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Transfer Day crowd



Photo by Jerome Engelberts

Like a big educational bazaar, students shopped for schools, and schools tried to sign up students during Ohlone's Transfer Day Tuesday in and around Building One. See Page 3 for story.

Faculty okays 16-week semester

By OMER AHMED
Staff writer

At the College Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday night, Faculty Senate President Barbara Tull gave the results of the vote that decided whether Ohlone will have a 15- or 16-week semester next year.

The Faculty Senate voted 82 percent in favor of the 16-week proposal plan. The issue has been open to voting since the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 22. Wednesday was the last day to vote. All active full-time faculty and part-time faculty teaching at least eight units were allowed to vote.

The Faculty Senate had already voted on the move away from the current 18-semester length in 2002 with 93 percent in favor. Both the Faculty Senate and the United Faculty of Ohlone have endorsed the new 16-week plan.

"This is really a data-driven decision," Tull said. The shorter semester is expected to attract more students and may help address recent enrollment shortfalls. The change will bring Ohlone onto the small semester model that is followed by all the major four-year universities in the area and 37 other California community colleges.

The new schedule would result in 10-minute longer class periods and an additional three hours of class time over the term. There would also be no school during the entire month of August, allowing students a longer registration period and the college more time for buildings and grounds work.

The next step regarding the compressed calendar is for the Board of Trustees to approve the proposal. If it passes, it'll be sent to the California Community Colleges Chancellor for final acknowledgement.

3 Ohlone students killed in Union City car crash

By AMAN MEHRZAI
Editor-in-Chief

Three young women died, including two Ohlone students, in a single-car, high-speed accident Sept. 20. Another young woman, also an Ohlone student, is in critical condition in a Castro Valley hospital, according to the Union City Police Department.

The three Ohlone students along with a friend were carpooling home from a night class they were all taking at Chabot College. According to police, the driver lost control of her vehicle while southbound on Union City Boulevard near Whipple Road.

In a press release, Capt. G. Stewart said the vehicle was nearly cut in half due to its impact with a tree on the middle divider.

Ohlone student Saprina Sidhu was found dead at the scene after being pulled out of the back seat by firemen who had to use the Jaws of Life. Chabot student Vibha Sharma was also pronounced dead at the scene after being ejected from the front passenger window of the car. The other Ohlone students, Dhanwant (Niki) Madar, who was also in the back seat, and Amanjot Thiara, the driver, were found alive at the scene and transported to Eden Medical Center Emergency Room in Castro Valley. Early next morning, Thiara died, leaving Madar as the sole survivor, where she remains in critical condition.

Police said eyewitnesses indicated that the victims' vehicle was speeding with another car closely speeding along with them. The driver of the second vehicle

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Depression screening set

BY JEROME ENGELBERTS
Opinion editor

On Thursday, October 6th Ohlone College will have National Depression Screening Day. The main purpose is to create an opportunity for people who feel "anxious and overwhelmed by life's daily demands."

According to the Ohlone web site www.ohlone.edu/org/healthctr/#depression: "People say college is supposed to be 'the time of your life.' You meet friends, and have the freedom to do what you want.

BUT, for many, college life can be difficult, because there is so much to juggle. Many students are left feeling stressed, anxious, disconnected and alone.

Ohlone College is on a campaign and joins National Depression Screening Day to educate everyone that help and support are available. No one needs to suffer in silence or alone."

Depression can take many forms, from mild sadness or anger to complete lethargy - and it's not at all uncommon among young people. Many factors add to stress and anxiety

in daily life. If the nation's amount of advertising for sales of anti-depressants is anything to go by, depression is much more pervasive than one would think.

Everyday pressure factors tend to increase as people get older. If a child's main worry in kindergarten is whether or not they're going to track play-doh all over the carpet after they get home, by the time they hit college they can add: will I be able to keep my (part-time) job? Will I be able to afford gas to drive to campus? Am I getting good

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Yesterday's ride



Staff photo

This beautifully restored Packard convertible materialized in the Quad Monday like a message from America's glory days of big cars and cheap gas. Like the Packard, those days are long gone. But the cars still look great.



