Green books to replace the traditional blue books

By BEN ROSETE  Staff writer

Ohlone College’s bookstore has begun selling a new edition of the standard Blue Books that are green.

The new Green Books are a more ecological version of the conventional paperback composition booklets with the same content.

“In terms of composition, length, and purpose, they are the same as the Blue Books,” said Jaime Scobel, who serves as the assistant manager at the Campus Bookstore.

Scobel is one of the people responsible for bringing the books to the campus.

“However, the main and most important difference between the new books and the old is the fact that the Green Books are made with more than 30 percent recycled paper,” he said.

Previously, Scobel worked at Sacramento State University, where she first encountered the Green Books on sale at the campus.

When she transferred to Ohlone College and began working with the bookstore, she decided that the project she first saw at Sac State would be worthwhile to implement at Ohlone College.

“The main idea behind applying this idea at Ohlone is to push for the school to become more environmentally aware,” said Scobel.

“There is no difference in cost for production or cost to the student with the Green Books,” he said.

“This is really the one definition of quality: a product, at no additional fee, we are able to create a more environmentally conscious version of a traditional material,” said Scobel.

Roaring Spring, a stationary and paper products company, is the main distributor and producer of the Green Books.

Roaring Spring made an agreement with Follett to supply Ohlone with shipments of the Green Books.

Working with Follett made it easier for the bookstore to acquire these books, as they were in the process of designing and obtaining these products, she said.

“Our ultimate goal with this project is to phase out the use of the Blue Books by students and teachers and instead replace them with the Green Books,” she said.

Already, we have started to sell more environmental products at the bookstore.

“Over time, we hope Ohlone will become a ‘greener’ college,” Scobel said.

Campus Security beefed up since kidnapping attempt

By BEN ROSETE  Staff writer

Some students and faculty at Ohlone College may still remember the kidnapping attempt on campus which occurred on Sept. 13, 2010.

Steven Tekam, a former student at Ohlone, was arrested under five criminal charges including attempted kidnapping, false imprisonment and theft of a vehicle two days after having committed the offense.

Since then, Campus Police Services have made a number of modifications and improvements to the present safety measures and services.

“The incident last fall semester helped alert the campus to the presence of crime and reminded people to remain aware,” said Steve Osawa, chief of Campus Police Services.

Since that event, the campus has hired one additional trained officer, a decision made with the approval and direction of College President Gari Browning.

The addition of one more individual to Campus Police brings our number of officers to what it should be by law,” said Osawa.

This is one of several modifications made over the past year to improve campus security.

The expansion of these systems has been gradual and not necessarily caused by the incident he said.

“For example, the escort service available to Ohlone staff and students has been in place since 2000. According to the Campus Security Report, the amount of crimes committed on the college grounds has been decreasing.

Ohlone journalism alums pass knowledge on to students

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“Sheldon and I get in to debates occasionally and whether or not he gets me to change my mind about things,” said Yuen.

“I usually end up walking away learning something new,” said Yuen.

“With all the incredible faculty here at Ohlone, it feels great to have been selected as Faculty of the Month. As I’ve told others, I just do my job and try my best to serve our students.”

Just in this past month, Helms has already received praise for earning his title of Faculty of the Month.

“Feeling consistent appreciation from my students, but to receive messages from my colleagues is especially rewarding and reinvigorating,” said Helms.

“Sheldon is November Faculty of the Month”

By ASHLEY LAM  Staff writer

Professor Sheldon Helms has earned the Faculty of the Month title for November.

He is a well-loved psychology teacher and in his 11 years of teaching at Ohlone, he has created three courses, including Experimental Psychology, Social Psychology and Abnormal Psychology, to not mention his active role as the faculty adviser of the Ohlone Psychology Club.

Outside of Ohlone, Helms is on the board of numerous science and skepticism groups.

Wayne Yuen, faculty of the Psychology Department, praised Helms as an educator.

He’s most concerned about teaching and the way he teaches, his leadership of the psychology club and what he l...