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## Man behind Smith Center dies at 73

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Gary Smith, founder of Ohlone's Gary Soren Smith Center for Fine and Performing Arts, died of Parkinson's Disease on Feb. 4. In addition to serving Ohlone as a professor of music, he was also the dean of Fine Arts and acting vice president.

Smith was born on July 4, 1934 to Eloise and George Smith in Modesto. They later moved to Healdsburg, where they bought the Sanitary Dairy. He attended Santa Rosa Junior College in 1952 for one year and then

graduated with honors from U.C. Berkeley in 1956. He did a tour of duty in the Army from 1956 to 1959 and played in the 6<sup>th</sup> Army Band as principal clarinet. Smith began teaching at Oakland public schools in 1960 and then moved to Ohlone in 1967.

Most of us mainly knew of Smith from the sign in front of the Smith Center, but Gary Smith was extremely active in the Fremont community. He served on the boards of both the Fremont Philharmonic and Fremont Cultural Arts Council.

Smith was also instrumental in the design of Ohlone College's Mission Boulevard cam-

pus in the early 1970s, taking special interest in the college's music department.

As a lover of classical and Baroque music in particular, he brought with him a strong dedication and sense of discipline when he taught. He had a reputation as a strict, but affable professor, fondly remembered by many current and former Ohlone faculty members. Walter Halland, an old colleague of Smith's, remembers him as someone rabidly dedicated to his work and to his music, each of which comprised his glowing 33-year career.

His crowning achievement was, of course,

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Staff photo

**Dean of Fine Arts Gary Smith.**



Photos by Andrew Cavette (top) and Eric Dorman

**A member of the Ohlone tribe, Andy Galvan blesses the Newark Campus at the dedication ceremony Thursday. Below, Lt. Gov. John Garamendi speaks.**

## Newark Center dedicated

By **ERIC DORMAN**  
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The Newark Center was hailed as setting a new standard in environmental sustainability at the center's dedication last Thursday, drawing praise from notables such as Lt. Gov. John Garamendi and Assembly members Alberto Torrico and Ellen Corbett.

"Now let me tell you, there are a whole lot of folks out there who said it can't be done: it's too expensive, can't be done, don't know how to design it," said Garamendi before a crowd of about 300 inside a small tent protecting the viewers from the Newark elements. "Well, our architects designed it, the community supported it, and you, all of you, have become the pioneers...you're the people that have come together and said, 'let us do it right.'"

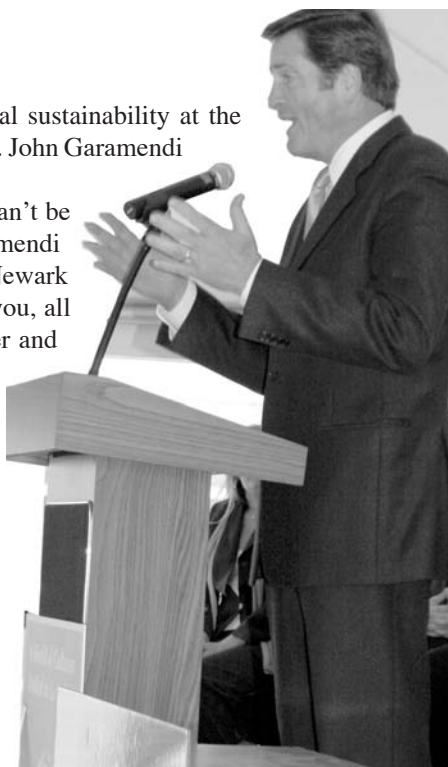
The speakers devoted much of their praise to the center's Platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, the highest level of certification awarded by the U.S. Green Building Council to those structures built and operating with the most sustainable practices. The Newark Campus is the first college campus in the world to achieve this certification.

"You have set the bar right where it oughtta be: Platinum LEED," said Garamendi. "We oughtta be doing that everywhere."

Gail Steele of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors echoed a common theme when she said she saw the campus as ahead of its time. "In another 10 years, every building will be like this."

Newark Mayor Dave Smith took an unusual prop to the podium with him:

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## Clubs weigh in on effects of election

By **KYLE STEPHENS**  
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In the aftermath of "Super Tuesday," political clubs around campus are weighing in on the results of the California elections and primary and gearing up for the final hurdle: the presidential elections.

Twenty-four states, including California, held primary elections on Tuesday. Statewide results on presidential candidates named Sen. Hilary Clinton as the Democratic winner at 52 percent, and Sen. Barack Obama at 42.4 percent. For the Republican Party, Sen. John McCain received 42 percent of the vote, followed by Gov. Mitt Romney at 34.1 percent, and, after him, Mike Huckabee with 11.6 percent.

Propositions 91, 92, and 93 did not pass, while Propositions 94, 95, 96 and 97 did. For complete information, see the Office of the California Secretary of State Barbra Bowen's website at <http://vote.ss.ca.gov>.

Proposition 91 concerns certain taxes on vehicle fuels and has no direct impact on Ohlone. Proposition 92 has a more bracing effect, however; with its failure to pass, community college tuition rates will remain at \$20 a unit (as opposed to

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## Board nixes frontage bids

By **BARRY KEARNS**  
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The College Board of trustees chose to decline two bids for the college frontage property in a meeting held Dec. 19. Board President Nick Nardollilo said that the board plans to regroup and rethink a future request for bids.

The Board received two bids; one that would bring the college \$600,000 a year and another for \$1.5 million a year. The bids came from Clark Realty Capital and the Aspen Group of San Jose, respectively. Both bids included a proposal for a combination of retail and residential development. A consultant hired by the college said that the \$1.5 million offer was in the ballpark of what the property is worth at fair market value.

The frontage property is divided into four parcels - from a triangular slice of land near the Anza Street entrance to the lot where Building 10 sits near the Anza-Pine road entrance. The area of all four parcels is estimated to be at 19 acres. The lease would run for 50 years, with a 10-year option.