

'An Inconvenient Truth' comes to Ohlone

By OMER AHMED
News editor

Former Vice President Al Gore's film, "An Inconvenient Truth" will be shown for free at Ohlone throughout the first week of school. Administrators are arranging a live appearance for Gore in the future.

The film will be shown on Wed. at 6 p.m., Thurs. at 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., and on Friday at 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. All showings will be at the Jackson Theatre in the Smith Center on the large projector screen.

Each showing will include an

introductory presentation. At the first showing, Math, Science & Technology Dean Ron Quinta will highlight some of Ohlone's own environmental programs. At the last show, Anthropology Instructor George Rodgers will talk about his new sustainability coordinator position. The second Thursday showing will feature a debate by Ohlone's forensic team after the film.

"An Inconvenient Truth" is a cautionary documentary focusing on the effects of global warming on the environment.

It was primarily based on a slideshow presentation Gore had

been showcasing before he was vice president and after his defeat in the 2000 presidential election.

The rights to present the film were acquired through the Campus Climate Challenge program and around 700 schools in the U.S. and Canada, including a number of U.C. and C.S.U. colleges, will also be showing the film for free this week through the program.

Sarah Zentner, the college president's executive assistant, is heading the project at Ohlone. She said, "We see the film as a great educational opportunity. It's part of an effort to have a generational shift

toward more awareness."

Zentner also said the college administration was working with the agency that represents Gore to schedule a live appearance.

According to her, "So far they have been very receptive and we are looking toward the end of this year or '08 as possible times."

It is currently unknown what type of event might be scheduled if Gore comes to Ohlone.

Zentner said that Gore could make a keynote speech at the main campus or possibly take part in the opening of Ohlone's Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology.

She also mentioned that the Newark Center opening would be a particularly appropriate event as the center will be the first "green" campus in the United States and will be equipped with geothermal heating, solar panels, efficient lighting, reduced water consumption, recycled building materials and other environmentally sustainable elements.

For more information on the showing of "An Inconvenient Truth" at Ohlone, to go www.ohlone.edu/newsevents/200701inconvenienttruthmovie.html

School: The official way to goof off

By ANNA NEMCHUK
Editor-in-chief

Like I've just hit them in the face with a week-old tuna - this is the expression I generally see when someone finds out I'm taking over 20 units and working full-time. In an attempt to forestall the inevitable exclamations of horror and fetching of the straitjackets, I quickly blurt that I need all those classes for my degree. Okay, well, that's sort of true. In a vague kind of sense. For some degree or other.

Truth? It's frivolous. There are just too many cool classes and I'm very bad at saying no to temptation. Before "real life" begins, I'm of a mind to squeeze out every last drop of joy from the great ketchup bottle

I've spent most of my life despising - school.

Where else could you spend your time reading "Lady Chatterley's Lover" and ranting about how inane it is to censor "Lolita" and be commended for being academic rather than prurient? (English 106 - Censorship and Literature)

Nervous about that impending zombie/robot/alien invasion? A successful background check later, you can learn to shoot an actual gun with, ladies and gentleman, no "super-soakers" involved. (Administration of Justice 141 - Post Level III Part I Basic Firearms Qualification)

Fancy yourself more of a CSI-style investigator? Abandon the couch for a night every week and go learn all about hackers and how

kicking your computer is really not the best solution for the blue screen of death. (Administration of Justice 115 - Cyber Crime)

I was the kid that took apart the radio and came up with some soup for my Barbie, a hair clip and, mystifyingly, a working radio. If you were the one left with electric burns and a pile of bent screws, go forth and discover, without causing a power outage, just how it is the microwave melts stuff. (Engineering 114 - How Technology Works)

Is your pasty skin really just a front and all your dreams involve bandannas, pants in constant danger of losing the fight with gravity and cheering crowds in cut-offs? Discover Zen and the art of spinning on your head. (Theatre and Dance 211)

- Selected Topic: Fundamentals of Break Dancing)

Everyone and their sister thinks the world's firmly in that hand-basket headed for parts extremely hot, but what are you going to do about it, grasshopper? To beat an enemy, you must first understand him - at which point, chances are he won't be an enemy any longer. Come grok the world's differing governments and see just where our leaders are going horribly wrong. (Political Science 105 - Comparative Government)

You're going to have plenty of time for the white picket fence, corporate corner office and snarky boss. School is a chance to do something fun while pretending it's not.

Here, you can borrow my tuna.

Ohlone numbers shoot up

Continued from Page 1

Treadway said. "A person who goes to Ohlone has a better success rate than someone who just goes straight to a major university."

But "the word" hasn't reached the college-bound students of the district alone. Last fall, one third of Ohlone enrollment came from outside the district and very early figures for this semester say these individuals came back.

"These students are passing up other community colleges that are closer to them to come to ours," Treadway expanded.

Tuition lowered

Continued from Page 1
initiatives for the first 100 legislative hours of the new Congress.

According to past estimates from the Department of Education, tuition and fees at four-year public colleges and universities have risen 41 percent - after inflation - since 2001. The typical student now graduates from college with \$17,500 in total federal student loan debt.

Half of the student-loan borrowers who would benefit under this legislation have family incomes between \$26,000 and \$68,000, according to the Congressional Research Service; the median family

income of borrowers was \$45,000 in 2003-2004. This is well below the overall U.S. median family income of approximately \$54,000, according to the Economic Policy Institute.

"This is good for the students because they will not have to borrow as large of loans," said Ohlone Head of Financial Aid Services Deborah Griffin. "It's now more affordable to go to school for those who couldn't before. The interest rate on student loans has actually been slowly increasing over the past two years, so it's good the government will lower the rates over the next few years."

Improvised bomb found in parking lot

By CHEYENNE MARTIN
Staff writer

A potentially dangerous device was discovered in Ohlone's lower parking by a local citizen a week before classes started. Campus Security was notified by the concerned citizen around 1 p.m. on Jan. 22. The device was described by Fremont Police Sgt. Chris Mazzone as a glass bottle wrapped in duct tape with an M-80 firecracker jammed into the top. Campus Security examined the object in parking lot G and determined it had not been detonated. The Fremont Police Department, Alameda County Sheriff Department and Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Squad were then contacted and arrived on the scene.

After close examination, the EOD squad decided to remove and destroy the device immediately instead of collecting evidence on the spot. The device was demolished in a water chamber off campus. The Federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives as well as the Fremont Police Department are currently examining the remains in order to determine the manufacturer.

Mazzone stated that, at this time, the device is believed to have arrived in the campus parking lot the previous night. Additionally, it is currently believed that the device was intended as a test rather than to cause harm. The matter will continue to be investigated by the Fremont Police Department and Campus Security.

HOW DO YOU MAKE SAFE SEXY?

ENTER PLANNED PARENTHOOD GOLDEN GATE'S ONLINE VIDEO CONTEST!

SUBMIT A 30 SECOND DIGITAL FILM TELLING US HOW YOU MAKE SAFE SEXY AND YOU COULD WIN \$1,000!

Grand Prize:	\$1,000 and the chance for your video to be a part of our next Safe is Sexy campaign
2nd Prize:	A \$100 gift certificate to Good Vibrations and a one year supply of Planned Parenthood condoms (not to exceed 365)
3rd Prize:	A \$50 gift certificate to Good Vibrations

VISIT WWW.PPGG.ORG/VIDEOCONTEST FOR ENTRY FORM AND RULES OF CONTEST

DEADLINE JANUARY 31ST!

Our services are Free & Confidential, low or no cost.

Planned Parenthood® 1-800-967-PLAN
Golden Gate www.ppgg.org