‘An Inconvenient Truth’ comes to Ohlone
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Former Vice President Al Gore’s film, “An Inconvenient Truth” will be shown for the first time throughout the 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 second showing, Anthropology Professor 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 the present film were acquired through the Campus Climate Change 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’s 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 Newmark Center for Health Sciences and Technology.

She also mentioned that the Newmark 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 screening of “An Inconvenient Truth” at Ohlone, go to www.ohlone.edu/news/events/200701inconvenienttruthmovie.html.