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OPINION

Cutting: where beauty and horror truly collide

EDITOR'S NOTE – Please note that we don't consider the behavior in this article healthy or recommendable. We strongly urge people to refrain from inflicting harm unto others or themselves.

By ANNA NEMCHUK
News editor

Simply put, it's beautiful.

The cold, stark glint of the blade, the tensile strength in the sliver-thin razor, the ribbons of blood unfolding from glowing white skin.

It's as if opening a present.

And the thing is, you know that this isn't just a way to mutilate yourself; trust me, horror is the last thing on your mind. It's a cleansing, almost a religious rite.

A blood sacrifice to the god of physical pain.

You slice and your soul screams for him to help, to subdue, if for a moment, the deity of psychological pain; we pick the lesser of two evils in this world.

No matter how deeply your body is ever hurt, you heart, your mind,

that intangible scrap of substance Heaven and Hell wage war over for millennia can be burned, tattered, shorn much, much worse.

Falling off a bike makes an ouchie. Breaking your arm in three different places is a bitch. Torture ain't exactly a walk in the park.

But having your heart broken...being betrayed by those you trusted most...feeling that among the millions of walking, breathing people out there you are completely, utterly alone...

I'll take a few scars over that any day.

Except it isn't really a solution. You sharpen a knife and dull one pain for a while, but how many days, minutes, seconds later do they both come back with renewed savageness?

And looking around the tissue-strewn bathroom, disassembled shaving implement rusting in your hand, the fat, red, accusing droplets plopped, plopping on the floor, a silent exclamation mark that you have, indeed, lost another shred of sanity, and in a background to this, the happy chatter of people outside, people that are so friendly one moment, so cold when you really need it, people that seem so per-

fectly content, so...fine...with themselves and their lives, but somewhere, the awful realization swells that underneath the smiles lies rot, seething, writhing blackness of putrid despair, that they are no better than you, and, somehow, that doesn't make you feel any better at all.

I only did it the once. I didn't want to die; I just wanted attention, help, advice, a hand to hold in a world that had suddenly been thrown completely off-axis. I knew how to cut to get the job done; I didn't. My scars are nearly invisible, buried in the folds of my left wrist, exactly as I intended. I showed off my handiwork, held it out proudly to the ten or so teenagers who made up my drama group, huddled on the back porch of a house next to a lake in Yosemite, smoking. In a certain part of myself, I had expected praise. But the resulting gasps of horror and muttered "Okay, now that's gonna make a bad trip." weren't such a bad thing either. At least someone else now knew. It wasn't hidden anymore. It was real. The world wasn't really a candyland of bunnies, and people weren't all good. That was enough.

Oh, but the ache. To this today, I'll never forget the sweet, slow ache of my bruised and oozing flesh. How good it felt to sit and cradle my torn wrist, to nurse my wounds and sink into the sensation, not having, for the moment, to think of anything, anyone else.

It haunts me still. In a way, the only peace I've ever known.

Which doesn't mean I'll repeat it. I grew up that night. I learned one of the most valuable lessons a human being can: you are, indeed, alone. In the end, it's you against the world. Make friends, allies, lovers, but never, never forget that if you aren't strong enough standing on your own, this life will spit you out, another lost, wailing soul swirling in the ether. You MUST have what it takes inside you. I think you do, I think everyone does, the trick is in finding it. When the shit hits the fan, it's you or them. Everything else is just accessories. All the love in the world can only help you; it cannot make you.

But I'm only one person in a sea. Only one of those I know lucky enough to realize this. Cutting still holds its appeal. Like a wet, warm dream you could lose yourself in. But I don't need it anymore. It is

like an addiction, and I'm so thankful I was able to stop before its claws sank in too deeply.

Yet it's the only thing left for some people. This world grows more impersonal by the year, there are no sensei, no masters, no wise old men to advise you of your worth, to send you off to war chuckling wisely. These days, you can be sued for giving advice. And society is aware. It always is. It just never cares. But, you see, the razor does. Somehow, its kiss means more at times than the force of friends and family combined. It understands. They don't. That's all we ever want in this life, for someone to truly, totally understand and accept us.

