

Student broadcasting games live via Internet

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Students can now listen live to Ohlone College Renegades basketball home games. Tomás Ortega, the sports editor for the *Monitor*, has, with the help of KOHL's Bob Dochterman and Rob Adamic, launched a webcast that covers games play-by-play. Ortega initially wanted to broadcast the games on Ohlone's radio station, KOHL. However, KOHL didn't want to break its format. Bob Dochterman, director of radio operations and his team used their expertise to help Ortega set up the equipment.

Using the website, Stickam.com (the video version of myspace, as Ortega calls it), and a mixer, Ortega runs this operation directly out of his laptop.

With the help of Ohlone's webmaster, Cheryl Lambert, up and running is a link on the Ohlone Athletics homepage that streams the games. Anybody can listen live to the webcast whenever a game is scheduled. The schedule itself can also be found on the page.

Beginning Jan. 5, Ortega has already covered several mens' and womens' basketball home games. He'd like to cover all sports, but because of limited internet access outdoors, he is confined to just the gymnasium, where there is also no internet access. To make it work, an internet cable is run roughly 50 feet from the snack bar to the scorer's table.

He encourages future broadcasters to volunteer and give him a hand. He needs people who can provide color, or secondary comment, and player profiles while he's doing the play-by-play.

Those with an interest in sportscasting can use this opportunity to get a head start in their careers. Ortega would also like sponsors for a possible future crew.

Ortega gives "thanks to Bob Dochterman and Rob Adamic at the radio station and Chris Warden," Ohlone's athletic director. He said he hopes to eventually transition to live TV because "[Ohlone] has the capability."

When asked how he manages this one-man show, he replied, "It's tough, but I'm loving every minute of it."



Staff photo

Student Tomás Ortega calls a basketball game Wednesday night. The commentary is broadcast live over the Web.

Mens', womens' basketball stay busy over break

By TOMÁS ORTEGA
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It's been six weeks since you last stepped foot on this beautiful campus known as Ohlone College (and the very first time if you have a Monday morning class at the first green campus in the nation in Newark). So if I were to tell you that you haven't missed much, I would be lying. Let me break it down for you: 17 games played, including eight at the Epler Gym between the mens' and womens' basketball squads and 12 wins to show for it. So it's been a busy "vacation," you

could say, for the teams.

The mens' basketball squad has picked it up as of late, winning five of their last seven opportunities. Big contributors have been the lethal scoring threat Chancious Rose (averaging 15 points), James Hancock and Nate Liggins.

On nights when Rose can't get to the bottom of the net, the Renegades don't just rely on the above-mentioned. They have the right mixture of guys that can get the points needed to keep their team in the win column.

So far, though, Head Coach John Peterson still thinks the troupe has

some things to iron out. Peterson noted, "Come playoff time we'll be good. It's going to be another 3-4 weeks before we have it all figured out." Since the Renegades play in one of the tougher Northern California Conferences, they'll be grinding it out against quality teams.

That's exactly what they did against CCSF (Community College of San Francisco) a few weeks back, when they lost by three. CCSF is one of the top teams in the state and it says a lot about Ohlone's skill level to hang around until the final shot with them.

According to Peterson, the

Renegades "play in the toughest conference in the north. So [they] have no more easy games."

As for the Lady Renegades, the following should spell out what type of season they are having until now: 6-1 since Jan. 5, including a 4-0 record in their conference. That's about as good as it gets without going undefeated. Their only blemish was a tough non-conference loss at home to CCSF.

Other than that, this Lady Renegade team, with their defensive prowess, looks to head back into the playoffs come the end of February. They are led by Taylor "The

Pickpocket" Lyons, who has too many steals to count, and by leading scorer Kelly Fisher.

The Lady Renegades expect to see themselves in the playoffs come March, especially with the Coast-South Conference not being as big a player in Northern California. These Lady Renegades just have to keep their bodies above their feet when they face off against DeAnza Feb. 15 in the Epler gym. That would be a telling ballgame that can determine the playoff seeding for the ladies.

So, how did you spend your vacation?

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aside for equipment that is available to the school, but Dr. Doug Treadway believes that with careful budgeting we may not need to go to the reserve funds until later.

In his regular State of the School speech made to faculty and staff on Friday morning, Treadway discussed the impact of the budget cuts on the college. This was also the last speech Treadway will give as president of Ohlone. Treadway announced during his speech that Ohlone's current budget would be cut \$350,000 and that he's currently working with budget managers to make reductions without going into the reserve funds. Treadway

in keeping with his mission of efficiency also made suggestions about curbing power usage and reducing the amount of paper waste to help with the budget.

The governor's budget also allows for only a one percent growth in enrollment for the community colleges, while Ohlone's growth is already significantly higher, with the brand-new Newark Campus. One of the additional challenges Treadway mentioned in his speech is that the state disperses the funds to the college monthly while the college plans the budget for the year ahead. Treadway also warned that there may be a delay of two months when it comes to the end-of-the-

year payments to the school.

Both President Treadway and Vice President of Business and Administrative Services Mike Calegari mentioned that they were balancing the budget and avoiding any layoffs at all costs, but they did say that if some positions became vacant it might be a while before those positions are once again filled. Treadway also stated that the budget cutbacks would not have any effect on the development of the Newark Ohlone Center or the new Student Services building that is currently under construction. With the current setting for the budget, Treadway said that some of the planned spending would be

put off, in this case on modernizing equipment. While discussing possible cuts that may be made to the budget, Treadway did mention the possibility that some courses with

low enrollment may be pared back and that some staff positions may be reduced in hours.

"We'll get hit," Calegari said, "but we'll weather the storm."

Kirshner heads faculty union; Board focuses on budget cuts

By JACQUE ORVIS
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Political Science Professor Alan Kirshner was named the new United Faculty of Ohlone President at the College Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday. The Board also focused on issues surrounding the state's budget crisis, how it will affect education, the economy and upgrade prospects.

The trustees are taking into consideration the \$350,000 budget rollback for this fiscal year caused by cuts in the state budget. Currently, there is a \$14 billion deficit to be dealt with at the state level. Short-term plans include saving the loan from the state for Ohlone's 2008-'09 budget. President Doug Treadway

stressed the need to stay focused on the budget crisis throughout the semester to take care of the business deficit efficiently and completely.

The trustees also discussed the current process in which representatives are elected by residents of their respective cities. Though it makes sense that Newark residents vote for Newark representatives and Fremont residents vote for their own as well, concern has grown about the intention of voters if they are sectioned to their city.

The Board agreed that if the trustees are elected to serve the district as a whole, it would prevent development of a chasm between Newark and Fremont. There are currently two Newark and three Fremont representatives serving on the Board.

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