Moghul.

- Ohlone's enrollment for fall

semester is slightly ahead of last year and the year before, while most Bay Area campuses are down in enrollment. This spring, semester tuition will drop from \$26 to \$20 per unit, "which may give us a needed boost in enrollment."

- Ohlone Board of Trustees member Garrett Yee has been called up for military duty and is serving a six-month assignment in Baghdad. And James Keogh has returned from service in Afghanistan. He attended the California Police Academy and has resumed his duties as an Ohlone security officer.

Dates of the World Forums and other events will be announced.