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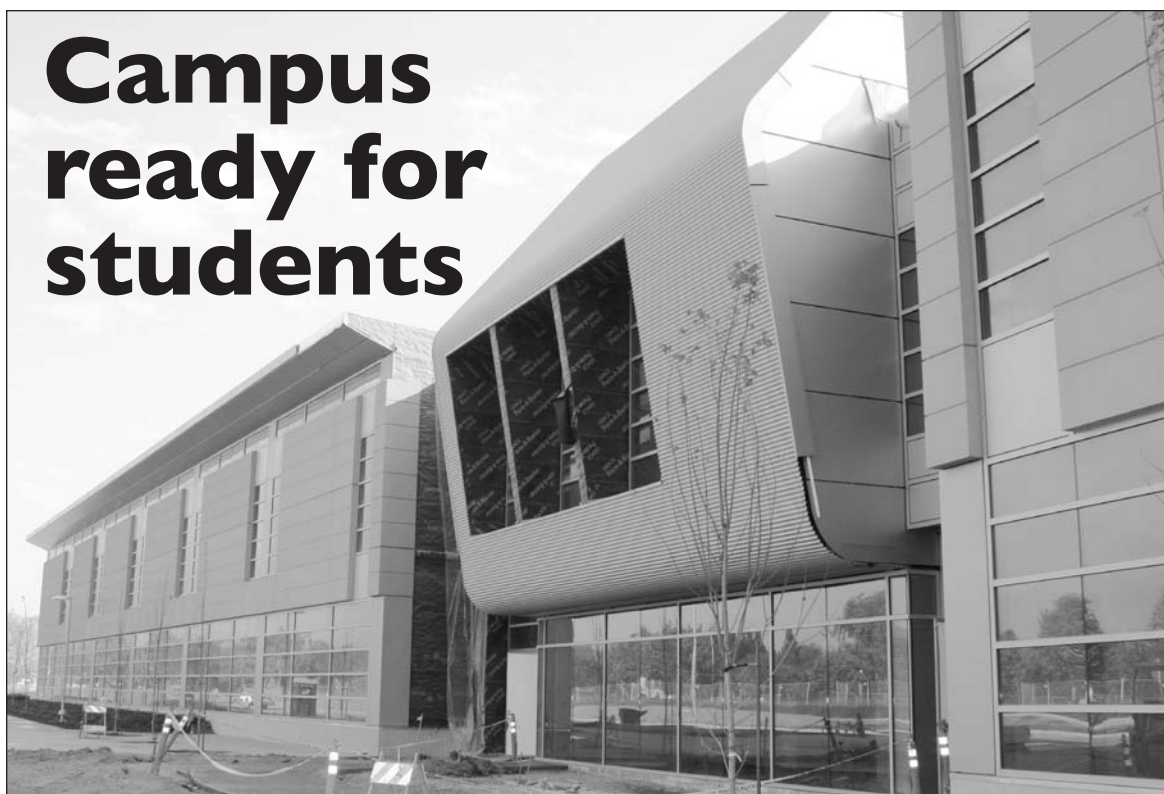


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Classes at the Newark Campus start today.

Week of events planned for opening

By **ERIC DORMAN**
News editor

After three years of construction and more than \$100 million, the Newark Campus is ready for a party.

A week's worth of events are planned to kick off the opening of the Newark Campus, including a ribbon-cutting ceremony today, a dedication Thursday and Grand Opening Green Tie Gala Saturday.

The festivities were to begin with a ribbon-cutting ceremony today at 7:30 a.m. in the Newark Center lobby. Rather than using conventional wooden scissors to cut the ribbon, however, resident Ohlone Indian Andy Galvan has opted to instead use an obsidian blade to slice the "ribbon," a rope formed of tule reeds. Historically, both obsidian and tule played an important role in Ohlone Indians' daily lives, said Anthropology Professor George Rodgers. Also during the cutting, Service Employees International Union President Jimmy Dempsey will release a flock of doves.

