

Retention program

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One student named Maya Garnes, registered at Ohlone then spoke to her about a new program they were starting. "I think it is a great program," she said. Garnes' goal is to attend Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. and study to become an American Sign Language interpreter. The program can help her to succeed in her dream.

This program can also help minorities learn their own history. Though all are welcome, the program is geared toward African Americans and Mexican-Americans. According to the State of Black California, in 2007, the percentage of adults of African

American descent with college diplomas rests at 11 percent. That is nearly half of Caucasian adults which is at 21 percent.

Also according to the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education, "A nurturing environment can have a positive impact on black student retention and graduation rates. These rates might suffer when students do not feel connected to the campus."

Headley is organizing an outreach mixer to get students to want to join in the spring. The event is set Nov. 17, in the first floor lobby of Building 1 from noon to 1:30 p.m.

Nishiti didn't get the publicity that was planned as Headley took

a maternity leave. In the future, as soon as next spring, some fundraisers will be held to pay for a trip to the African American Museum.

Although this program has already helped most of the students, and many students are expected to continue with the program, such as Garnes, this program still gets no funding at all.

Headley said she hopes to get some sponsorship for her students and the program, and donations of course are extremely welcome.

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All natural at Saturn's Cafe

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eat, as it was the only edible item on the table.

I did not talk about my or my cousin's orders because bringing them up would bring shame to the already poor tasting restaurant.

Let me be clear, I have no problem with vegetarians, vegans or the food that they eat.

I like vegetables and have no problem with organic food. I love

organic fruits, and a good organic salad. However, this restaurant was not a good representation of vegetarian or vegan eating.

It was gross! I think what made it worse was that it wasn't advertised as vegan or vegetarian restaurant; it simply had signs that said burgers, fries and shakes, in other words, it looked like a normal diner.

Jill has a theory, "They're really

crafty. Their catch is for you to go in, order and then find out its vegan. At that point, you feel so sorry for them, and think it would be rude to just up and leave, so you end up staying and paying for the crap they serve as food."

I will try vegan food again, but hope that it is worthy of a good review. Respecting eating styles is important, so I still have an open mind and an open mouth.

The plan will take time

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Revolution, which led to the shift away from an agrarian based economy. According to Ohlone's Vice President of Academic Affairs, Jim Wright, "The whole school year is built around an agricultural society that does not exist anymore."

Let's apply the concept of the three-year plan to the community college system. Subtract a year from the two years that you are supposed to take here. Imagine how many more classes you will have to take. How the nature of community

college will adapt to speed up not slow down. And how when you apply in the fall you will not have a sufficient record of how well you perform as a college student since you will only have been here for roughly half a semester. Now your prior academic record becomes the more accurate reflection of your intellectual brilliance.

"It would be condensed. It would be intensive. It would think only fit the lifestyle and interest of a few students particularly at a community college. And it would be more

costly. Now that does not mean that it couldn't be done. If you had the money to do it, the students who were interested, and the faculty who wanted to teach that way," Wright said.

The idea of the three-year plan that Congressman Alexander has proposed is a nice idea in theory. But, we need to apply a heavy dose of practically to this Washington quick fix. The allocation of money should rightly be placed in re-inventing and repairing the American education system.

Know your style and flaunt it

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It wasn't that the girl in the silk shirt was completely unaware of her impact on my views of her, but it was the simple fact that she choose to get up that Thursday morning and put on that shirt, without even once questioning if she was sending out the right message.

No one whose waist size is larger than a 13 (female sizes) and a 38 (males) should be allowed to wear short shirts that will expose your belly from the front or your underwear from the back. It's completely inappropriate for any one to have to see any of those things because first impressions are lasting ones. I do not want to remember you and judge you for the rest of your life because you wore a white Pink Floyd shirt that was two sizes smaller than what you should be wearing.

Ladies, unless you're working for the strip bar downtown and/or a registered prostitute, there is no excuse for you to have your breasts hanging out of your shirts. V-neck

shirts are desirable clothing items, but if you have rather big breasts than what can fit in the shirt, then wear a tank top underneath.

Guys, sagging your jeans is completely the '90's thing to do. This is a new century with new definitions of "cool." No one wants to know what color your boxers are or that you have a receding hair line going

down your butt.

The list of what to and what not to do is endless. There are both sides of the argument regarding free will and having self confidence with your body type. At the end of the day you just have to remember one rule, if you don't want to see someone's extra stuff then don't wear it yourself.

Profile

Manal Bejaoui got her face painted in the Cafeteria Wednesday for Dia de los Muertos.

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Candlelight vigil

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We have all felt the effects of the state budget cuts and wonder when it is going to change. But what are we willing to do to make our voice heard?

Tomorrow students will have an opportunity to stand up for higher education and speak out.

According to the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges (ASCCC) located in Sacramento, our Student Senate Council for California Community Colleges will be holding a Candlelight Vigil to mourn the loss of hundreds of thousands of Community College students throughout the system due to the 30 percent fee increase this year and budget cuts of approximately \$900 million to the California Community College

system.

Beginning at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, there will march from the Westin St. Francis to the Yerba Buena Gardens in San Francisco where a rally will be held followed by a stand in solidarity with partners throughout the system as well as all the other systems of higher education as the impending loss of public higher education in California will be mourned. The ASCCC expects to possibly have Mayor Gavin Newsom as well as state and local lawmakers attend this event.

The Candlelight Vigil will be the closing event to the first ever, Community College Week hosted by the City of San Francisco which was held all week at the Yerba Buena Center for the Arts.

All students are urged to be present and show their support for higher education.

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