

Live video of game airs for first time

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The Ohlone Men's Basketball game against Chabot was broadcast live over the Internet Saturday, the first time the video of an Ohlone game was broadcast over the web.

Ohlone's TV Department's Technician and in-house producer Misty Ty said the program's "intention is to transition to TV." Ty believes "Ohlone's TV program's so wonderful that it can support" live sports coverage.

Non-home games cannot be watched live because the webcast is reliant on Ohlone's equipment system. Ty hopes to form a production team to cover away games, but there is no definite plan.

If all goes well, the games will be uploaded onto the web so that students can watch past games. This helps the players better understand the system because they can, as Ty said, "reverse and review plays."

The webcast's longevity is indefinite because for this program to last and be successful, Ty needs help from sponsors and broadcast students. Currently, the live webcast is run by a camera crew of four and two commentators, Tomas Ortega and Alexis Lenae Nelson. Ortega is sports editor for the *Monitor*, and launched Ohlone's first live audio broadcast on Jan 5.

Nelson, a broadcast major, began her stint as co-commentator on Feb 23. Ortega needs more students to come forward and help. Nelson and Ortega wish to cover all sports but are restricted because of the lack of internet coverage outdoors.

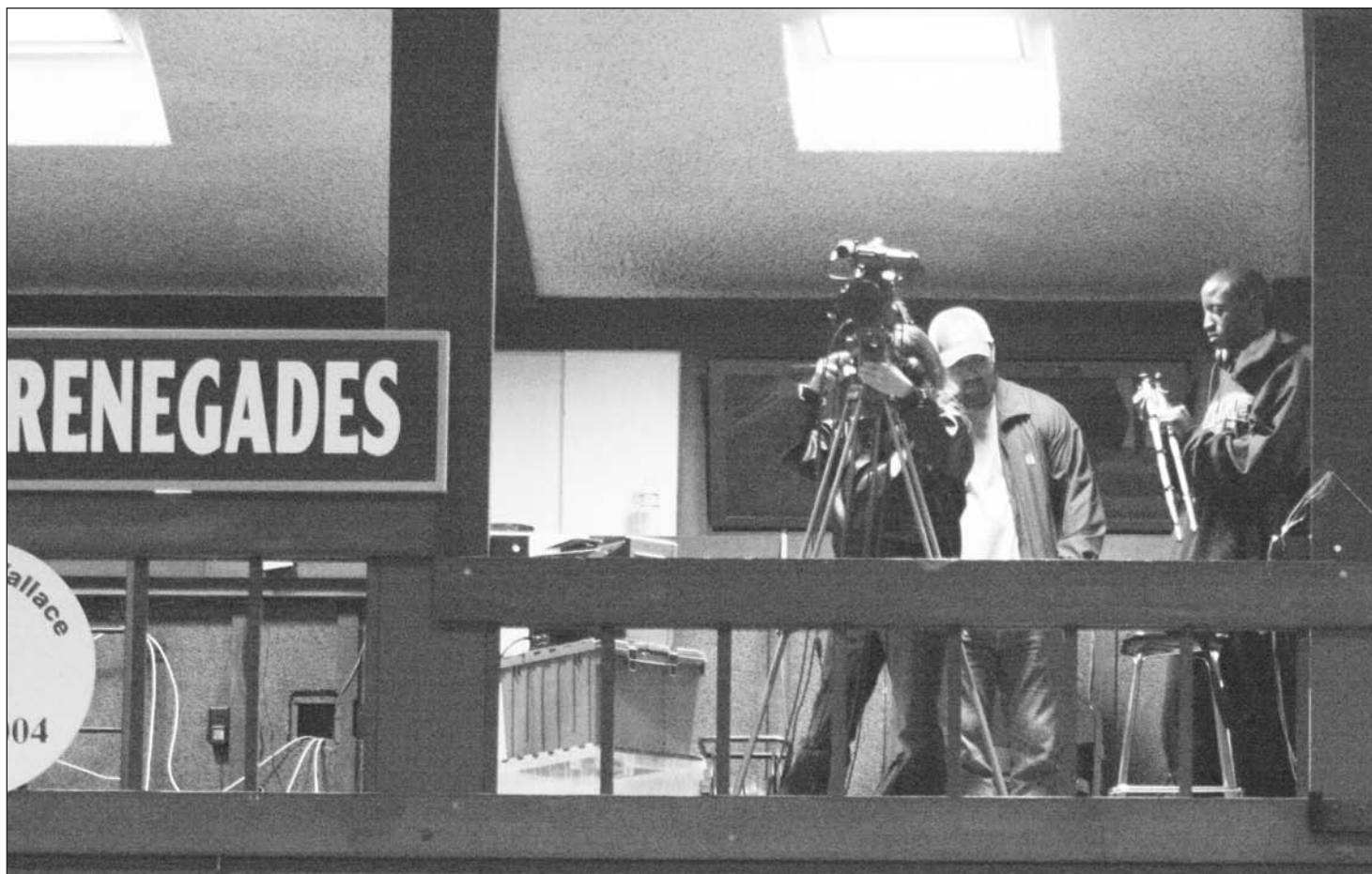


Photo by Pei Ju Chen

A camera crew follows the game Saturday as part of Ohlone's first attempt at airing a sports game live over the Internet.