And unless you've done it yourself, you won't. It's a different language, this world of pain, no brethren to BDSM. It isn't pleasure in pain, it's escape.

A small slice of heaven on earth. Excuse the pun.

There's nothing encouraging I can say, no words of wisdom or compassion I can offer that haven't been said before. The closest approximation: we're human, we're imperfect, and there are worse things in this world.

CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

How can college prepare you better for real life?



KIM NGUYEN
Business

◆ "Decrease pressure - we're trying to pass our classes instead of experiencing life."



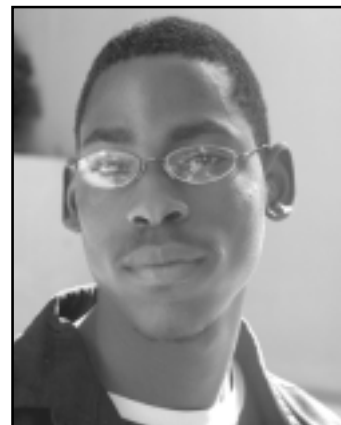
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◆ "There need to be more colleges geared for specific majors."



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◆ "A life experience class. They can't prepare you for life; they can only give you knowledge."

Students soak up information at Transfer Day

By **GABRIEL VILA**
Staff writer

Transfer Day has come and gone, and in its wake students are left with invaluable information on their prospective colleges. Hopefully, these students were helped on their way to a four-year school and degree, if not, they have some idea as to goals that can be reached here at Ohlone College.

The event was held on Tuesday, September 27 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and saw an unprecedented student turnout. In total, 42 colleges were in attendance, packed into the first floor of Building 1 and out onto the concourse, and fed out pamphlets, application papers, and free pens to students like an all-you-can-eat buffet. Representatives from

schools like Sonoma State sat elbow to elbow with the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising. Everywhere, students spoke with admissions counselors and learned about their universities of choice.

The representatives were enthusiastic and appreciative of the attention at their booths. "This Transfer Day has been great," said Ebony Lewis, the representative from UC Santa Cruz. "I've been busy all day, and there's been a pretty consistent flow of students here."

"There's been a very good turnout," agreed Erica Rosin of Sonoma State. "It looks like more students are here than there were last year." Other representatives were so swamped with students that they were unavailable for comment, like

the representative from the UC Berkeley booth.

Diane Berkland, the Chairperson and Organizer of Transfer Day, had only praise for the event. "...I'm very happy with how things turned out. We've had a better turnout than last year, and the students have a lot of interest and are asking a lot of good questions." Students were aided in their questioning by printouts of the PDF file found on the Transfer Day website with questions for representatives, showing the dedication that the staff of the event had for getting the necessary information to the students.

For further personalized help on transferring, majors, graduation requirements, baccalaureate degrees, career planning or testing, the Counseling Department on the first floor of Building 1 has hours

Monday through Thursday between 9 a.m. 5 p.m., with an hour break from noon to 1 p.m. Choose from fifteen different counselors to assist with goals at www.ohlone.edu/org/counseling

Remember, applications for UCs and CSUs begin the first of October and last until the end of November. "Be proactive and complete your applications early," said Mary Van Noord of Transfer and Career counseling services. To that end, a UC "Personal Statement" workshop was held Sept. 26, and another will be held Nov. 8. To sign up, see the

Transfer and Career Services department on the first floor of Building 1 and check out www.ohlone.edu/org/tcs

Admissions agreements are also still available for several schools. Although UC Davis is currently under way and will be ending their agreement acceptance period, UCs Santa Cruz, Riverside, and Santa Barbara will be accepting them, along with CSUs San Jose, East Bay (formerly Hayward), and Monterey Bay. All those interested, please see the TCS department.

Katona signs *Book Savvy* in Library

By **KRISTA MARTINEZ**
Staff writer

Cynthia Katona, Ohlone English professor and recent author, along with a gathering of supportive friends and cheese, celebrated the publication of her new book, *Book Savvy*, at the Ohlone Library last Tuesday.

