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Ribbon cut to open Building 7



At left, Trustee John Weed, and College President Gari Brown—ing team up on the scissors, while Lauren Baca, of the Associated Students of Ohlone College, looks on. Above, the cutting ceremony is photographed from the third floor of Building 7, taking advantage of the building's open design. The official opening ceremony was held Wednesday afternoon, despite the fact that occupants moved in last summer.

Photos by Japneet Kaur Johar

Trustees honor retirees

By KYLE STEPHENS
Online Editor

Ohlone trustees discussed the state of online resources, the diminished financial support from the state, the granting of emeritus status to retired professors Bennett Oppenheim and Cynthia Katona, and expansion of contract education classes in the installation of solar panels.

The Wednesday night board meeting opened with all members
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China visitors check us out



Photo by Ian MacDonald

Twelve visiting computer professionals from China listened to Ohlone Professor Xisheng Fang in Hyman Hall Wednesday. They toured Ohlone and the Bay Area and planned to return to China this weekend.

Parking pass refund

By GLORIA FRANCO
News Editor

Due to a misreading of certain paperwork before the semester began, the price of parking permits came out to be same price as parking fines, which is \$40.

However the real price of parking permits comes out to \$35, so students will be getting \$5 back.

"We figured it out when a student complained about the high cost of parking, and I knew that it wasn't
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Egyptians fly 13 hours to attend Ohlone

By THERESA GUTIERREZ
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A non-stop flight from Cairo International Airport to San Francisco takes approximately 13 hours. That was a long way to travel for the Egyptian students enrolled at Ohlone this semester.

Sixteen Egyptian students made the trip this year, according to Eddie West, director of the International

Programs and Services Department at Ohlone. This is a big jump from the program last year, when Ohlone had just one Egyptian student.

The 16 Egyptian students are part of the Community College Initiative program, which is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of State. The program awards full scholarships to international students. The Egyptian students receive a temporary visa which is is-

sued to transfer visitors participating in programs that promote cultural exchange.

There are thousands of applicants in Egypt each year and only a couple hundred are accepted. Of the accepted students, 16 have made it to Ohlone, and eight of the 16 are deaf. The hearing students have received scholarships for one year to study their major and the deaf students have received scholarships for two

years, studying American Sign Language the first year and their major the following year.

Although being a college student in America may be a first experience for these students, almost all of them have attended a university, have had vocational training, and have work experience in Egypt. There are students majoring in engineering, computer science, and journalism, but the two most common are busi-

ness and networking.

At the end of their programs, all 16 students will be returning to Egypt with their new education.

Ohlone may be receiving a new group of Egyptian students next fall. Ohlone is also working on the application for the Multi-National Project, which may bring international students from countries such as Indonesia, Pakistan, Ghana and Brazil.