Athletic Director Chris Warden sees the webcast as a "great educational value" and hopes it will generate wide student response and interest in sports.

Warden, whose own parents watched the game from Seattle, said he is excited about this "amazing event" that puts Ohlone College on a "global venue."

Specific basketball games that will be covered will be announced on the Ohlone College Men's Basketball webpage at www.ohlone.edu/org/athletics/mensbasketball.

Earth Day plans weighed

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Environmental Sustainability Coordinator George Rodgers held a briefing on the state of affairs for sustainability at Ohlone Friday. Representatives from the ASOC, as well as various Ohlone staff members were present.

The topic at hand was the upcoming LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accreditation and the inspection team coming to certify such. As it stood at the time of the meeting Ohlone, by Rodgers's reckoning, was "a mess," and needed immediate attention to rectify the situation. Tuesday morning, he supervised a campus-wide cleanup.

Also discussed were plans for Earth Day events at both Ohlone campuses. ASOC Treasurer Kevin Feliciano and Student Af-

fairs Volunteer Renee Gonzales, both present at the meeting, recalled past Earth Days and proposed plans for the future. Hosting notable speakers and making the "day" spread over several was discussed. In an example of sustainability applied as broadly as possible, t-shirts for the event will not likely be available, as they are not a necessity and their adverse environmental impact would outweigh any good results - as Rodgers pointed out, these promotional items would not likely be used beyond the time of the event itself.

Rodgers laid out plans for managing the Sustainability Task Force in the event he and a group of students go on a trip to Sydney, Australia (pending enough students signing up) Sept. 6 to Nov. 30, 2008. Two members of the Force would co-chair the group, though Rodgers would still have the final say, communicating by way of email, or teleconferencing.

No free speech in Newark

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The Ohlone Newark campus currently has no designated free speech area, a potential infringement on First Amendment freedom of speech rights. The ASOC has tentative plans to establish an area at the Newark campus, according to Assistant Vice President Leta Stagnaro.

Free speech areas are a way for college campuses to regulate the demonstration of free speech. As it stands, the Ohlone College ASOC has rules that designate the specific free speech area, what can and cannot be done by speakers within the space, and its allowed hours of use.

Free speech areas are controversial in that some say their very existence is an abridgment of free speech, that the first amendment grants freedom of speech to the geographic entirety of the nation. The areas exist in the first place, however, because demonstrations have the potential to get out of hand, disrupt classes and antagonize students.

The Fremont campus has its free speech area located at the base of the stairs by the Palm Bosque.

ASOC debates, then postpones clicker decision

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Spending and financial planning were the order of business for the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) at the meeting Tuesday. While processing several money requests, the ASOC discussed their responsibilities to the students and the best way to serve them throughout the semester.

The clicker discussion continued with Math, Science and Technology Coordinator Yvette Niccolls and student David Dorsa speaking on behalf of the clicker technology and its benefit in the classroom. Niccolls argued that some of the students that could benefit from the clickers in classes with textbooks that did not come with the clicker bundle would have a hard time affording the \$52 the clickers cost. When

asked about what would be done in classes larger than 30 where not all students might not get a clicker Niccolls said that she would not use a clicker in those classes.

ASOC members also asked Niccolls why the money for the clickers, which would be of significant benefit to the science courses, was not granted through department funding.

Niccolls explained that a request for funds had been denied from the department as well as the President's office and the Vice President's office.

Board of Trustees Student Member Ken Steadman proposed a clicker drive to lessen the cost of the clicker system for the science department. A decision regarding the clickers has been postponed until a later time.

Also discussed by the ASOC was

the placement of more picnic tables on the campus for students. While it was generally agreed upon that the picnic tables were beneficial for the campus, the ASOC's cost seems rather high. Further discus-

sion and a decision were put off until next week.

The ASOC also took a vote on the Student ID card making machine for the Newark Ohlone Campus money request.

While discussing the matter, Steadman said, "What choice do we have? That's how we get our money." The ASOC voted to approve the money request for \$6,721.38.

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