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Think, then post

I've been active online for some years now, which has its benefits and downfalls, of course. When I was younger and much more active on forums, I was naïve about the repercussions of posting anything on the Internet. I've gotten older and despite all sorts of warnings and Terms of Service agreements, I still don't think I ever realized how dangerous posting things online can be.

It suddenly hit me when someone who found me online started quoting things to my parents from my Flickr account. *How*, I thought? When my profile is mad-deningly devoid of any personal information, how did this person older than my parents (who I didn't even realize knew how to use a computer) ever find me?

I thought back and realized that over time, my fear had decreased and I had become much more comfortable with being addressed by my real name by contacts on my profile, and had even posted a few photos of myself, going so far as to explain where they were taken. The wall I'd built up around me to provide both anonymity and security had begun to crumble, and I was no longer as secure as I once was. Ironically, I felt much more comfortable at this point than I did in the beginning, when I was paranoid.

Where do we draw the line, though? Take, for example, being a journalist. How do you know that the source you're going to meet, who now has your e-mail address and cell, isn't some deranged psycho? Or the "client" who came out to your home photography studio to see how you work is in fact waiting for the night when you're home alone to do something unimaginably evil?

I can hear warning bells going off in my head as I write this, telling me I'm overreacting. This may not seem possible in our reality, but these things are not unheard of. Besides, a reporter's business card or the contact information displayed on a portfolio site is still much less revealing than the information people around the world display on their Myspace and Facebook profiles. True stories of how this information is misused are definitely heard of. How many of us take these as an example and are actually careful about what we post online?

Thinking back on anything even slightly revealing I may have posted on a public forum anywhere, I realized that anyone could piece it all together and find me. I'm still not sure what I'm going to do about what I've come to realize — especially considering once something is on the Internet, it's on the Internet forever. If not deleting what's already there, I will at least be more careful in the future — and maybe you should be, too.

Newark honors visionary leader

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Doug Treadway may be an unfamiliar name to Ohlone's newer students, but our college community's former president was a leader in the planning of the eco-friendly Ohlone College Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology. His five-year post as president from 2003 to 2008 encompassed many important decisions that we are seeing enacted now. His legacy is one that is being remembered by Ohlone's Newark campus.

"Dr. Treadway's visionary leadership brought a new consciousness to the project and inspired the college community to look beyond the traditional way of designing a college campus," said Leta Stagnaro, Associate Vice President in charge of the Newark campus.

One such decision that Treadway was a part of was the creation of Newark Campus. This is the reasoning behind Ohlone Newark dedicating a student common area to him; it is a tribute to all the hard work that he contributed to make Ohlone a better place for the community. The common area is called "Doug Treadway Court" and will feature benches and tables as well as grassy areas, which in compilation will serve as a courtyard for student leisure. "This courtyard is definitely a nice place to sit and enjoy the beauty of the Newark



Photo by Jorge Gomez

Doug Treadway has been honored with a courtyard at the Newark campus.

Campus," Ohlone student Naveen Khan said.

Treadway worked on allocating the money that Ohlone received from the Measure A Bond, which was a fiscal aid of \$150 million that Ohlone received in 2002. The New-

ark Campus and the new Student Services Building on the Fremont Campus, which is currently under construction, are just two of the projects that this bond money was invested in.

The Newark Center opened in

January 2008 and the ribbon was cut for the campus in May.

The court is a pertinent and important tribute to a president who promoted the overall value of our two campuses during his tenure here at Ohlone.

Quicker than an ambulance

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The Tri-Cities One Stop Career Center takes action to help those who are in need of jobs. The center is open for those fresh from college, but most of all, center workers are trying to put their energy into helping those who have just lost their jobs.

As we all know, the economy has severely affected the percentage of employed individuals. In this light, the Tri-Cities One Stop Career Center is participating with the county in a program called Rapid Response.

Tina Dodson, director of the Tri-Cities One Stop Career Center said, "we go into the employer site and start connecting people with resources before they've actually been laid off." Dodson further explained that the program helps those unemployed to search for jobs in a strategic way even as they are employed.

Dodson said that despite the rampant layoffs, the center is somehow still able to give their clients jobs and a hopeful outlook today and ever since they opened their doors.

