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Life in a construction zone: scaffolds, noise, machines

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Bond Measure A is responsible for the current construction and renovation projects taking place all around the main Ohlone College campus. It was originally passed March 5, 2002, and the specified projects for which the bond allocated funding for are still in the process of completion.

There are three projects concerning Measure A. Chiefly, there is the Ohlone College Newark Center, a new campus to be constructed in Newark, approximating grossly 135,000 square feet in size. \$97 million has been allocated for this project. This new campus will in-

clude academic programs including business and technology, exercise science and wellness, health sciences, environmental sciences, and general education. The new campus will meet the needs of the growing influx of students.

\$15 million has been allotted for specific renovations and improvements on the main campus. These improvements include new roofing on buildings, beautification projects including new paint, waterproofing, and erosion control. Old heavy wooden doors will be replaced with newer doors made of lighter material, and wooden steps, which have been constantly deteriorating, will be replaced with concrete steps. Handrails will be repainted,

and new ADA ramps will be built for Buildings 4 and 6. Ohlone will also be receiving a touch-up of new paint on its buildings.

Finally, there is to be the construction of a Student Support Services Center on the main Fremont campus. The new building will occupy 76,000 square feet, and \$35 million has been allocated for its construction. It will be built in the location of the existing Building 7. The new building will be a concentration of student service departments including, Admissions and Records, Counseling, Disabled Students Programs and Services, Financial Aid, and the Student Health Center. While under construction,

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Applications for student government due Sept. 12

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The Associated Students of Ohlone College will hold elections for seven Executive Office positions in October.

The ASOC is the student government council. Its mission is to serve and represent the voice of the students, college administration and the community at Ohlone.

Applications/petitions for Executive Office positions and Senators are available now and are to be turned in by 5 p.m. Sept. 12 at the Campus Ac-

tivities/EOPS window in Building 1. Seven executive office positions are available that are the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Representative at Large, Legislative Representative and the Student Member of the Board of Trustees.

Applicants for the ASOC Executive Office positions need to be registered for at least nine units and must have and maintain a 2.75 GPA. The candidates for Executive Office must attend Candidate's Information meeting on Sept. 7 at 2:30 p.m. in Room 8112. The elected will have one-year terms, will attend all ASOC meetings and be responsible for arranging and promot-

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Trustee Foster won't run again

By MICHAEL ABURAS
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After 20 dedicated years on the Ohlone Board of Trustees, Vice President Ruthe Foster has decided to retire. Foster will not run for reelection in November.

Foster said she sometimes has mixed feelings about her decision, but feels at her age, 83, it's time to step down and give young people a chance. Foster has spent many

years backing Ohlone and said, "I am very proud of the college."

Foster ran for the Board of Trustees after her husband, Ken Foster, a former Newark mayor, educator and board member passed away in 1986. The same year, Foster decided to run and was elected to the board. She was able to continue her husband's legacy of making education a priority for Newark. One of the goals she worked toward was creating a place for higher educa-

tion in Newark.

In fact, establishing a permanent campus in Newark is what Mrs. Foster is most proud of - it took decades of work. "Her passion to bring a campus to Newark was a 10," said Dave Smith, executive director of asset and enterprise management for Ohlone and mayor of Newark. In 2002, Bond Measure A was narrowly approved by voters. \$150 million was awarded by the

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Big influx of Macintosh computers for campus labs

By ERIC DORMAN
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Tired of plugging away at that old SunRay or PC? Wish you could use something newer and faster?

Help is on the way in the form of 231 new Apple personal computers that Ohlone bought over the summer. These computers are scheduled to be in classrooms by the end of the week.

The newly equipped classrooms include HH-115, HH-116, HH-119, 2205, 4104B, 1402 and 1406, as well as some faculty and staff rooms. The computers in Hyman Hall and the labs are iMacs, said Vice President Jim Wright, and the PCs in 1402 and 1406 are MacBooks.

The Macs are part of a new line of personal computers released in January running Intel's new

processor, the Intel Core Duo, said Director of College Relations Patrice Birkedahl. The Core Duo, in fact, is actually two processors in one chip, offering almost twice the computational power of a conventional chip in the same space.

As the PC's fit the college's wide range of technological needs, running the Mac OS X, Windows XP and Linux operating systems, the Board of Trustees decided to



Photo by Christa Meier
Scaffolds, walkways, shadows form geometric patterns on Ohlone buildings during construction period.

approve Apple as a "sole source vendor." Normally, the college must ask for three bids and take the lowest one, but the Board of Trustees felt that Apple was the only company whose product could fit their needs.

The purchase of the computers was initiated by Associate Vice President of Information Technology Ralph Kindred and President Doug Treadway. Treadway sent

out a memorandum to the Board of Trustees on July 12, citing the need for new computers in the above-mentioned classrooms because of the existing computers' age - upwards of five years old.

The Board approved the purchase, which will cost the college about \$432,000. \$271,000 is being spent for the 127 computers in Hyman Hall and in Rooms 2205 and

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