The event was very well received by the audience, who coerced additional, unplanned readings from the humble and clear-voiced Katona - she recited choice tidbits from the book, such as one of the eleven reasons to read more. She also gave the room a bit of a laugh, recounting her days of reading in a mental health hospital for a group of senile elderly with incontinence troubles.



Cynthia Katona

Her relating of these occasions did more than just lighten the mood; she had everyone enthralled in any-

thing she was saying.

Students passing by for refreshments stood and listened to this woman, so full of life, recounting episodes of situations most would only find in a movie about the clinically insane.

When Ms. Katona sat down, much against the wishes of the crowd, she began signing copies of her book, chatting with each person who came to her and personalizing each signature.

Sadly, as all good things, the reception had to end eventually, though not without hugs and congratulations for Katona. Copies of *Book Savvy* are available at most commercial bookstores, as well as in the Ohlone Bookstore and the college library.

Ohlone getting its own seismograph

By **OMER AHMED**
Staff writer

Ohlone Students will soon have the ability to see the vibrations of the Earth on a computer screen using a new seismograph. The machine has the ability to record the ground tremors or seismic waves that result from earthquakes and other ground movements in the Earth.

The device, a Ward's Horizontal Seismograph with Computer Interface, has a number of advanced features, including the ability to display information onto multiple monitors. More features are currently being added to the device's software before shipment.

The geology, physical geography and oceanography departments will use the seismograph for academic purposes, possibly including long-term observation and recording of seismic activity in the local area.

Data won't be hard to come by, as the Bay Area is no stranger to earthquakes. The Hayward fault is very close to Ohlone's main campus and possibly runs under the Newark campus. The device will also be able to record earthquake data from around the world.

With the help of the Information Service Department, it may be possible to display the seismograph's data on a publicly available monitor.

Professors Paul Belasky and George P. Rodgers collaborated in choosing the model to be purchased. The seismograph will likely be held in Room 8109B or 8109C. The device has a list price of approximately \$1,500; the money for the machine came through the Division of Math, Science, and Technology from a Partnership for Excellence fund.

The geology department may also need ASOC support or student volunteers to help with monitoring and maintaining the seismograph. The device is expected to arrive in late September or early October due to the manufacture's upgrades. The purchase constitutes Ohlone's first seismograph.

School receives federal Title 3 Grant

By **JOYCE LEUNG**
Staff writer

Ohlone College was one out of 28 institutions awarded with a Title III Grant out of a pool of 1,000 applicants. Title III will bring in \$1,750,000 over the next 5 years and take effect on Oct. 1.

The money couldn't have come at a more opportune time, during a period of severe budget cuts to funding of community colleges.

Funding from the grant is also aimed toward at-risk students who have difficulty transitioning from

the structured nature of high school to the lack of structure in college.

"We need a middle ground," commented Ohlone President Doug Treadway, "25 to 40 percent fall through the cracks."

It is also the hope of Dr. Treadway that teachers will collaborate over the summer to create curriculum that will be relevant and practical to students. After all, part of the college's mission is "to make students informed consumers," added Treadway.

Another aspect to this funding is a major push toward the computer-

ization of the campus. Placement exams have already been transferred from paper to computer, so students receive their scores within minutes.

The added funding will also provide means for a shopping list of new equipment, faculty innovation projects, and continued professional development for staff, according to Deb Parziale, who took part in the Title III Application Committee.

The development of a student demand schedule will give students, instead of teachers, the power to sway the scheduling of classes.

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The Voice Within
by Aman Mehrzai
Editor-in-Chief

From isolationism to intervention

A core American value at one time used to be isolationism. As a matter of fact, the founders of our nation believed in it so much, that they repeatedly wrote that isolationism was essential not only for the survival of America, but for a successful one. George Washington said in his farewell address, "The great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign nations, is in extending our commercial relations, to have with them as little political connection as possible."

Thomas Jefferson followed suit in his inaugural address: "peace, commerce, and honest friendship with all nations, entangling alliances with none."

