



The Ballet Folklorico will open the fall season of performances at the Smith Center for the Fine and Performing Arts on Sept. 16.

## Ballet Folklorico opens season at Smith

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Highlights of this fall's concert season at the Smith Center will include:

- Dancers from Shanghai, reflecting Ohlone's growing cultural exchange with China, Nov. 16-17.

- President Doug Treadway will lend his voice to the Ohlone Chamber Singers when they sing Mozart's Requiem Oct. 21.

- And as part of Ohlone's continuing outreach to the Latino community, the Ballet Folklorico Mexicano will perform Sept. 16.

The Shanghai Dancers will be performing for the first time at Ohlone as a result of a trip to China last May/June by members of the



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Associated Students of Ohlone College. While in China, the ASOC was invited to watch the dancers perform, and later, during rehearsal, the Ohlone students were invited to join in with the dance troupe.

The Shanghai Dancers are professional level dancers from China's top dance school, the Shanghai Dance Academy. They will be

## Romeo, Juliet with modern-day twist

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This fall, the Ohlone Theatre will present the classic Shakespeare play *Romeo and Juliet*, with a not-so-classic twist.

The play begins in a classroom with students who are studying the play, "when a fight breaks out between rival gangs" said Tom Blank, Ohlone theater instructor and director of the play. It is from these gangs that the Montagues and Capulets are formed and the play ensues. The production is set to be just an hour long, so that students in real classrooms can watch it during class.

The production will first be performed in several local high school classrooms and then at the Jackson Theater Nov. 2-4.

Students can audition on Tuesday and Thursday, Aug. 29 and 31 from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the NUMMI Theater in the Smith Center. For more information, contact Blank at (510) 659-6209.

## Tuition reduction

*Continued from Page One* while schools in California have lost students. In regard to the current semester, Walston said, "The last few days have seen an increase in enrollment over last years numbers but the numbers are going to fluctuate".

During a talk with faculty and staff on Friday, Ohlone President Doug Treadway also noted that enrolment was higher than before. He also commented on the new budget, calling it "one of the best ones in recent memory." Of the lower tuition cost, he said it, "may give us a needed boost in enrollment."

The increase in funding and the lower tuition are gratifying to many according to Baker. She said,

"There where a lot of folks fighting to lower tuition cost to no avail until recently." Baker attributes what she called "a change in the state government's priorities" to "new legislators with new focuses."

Baker also said that new measures are being proposed to continue lowering tuition at community colleges.

The Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act proposed by Community College League of California Vice President Scott Lay and FACCC President Dennis Smith is being prepared for the Nov. 8 ballot and would reduce tuition to \$15 per unit.

performing modern and traditional Chinese dance.

Dr. Treadway's performance will be part of a worldwide celebration of the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth.

The Ohlone Chamber Singers 7th Annual Masterworks Program, conducted by Dennis Keller, will celebrate by performing Mozart's Requiem. Treadway, as well as a professional orchestra, will join the choir.

Also, from New Orleans, the Dukes of Dixieland will perform for the first time at Ohlone, Dec. 15, just in time to showcase their

Dixieland jazz interpretations of classic Christmas songs.

Student and community performances for fall will include:

- The Fremont Symphony, Sept. 23, 8 p.m.

- Ohlone Chamber Orchestra Oct. 22, 2 p.m.

- This year's student play will be *Romeo & Juliet*, Nov. 2-4, 8 p.m.

- Bliss Dance Company, Nov. 9-11, 8 p.m.

- Fremont Symphony: Nutcracker, Dec. 2-3, 2 & 7 p.m.

To purchase tickets, go to [www.smithcenterpresents.com](http://www.smithcenterpresents.com) or call the Smith Center at (510) 659-6031.

## Newark

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The budgets have varied since the initial proposal, with the growing demand for steel and labor driving up prices and adjustments to designs compensating for changes in the Newark Center's planned architecture due to other developers' pulling out of the project. The Board has recently approved a \$3 million increase in the Student Services Building budget with the Fremont campus classroom refurbishment project reduced by the same.

As work on the Newark center progresses, the Building 7 demolition is being delayed. According to Office of College Relations Director Patrice Birkedahl, Building 7 is not slated for demolition until at least December, due in part to the discovery of foundation issues that will make it necessary to level the old framework and begin assembling the Student Services building on the spot simultaneously.

As Trustees need to approve each part of the design before it is implemented, a firm starting date for the work has not been set. There are plans to remove some asbestos from the building before demolition.

## Overload

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I got through it with a semester GPA of 3.885, but I lost four months of my life to a smelly, sleep deprived, self-inflicted hell. So, unless you have a harem that shaves and bathes you, lack the need to sleep and have no friends, please don't take an overload.

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