The Tri-Cities One-Stop Career Center opened on Sept. 19, 1996 and was known as The Center for Career Transition until it was changed into its present title in 1998. It was a partnership of three major groups, namely Ohlone College, the Alameda County Private Industry Council (PIC) and the Employment Development Department (EDD).

Their website states, "The Ca-

reer Center was the primary host of the Job Fair for the first three years, which brought approximately 105 employers and 1,800 people to the Newark Ohlone Center. In 1999 and 2000, the Career Center co-hosted an annual Job Fair with the Ohlone Job Placement office, bringing in approximately 130 employers and more than 4,000 participants to the Ohlone College Fremont campus."

The website further mentioned that the program has served over 5,500 job seekers since September 1995 and has provided services to more than 25,000 times during this period with many happy clients.

One of the center's success stories as narrated by Case Manager Laura Hoffmann happened recently this year. An unnamed woman sought help from the center in looking for a job. According to Hoffmann, she was over 50 years old and had no bachelor's degree. She was once a social worker but she was laid off.

"She was one of those discouraged job seekers," Hoffmann said. The woman had been unemployed for a year or more and had not been to an interview in years. Her resume was "bare as a bone," as Hoffmann put it, but she was willing to get help.

She enrolled in the WIA (Workforce Investment Act) program, which is under the federal government, and attended all the workshops available. Hoffmann, who was her case manager, helped her "beef up" her resume and professional portfolio and soon enough she got invited to an interview for another social service job.

The interview made the woman nervous because it was a big deal. According to Hoffmann, many don't even get invited for interviews.

In light of this news, Hoffmann helped her cram for the interview. Hoffmann said that cramming for an interview is much like cramming for a test. She said it's easy to just go in there and tell them why you want to work for them and why they should hire you, but it's so much better when you research their background and find out about their curriculum.

"She was able to work on optimizing her answers and we were able to talk about going above and beyond in this kind of market," Hoffmann said.

Hoffmann advised her to research about their curriculum but she had so little time in her hands. "When she responded to the interview she told them, 'I ordered a book about your curriculum and I can't wait to read it.' And they were surprised," Hoffmann said.

When she was in her final interview they asked her about the book she said she ordered and she said she was able to read it and as she talked about it, she referred right back to her own experiences and, sure enough, she got the job.

In relation to Hoffman's client, she said that the job seeking process is all about preparation and perfecting your strategies. "It's like practicing for the Olympics, it's excruciating," Hoffman said and added, "looking for a job is different from really, really looking for a job."

She said that even those who've

graduated with a bachelor's degree or have worked before have never been interviewed and never had to come up with a resume since many just experienced being recruited.

Hoffmann explained that going through the workshops is like going through a metamorphosis and referring back to her client she said, "she didn't come in expecting to do all that work but she was willing." Job hunting is not an exciting thing, especially when you have to deal with getting rejected every now and then and that is why one must learn to strategize.

Hoffmann pin-pointed the crisis in our economy today and said that layoffs are happening all over the world, especially in California, where there is reportedly a higher rate of unemployment compared to the unemployment rate in the whole United States.

Hoffmann expressed how glad she is that the government is doing something about the current crisis. Her advice is to stay updated on where the relief funds will go more frequently because that is most probably the field where one may find work.

The center holds workshops through one-on-one counseling and with the help of faculty members; it frequently holds job search workshops and center resources to the allied health, biotech and environmental studies.

On Feb. 25 the Career Center will have a workshop from 1:30 to 3 p.m. called "Exploring Your Career Options with Choices." The Tri-Cities One Stop Career Center is located in Room 1211 at the Ohlone Newark campus.



Photo courtesy of Voices of London

The Voices of London a capella group ride a doubledecker bus. They will perform here this Friday.

A capella and a cup of tea

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Smith Center Presents welcomes the Voices of London to Ohlone College this Friday night, Feb. 20 at 8 o'clock. This quartet of a capella singers have been sharing their talent with the world since 1970.

This critically acclaimed group is well known for their performances of classical music along with their humorous commentary.