Thomas Paine's Common Sense, amplified a strong sentiment amongst the people, that in order to assure true freedom, all foreign alliances must be avoided. Needless to say, our foreign policy today, is the opposite of what the authors of the constitution intended. So what happened? A common argument is that the world changed and we had to get involved to defend ourselves from the likes of Nazi Germany and Imperialist Japan, or more recently, the terrorist attacks in New York.

The other excuse is that of the noble mission of spreading democracy. But since 1945 the U.S. has intervened by means of bombing, the nations of (in chronological order): China (1945-46), Korea (1950-53), China (1950-53), Guatemala (1954), Indonesia (1958), Cuba (1959-60), Guatemala (1960), Congo (1964), Peru (1965), Laos (1964-73), Vietnam (1961-73), Cambodia (1969-70), Guatemala (1967-69), Grenada (1983), Libya (1986), El-Salvador (1980's), Nicaragua (1980's), Panama (1989), Iraq (1991-2003), Sudan (1998), Afghanistan (1998-2002), and Yugoslavia (1999).

Not one of these nations ever attacked America, nor have any become successful democracies. All continue to hold gross human rights violations (too many to break down). So who won? In my cynical view; the corporations were the winners who made hundreds of billions in these costly "interventions" that have left much of the third world with a black eye and a bad taste in their mouths. A few contemporary conservatives, progressives, and libertarians alike; such as Pat Buchanan, Ralph Nader and Justin Raimondo, actively warn that further foreign entanglements will be the end of America. But these beleaguered voices are drowned by fear mongering and the promise that the only solution for peace is violence, not at home, but abroad.

New philosophy instructor teaches Asian religion

By JEROME ENGELBERTS
Opinion editor

As a fairly recent addition to the Philosophy department, Jacob van Vleet has the job he's always wanted. According to him he took some philosophy courses in a community college, and decided "that's what he wanted to teach". At Ohlone



Jacob van Vleet

College, Van Vleet has been teaching several courses: Introduction to Asian Religion; Introduction to Western Religion; Introduction to Old Testament; and Formal Logic. "I guess that makes me the "religion" guy", he states.

This semester he's teaching Introduction to Asian Religion, (the Old Testament course was unfortunately cancelled for lack of enough students), and he's

looking forward to the Spring 2006 semester when he will once again be teaching the Formal Logic course along with Eastern and Western Religion.

When asked about what he hopes students will get out of his courses he says: "I'm trying to get people to think outside of their own religious "box", even if they think they don't have one. Almost everyone, whether belonging to a specific religion or not, becomes cultured by religious principles. People growing up in the Western Hemisphere are raised with predominantly Christian rules and culture, even if they never see a church on the inside."

Van Vleet emphasizes the importance of critical thinking, and seems to be the poster child for Socrates' celebrated words "the unexamined life is not worth living". In his classes (I've been in two) he offers ample room for discussion and student opinions to keep the flow of thought going. He's also adopted a very informal attitude towards the topics he teaches, and encourages students to offer their own thoughts on the meaning of religious texts.

Even if you're not a "philosopher" per se, these courses offer an opportunity to see religion in a new and non-dogmatic light; and formal logic in a way that will help you organize your thought process when tackling complex subject matter.

Former Ohlone Monitor Editor-In-Chief, Tony Yang enjoys life at University of Wyoming

By JESSICA LOSEE
Staff writer

Since moving to the remote town of Laramie, Wyoming, Ohlone alumni Tony Yang has been quite the busy bee.

As editor-in-chief of the University of Wyoming daily student-run newspaper, the Branding Iron, Yang has the important responsibility of not only getting an 8- to 12-page newspaper out every night before 10, but also getting his homework done.

"We just transitioned from a four-day paper to printing five days a week," said Yang.

In addition, Yang is also taking 14 units of other classes.

While Yang was attending

Ohlone, he was editor-in-chief of the Monitor, as well as a reporter for the Oakland Tribune and the Tri-city Voice. He was also very active in the Ohlone Forensics program.

Prior to coming to Ohlone, Yang attended West Point Military Academy in New York, as well as the Defense Language Institute in Monterey.

