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OPINIONS

Pressure and IGETC make UC transfers difficult

By **KATHY SUNG**
Staff writer

One thing they don't tell you before you attend a community college is that it often takes three years to transfer.

The Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) requires 60 units in order for a student to transfer at the junior level.

The math works just fine. If a student takes 15 units each semester for two years,

he or she will have 60 units, enough to fulfill IGETC. You won't even have to take summer classes. Yippy!

However, there's a catch.

After spending countless hours in the counselor's office and perusing every UC transfer website, I realized that a two year transfer is possible – if you are Superwoman.

Most of the time, there are two or three classes not required by IGETC.

Depending on the major and which school you transfer to, a student will have to take

several unneeded classes to be considered for that UC.

Also, the chilling isolation of losing all your friends to other schools does not bode well for your grades in the first semester.

Pressure increases, but the two-year plan leaves no room for error. One failed class will prevent a student from reaching 60 units inside of two years.

The counselors at Ohlone are amazing people and I'm not saying transferring in two years is impossible. It is.

But a student would have to take 25 units in their second semester (if they mess up their first). God help me if I decide to major in biology, psychology or one of the majors that require a long list full of transferable classes.

To my hopeful fellow transfer students who want to transfer in two years, I encourage lots of trips to the counselor's office, no social life and an expectation to be at school the majority of your time.

Good night and good luck!

Boxing is an under-appreciated sport

By **JEROME NEPACENA**
Sports writer

If you're even a casual boxing fan, you probably feel as if the sport is one of the most under-appreciated ones out there.

And for the most part you're right. The sport of boxing really hasn't gotten the kind of exposure it used to get back in its glory days.

Boxing has had some of the most marketable athletes in its time, with names like Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier, Sugar Ray Leonard, Roberto Duran and Marvin Hagler becoming household names and providing some of the most exciting moments in sports.

Fast forward to today and you'll find some of the most exciting fighters are guys that you really don't hear about too much on ESPN

outside of Friday Night Fights. Other than Floyd Mayweather Jr., boxing's number one pound for pound fighter and most marketable star, the other names you hear of as some of the top in the sport are names a lot of people probably aren't familiar with.

If you came up to a person on the street and asked them who they think really won the Manny Pacquiao vs. Juan Manuel Marquez rematch they'd probably have no idea who either of those guys are, despite their having been in one of the most exciting fights of the year.

The sad thing about all of this is the fact that people are really missing out on some great fun.

Middleweight legend Bernard Hopkins just recently lost a close and hotly disputed split decision to Britain's Joe Calzaghe and one-time Bernard Hopkins victim Oscar De La Hoya is set to fight Steve Forbes this Saturday.

Don't get me wrong, I'm a huge fan of other sports and I'm definitely keeping up the best I can with what's been going on, but I really feel like I'm losing contact with a sport that I've grown up on.

It's not just the lack of coverage. A lot of it has to do with money. Most of the biggest fights are on Pay-Per-View and I don't think I'm alone when I say that I just don't have the money to shell out on every big fight that happens.

With boxing becoming a little less accessible to a lot of people (and with Mixed Martial Arts growing in popularity) we may see boxing fall permanently from grace.

As a fan of the sport, I'm hoping that people start to appreciate guys like Pacquiao, Diaz or Khan or the next Roy Jones Jr. or Mike Tyson will emerge to recapture the imagination of the American audiences.

Either that, or they go and make the tickets cheaper... That always fills the seats.

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1. The Newark Center can be rather windswept. While you can make a quick dash from the parking lot into the first floor of Wing #2, you meet a locked library door when you try to make a similar dash into Wing #1 (when parking on the other side of the center). It would be nice to find a way to protect the books and get inside fast.

2. There are not enough bicycle racks around the Fremont campus. We like to park and show off our sweet rides in different locations.

3. The staircases between the Quad and the second floor of Building 1 often pool with water. Can we use Bond A money and install some drainage?

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Joel Roman
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"What is your long-term vision?"



Melissa Russell
BUSINESS
"What is the toughest thing about your job?"



Kamal Ahmed
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"How would you cultivate more interfaith dialogues on campus?"



Diana Lazo
BIOLOGY
"When are we going to get better chemistry teachers?"



Sam Ang
KINESIOLOGY
"How does it feel to be Ohlone's first female president?"