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SSB rises out of the ground



Photo by Daniel Yuan

Workers use a crane to pour concrete at the Student Services Building construction site. The building is scheduled to be completed in February '09.

Board votes to outsource IT

By **BARRY KEARNS**
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The Ohlone Board of Trustees voted three to one to hand over the future of the Information Technology Department to Strata Information Group yesterday. The resignation of Vice President of Information Technology Ralph Kindred will leave the IT Department without a vice president and prompted a vote to decide the next 18 months of the department.

President Doug Treadway proposed to have the upper management of the IT department outsourced to Strata Information Group, as well as purchase 2,000 hours of ad hoc consulting for the college. The vote came after an appearance by representatives of the current outsourcing agent Robert Half and an appeal made by Interim IT Director Ed Munro. Kindred will be leaving Ohlone in February.

The proposed budget for the outsourcing came to \$981,000 which leaves a funding gap of approximately \$200,000, according to Calegari. He suggested that the difference in budget costs could be bridged through greater efficiency and a more streamlined information structure for the school. The breakdown of the outsourcing costs comes to \$300,000 for a new vice president for the IT department as well as \$264,000 for two new managers. The combined salary total proposed is \$828,000 and the rest of the bid will go to the 2,000 hours of consulting provided by Strata Information Group. The salaries, Calegari argued, will be competitive with the outside sector. Calegari said that it is important for the IT dept. to "get on the right foot now."

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Attempted suicide, stalking covered at meeting

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An Ohlone student's attempted suicide and an account of student harassment were discussed at the monthly Safety Committee Meeting Tuesday.

The attempted suicide took place Monday, Nov. 5 between 10:30 and 11 a.m. The student in ques-

tion, not named by the *Monitor* in order to protect his privacy, had been followed by Fremont police, who notified campus police when the student stopped in an Ohlone parking lot. The student, who did not hurt himself or anyone else, was taken into custody. The case remains under investigation.

The issue of an older Ohlone student apparently stalking three

student girls on campus was brought up by an ASOC member. The Campus Police Services did not find out about the incidents until all the three girls submitted confidential reports.

"If a report does not come in, nobody knows about the case," said Ohlone Police Chief Steve Osawa. He added that most of the stalkers rely on their victims' embarrass-

ment of reporting the stalking to stay free of authorities.

The student has been suspended from this semester. In general, said Osawa, an accusation made with no witnesses is usually hard to prove without physical harm. However, in this case credible evidence was given when the student was caught following one of the girls. "Tell someone right away and give a

warning for any unacceptable type of behavior the very first time it happens," advised Osawa.

Osawa also noted that any former offenders, who have completed their jail term and are signed in as Ohlone students, are all fingerprinted and their list is public information.

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Ready to cut ribbon in Newark

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The spring semester of 2008 will see the grand opening of Ohlone's Newark campus and a week's worth of events are planned to celebrate the occasion.

The Newark campus ribbon-cutting celebration will take place Monday, Jan. 28 at 7:30 a.m. The brief event on the first day of class will be open to the public, breakfast foods will be provided and Jimmy Dempsey, president of the Service Employees International Union, will release a flock of doves during the ribbon cutting.

The dedication of the Newark campus will happen on Jan. 31 in conjunction with a nationwide Focus the Nation Teach-In event addressing global warming. The day

long event will link the dedication of the Newark building with a 900-college forum which, it is hoped, will become a conduit between students, political leaders and decision makers discussing solutions to global warming.

Many political figures have been invited to the dedication of the campus, hailed as one of the "greenest" buildings in the nation. Newark Mayor Dave Smith will be in attendance, though no other confirmations have yet been received. The list of invitees include both Fremont and Newark city council members, Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

According to Daniels, Schwarzenegger's office is taking the invitation under consideration and will contact Ohlone regarding

availability.

While rumors that Al Gore may attend the dedication are false, an invitation has been extended to President George W. Bush. Gore is now part of the private sector and, said Daniels, as part of his lecture circuit, he charges \$175,000 to make an appearance.

The Green Tie Gala, a fund raising event open to the public, will begin Saturday, Feb. 2 with a reception tour of the Newark campus at 5:30 p.m., followed by a dinner at 7:30 p.m. in the Newark Hilton Hotel. The dinner will cost \$150 per person and the donations will help furnish the Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology through the capital campaign drive. The donations will be matched by the Wayne & Gladys Valley Foundation.



Photo by Jack Husting

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Newark Center is planned for Jan. 28.