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Photo by Daniel Yuan

**Astronaut Janice Voss speaks about her 2000 space mission before a projection of three views of Earth. Voss's talk made up the 6th annual NASA Night.**

## Astronaut recalls space mission at NASA night

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NASA Astronaut Dr. Janice Voss, spoke about her 2000 space shuttle mission on Wednesday night in Ohlone's Jackson Theater.

Voss, who lives in Sunnyvale, is the sixth NASA speaker to appear as part of Ohlone's annual lecture series, NASA Nights. More than 250 ticket holders came inside from the cool October air after the doors of the Jackson Theater

were opened at 6:30 p.m.

After being introduced by President Doug Treadway, Voss, dressed in a blue NASA flight suit, presented a 15-minute soundless video about the Feb. 11, 2000 Shuttle Radar Topography Mission (SRTM) which she flew as one of four Mission Specialists. Voss narrated the video, which NASA creates for educational purposes and, as Voss jokingly explained, "so the taxpayers can see what their money is being well spent on."

The SRTM was a multinational operation to capture high-resolution, digital, topographic images of Earth. The collected data helps geographers in many different countries.

On board Shuttle Endeavor, Voss was accompanied by Commander Kevin R. Kregel, Pilot Dominic L. Pudwill Gorie and three other Mission Specialists, including Janet L. Kavandi, Mamora Mohri from Japan and Gerhard P.J. Thiele from Germany.

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## New hope for frontage bids

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Two hundred informational packets have been sent out to local and big-name development companies for their possible suggestions and input in regards to what to develop on the college frontage property.

There will be a 10-day window for bids to come in as well as a presentation by two consultants the board has contracted to assist in their decision making.

There are currently six offers of groups willing to buy all the land, one of which is roughly a quarter of a million dollars. The board speculates that if businesses are built there it will create a chain effect that will help boost local businesses overall in the area.

There were several recent workshops that were open to the community and the public was welcome to attend and discuss the situation.

Another hot topic was the presence of the olive trees in the area that the majority of the people present agreed to leave in place.

## Prof. to speak on molecular photos

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The Math, Science and Technology department will host the third Brown Bag science seminar of the semester, entitled "Molecular Flash Photography," this Friday from 1-2 p.m. in Room 2133. This talk will discuss time-resolved laser spectroscopy.

At the talk, Stanford Chemistry Professor Jose Cabrera will describe the application of laser pulses in pico seconds in accordance with the dissociation of van der Waals complexes in real time.

The process of photographing on the molecular level has been getting more attention from universities lately. Stanford, for example, plans to build the biggest molecular camera in the world.

## In long term, funds for Newark campus could vary

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The Newark Campus is set to open in the spring of next year, but the question of what the \$100 million facility will mean in terms of finances for the Ohlone College District won't be a known until it is actually in operation, said Director of Business Services Joanne Schultz.

The Newark Center, which currently offers courses at the University of Phoenix and Newark Memorial High School and which opens its new center in spring 2008, has already earned Ohlone \$1 million in additional grant money from the chancellor's office. According to Schultz, the Newark Center earned the additional \$1 million last year by meeting requirements defined in

the SP361 funding reform bill. The SP361 bill is a financial mechanism by which Ohlone and 71 other community colleges receive funding.

The SP361 funding reform bill has two parts. Foundation grants are given out annually based on a certain level of Full Time Equivalent Students (FTES) a college center generates and added to this, the college will also receive additional funding for each FTES. Ohlone's Fremont campus generated 7,197 FTES in its 2006-2007 fiscal year and received a foundation grant of \$3 million with approximately \$4,200 per FTES on top of that. The Newark Center, for its part, generated the 1,000 FTES needed to qualify for a \$1 million foundation grant, plus the same approximate \$4,200 per FTES for that center.

The grant money earned by the

Newark campus will benefit other departments and other areas of Ohlone. Ohlone's annual operating budget is \$45 million, and while the Newark Campus has generated some additional grant money, it is now part of a three-centered Ohlone College District; Fremont, Newark and Online courses. It will operate on a budget in the same way as the other centers and departments under the Ohlone College District.

Much of what will be required to run the Newark campus remains unknown. Because the campus is opening in spring 2008, Ohlone will not have an exact expense figure for a full-year budget cycle until the 2008-2009 fiscal year. While everything from staff to equipment has already been budgeted, much of what will fill the Newark center has not yet been obtained.

Three new faculty members, who will be moving to the Newark campus along with several existing faculty members, have already been hired and are currently teaching on the Fremont campus. However, 10 other staff positions which have been created (everything from IT technicians to security to custodial staff) have not yet been filled. Schultz said, "The plan is to have these positions filled. The hiring calendar is set up to accommodate [the move-in] schedule. At this point it is not possible to ascertain if what has been estimated as appropriate staffing levels will in fact be appropriate after the center is open."

Regarding the equipment for the Newark Center, the bond manager and Newark Center administration work together to determine what

is needed for equipment and furniture and how those needs can be met in the budget. Bond Program Planning Manager, Don Eichelberger and Newark Campus Dean Leta Stagnaro, have the primary responsibility for making those determinations. Stagnaro said they are in the final phase of identifying a lot of it. She noted that the nursing lab needs hospital beds; the respiratory therapy courses need a respirator; biotech courses will need microscopes; the fitness and wellness center will need weight equipment among other things. Though everything she listed will fit in the existing budget, none of it has been purchased. Stagnaro said this too is by design.

Ohlone does not take priority ownership of the Newark site  
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