



Festival winners



Photo by Daniel Kwan

The 11th annual Ohlone Theater Festival was held last Friday and Saturday. More than 25 schools from across California competed in 35 categories. The competition eliminated all but the top few schools in any given category Friday and allowed the remaining schools to compete again on Saturday morning to determine the top three students in each category. Awards were presented in the Epler Gym Saturday.

Earth Day cleanup planned

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ible and meaningful," and promoting Earth Day as a "...springboard for taking ownership of our campus. It is adopting the philosophies of our Ohlone Ancestors." The club will be posting flyers around campus and assisting in the hands on micro cleaning. About the litter, Rodgers said "Mom's not here to pick it up." He said the earth is a fragile environment that should be commemorated everyday, not just on Earth Day.

A Stairwell Attack Team (SWAT) will be performing heavy duty cleaning throughout the "caves" under the stairs, such as those in Building 8. The Kidango kids program will help clean the surrounding area of the Child Development Center. Volunteers from the Asian Pacific American Student Association

will clean the area around the baseball fields. Plastic bags donated from the Health Center and litter claw tools from Buildings and Grounds will be donated for the event.

Future environmental plans for Ohlone include the construction of the earth-friendly Newark Campus. The roof will be covered with solar panels that will power a state-of-the-art cooling and heating system. Underground coils will have the ground's constant 50-degree air fanned through them and into the building. The air, being at 50 degrees, will be easy to adjust to the desired temperature. Treadway considers Ohlone College to be a pioneer among California community colleges, as there are few other colleges attempting to conserve energy in these ways.

Be aware of Scientology link

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ing me to share this information. A basic explanation of the Scientology can be found on the Skeptic's Dictionary web site at <http://www.skeptdic.com/dianetic.html>, but for a more extensive collection of facts (including an extensive online radio/TV vault), visit "Operation Clambake" at <http://www.xenu.net>.

A good place to turn for help in thinking critically about this and other such issues, of course, is the James Randi Educational Foundation (JREF) at <http://www.randi.org>, a non-profit organization that offers a \$1 million prize to anyone who can demonstrate psychic abilities, supernatural phenomena, etc. Several claims made by Scientology's followers regarding their ability to solve mental health problems could easily be tested by the JREF, but so far, no one has stepped forward to claim the prize.

It certainly makes one wonder why.

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Only two qualify for ASOC posts

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In other business, the ASOC Executive Elections Commission reported that there are only two students who officially qualify as candidates as of last Tuesday. The deadline to turn in completed applications is April 20 to the EOPS office in Building 1.

Also, Unity Week Committee Chairperson Marilou Alejo gave a Power Point presentation covering all

aspects of the event, evaluating student/staff participation, organization, teamwork and overall success.

Ending the meeting, the council unanimously passed \$150 for the 4th Annual Ohlone College Poetry Reading, which is scheduled for Thursday, April 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. in the library.

All are welcome to listen and/or read a piece of poetry, original or by an author.

Step toward four-year degrees

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This year, President and Superintendent Doug Treadway disbanded the Classified Senate. The move was very controversial and some at the meeting expressed disapproval toward Treadway's decision.

In other events, College Council co-chair Dennis Keller discussed what qualities he'd like to see in a

replacement. Among the qualifications that he discussed was experience. "The co-chair," he said, "should have previously served on college council." Keller said that perspective candidates for the position of co-chair should e-mail him. The council is hoping to find a replacement for Keller before a retreat they discussed in the meeting.

NEWS BRIEFS

Health Fair set April 20

Ohlone College's Spring Health Fair is being hosted this year in lobby of Building One 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 20.

The event will include free health screenings consisting of blood pressure, blood sugar and a cholesterol diagnostic, fitness testing and a plethora of other health-related information.

The event will be sponsored by STARRS (Students Towards A Rapid Smoke-Free School), ASOC (Associated Students of Ohlone College) and the Student Health Center.

Groundbreaking May 24

Tuesday, May 24 has been set as for the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Ohlone Newark Center for Technology and Health Sciences. The event will begin at 4 p.m. at 39375 Cherry St., behind Newark Memorial High School.

The public is invited to witness the birth of the new campus.

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