Yang also won a Multicultural Pride Scholarship to help pay for the

cost of school.

"I believe that expanding one's horizons is key to continuous learning, something I began to understand at Ohlone College, with the Communications Department and the Forensics Team," said Yang.

There are definitely a few drawbacks to his move to Wyoming.

"It has been raining off and on here...and it looks like it will be snowing buckets of powder in a few weeks" said Yang. "I miss the great weather in California, the great ethnic food and the great people. Things I am glad I



Courtesy of Tony Yang

no longer have to deal with include sky-high gas prices, taxes and crazy traffic. Classes are engaging and I am very glad to be in 'Cowboy Country' with the University of Wyoming."

Along with classes and the Branding Iron, Yang is also involved in the ROTC program at the University of Wyoming.

"While Ohlone had wonderful people and nice weather, I must admit I have been pleasantly surprised by one of the top-rated dining halls in the country and our nationally-ranked football team," said Yang.

Yang has decidedly found the brighter side of his education, even if the surroundings are somewhat damp.

Tracy Virgil: A Puente program mentor and English instructor calls Ohlone College her home



By ANNIE UTTER
Features editor

A bright and warm smile greeted upon me as I sat down to ask questions about Ohlone College English instructor, Tracy Virgil.

Virgil has been at Ohlone College for around 11 years as a student, staff, and now a teacher. Virgil

has been teaching part time for the past two years and one year as a full time teacher. She teaches pretty much the whole regime of English classes from 151A to 101C.

Virgil graduated from Ohlone with an AA degree and transferred UC Berkeley to get a BA degree then she went to San Francisco State University and got her MA degree. Virgil definitely enjoys Ohlone campus since she has been a student and a part time teacher so she is familiar with the staff and faculty here. "I got to know the faculty (people) of Ohlone very well" As well as the atmosphere and the environment of Ohlone

college, which makes Virgil feel right at home.

Virgil is involved with Puente Project, a program designed to help mainly Hispanic students to have a mentor for their studies which statistically helps boost the graduation percentage.

When asked how important English is to Virgil she responded that English helps students to become successful, not only the academic writing but to develop pleasure in writing. Once Virgil had her class to do a writing assignment about each student's personal family photos and enjoyed hearing her students writing about the "memory

associated with the picture" One of her embarrassing moments was when a cell phone went off during the class and she had actually asked the class "who's phone is ringing?" not realizing it was her cell phone! "That was pretty embarrassing" laughed Virgil.

While she knew she wanted to become a teacher, it was hard for Virgil to overcome her shyness when she had to teach a roomful of students to complete her Master's degree. Virgil had always respected her teachers in past.

Virgil's spends her spare time playing the piano, jogging, cooking, writing poetry and stories.

Deaf News Corner

In Memoriam of Gil Lentz

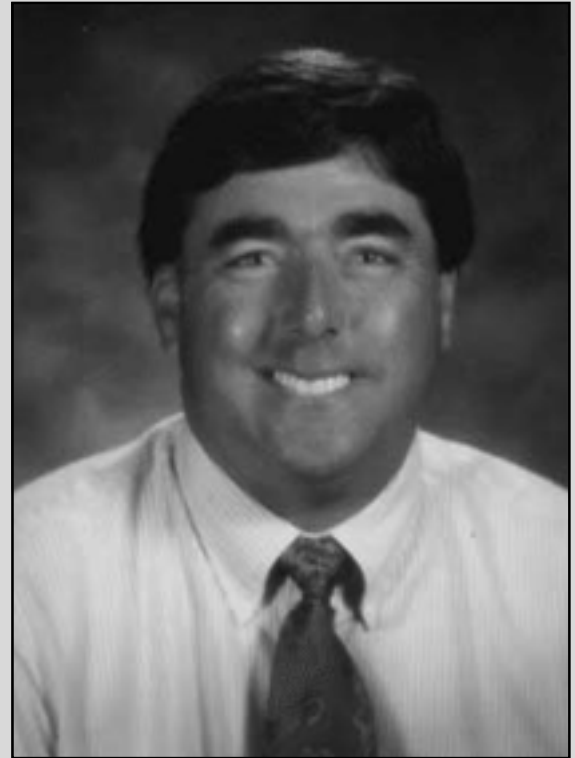


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On Monday, Sept. 19 the Deaf community received the news of their favorite all around person, Gil Lentz has passed away in his sleep.

