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Photo by Thomas Ortega

Students peruse the booths at Club Days in Building 1 looking for clubs that match their interests and ideas such as LIFE or MEChA.

Students browse around Club Days

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Yolanda Kirkpatrick stood behind a green booth, handing out flyers labeled “Solar Energy” and “Green California.” Her club, Liberated Individuals for the Environment (LIFE), was looking for new members. The reason?

“We need to get the word out,” said Kirkpatrick, who added that she often saw trash mixed in with recycling in the campus’s bins. “People need to understand the importance of recycling.”

But the LIFE club wasn’t looking for members just anywhere. Kirkpatrick’s club, which looks to promote environmental awareness through recycling, gardening and special events, was recruiting next to about ten other clubs at Ohlone’s

biannual Club Days last Tuesday and Wednesday.

The Club Days, which were held in the Palm Bosque last year, took place in Building 1 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Feb. 13 and 14. They featured a variety of clubs, some as new as LIFE, formed this semester, and some as old as the college, such as the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC).

The LIFE club, with its 12 members, plans on starting a garden on campus as well as organizing a hike, camping trip and visit to the University of California, Santa Barbara Sustainability conference. The club meets Mondays from 1 to 2 p.m. in room 14B. It can be reached at life_ohlone@yahoo.com.

Another club on campus, Movimiento Estudiantil De Chicanos

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Law professor to speak on NSA scandal

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Ohlone will host its fifth World Forum and the first of this year next week. The speaker will be John Cary Sims, professor of law at the University of the Pacific, delivering a presentation titled “What the National Security Agency’s (NSA) Warrantless Electronic Surveillance Program Can Teach Us About Separation of Powers.”

Given all the trepidation and uncertainty with which the aver-

age American citizen views the world, the war in Iraq, the American economy and the Bush administration, it is helpful if not imperative for the masses to be as informed as possible. Yet how is this possible when communication, that which makes information itself worthwhile, is monitored and regulated by the government? Do we simply allow Big Brother to take over or are there measures that we the people can take to ensure our right to govern ourselves? These are just a few of the questions the World Forum will

seek to answer.

Professor Sims, a graduate of Georgetown University in Washington D.C. and Harvard Law School, clerked for Judge Frank M. Coffin of the U.S. Court of Appeals, first circuit. He also spent eleven years as an attorney for the Public Citizen Litigation Group, a law firm founded by Ralph Nader. He does a lot of work with the first amendment and the problems surrounding it, teaching various courses on national security and on the constitution.

Professor Sims’ lecture will mainly deal with the recent controversy of the NSA’s government-sanctioned wiretapping of American homes and businesses in an effort to smoke out terrorists or suspected terrorists. In addition to various constitutional complications this issue brings up, it must also contend with two pieces of legislation few Americans know about: the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 (FISA) and Title III of the Omnibus Crime and Control Act of 1968. Both of

these require a warrant before the United States government can spy on or “target” any person in the United States. Sims will discuss exactly how these two pieces of legislature affect the NSA’s current use of wiretapping to gain personal information about the American people as well as how the Bush administration defends this.

The main points of constitutional contention come from the first amendment, fourth amendment and presidential authority. One gives us

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Another chance at Australia trip

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Missed Australia the first time Ohlone sent students to study abroad there? Fall 2007 comes the next chance to visit the land of marsupials, dingoes and great beer.

The semester in Sydney will start Sept. 5 and students will return Dec. 3. The next informational meeting about the trip will be held Feb. 21 at 4 p.m. in Room 5209. A passport and a visa will be required for the trip. Any students in good standing with the college are eligible to participate.

A choice of seven transferable classes will be offered by Christine Bolt, the Ohlone instructor accompanying the trip, and Australian instructors at the “Billy Blue” institute, including: BA-125 (Intro to Business), Eng-203 (Travel Journaling) and Eng-101B (Introduction to Literature). Students can also be enrolled simultaneously in Ohlone’s online classes.

There is no limit to how many people can go. The more people that go, the lower the all-around cost will be for everyone attending the trip. The number of faculty going will be proportional to the number of students. Students unable to make

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The group from the Fall ‘06 Sydney study abroad program pose in front of the Harbor Bridge by the Parramatta River.