Although Al Gore himself proved too expensive for the opening—as part of the private sector, he charges \$175,000 per appearance—members of his climate group, a group of followers trained at an institute in Gore's native Tennessee, will be present to speak on climate change Thursday morning from 8 to 11:30. Also during that period will be two screenings of "The 11th Hour," a film showing the effects of climate change.

The dedication will take place from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Thursday in the Newark Center quad between Wings 3 and 4, although the ceremony could move indoors to the lobby, depending on the weather. The list of dignitaries numbers roughly 150, including California Lt Gov. John Garamendi, Assembly members Ellen Corbett and Alberto Torrico, Newark Mayor Dave Smith, Fremont Mayor Bob Wasserman and Union City Mayor Mark Green. Also featured will be representatives from Sen. Barbara Boxer and Congressman Pete Stark, as well as former Ohlone President Floyd Hogue.

Also on Thursday will be the Focus the Nation "Teach-In" event, aimed at "Mobilizing the Nation about Global Warming," which will take place from noon to 2 p.m. In the event, teachers and guests will have a chance to connect with students about ways to act on climate change.

On Saturday, the community will have a chance to engage in a more upscale celebration with the Green Tie Gala Grand Opening Celebration. The Gala will begin with a 5 p.m. reception at the Newark Campus, followed by dinner at 7 at the Newark/Fremont Hilton, 39900 Balentine Drive, Newark. Dinner costs \$150 a plate, which goes to help fund the Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology. The donations will be matched by the Wayne & Gladys Valley Foundation.

For more information on the week's events, go to www.ohlone.edu/org/newark/grandopening.html.

State \$14 billion in debt; Ohlone to slice \$350,000

By **BARRY KEARNS**
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Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has declared that the State of California is in a financial crisis and has proposed cutbacks in funding for Community Colleges, including a \$350,000 reduction in this year's Ohlone College budget.

Statewide, there are proposals

for a \$40 million reduction of the budget for the 2007-'08 year for community colleges. Next year the budget may be cut \$400 million. State Assembly Member Alberto Torrico has an even more pessimistic view of the budget. According to Torrico when he spoke to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday night, the state deficit is closer to \$20 billion than the \$14 billion cited

by the governor.

Ohlone does have a "rainy day" fund of \$1 million set aside. One of the unique opportunities for Ohlone to raise revenue is through the international students attending the school. These students pay \$180 per unit and that money stays in Ohlone College. There are also some other contingency funds put

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Treadway gives emotional final speech to faculty

By **ANNA NEMCHUK**
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With tears in his voice, President Doug Treadway delivered his final State of the College Address to Ohlone faculty Friday morning. He received a standing ovation.

Rain enveloped the newly constructed campus Friday morning. The outside, steel blue, contrasted with the bright green lawns dotting the chilly grounds. The inside, warm and spacious, smelled like a new car. Small bundles of wires and tape lurked in the corners while construction workers carrying ladders dodged the wandering faculty.

Facing a few hundred faculty members in a room made airy by a soaring wall of windows, Treadway spoke both of the college's past and its future.

The current budget cutbacks will

be alleviated greatly by the district's preparedness. Treadway assured the room that retaining all full-time staff would be one of the college's main priorities and Ohlone's Rainy-Day Fund is available as backup. And folks, it is raining, he quipped.

Increasing international enrollment will also be a chief goal, as just 100 international students bring in almost half a million dollars. Regular enrollment is doing well – up 8.8 percent, with full-time student enrollment up 7 percent.

In keeping with the Newark Center's green approach, Treadway stressed environmentally friendly ways to save money and added that knee-jerk reactions are to be avoided at all costs. "It's like the question of how do porcupines make love to one another. The answer is: very carefully."

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SSB work continues



Staff photo

A crane lowers a steel beam on the framework of the new Student Services Building. The walkway from parking lot M to the President's office in Building I will be temporarily blocked several days this week due to the crane's activity. The noise of construction will continue throughout the semester as workers hammer and rivet the beams and decks.