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Ohlone excels in diversity, green issues

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Faculty and staff members gave President Doug Treadway a standing ovation after he outlined Ohlone's progress in the areas of ethnic diversity, environmental sustainability and enrollment.

Treadway addressed a nearly-full Jackson Theater Friday in his semester-opening State of the College address. He has announced his retirement at the end of the school year, and the ovation illustrated his continuing popularity among the college community.

Among the school's accomplishments, Treadway pointed out:

- In 2006-07, Ohlone's enrollment grew 7.2 percent, and the school served nearly 19,000 individual students. The *Community College Times* said Ohlone had the second-largest enrollment growth in the U.S.

- Between 2004 and 2006, Ohlone expanded enrollment of under-represented students, including a 36 percent increase in African Americans, 28 percent for

American Indians, and 16 percent for Filipinos. Hispanic enrollment went from 8 percent in 2003 to 12.5 percent in 2006.

- The new campus under construction in Newark incorporates many environmental features, and it could become the first campus in the U.S. to receive highest honors from the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design rating system.

Treadway outlined eight major goals for the upcoming year., including further expansion of international education into China and India, technological improvements to Ohlone's learning community, increases in community service, changes in resource and facilities development and ways to improve the general student and faculty experience.

He reported on a survey taken a few months ago in which students were asked a variety of questions regarding their experience at Ohlone. Every question about the college's quality met with the approval of at least 90 percent of the student population.



Building 7 adios, hello new SSB

Building 7 was demolished in July (top) to make way for the new Student Services Building. The construction (left) is scheduled to be completed in December 2008. It will house all the student services, including ASOC, counseling, the medical center, financial aid, etc. Three adjacent parking lots will be out of service until construction is complete.

Photo by Dan Yuan

Auditions start this week

By MARGARITA KITOVA
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Auditions for this fall's production of Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* will start tomorrow at 6 p.m. in the NUMMI Black Box theatre.

This will be a turn-of-the-century, silent-movie-style look at the battle of the sexes with the characters evoking the Keystone Kops, suffragettes and San Francisco before the 1906 earthquake (look for a shocker at the end of the show). It will rehearse Monday through Wednesday nights and be staged Nov. 11-13 and 18-20.

Also in the Smith Center, auditions for the TV production class sitcom will be held today and Wednesday in TV Studio B.

Welcome back – expect a busy semester

By DR. JIM WRIGHT
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Welcome to the 2007-08 academic year at Ohlone College. We are pleased to see our continuing and new students coming to the college in near-record numbers. The college community is alive with faculty, staff and students and we are indeed a World of Culture United in Learning.

This year will be exceptionally exciting and busy for a number of

reasons. First and foremost, we will be opening a second campus in January, the Newark Center for Health Science and Technology. The campus is located on Cherry Street in Newark near the Silliman Center and Newark Memorial High School.

If you have not seen it, I encourage you to take a drive by and I can pretty much guarantee that you will be impressed. This campus will be the first "green" community college campus in the nation, one that teaches environmental stewardship

through responsible, sustainable practices. The Newark campus incorporates "green" features such as photovoltaic solar panels, geothermal heating and cooling, high-efficiency lighting, low water consumption, and extensive use of recycled materials.

These measures help to preserve environmental resources and save hundreds of thousands of dollars in operational costs.

Although the center is themed around science and technology, there will be many general educa-

tion courses offered there of interest to all students at the college. Learn more about the Newark Center at: <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/newark/chst/>

Our college accreditation is our public "seal of approval." It is very important to our students and their ability to transfer credits and to have their degrees and certificates recognized.

Ohlone is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Junior and Community Colleges as administered by the Western Association

Schools and Colleges. Every six years we must have our accreditation reaffirmed. 2007-08 is our year to have our accreditation reaffirmed. We do this internally by assessing our compliance with the accreditation standards through a self study process, which we report to the Accreditation Commission. We are then evaluated through a site visit by a team of community college practitioners from our region.

Our site visit will take place March 3-6, 2008. You can look

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