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Big plans for ASOC's Unity Week

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The Associated Students of Ohlone College met last Tuesday to discuss committee progress and updated announcements.

Unity Week 2005 will be held from April 4 - 7. Most events are free of charge to all Ohlone affiliates and the general public to attend.

Most events will be taking place at the ASOC Event Tent in Parking Lot A by Hymann Hall. For a complete list of events and further descriptions, see Page 3 or pick up pamphlets at the information desk in Building 1.

ASOC Executive applications are available at the EOPS office in Building 1. Students interested in joining must apply by April 20. The positions up for election are president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, representative at large, student board of trustee and legislative representative.

Students must be enrolled in at least nine units, carry a 2.75 GPA or more, be available to attend the weekly meetings and serve for both Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 semesters in order to qualify. 50 unduplicated Ohlone student signatures are required for eligibility.

An open poetry reading will be held in the Library on April 21 from 1 - 3 p.m. All students, faculty, staff and the general public are invited to this event in commemoration of National Poetry Month.

Closing the meeting was a request by Librarian Elizabeth Silva for \$150 from ASOC to help fund the costs of snacks and refreshments at the event, which will be voted on by the council next Tuesday.

Ohlone's friendly duck feeder



Photo by Inez Black

Sue Owen, administrative secretary in the Deaf Center, has become the official duck feeder on campus. She arrives early, duck food in hand, and her feathered friends all come running and quacking. See story on Page 5.

Crunch in Health Center

By SEAN G. CRAWFORD
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The Ohlone Health Center is pushing for the passage of a new bill that could increase their funding by \$27,400 a semester, according to Student Health Director Sally Bratton.

AB 982 proposes that students receiving financial aid would be required to pay student health fees of \$13 each semester, a fee that is currently waived for them.

Because of the student health fee's recent increase, many more students have become eligible for student aid, which has slowly crippled the Student Health Center. If the bill passes and eventually gets signed into law by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger the Student Health Center would be able to:

- Reinstatement of nurse practitioner hours reduced last fall.
- Continue HIV testing as a free service.
- Continue and expand health educational services such as blood drives, free over the counter medications and the STARRS fun run.
- Maintain regular hours, which cannot continue without the extra funding.

Although the bill would require students getting financial aid to pay the student health service fee they would be able to pay it from their financial aid.

Recently the Health Center conducted a survey of 259 students and found that about 25 percent of the respondents were financial aid recipients and of those recipients, 38 percent said that AB 982 would cause economic hardships for them.

The bill will be voted on next Tuesday, and if it passes it must be voted on once more before appearing before the governor.

Treadway in symposium

By AMAN MEHRZAI
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Ohlone President Doug Treadway will moderate a symposium about the war against terrorism, on April 10 at Chandni Restaurant, located behind New Park Mall in Newark.

The War or Peace Symposium will host well-known speakers and experts such as Congressman Pete Stark, author and former Congressman Paul Findly, author Ivan Eland,

USF Professor Stephen Zunes, along with other notable speakers.

The event will have two sessions. The first will focus on terrorism, its historical roots, psychological causes and practical solutions.

The second panel discussion will cover conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine, Israel and the subject of the Iranian Nuclear threat.

The symposium is open to the public and admission is free. If you stay, dinner is \$25.

Registration will be at 2 p.m. with talks running until dinner at 6 p.m. during which the keynote speech will be presented.

The audience will consist of elected officials, academics, business leaders and any other community members.

Students are highly encouraged to attend and will receive \$10 off dinner if prior e-mail requests are made at: info@aiis-website.org or by going to www.aiis-website.org.

World Forum is next week

The shifting roles of China, the U.S. and the global economy will be the focus of Ohlone's second World Forum next Wednesday, April 6, from noon to 2 p.m. in the Epler Gymnasium.

Speaking at noon will be Dr. Kenneth Fong, biotechnology venture capitalist and chairman of Kenson Ventures.

Speaking at 1 p.m. will be Dr. Nancy Mangold, director of the China-America Business and education Center, at California State University, East Bay.

Introducing the event will be Ohlone President/Superintendent Dr. Douglas Treadway. This will be the second of two World Forums. The first, about Iraq and Afghanistan, was Feb. 24.