Lentz graduated from California School for the Deaf in Berkeley (former school site) in 1975. Attended to Gallaudet University in Washington D.C. then came back to CSD in Fremont as a counselor, head football coach, and assisting athletic teams as well.

Over 1,000 friends, families, teachers, and students attended to the Gil Lentz's the memorial service which was held at the California School for the Deaf (CSD) in Fremont on Sept. 21 around noon. Numerous stories, poetry, and anecdotes about their memories of Lentz were told.

Lentz was CSD football coach for 14 years and retired in 2000. He is a teacher, a friend, and a father figure. "Many Deaf Ohlone Students looked up to Lentz as a their second father" said Tom Holcomb, of Deaf Studies

Gil Lentz is survived by his wife, Alyce, who is an Ohlone Deaf instructor, and his sons, Ivan, Dane, and Ryan.

By ANNIE UTTER, Features editor

Abroad, Ohlone students living in a different world

By **JESSICA LOSEE**
Staff writer

Alisha Francisco and Olivia Speranza, the two Ohlone students who won scholarships to study in South Korea this semester, have been thrown into a completely new experience, culture and school.

The former *Monitor* newspaper editors seem to be faring fairly well.

"On the weekdays, I'm usually busy with school," Francisco wrote in an email. "I'm taking five classes- Korean Reading and Writing, Korean Conversation, Tae Kwon Doe and International Relations. I also added Calligraphy last week."

But not all of their time is spent studying. "When I'm not in school, I'm doing exchange ses-

sions where I met with two Korean students and for an hour have a conversation in English. This allows the Korean student to improve their grammar and get a chance to actually use what they learn in the classrooms," said Francisco.

But Speranza said they do get to have some fun on weekends.

"Saturdays usually consist of going into Seoul or other cities near our campus to sightsee and shop," explained Speranza in an email. "We take the train or a bus to the subway then navigate from city to city from the subway or by taxi."

The two girls left for Korea on Aug. 16 and are returning Dec. 23. While there they are earning credits for keeping a journal and tutoring English to Korean students.

Speranza is not only there to

study, but is also working part-time.

"I cocktail waitress at a nightclub near our school until 11:30 p.m. I'm home by midnight. Monday through Friday our curfew is at midnight," said Speranza. "If you're not back by then, they lock you out and you have to sleep in the library or in a bar."

The two have learned many things since they made the dramatic life-change, including the social standard of the culture.

"Elders demand respect and they can do just about anything they want without objection," explained Speranza. "Shoes are not to be worn in most restaurants, the dorms and in certain areas that are designated to relax in."

Both have embraced the new experiences thrown at them while they are studying.

"The most fun thing that I've got to experience was going to a public shower house. It's in Onyang, which is 10 minutes away by bus. It's in the basement of this nice hotel and right when I walked in, everyone was completely naked. I had went with the intention of keeping my bathing suit on, but once I saw everything else I thought, 'What the heck!'" said Francisco. "So I went for it and it was pretty relaxing."

The girls admit that there are some things that they miss, especially family and friends, the food and driving.

The two also say that there are some differences in their studies.

"The instructors here are trying to teach us another language, for the most part. This means that they either speak little or no English. We're learning on a first grade level, so everything

is easy if you study," said Speranza. "The attitudes and expectations are more strict; they're expecting a lot from us."

"The work load is very light especially for Korean writing, reading and conversation," said Francisco. "It's like elementary school homework. The only class that requires a lot is International Relations because the reading is much just like back at home. We have to read about 100 pages per class session."

Some things have not changed, despite the thousands of miles distancing the girls from Fremont and Ohlone.

"The campus we're on is full of stairs, just like Ohlone, so not much has changed with working out our leg muscles," explained Speranza.

