



MARCH

3 ASOC Dominos Tournament -- 4 to 6:30 p.m. Sign up in Room 1130. Limited spaces available. All participants must be enrolled in Ohlone College.

4 Chemistry Demonstrations by Jim Klent -- 1 to 2 p.m. in Room 3201. Refreshments will be served. Contact Yvette Niccolls for more information.

9 Board Meeting -- 7 p.m. in Child Development Center. The Ohlone College Board of Trustees meets twice a month (second and fourth Wednesdays) except June, July, August, November, and December. Minutes from meetings are published after they have been approved (which is usually at the following meeting).

11 Deadline to Submit Application for Spring 2005 Graduation -- The application for Spring 2005 Graduation (AA Degree, AS Degree, or Certificate of Achievement) is available from and should be submitted directly to the Office of Admissions and Records or may be submitted via the student's Web Advisor account. Applications received after the deadline will be processed for the next term.

11 College Council Meeting -- 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in Library, Room 1-307 (Videoconference Room). All College Council meetings are open to everyone and public comment will be invited at every meeting. Requests for items to be placed on the agenda can be presented to Douglas Treadway or Dennis Keller (Co-Chairs) as well as brought before the Council directly at the public comment section of our meetings.

12 Super Flea Market -- 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Parking Lots E and H. Admission is free and visitor parking is \$2 per vehicle. Vendor spaces are \$30 or \$35 with same day registration. For more information contact Elaine Nagel at (510) 659-6285 or email ENagel@ohlone.edu.

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31 Book Discussion -- 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in Library, Room 1-307 (Videoconference Room). Join us for a discussion of Ivan Turgenev's *Fathers and Sons*. Discussion leaders: Paul Belasky and K.G. Greenstein. For more information go to: <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/bookclub/>

APRIL

1 Polar Bears of Manitoba by Juliette Hoffman -- 1 to 2 p.m. in Room 3201. Refreshments will be served. Contact Yvette Niccolls for more information.

2 ComedySportz -- 8 p.m. in the Smith Center. Competitive, improvisational comedy, pitting two teams of "athlete/comedians" vying for laughs and points by playing a vast array of improvisational games. Only one team will win! A referee mediates the show (with help from the audience) and calls fouls on the teams to keep the show fast-paced and clean. Suitable for a family audience. Call 510-659-6031 for tickets. \$25 Adults, \$15 Seniors, \$10 Youth 12 and Under, \$15 Ohlone Students and Staff.

23 The Great Garage Sale of 2005 -- 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. You qualify if you do not have a Resale Number, you have not sold at a flea market more than twice in the last 12 months, or you are only selling used merchandise. If you wish to participate, contact the flea market office. The fee is \$25 per 2 parking spaces and \$5 more for a bonus booth.

ONGOING

The Monitor invites your comments. Letters to the editor should be 250 words or less and should include your name and relationship to Ohlone College. Letters become the property of the *Monitor*, and may be edited for spelling and length.

Ohlone College Super Flea Market -- Held the second Saturday of every month in Parking Lots E and H,

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Next flea market will be Feb. 12. For more information contact Elaine Nagel at (510) 659-6285.

Free and Anonymous HIV Testing -- Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Student Health Center, Building 16. No appointment necessary. Results ready in two weeks. No needles; Orasure Method used. Call (510) 659-6258 for more information.

Smith Center Box Office -- Open Tuesday through Thursday from 1 to 7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. Tickets available for *Smith Center Presents!*, Ohlone Theatre and Dance Department and Ohlone Music Department performances. Call (510) 659-6031 or visit www.smithcenterpresents.com

Library Display Cases - Display case two features Ohlone campus Book Club's first Spring '05 selection is *Fathers and Sons*, by Ivan Turgenev. Everyone's invited to participate in an informal discussion (March date to be announced soon), led by Dr. Paul Belasky, Ohlone Geology Dept. Book may be purchased in the library for the bargain price of \$6.50. For more information about the Book Club, go to <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/misc/bookclub/> or call Librarian K.G. Greenstein at 659-6000 x5272. Display case three features updates re. Measure A bond-related construction plans for Ohlone College Newark Center for Technology and Health Sciences as well as plans for the renovation of the Fremont campus.

Gay/Straight Alliance meets every Thursday in room SC-116 in the Smith Center. Meet new friends and join in our activities and rap sessions. Open to all students.

