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## Treadway announces retirement for '08

■ A 90-day long hiring freeze also announced at the forum April 30.

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College President Doug Treadway announced his retirement during a Special College Issues Forum on Monday, April 30. He also addressed a number of other pressing concerns affecting the campus, such

as a freeze on new hirings.

Near the end of the forum, Treadway told the audience of faculty, staff, students and community members that he would be retiring in June 2008, ending months of speculation among people at Ohlone. He said the late date was set on purpose, in order to give the college and the board of trustees time to find a replacement. Treadway mentioned that his primary reasons for seeking retirement were that he wanted to spend more time with family, specifically his three grandsons, teach, and do consulting and international

volunteer work.

Treadway also announced that no new staff or faculty would be hired without direct approval by the administration for 90 days. He said that the hiring freeze was a response to uncertainties in the upcoming year's budget. Due in part to the drop in housing prices, the taxes that make up a large portion of Ohlone and other community colleges' budgets are now up in the air. Treadway said that the freeze is an attempt to buy time with the budget, which must have its funds, namely for payroll, allocated.

The freeze is not total and essential positions can get approval directly from Treadway and the school administration. For example, departments that need new people to replace the current and only instructors who are leaving, such as the Japanese and Ethnic Studies departments, will likely have their hiring request approved.

Treadway stated that funds for the currently under-construction Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology are able to be secured from state funds and Ohlone reserves but that this is not

a long-term solution.

Additionally, Treadway addressed the issue of campus safety and how to improve it in light of the recent VT shootings and a survey showing that many students did not feel safe on campus. "I think we should have zero tolerance for not feeling safe on campus," commented Treadway, explaining that Ohlone should make students feel safe at all times.

The president's forum was held at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the Jackson Theatre in order to ensure accessibility to the public.

## Newark mayor appointed new director of foundation

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Ohlone Foundation has appointed David Smith, mayor of the city of Newark for over 29 years, as the Foundation's new executive director.

The announcement was made by the Foundation on Monday, April 30, but Smith was first approved for the position by the Ohlone board on April 11. He replaced former director, Josephine Ong-McBride, who resigned in March.

Smith was previously Ohlone's executive director of enterprise and asset management. He began working for Ohlone in January 2006, making this promotion, just

a year and a half later, all the more significant.

His official duties as the foundation's new director include supervising two signature Foundation events, garnering funds from local donors and collaborating with Ohlone's president on various other campus events and projects. He will be responsible for enhancing relations between the foundation office at the top of the hill and the campus community below it.

The Foundation is responsible for the scholarships awarded to Ohlone students and will give out at least 20 this week totalling \$10,850 for this school year.

Eager as ever about his new position, Smith intends to further work

on the district's capital campaign and to use his new directorship to integrate the campaign's activities with the goals of the Foundation. He plans to expand the Foundation's source pool of funds in order to provide more for Ohlone students by tapping more individuals and corporations for scholarship money. "Integrating the capital campaign with the Foundation will enable us to reach a broader audience as we take the capital campaign 'public' a few months from now," said Smith.

The Capital Campaign itself is an ongoing fundraising project, launched late in the summer of 2006. Its primary aim was to raise

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## Job fair for students



Photo by Tomas Ortega

**Ohlone student Natalie Lu speaks with Fremont Bank representative Danyelle Gibson at Tuesday's Job Fair.**

## Set nets college \$10K



Photo by Jack Husting

**The 'Twisting to the 60's' set pictured above was created by the theatre staff for Great America. Story on Page 3.**

## Measure to lower tuition to \$15 per unit set for '08 ballot

By **OMER AHMED**  
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A measure to lower community college tuition from \$20 per unit to \$15 has qualified for the Feb. 5, 2008 ballot. The measure also includes a minimum amount of funding for community colleges and would limit how much tuition could rise in the future.

Officially titled the Community College Governance, Funding Stabilization, and Student Fee Reduction Act or, unofficially, the California Community College Initiative, the measure follows on the heels of a drop from \$26 per unit to \$20 that was part of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's '05-'06 state budget.

Originally, the initiative was to be on the November 2006 ballot, but the Community College League

of California (CCLC), who is lobbying and managing the measure, was unable to confirm the validity of all the signatures in time. Now that the 901,308 signatures have been verified, the initiative has been given approval for 2008, as it only needed 500,000 signatures.

The act is part of a more general movement to lower the cost of tuition at California community colleges, which is already the lowest in the country.

The president of another group promoting the measure, the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges (FACCC), Dennis Smith said, "It's the goal of the FACCC and other major teacher unions to see the day when community colleges will have no fees at all."

Before 1984, community college tuition was free, and as recently as

1993, tuition was \$13 per unit.

In addition to lowering tuition, the measure seeks to ensure that fees are not unreasonably raised. If passed, it would peg fee increases to the cost of living in California. That way, the cost of community college would match the market.

The act would also stop community colleges funding sources from being lumped together with kindergarten through 12th-grade education, which is often the normal process when community college funding is allocated.

Organizations supporting the measure include the CCLC, FACCC, California Federation of Teachers, the California School Employees Association and the Los Angeles College Faculty Guild. The entirety of the measure is available online at [caag.state.ca.us/initiatives/pdf/06-0030.pdf](http://caag.state.ca.us/initiatives/pdf/06-0030.pdf).