

Ohlone Community Forum discusses green plans

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The second Ohlone Community Forum was held at the Newark Hilton last Thursday. Among the topics brought up at the meeting were plans concerning the Newark Center for Health Science and Technology and Ohlone's Student Center, which will be opening late next year.

The new campus, claimed to be the greenest in California, will be largely powered by solar energy. The buildings will also have water conserving fixtures, photovoltaic solar panels and high efficiency lighting. A 449-kilowatt array of solar panels will produce approximately 30 percent of the building's energy. The use of geothermal energy will result in another 25

percent improvement in energy performance. This will be used to heat and cool the buildings. The conference also stated how furniture that will be used in the new facility will be 60 to 99 percent recyclable. The Newark Center will be saving 40,900 barrels of oil as well as removing enough CO₂ from the atmosphere to be the equivalent of taking 900 cars off the streets

per day. Many of the people who attended the forum participated with their opinions and feedback on how to add more assets to the campus, including bricks that are going to be sold for donations. Available are three sizes of bricks (see below) starting at 4" by 8" at \$150, 6" by 12" at \$350 and 12" by 12" at \$700. Every table came up with at least

three new ideas such as fundraising done through the students and facility departments as well as a contest through sports and clubs to get as many bricks sold as possible.

President Doug Treadway ended the seminar discussing how proud and excited he was for the new buildings by stating, "Out of the years I've been a part of Ohlone, I am very happy to be a part of

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aspiration in July 1991, becoming an astronaut at the age of 34.

Voss has traveled into space four times in her career; once aboard the *Endeavor* in 1993 and twice in 1997 as the Payload Commander for the Space Shuttle *Columbia*.

When she visits Ohlone, she will speak about her most recent trip aboard the *Endeavor* in 2000 when, for 11 days, she was one of four mission specialists assigned to the multinational Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM). The SRTM captured high-resolution, digital, topographic images of Earth and obtained close to 1 trillion measurements of Earth's topography. The images are widely used by geographers around the world.

NASA Science Nights were first initiated by student James A. Laub, who became Deputy Chief of the Fluid Mechanics Lab at NASA. Laub grew up in Oakland and was

in Ohlone's original graduating class of 1976 and, though officially retired, he is now working at NASA analyzing moon dust.

Laub has also served as the liaison between Ohlone and NASA for the last five years, bringing eminent speakers to the campus. The college initially contacted Laub because he thought an ongoing relationship would be good for the college and would lead to a number of opportunities for both students and staff including internships, fellowships and possibly jobs. Dr. Voss will be the first of six NASA related speakers coming to the campus this semester.

Seating will be limited to 400 guests. Tickets are free and available at the Box Office, or can be obtained by e-mailing boxoffice@ohlone.edu. Ticketholders are advised to arrive 15 minutes early, as any seats not taken by them will be made available.

Got bricks?



Photo by Tomas Ortega

Director of Business Services Joanne Schultz holds up two inscribed bricks. Bricks like these will be sold by the College Foundation over the weekend to raise money for the Newark Campus, where up to 5,000 of them will be placed. Should one's brick be lost among the multitude, an on-campus monitor will allow users to locate their brick. The basic brick plan - one 4 by 8-inch brick - costs \$150; other available bricks include a 6 by 12-inch for \$350 and a 12 by 12-inch brick for \$700. To buy a brick, contact Schultz at jschultz@ohlone.edu.

Students explore transfer options

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long run and where more effort should be placed.

In regards to the information provided, many students were disappointed. One student, Nicole Cousins, found Transfer Day, "a little bit discouraging," because she was not able to find a school that would allow her to major in sign language. Humboldt would allow her to minor in sign language with a major in teaching. Another student, Selena Sin, heard about Transfer Day from the various ads posted around school and research she did on the Ohlone website. Sin believed that the representatives "[did] not give very detailed information" regarding specific programs and it was better to research the programs personally.

However, most representatives have a plethora of information on their hands. The school representatives can give the most popular majors at their schools and various statistics that counselors may not have access to. Natalie Rodriguez, an Ohlone counselor, mentioned that the representatives have more "expertise in [their] own individual college[s]." The representatives have good background knowledge about their school and how the transfer process works. Counselors can-

not "know every detail" about every school, so Transfer Day is a good way to gather brochures stocked with specific details. One student, her arms stacked full of brochures and notes, was "very happy at all the schools that showed up" because she was able to determine that she was qualified for the honors program at her dream school.

The amount of information at Transfer Day can usually be found in condensed form at the Transfer Center located in Building 1 down the hall from the Counseling Offices. Frances Fon, the transfer center assistant, Berkland, or a volunteer is always there to help.

At the transfer center, students can obtain information about Transfer Admission Guarantee programs and IGETC. The Transfer Center and the counselors at Ohlone work hand in hand to bring students at Ohlone the best information possible. Counselors can help students sign a transfer agreement in the first year they begin to attend Ohlone.

People who would like to volunteer for next year are welcome to apply inside the Transfer Center. All interested students are welcome to go help out.

Inside the Transfer Center, students will find many brochures and lists of things that need to be done

in order to transfer. In addition, students should go to the Transfer Center to determine which classes need to be taken and sign transfer agreements a few weeks after they first start school.

Transfer Day is a helpful way to explore the endless programs and possibilities at different schools. It is also a place where students can ask questions specifically tuned to their dream school. Students

may want to know about Berkeley where they "give course credit for AP" but "high school work is not valid" or they might want to know about the social environment of Montana Tech. The goal of Transfer Day is to be helpful and informative by providing a way for students to explore the possibility of transferring to another school.

Transfer Day will not occur again until September of next year. In the

meantime, the Transfer Center is always open to drop-in students. Whatever your reason - whether to pick up a couple of brochures of schools on the coasts of pretty beaches or to ask several questions - Transfer Day does try to find solutions. Whether it is political science or an English major, the representatives and counselors at Transfer Day are always willing to lend assistance.

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