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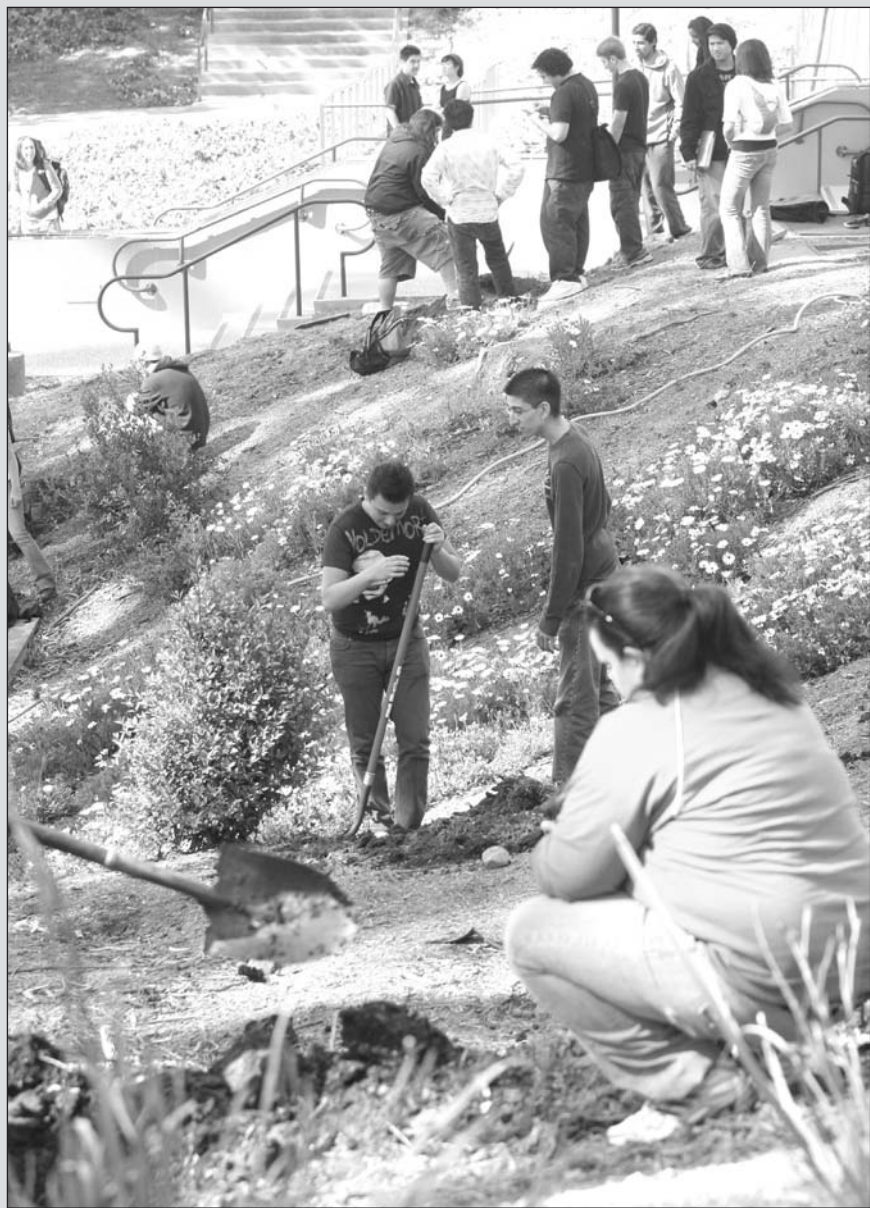


Photo by Eric Hui

**ASOC Vice President Jackie McCulley guides volunteers' shovels Tuesday during a LIFE club-led tree planting event by the main stairway. The clubs planted 12 trees during the gardening session.**

# Treadway to visit India, set up sister college connection

By **JOE NICHOLS**  
Staff writer

President Doug Treadway leaves today for India, heading a group with two other campus officials to lay the groundwork for a sister college. He will be accompanied by International Services Director Eddie West and Chemistry Instructor Anu Ganguly.

Treadway will be in India for five days; while there, he will lay the groundwork for students to come from India to Ohlone College to take math, science and technology classes.

Treadway said that as college president, he has to be the person to lay the groundwork with the U.S. Embassy and the Indian government to allow students to come here and study.

He added that there are currently plans for a sister college in the City of Jaipur,

put in place by Electronics Instructor Gary Mishra, but those plans have been placed on hold until the city can send a delegation to Jaipur this fall.

Treadway's trip, which takes place over spring break, will include stops in the cities of Mysore, Delhi and Bangalore, the sites of this summer's semester abroad trip. The reasons for stopping in these particular cities include the fact that they are the technology centers of India.

Students will also have the chance to visit Bangalore this summer, from June 1 to July 31.

Stops will include Bangalore, Jain temples and shrines in the villages of Belur and Halebidu and the historical cities of Cochin and Alleppey.

Students interested in attending this trip may go to Room 1131 and pick up an application.

