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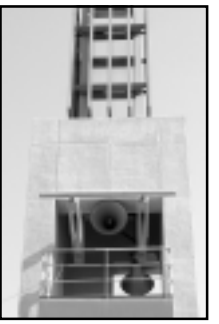
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Photo by Daniel Kwan

Rapping engineer is using Ohlone students to bring some bling-bling to the geek image.

Engineer meets rap – ‘geekster’ video at Ohlone

By LINDA STONE
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Wanting to banish the image of a pencil-carrying, pocket protector geek, Rajeev Bajaj has set out to re-engineer the look of the modern day scientist to the bling bling of an iPod, Blackberry and Bluetooth technology.

Bajaj is working with Neil Strudwick, Ohlone’s new multime-

dia instructor, and some of his students in his Advanced 3D Modeling/Animation (MM117) class, making a 3-D animated video of his song *Geek Dreams* from the CD, *Geek Rhythms*, in hopes of marketing it to high tech companies, and, perhaps, MTV as an “edutainment” message to garner interest in science and technology.

“I’m trying to bring an element of education into entertainment,”

said Bajaj. “It’s not instructional in content but introductory in concept.”

In making *Geek Rhythms*, Bajaj believes that he has made a small place in history by combining the strength and influence of music and technology. By making technology infused with music, he feels that he can make learning, appreciating and working in technology a multi-faceted and rewarding experience.

Child Development Center dedicated; campus plan OKed

By FRANK ADDIEGO
Staff writer

The Ohlone Board of Trustees began their meeting Wednesday by cutting a ribbon with a giant pair of scissors to open the new Child Development Center.

The \$3.7 million, 2,799 square-foot building was funded by a state bond issue. The building contains such high-tech features as a toy sterilizer, security cameras throughout the building, one-way observation mirrors and rooms designed to

teach four different age groups.

The board adjourned outside to cut the ribbon.

“We did fudge it a little,” said Superintendent Doug Treadway. “We did use the building before it officially opened.”

Cutting the ribbon was Board President John Weed and Paul Miller, executive director of Kidango, who will operate the Center.

After the ceremony, the Board of Trustees moved inside to its meet-

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What’s up with the Pell Grants?

By WENDY LAO
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Rumors about Pell Grant changes have been flying around campus, leaving students confused about whether the amount of financial aid they receive may be increasing or decreasing.

Pell Grants, the main federal form of financial aid for college students, served more than 5 million students last year. Congress recently added \$458 million to the funding for Pell Grants, raising the fund to approximately \$12.4 billion.

However, recent procedural changes may affect grant eligibility for up to 1 million students, cutting financial aid awards to some and disqualify-

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Ohlone wants higher profile

By BRITNEY BINDEL
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On bus billboards, movie screens, and in Bay Area newspapers, one name is noticeably appearing more. It is not the name of a movie star, car or food brand, but rather the green and white emblem of Ohlone Community College. Ohlone is heightening its profile

to raise awareness of opportunity that is available to the surrounding communities.

The plethora of communities in the Bay Area are well represented by the diverse multi-cultural and wide-spanned ages of Ohlone’s student body. The purpose of the increased publicity, according to Patrice Birkedahl, director of public information, is to make “...sure

everyone that needs [Ohlone] has access to it.” The publicity is geared toward the following three sets of people:

1. Older students who are retaining jobs and are desiring more training in order to further their careers.

2. Active adults who are advanced in years and seeking life enrichment through the furthering

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Valentine breakfast set

By CLIFTON M. DER BING
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The ASOC met Tuesday to further discuss the several activities and concerns for this semester.

With nine new sworn-in senators, the student government is planning the next monthly ASOC Continental Breakfast, which will be held on Monday, Feb. 14 from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Quad, with a Valentine’s Day theme. All Ohlone students and employ-

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