The group was originally an all male group known as the Scholars of London. Two years later they added a female soprano voice to their company and changed their

name to the Voices of London. Today only one of the original group members remain, Robin Doveton, a tenor. The rest of the members have joined through out the years.

This group has sung in over 2,500 concerts in over 50 countries all over the world. Their performances have been appreciated by audiences in

some of the most respected concert halls such as the Sydney Opera house and the Lincoln Center in New York. Their performance will be in the Smith Center. Ticket prices range from \$15 to \$25. For more information contact the Box Office at 510-659-6031 or online at www.smithcenterpresents.com.

Game brings zombies to Ohlone

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The Ohlone Game Development Club is creating a mystery-thriller game called "Ghost Game," which is still a work in progress.

In the game, players work together to defeat the villain of "Ghost Game." It is currently under planning.

How are these games made? There are many ways to create a game. One way is to use a "mod," or modification. This means that they take a pre-made game and change

aspects such as items, weapons, characters, enemies, models, textures, levels, story lines and music, among other things, to their personal liking. This increases the flexibility of the game for future changes.

The Game Development Club, or OGDC, has made some changes this semester. The club has taken on a new structure, and instead of being self-ruled it is more business-like. This will show the members what it would be like working as a paid game developer. Therefore, each member of the club is assigned a task based on their talents.

Beside fabricating, video games the Game Development Club wants to inform people about the various career opportunities in the business of making games.

In order to teach about the many different career opportunities they have there will be conferences that club members and other students can attend.

The next conference is the Game Developers Conference from March 23 to 27. Admission is \$75 per person.

To send club members to the conference for free, OGDC is hold-

ing a fundraiser on Feb. 25. At the fundraiser you can play Left 4 Dead Presidents, a video game where there are four characters that need to defeat zombies.

The fundraiser will be in HH-116 from 2 to 10 p.m. It is free to play, but \$1 for tournaments. Food will also be provided. In addition, you can win a variety of prizes.

If you are interested in joining the club meetings are held from 2-5 p.m. in Hyman Hall Room 116.

For more information on the club and the events you can visit their website www.ohlonegdc.com.



Weighing Anchor

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The sky is falling

"Watch out for falling space debris..."

It sounds like the denouement of an apocalypse-themed B movie, or maybe the name of an up-and-coming rock band. It could be a static-damaged transmission played on top of some John Williams bassoon score. Certainly, we should never hear it as an official FAA warning.

So it was mildly disconcerting when the Federal Aviation Administration issued the above advisory to U.S. pilots last week, following the collision of an American communications satellite and a defunct Russian military satellite 500 miles above Siberia in the first-ever satellite collision. On Sunday, Texans reported a fireball in the sky and a sonic boom, possibly the coda of one of the 500 to 600 pieces of space debris generated by the collision.

The take-home message from this disturbing saga isn't that the world is a dangerous place nowadays, or that Texas is an undesirable tourist destination, or even that John Williams relies on bassoons too much (although these facts are all true). Rather, the message is that it's time we realized our footprint as a species stretches considerably beyond the ground beneath our feet. And if we don't start picking up after ourselves in space as well as at home, we're going to suffer the same consequences from our littering ways that we're suffering on terra firma right now.

Just like tossing that McDonald's wrapper out the window in the fast lane doesn't make it disappear, the junk we toss into the atmosphere every time we launch something into space is still right where we left it: hurtling through space in orbit around Earth at thousands of miles per hour.

Millions of pieces of debris swirl around our planet, the remnants of jettisoned launch equipment. More sobering even than our debris, though, is our deliberately created junk: although we have about 3,000 functional satellites orbiting the Earth, thousands more defunct ones orbit freely. Once a satellite outlives its useful life, few solutions remain to bring it back to earth—one can fire a rocket at it and hope the ensuing debris field doesn't threaten other satellites (as it did when China destroyed a satellite last year), or one can wait for the satellite to fall out of orbit on its own. Neither solution so far holds any real promise for tidying the skies.

Officials say that the debris cloud from last week's collision will be a threat to nearby satellites for at least the next ten years. During that time, our nation and world would do well to realize that our atmosphere, like our earth, needs to be kept clean. If nothing else, the Texans will thank us.