

## Campus to open in Spring '08

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of land, it is only using 38 acres, which leaves room for future expansion.

The Newark campus sports several features unique to the location. All around campus there are natural plants and Bay-friendly land features accompanied by an organic garden community for outdoor labs. A reservoir is also being built to drain storm water and filter it to the Bay in order to naturally dispose of water. There is also a plan to construct a new wetland; students and instructors will be working on that project.

For those looking for a place to sit down, benches and sitting areas will be all around the campus.

The campus may have unique surroundings, but one feature that really stood out was inside. Once in the buildings—made partly out of recycled blue jeans—the air circulating through is transferred and filtered by enthalpy wheels (instead of the traditional HVAC), which means air is constantly being purified.

The Newark campus is mainly specialized for bio, environmental, health and tech science majors. Besides the structured classrooms and labs it will offer to enrich the learning process, there will also be several other aspects to enhance the way knowledge is absorbed. For instance, every room is painted in a way designed to stimulate the

brain. The paint colors used are described as positive and full of energy. On a more physical level, the campus also showcases moveable walls and furniture to adjust room size and form, as well as a fitness and health center, a media room, a café/resource center (also referred to as the “cranium café”).

“[The goal of the Newark campus is] to enhance the way students learn by creating a different learning and teaching environment that provides tools and education simultaneously, by creating a setting totally different from the traditional classroom,” said campus Dean Leta Stagnaro. “The colors, the view, the building itself will...conserve the future for generations to come.”



Photo by Dan Yuan

**Newark campus classes are scheduled to start in Spring '08.**

## New hope for frontage property development

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no more than 10 bids. Furthermore, Assistant to the President Sarah Zentner noted that the 17 acres near the power lines, designated Parcel C, is not being considered in the request for proposals.

Plans for the frontage development include approximately 19 acres of surplus land located along Mission Boulevard that will become a mixture of commercial and residential space. The historic grove of olive trees on campus, remnants of the orchards of Mission San Jose, are more than a hundred years old and will remain a part of any design plan the board will consider.

At first the yearly income generated from the leased property will go into a new soccer field and a new parking lot to replace parking lost from the frontage development. After the first several years, the income will then be dedicated to a variety of construction and maintenance projects, including classroom remodeling and technology infrastructure.

Though no specific plans have been made, the idea for the project has received support from the Mission San Jose Study Group, an organization dedicated to preserving what they call the Mission Spirit. Group representative Lila Bringham said, “when they first started to work with consultants we had sponsored two or three community meetings (regarding the frontage development).”

“There where some people in the community who felt Ohlone should not have commercial frontage because it should be an educational institution,” she remarked,



Photo courtesy of Sarah Zentner

**A map of the proposed frontage property. The shaded area shows the area the Board has suggested be developed.**

but said in large part the response was very positive.

The group came to the conclusion that the Mission area has now lost so much commercial space to residential projects that “we need a core area of commercial space to survive.”

The group also approves of the design plans for Plaza Los Olivos, a mix of retail and office space

soon to be located in an adjacent plot not owned by the college. The site is owned by Dutra Enterprise, Inc. According to Dominic Dutra, the building permit has been approved and construction will begin in September. “We are very much in favor of the [Ohlone frontage] project and think it will bring some critical mass to the street,” said Dutra.

His brother, John Dutra, manages the Plaza Los Olivos site. He believes their development would be “a perfect spot for a nice restaurant,” but said they do not have any signed up yet. He speaks highly of the Ohlone frontage project. “It’s a plus for the campus and enhances everybody.”

Once the project is truly underway, there will be a number of

practical issues that will need to be discussed. First, the Ohlone College Super Flea Market may have to be relocated. The parking lots it has traditionally occupied will be part of the redeveloped property labeled Parcel B-1 and B-2. Robert Ettare, supervisor of the Ohlone College Super Flea Market said nothing has been discussed, but they visualized simply moving the Flea Market up to Parking Area D, which has comparable square footage to the space the Flea Market needs. However, according to the aerial map of the land use plan provided by the President’s office (at left), there are plans to potentially turn Parking Area D into a new soccer field. “I’ll have to take a look at that,” Ettare remarked.

A Fremont Campus Master Site Plan Board of Trustees Briefing dated April 27, 2005 states “current thinking is that athletic fields would make a very good Buffer Zone between the campus facilities and private development.”

Regarding security, if for example an incident occurred in the parking lot of the upscale food market which Treadway envisions will become part of the new development, would the Ohlone Police Department respond to that call or would it be handled by the Fremont Police? Chief of Police for the Ohlone Police Department Steve Osawa said that while this has not yet been discussed, “once the project is approved and the particular form of the project is finalized, I am hopeful that those matters will be discussed in detail.”

After a bid has been approved, the project should be completed in approximately two years.

## Justice beneath celebrities

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jail, for good behavior. According to [www.tMz.com](http://www.t TMZ.com), she should have served at least 39 days.

Now what about Lindsay Lohan? She got pulled over this summer. She had an argument with her assistant, who quit on the spot. Lohan, furious, decided to hijack the assistant’s boyfriend’s SUV while his friends were still waiting inside the vehicle, to follow her to her house.

At this time, Lohan was under the influence of cocaine and driving with a suspended license. The

boyfriend’s friends, Dante Nigro, Jakon Sutter and Ronnie Blake, escaped the car ride.

Dante Nigro and Jakon Sutter recounted to MTV news what exactly happened during the car chase, “We’re crossing four-way intersections with red lights, and that’s when we’re like, ‘Dude, please slow down’ and she said something like, ‘I can do whatever I want. You want to see?’ and accelerated even faster,” Nigro said.

Realizing they were headed for the Santa Monica Police station, Nigro said he warned Lohan about

their destination, to which she allegedly replied, “I’m a celebrity. I’m not going to get in trouble.”

Sadly, she was right. She is a celebrity just like Nicole Richie and Paris Hilton, which automatically entitles them to getting away with anything they please. It’s sad how our society focuses so much more on the entertainment business than what’s really going on in the world.

I hope some day we will finally realize what’s truly important in our lives, instead of the idiotic and dull things that we hear on the news.

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