## Students perform, learn

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Producer Rich Kidd has a compilation out available for purchase at [www.myspace.com/bigrichrecords](http://www.myspace.com/bigrichrecords), featuring illustrious names such as Mistah Fab, a local legend among the Bay scene.

The third act was L.O.C. Ness, a hip-hop crew with an official roster of 20 members. A unique act, some members on stage didn't even provide vocals, but rather danced with brooms and played with water bottles. With songs containing graphic lyrics, L.O.C. Ness put forth a primal performance that got members of the audience to dance and bob their heads in approval.

Also primarily influenced by the "getting dumb" hyphy movement, they played bangers as well as an R&B-tinged song. To further enhance the hyphy feel of the event, the smell of grape swisher, a type of marijuana, wafted up from the lower parking lots. The band's shining moment, however, was when the music was cut and members started to flow.

The final band scheduled to perform, Weslester, never arrived.

The next Rock the Hill will be this Thursday and will feature Val and the Evil Monkeys, starring Ohlone's own Math Instructor Jeff O'Connell, along with band Blood and Water and the rapper Young Fats.

# Team to examine college's bottled water impact

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Are Ohlone students drinking enough water? Are we being sufficiently "green" with the empty water bottles that are left over?

A team of environmentalists are going to meet at Ohlone with Ohlone's Sustainability Coordinator George Rodgers next week to look into ways of protecting the environment

while still encouraging students to get plenty of water.

According to the August 13, 2007 article "Water, Water Everywhere, but Guilt by the Bottleful" from the *New York Times*, "It takes 1.5 million barrels [of oil] a year just to make the plastic water bottles Americans use, according to the Earth Policy Institute in Washington, plus countless barrels to transport it from as far as Fiji and refrigerate it."

"8 out of 10 water bottles used in the United States become garbage or end up in a landfill," quotes [www.refillnotlandfill.org](http://www.refillnotlandfill.org).

org.

The site also states that 190,000 homes could be powered by the wasted energy from bottling water. Refilling a water bottle with tap water and reusing the same bottle more than once can help reduce plastic waste.

Next week's meeting should encourage Ohlone to find more ways to keep the campuses environmentally friendly and contribute ideas to minimize the garbage that could be recycled.

# Instructor speaks on effects of drug advertising

By **JOE NICHOLS**  
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Christine Carroll, an Ohlone alumna and adjunct speech instructor, gave a presentation on drug ads and their perceived effect on college students at the Brown Bag Science Seminar Friday.

Carroll spoke concerning the process she had to follow in developing her hypothesis and then

getting approval from the Master's board and Cal State East Bay Board of Regents. Carroll and her team then conducted a survey of 192 college students in English, communication and math classes at Cal State East Bay.

Of those who were surveyed, the majority claimed that drug ads had more of an effect on others than themselves. Her research showed that many of the people who were

surveyed said that they learned about the risks and benefits of a drug from its advertisement, and many of them said that it made their relationships with their doctors better. A few of those surveyed - less than one percent - said that information they got from the ads caused conflict between themselves and their doctors.

After the presentation, Carroll took some questions. The first

concerned her reasons for choosing this topic. She replied that her motivation included the fact that first of all, she had an interest in the topic, and secondly, there had never been a study done on this demographic. In response to another query, Carroll then discussed the directions in which she'd chosen to take her research. The next step, according to her, will be to send out the same survey to people who work

overnight shifts.

Carroll holds a master's degree in Mass Communications from CSU State East Bay and teaches communication classes at Ohlone.

The Next Brown Bag Seminar will be Friday, March 21 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Room 3201. Director of Science Policy at UC San Francisco Dr. Dina Halme will speak on Stem Cell Research in California.

# Smoking: I did it for the kids

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covers part of the problem.

But why? Even with this state-funded, anti-smoking ad blitz, why do smokers get very little substance in the way of help? It's because cigarettes are one big pacifier, for all of us, smoking and non-smoking alike.

Unlike scarier, boogie-monster drugs, cigarette addiction doesn't interfere with one's ability to spend money, so it is generally tolerated. In fact, smokers provide a steady income to California. According to records from the Board of Equalization, California took in \$1,026,497,000 in tax revenue from cigarettes

in the 2005-'06 fiscal year.

From that, 57 percent (50 cents out of the 87-cent tax on every pack) goes to the First 5 California program, which improves the quality of life for children from pre-birth to kindergarten. They say this is to make up for the burden of increased medical bills that our evil lifestyle inflicts upon the healthy, but recent studies suggest that smokers may actually be saving the country money by dying faster.

No need to shove old folks into the Arctic Circle on some floating patch of ice - not if they'll croak at the age of 50. We smoke, we grumble, we pay and you let us.

## Correction

The story "ASOC discusses salary for members" in the March 13 edition of *Monitor* included the sentence, "Compensation is currently set at \$200, with bonuses." The point was that under the current draft of the proposed ASOC constitution, executive ASOC officers would receive \$200 a month, not that they are currently paid that amount. The *Monitor* regrets the lack of clarity.