

Treadway spends vacation in Egypt

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President Doug Treadway and his wife Carole vacationed in Egypt, periodically under the protection of armed guards, from Oct. 19 to Nov. 3. During their two-week visit they stayed in a number of places, including the major urban center, Cairo, and the small, southern city of Aswan.

They also visited Luxor, often called the world's largest open-air museum. They spent half of the trip on a bus tour and half on a small cruise floating down the Nile River. Treadway said he loved it.

Though he enjoyed the trip overall, Treadway did think Cairo was "too urban and too crazy [in terms of traffic]... and way overpopulated."

Treadway said he was keenly aware that, in today's Egypt, there are places Americans cannot go. His group did not go

into the central part of the country for safety reasons. American tour groups now often have guards, called Tourist Police, which are provided by the Egyptian government.

"There were 16 of us in the group and everywhere we went, we had armed guards," said Treadway. He learned "there are a lot of refugees from the Sudan, Iraq, Afghanistan and there's no place for them." He said some of the refugees were "camped out on the tombs... They don't have any support [system]. That was kind of disturbing to experience first-hand."

The visit, of course, was not all doom, gloom and gun-toting guards. Treadway said he sometimes went out jogging and often talked with the local people. He highly enjoyed the city of Luxor. His group saw the Luxor temple, had breakfast on a farm, visited an orphanage and a school. "We got a lot more sense of the country than just the pyramids and the tombs. It's lovely."



Photo courtesy Doug Treadway

President Doug Treadway and wife Carole pose before the Pyramids and Sphinx of Giza during their trip to Egypt.

College to see many technological upgrades

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Ohlone will also purchase optical scanning equipment and software, and pilot test an optical scanning system for student assessment and educational plans.

The college will design and test computerized skills assessments and evaluate an online appointment system, called eSARS, for counseling.

For 2008-'09, the Tech Master Plan aims to digitize library resources, VHS videos and audio cassettes with captioning and ex-

plore the possibilities of making digital content available off-campus. The Fremont campus wireless network will expand to include all classrooms.

TechComm will also encourage all full time and adjunct faculty to incorporate new learning technologies into their classes by fall 2010.

Some of the goals for 2009-'10 include increasing the number of students enrolled for 6.5 or more credits who have electronic Web-based education plans to 100

percent.

By 2010, Ohlone should also be able to provide specialized technical support and training for the Innovation and Technology Center, "Experimental Classrooms" and SMART classrooms. 10 to 20 IT student interns will be selected to support the technology needs.

Ohlone Web Designer Cheryl Lambert and TechComm Co-chairs Jeff O'Connell and Lesley Buehler met with Vice President of Business Services Mike Calegari on Nov. 1 to express their concerns about the

state of the web servers and the potential for problems in the future. Lambert also spoke concerning the fact that she was hosting parts of the Ohlone page on her own personal server.

According to Calegari, the district will pay to have what is currently on her web server hosted somewhere else, but most of the concerns need to be held off until the IT management situation is resolved.

Based on faculty feedback, Ohlone will be ordering a mix of

HP Laptops and Tablet PCs for faculty at Newark and Fremont. Additionally, they will also be ordering laptops for the classrooms and labs at Newark.

It has been discovered that there are 57 leased Gateway computers in the warehouse and they have been there for almost a year without anyone using them.

TechComm members were worried about what is going to happen to these computers and O'Connell said that most likely the issue will come up at the next dean's meeting.

ASOC discusses priority parking, graduation

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The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) filled open positions and discussed the future of Lot N and environmentally friendly parking incentives at their meeting Tuesday.

ASOC President Tatyana Hamady asked for volunteers to fill the role of ASOC secretary, a position that was temporarily filled by Treasurer Kevin Feliciano. Senator Sareeta Patel volunteered for the position and was awarded it.

The ASOC appointed Tatyana Hamady and Alexander Samuel Rhone Jr. to join the committee to search for the next college president. After a roll-call vote, Zuhail Bahaduri was selected as the new ASOC Representative at Large, and both Bahaduri and Patel were sworn into their new positions.

A report was made by the

parking committee chair, Shams Mawlavizada, who was chosen for the position the week before. Mawlavizada announced that the committee had gone to Lot N and selected the 20 spaces they wanted.

During committee reports, Sen. Stacy Jones said that she was trying to recruit the services of the company Organics to take over the cafeteria. According to Jones, Ohlone would be one of the first campuses in Northern California to use the company.

The Life Club also made a money request to the ASOC for the sum of \$255 so that they could screen the documentary "The 11th Hour," a film discussing the current state of the environment.

As far as the action items, the ASOC made their decision on the caps and gowns based on the models presented last week. The ASOC chose black caps and gowns for

graduating students to wear.

Carpool and efficient car parking privileges were also discussed by the ASOC where there was some

debate about how the veracity of carpools could be enforced. The proposal would give students with efficient cars a discount on parking

passes and carpools preferential parking spots. The ASOC will wait on further information before coming to a decision on the matter.



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Seminar will focus on polar bear plight

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Conservation Biologist Juliet Hoffman will speak on the declining health of the world's polar bear population at this Friday's Brown Bag Seminar from 1 to 2 p.m. in Room 3201.

According to Hoffman's website, www.icebearnorth.com, "The average condition of adult male and female as well as that of independent cubs has declined significantly in the western Hudson Bay area." Her lecture will discuss some causes of the decline in the polar bear population.

Some ways to save these bears are things we can do every day to save the planet. People can prevent global warming and destruction of the planet just by recycling, carpooling or walking short distances. The talk will include an argument using scientific evidence that global warming issues are real. Hoffman will explain how CO2 traps the world's heat, raising the global temperature and melting the ice that polar bears depend on.