

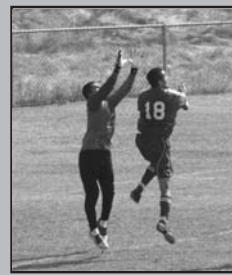


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Cameras on campus taping, not watching

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The more than 40 surveillance cameras installed around campus are running 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, but, according to Police Chief Steve Osawa, the Ohlone Police Department does not continuously monitor the live video feed.

"We don't use these cameras to watch the students," Osawa said. He added, "Monitoring cameras all the time means that you're starting to watch people, and that's certainly not our goal."

Instead, the cameras are used as a tool to help the campus police with their investigations. They can be used in simple matters such as when a student claims they did

pay for parking, but do not have a permit to dispute their recent ticket. An officer can pull up footage from the day of the ticket so both the officer and the student can watch the student's car pull into the parking lot and determine whether the student made a payment.

Recently, the cameras have been helpful with more serious matters. Earlier this year the Dean of Counseling, Martha Brown, had her car stolen from the Ohlone parking lot. "My car suffered twice in the parking lot last year," Brown remembered. The first time was in January 2006 when her car was hit repeatedly by a pickup truck attempting to park in the adjacent space. "The person in the truck rammied my car for about 11 minutes, meanwhile hitting other cars (including) the car parked in front of the truck," Brown wrote in an email. The incident was captured by surveillance cameras installed on the roof of the Smith Center. Brown was able to watch her car being rammied as an officer played back the video footage. When the truck drove up the hill to Building 27, the surveillance cameras were able to see the driver parking the vehicle as well as the license plate number.

The second incident hap-



Photos by Daniel Yuan

Two of the college's 40-plus security cameras blink from a light pole. Below, campus Police Chief Steve Osawa discusses campus security.

pened in December 2006, when Brown's car was stolen from the parking lot. The Fremont police found it in an apartment complex in Warm Springs. The engine was still running and the car was without tires or wheels. "The Fremont PD called Ohlone Security because they saw my Ohlone parking sticker," wrote Brown.

This time her car was parked farther out of range of the security cameras. "The cameras were able to pick up someone driving my car out of the parking lot," Brown recalled. Osawa said that the college police,

using the cameras, were able to pin down the time of the incident as well as identify a second vehicle which was involved in the theft and pass all the information to the Fremont Police. In the recorded video the license plate of the pickup was unreadable and the Fremont Police were unable to catch the car thief.

"I did get it back, though," said Brown. "I was extremely grateful for those cameras."

Osawa sees this as a good example of how the cameras have benefited his department. Regarding Brown's car, Osawa remarked

"If we hadn't had (the cameras) we would have been guessing."

The cameras have been in place and operational since 2005. Using monitoring software called NetGuard released by On-Net Surveillance Systems, Inc., Osawa and his officers can view more than 15 live feeds simultaneously. The footage can only be viewed from the computer monitoring stations inside the campus police department; officers are not able to view the footage from their vehicles. The system itself is capable of delivering

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Board urges Treadway to reconsider retirement

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The College Board of Trustees repeatedly asked President Doug Treadway to reconsider his decision to retire next year at the Board meeting Wednesday.

"I have never seen [Ohlone] as healthy as it is in the 22 years I have been here," said an older member of the Board audience, echoing the Board's view.

Still, Treadway calmly stood by his decision throughout the meeting. Many of the board members discussed how the Ohlone campus would be greatly affected without Treadway.

On the other hand, Treadway may still be involved with the school's meeting and such after his retirement is finalized; the circumstances are being considered at this time.

Treadway has been with Ohlone College since July 2003.

Also leaving the college is Associate Vice President of Information Technology Ralph Kindred, who announced his resignation Aug. 15. His resignation

will be effective Feb. 15, 2008. Kindred, who took the position in February 2006, plans to pursue another professional position.

In other matters, Ron Travenick, vice president of Student Development, said student enrollment for this semester has greatly increased. Most of the new students are from the Fremont area. The increase was clearly apparent on a chart presented at the meeting.

Additionally, online classes are up 10.5 percent compared to last year. Travenick mentioned that the add-on cards had still to be completely processed due to the amount submitted in just the past three weeks.

The opening of the Newark campus next year should help increase student enrollment due to the technology offered at the Student Center as well as the campus itself.

On a different note, Board member Bob Brunton said he believed it should be up to the college, not the donors, to decide what purposes public and private donations go to. Treadway disagreed on the matter, maintaining that the current policy of letting the donors decide what their money is spent on is a reasonable one.

Transfer Day to host 40 colleges

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Transfer Day will be held next Tuesday, Sept. 18. The event will begin with an information fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Building 1 lobby. From 2 to 3 p.m., there will be a question and answer panel in the Jackson Theatre in the Smith Center.

University representatives will be present at the fair to assist students by providing information about transfer requirements and eligibility. Representatives will also discuss topics such as financial aid and transfer success rates.

Roughly 40 colleges will be in attendance. Transfer day is an excellent opportunity to meet with

the representatives of a variety of schools to see which type of learning and social environment is best for students' particularly needs.

Should students already know which college they plan to transfer to, the event is still a great way to meet with school representatives to double check their transfer credentials, or to learn more about your school of choice.

Students can also make one-on-one appointments with counselors from other schools. A list of schools, dates and times is available on the Ohlone website. Students can set up appointments in the Transfer Center.

Finally, there are workshops and information sessions that can be

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