



Rebuilding key to Ohlone future

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Over the last couple of years Ohlone College has been making some major renovations to the campus. The Newark campus opened, and the new student service building is under construction. While talking to Lucky Lofton, the Ohlone facilities director, it was found that there are still some major changes that are going to be made.

Plans are being developed to rebuild Buildings 3 and 6. The original plan was to fix the exteriors of all the buildings at the Fremont campus. However, the plan was not approved by the Department of Finance. The plan didn't fit the description of a Capital Project, so the proposal was sent back. As a result, the plan was changed to modernize the buildings. In this plan the buildings will be knocked down, allowing outside to be fixed as well as the inside. The new buildings will feature many changes, including plumbing, better electrical systems, improved elevators and easier accessibility for disabled students.

Due to the short time span, work will focus on the buildings that will get done the quickest. Once the analysis comes back the decision can be made whether to send the

proposal for the funding for either of the buildings or just one. If only one will be proposed, Building 6 will be chosen.

In addition to minor changes to the inside of the building, Ohlone will need to find out which major changes the outside of the buildings need.

"If we put this up to the state it would go in by June 30 of this year," said Lofton. The funding process takes two years. So they wouldn't get the approval until 2011." Moreover there is a two-year design phase. Construction would begin in 2013 and may end in 2015. The school hopes to pursue another project making a new building done every couple of years. Eventually, Ohlone plans to have all new buildings.

A more recent project currently being worked on is the below grade water intrusion project. This is a roughly \$12 million project. Currently, the project is very close to the end of the design phase. The design phase should be finished by the end of this year depending on the capital funding problem. The state's capital funding was turned off in December. As a result, the project was turned off as well. When the state makes a decision we will know when they can go on with the project.

System helps find scholarships

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Ohlone College Foundation has created a web-based scholarship program that allows students to find what scholarships for which they are qualified. The Ohlone Foundations goal is to "open doors" for bright Ohlone students.

The Foundation is known to pro-

vide scholarships to Ohlone students which allows them to succeed not only in school but according to the Foundation gives them the ability to give back to our community, the Tri-Cities and Bay Area.

STARS gives Ohlone students the opportunity to search for scholarships that pertain to them, instead of having to sift through ones that they may not be likely to receive.

Documents that are important to the College Application process like transcripts and recommendation letters can also be uploaded to the STARS Scholarship Online Program if needed for a specific scholarship.

The STARS Online Scholarship Program offers students the most likely scholarships, it also gives a way to track the status of a scholarship.

I won't need anyone's help. I can do it on my own.

With that degree, it's gonna give me more opportunity so I can make more money. I'm already working with human resources- how to deal with people, codes of conduct, loyalty, ethics, the hiring process, paperwork... A job is just a job. A career is something that you worked for I feel better as a person now. I feel more accomplished.

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