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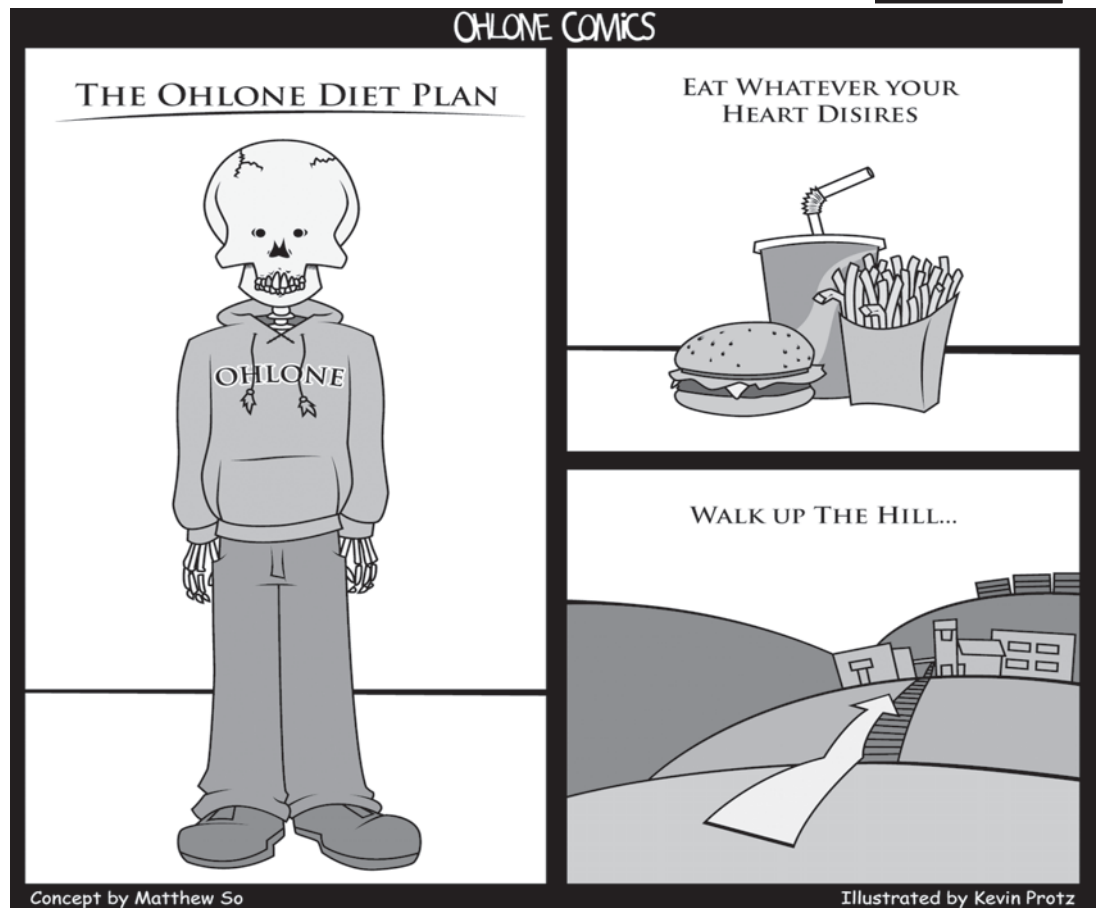


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OPINION

Campus gets refreshing new look

By **NOAH LEVIN**
Staff writer

The calming and academic creamy-off-eggshell white of Ohlone's campus buildings has been usurped!

Sliding into place swiftly in the wake of the renovations to Building One, hip, un-studious "highlights" have appeared along the walls of the stairs descending down to the back of the building from the quad,

and on the inner wall at the bottom of said stairs. Building One, the ever-effective "nerve-center" of Ohlone, houses not just the helpful student center, but is also the home of Ohlone's library and offices for various faculty members.

This new color is a brazen, yet cunning change of hue which has disrupted the orderly monochromatic Building One.

The new color, a near-flesh shade, is a subtle accent to the

building's currently rather drab colors of creamy-off-eggshell and brown trim.

This racy new flesh color also appears on the newly renovated fountain system that runs down Ohlone's prodigious front stairs, making the new blue tiles seem all the more azure. The handle rails going down these steps have also been repainted with a less dismal looking brown.

But is this new color scheme

a hindrance to the student body's learning experience, or, inversely, does it enhance and revitalize one's own sense of academia?

I opt for the latter, finding the new dash of pizzazz not only refreshing, but much needed. Whoever coordinated our colors did a fine job in my opinion, choosing subtlety as well as something new that wouldn't off-set the student body any more than the extensive and obtrusive renovation work already has.

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Stuck in university-transfer limbo hell

By **OMER AHMED**
News editor

Just a reminder for you all procrastinators out there: today, the 15 of February, is the date that University of California transfer application updates are due.

So if you have applied to a UC and have not done the update, you are not through applying. However, once you click submit, all that you have left to do is wait. Mate, esperar, warten, szhdad, attendre, etc.

Unfortunately, waiting sucks.

Its sucks in all languages and

we students get to wait for quite a while. The initial UC applications were due last year in November.

I finished most of my application in October when it first became available. Berkeley says it will put out responses at the end of April. That is six to seven months of waiting, depending on how you look at it. It is even more for schools that put out results in May.

Considering that the nominal time until transfer is only supposed to be two years, more than one-fourth of one's Ohlone career can be spent in university limbo, and not in the fun Jamaican sense of the word as I doubt

too many Ohlone students plan on transferring to Caribbean University.

Waiting is a horrible and painful state of being. You begin to ask yourself questions. Should I have made my personal statement more personal? Since I plan to double major anyway, should I have put my major as anthropology instead of religious studies? Will they think I am an anal-retentive nutcase because I made each section of my personal statement exactly 300 words long, even in the optional area?

It never ends.

Boredom has nothing to do with

the horrors of waiting for the four-year schools because time can be filled very easily.

Since I have sent in my application, I have beaten four video games, read about a dozen novels, designed all the tattoos I want for the rest of my life, planned for graduate school, planned out all my possible courseloads for Berkeley and Davis, nursed a sick cat back to health and started a 26-unit course load here at Ohlone.

Fill in my spare time with late-night showings of "The Daily Show," "CNN Presents," "The Colbert Report" and "Fu-

turama" and you can see how I really don't have that much spare time. Still, I feel like I am going to go insane before I get my results.

College is supposed to be a formative time and one of Ohlone's purposes is to prepare transfer students for their future schooling and work.

I don't know about you, but the only thing I am molded for is waiting in line at the unemployment office or waiting on the results of a blood test.

After all that waiting for months, those burdens will seem like nothing.

CAMPUS COMMENT >>

If you could create a holiday, what would it be?



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"Stay Home and Relax Day."



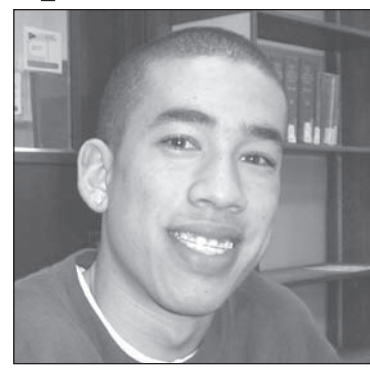
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