

Grading begins for development near north entrance



Photos by Andrew Cavette

The grading for construction along Mission Boulevard on the Plaza Los Olivos site just past the north entrance of Ohlone began this week. A worker who identified himself only as Josh, inset, surveys the construction Wednesday. The site, which has been under construction from the beginning of the month, is owned by Dutra Enterprise, Inc. and will become a mix of retail and office space. The manager of the site, John Dutra, said that once the development is completed it will be an ideal place for a restaurant, though, to date, no restaurants have signed a lease with the company. The site has remained undeveloped for many years. According to Dominic Dutra, his company was waiting for the right time to begin construction. As of August the building permit had been approved and construction began on the site earlier this month.

Police, students discuss campus security measures

By **BARRY KEARNS**
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The semester's first Safety Committee meeting convened at 3 p.m. in the staff meeting room in Building 5 on Tuesday. The meeting was led by campus Chief of Police Steve Osawa and discussed various concerns about campus security and safety measures. Some of the biggest concerns voiced were the lack of uniform identification for staff and shortage of security officers available for the Newark Ohlone Campus.

The first order of the agenda was

to discuss the need for new maps and evacuation routes that took into consideration the construction blocking access to parking lots L and P and for future buildings. Osawa said that the maps were being worked on and should be available soon. Osawa also suggested building monitors for emergency situations and performing monthly tests of the radio system between the building monitors. Furthermore, he announced that there had been a campus-wide search for hazardous materials on June 4 with buildings 2, 3 and 8 inspected and that the first aid kits had been restocked

in June.

Another point brought up during the meeting was the Emergency Response Training which will offer two more classes in the next two weeks; the next class is planned for this Friday and another next Friday. Osawa also said there is an online test available for anyone who won't be able to attend the classes.

During the meeting, the need for a uniform piece of identification for the faculty and staff was brought up as a concern. Currently, staff and faculty identification does not include a photograph of the staff member. The Building and Grounds

team have also voiced concerns about this in the past, as part-time faculty that might be unfamiliar to them requested the opening of classrooms. The Faculty Senate had discussed the matter regarding identification previously, but Osawa said he would bring up the matter again. Also discussed was the assignment of emergency responsibilities and planning for emergencies on Friday afternoons and weekends.

Toni Smith, the administrative secretary for the NOC, also spoke at the meeting in regards to the new Newark campus in development and the need for greater security at-

ention there. The Newark campus has already been vandalized, Osawa said, and the construction has not even been completed.

The projected attendance for the Newark campus is between 950 and 1,100 students, and the goal for next year is to have up to 1,500 students. Osawa said that he had requested four new security employees for the NOC but had only been given one.

Future safety meetings will meet in the staff meeting room in Building 5 at 3 p.m. on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be Oct. 9.

ASOC looking for treasurer, senator for the year ahead

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The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) will be looking for nominations for the positions of treasurer and secretary while holding their first meeting of the semester next Tuesday. They will be advertising for these positions around campus, including through the *Monitor*.

ASOC President Tatyana Hamady said this was a positive chance for fall students to have a say in the ASOC (elections are held in April). "This is a great opportunity for fall students to step up to the plate and

take this on," said Hamady.

The ASOC constitution states that the positions must be filled in the first 40 days of the semester. It's unclear what would happen if the positions are not filled by then, but Hamady said she remains hopeful that they will.

The ASOC has big plans for the semester. The most high-profile of them is a plan to revamp the cafeteria, complete with new tables and paint. While Hamady noted that these plans are tentative at this point, she hopes to be able to implement them some time this year.

ASOC also hopes to bring back a program similar to last spring's "Wild 'N Out Wednesdays," but with a twist; the bands would not

only be performing, but also competing for the best performance. The performances - which would be called "Battle of the Bands" - would be either weekly or bi-weekly, and would start as soon as October.

Another idea Hamady hopes to implement is a weekly forum, held in the cafeteria, in which students would voice concerns and comments about the college. Hamady was not sure when this would begin.

ASOC meetings are open to the public every Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. Agendas are posted by Room 1130, Room 5301 and in the cafeteria on the Thursday before each meeting.

Poor can't afford to be green

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Transfer Day set

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attended without signup. There are UC personal statement workshops on 9/20, 10/16, 10/25 and 11/15 between 11:45 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. in Room 2201.

"It's the most convenient way to tap into potential schools" said Frances Fon, counselor and organizer of the event. "If you're new at school, or to American education, go to the panel." Transfer Day occurs only

once a year and is typically the largest and most attended event.

Schools including California State Universities East Bay, San Jose, San Francisco, University of California Berkeley, Davis, Los Angeles and private institutions including Mills College will be present, to name only a few.

For more information, visit Room 1102C or e-mail transfer@ohlone.edu.

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