Friday, May 6 has been set as the deadline for submissions to the fourth annual Ohlone College Film, Video, and Multimedia Festival. Entries are sought in categories including Short Film, Animation, Advertisement and Music Videos. Entries must be original work no longer than 15 minutes. The festival is open to all independent filmmakers. Only DVD, DV and VHS formats will be accepted. First submission is free. Each additional entry is \$25 (make checks payable to Ohlone College Smith Center). Send submissions to: OFVMF/Ohlone College TV Center, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539.

JOBS AND INTERNSHIPS

For more information on Jobs & Internships visit Transfer & Career Services in Building 1, 4th Floor, Room 1405A. Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. Closed Friday.

STUDENT HELP - Part time, \$7.50-\$8.25 per hour, Max of 20 hours/week in Fremont, CA. Must be able to type 45-50 WPM and pay good attention to detail. Job includes word processing and data entry. #102549280

ASSISTANT - Part time, \$500-\$1000 per month, 20-25 hours per week. In Alameda, CA. Computer skills are a plus. You must be good with people. Duties include helping pick up artwork from clients as well as collecting checks from clients. #1229374

TELEMARKETER - Part time, \$10 per hour plus bonus, Monday through Thursday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Pleasanton, CA. You must be bilingual in Spanish and English. Job includes calling homeowners to refinance or purchase a second home. Bonus for every application that turns into a loan. #1383544

AFTER SCHOOL INSTRUCTORS - Part time, \$20 per hour, Monday through Friday from 3 to 5 p.m. in Fremont, CA. To qualify you must have experience with groups of kids 8 or more, reliable transportation, Mandatory training, Background clearance, Limited part time work, Afternoon availability - around 2 p.m. We are hiring for our after school club instructor position. Programs are held at elementary schools in the area. We train, give you the supplies, and curriculum to teach a fun after school club. #1385344

RECEPTIONIST - Full time, \$10 per hour plus benefits after 90 days, Monday through Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Livermore. Must be a motivated individual with excellent customer service, communication skills, and exceptional phone etiquette. Additional aptitude includes working knowledge of MS Office, Excel, and web based UPS system. This position runs the daily activities relating to the front desk, including answering incoming calls, greeting clients, preparing shipments, delivering staff mail and packages. Also, this position provides support to the Sales and Shipping teams in the day-to-day operations. This includes entering purchase orders into Excel, creating and sending order acknowledgments to vendors. #1380169

Mozart and Strauss at Smith Center

The Ohlone Chamber Orchestra and the Fremont Youth Symphony under the direction of Larry Osborne will present their 5th annual joint concert Sunday, March 6, starting at 2 p.m. in the Smith Center.

The program will include:

- National Emblem March - E.E. Bagley (1857-1922)
- Vienna Philharmonic Fanfare for brass - R. Strauss (1864-1949)
- Eine Kleine Nacht Musik - W.A. Mozart (1756-1791)
- Marche Slave - P.I. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

General admission is \$10. Tickets are available at the Box Office. For info please call (510) 659-6031

Online classes at Ohlone fill up

By WENDY LAO
Staff writer

The number of online classes offered at Ohlone have grown.

Students are typically attracted to online classes because of their convenience and better scheduling.

"It is the most efficient way for education. It saves us time since we don't have to physically be sitting in the classroom," student Surriya Khan said. Student Sara Mirza added, "It not only saves us transportation time, it saves us time from the 'Ohlone Stairmaster walk.'"

Ohlone College President Douglas Treadway said online courses are popular and "almost fill up immediately." All sorts of students sign up, "even people from other parts of the state," he said.

Most of these online courses are general education, and are transferable to four-year universities.

Dr. Treadway believes that online classes can be just as effective as traditional classes.

However, "It seems like some students think they're either going to be easier, or they don't have study habits to just study independently. I think that's sort of the reason why some students don't complete the online classes," he said. "But it's basically the same textbook, same lecture and same information you would get otherwise." Dr. Treadway added that the dropout rate for online classes is higher than regular classes.

There are also other factors to consider before signing up for an online course. For example, some argue that social skills become restricted in online classes, where students don't communicate in person.

"They have the disadvantage of not having the regular classroom environment for questions and discussions," Treadway said. "Certainly, face-to-face human interaction is very important in society and to [the students' future] jobs."

Yet, there are other forms of socializing through the Internet.

The options range from group discussions in virtual chat rooms to threaded discussions on message boards, Treadway said. "There's been some research on online instruction that shows that is or can be a social learning experience. There is teamwork and collaboration that occurs."