Jim Klent, professor of chemistry is considered a 'father figure'

By **JOYCE LEUNG**
Staff writer

Retired, he may be, but forgotten, certainly not.

There are vestiges of his influence all over campus. From the laboratories he designed, to the lab manuals he wrote, to the generations of students he taught. For all of his 37 years of service to the college and to the vitality he brought to his department; Professor of Chemistry, Jim Klent has been honored with emeritus status by the Board of Trustees on Sept. 14.

"The nicest thing is that I didn't have to die first," Klent joked.

Though his retirement in May 2005 did not sever his ties with Ohlone, his departure did end a long history in teaching and community service. Arriving from Illinois in 1967 in pursuit of the west's picturesque mountains and shorelines, he saw an opportunity to mold a then newly built Ohlone College. He couldn't have imagined a better way to start a career. "To be at the beginning was an unbelievable privilege," said Klent.

And since those early years, he had an active role in leading and shaping the college. Serving as the first faculty senate president in 1968, he often returned to office as needed.



Jim Klent

His devotion also led him to serve as campus representative to the Academic Senate of the California Community Colleges for 8 years. In addition, he has extended his services to the Board of Trustees, serving as an elected member for 13 years.

But perhaps his most significant contributions were as a teacher, a colleague, and a friend. "He's almost like our father figure. He's been a mentor to everybody," said Anu Ganguly, Professor of Chemistry.

"He always had the patience to leave his door wide open. He took

time for people," said Yvette Niccolls, Math/Science Coordinator, "He leant an attitude and presence...he made the whole chemistry department feel cohesive."

As a professor, Klent also recognized the need to keep abreast of developments in chemistry. Over the years he has received 8 National Science Foundation grants to attend summer workshops across the nation for attaining new skills, particularly in computer applications for chemistry. His membership with the California Association of Chemistry Teachers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and the American Chemical Society has also kept him up to date with his field.

Try as he might, Klent will have a hard time leaving Ohlone completely, when so many have depended on him for his knowledge and friendship.

"He was our answer and we don't have a Jim to ask anymore," said Niccolls. "He was a one-man department. If you needed a handyman, it was him. If you needed a teacher, it was him," insisted Ganguly. But Klent recognizes that, "The campus is part of my life. That's part of being an emeritus. You're still part of the college's life."

Local author involves an Afghan Ohlone Student in his novel 'Kite Runner'

By **NICK ZAMBRANO**
Sports editor

Having a part of your life is involved in a novel is a rare occasion. Autobiographies and biographies not included, the number of people that say they have, are few.

The quiet town of Fremont and students of Ohlone College can raise their hands as they pivot roles in the novel, *The Kite Runner*, written by a native San Franciscan, Khaled Hosseini.

In the first apparent Afghan novel to be written in English, Hosseini writes about how the past can sometimes never leave you.

The story, with a backdrop of Afghanistan on the verge of being invaded by the Soviets, focuses on polar opposite friends Amir, and Hassan. Amir is from an intelligent and rich family, while Hassan and his family are servants to the much more fortunate Amir and his father. They both look after each other. Hassan protects lonely Amir from bullies, while Amir reads to the illiterate Hassan.

Some would think that this could be difficult to depict, but Hosseini makes it believable.

However, the friendship hits a rough patch during a Kite Fighting match. In the middle of the match Hassan is savagely attacked by a

group of bullies, not knowing how to respond, Amir runs off, leaving his friend behind. Soon after, the Soviets finally invade Afghanistan forcing Amir and his father to flee the country and head to the United States.

Once arriving in the country, Amir and Baba settle down in the town of Fremont, California. Wanting to further his studies, Amir decides to enroll at Ohlone College majoring in writing.

A complete 180 degrees from what life used to be, Amir and Baba goes from living in royalty to running a small stand at a Fremont swap meet. Now years removed from Afghanistan, Amir appears to be enjoying life in Fremont, however he is still haunted by what he let happened to Hassan.

Hoping to reconcile the past with Hassan, Amir returns to Afghanistan. When he arrives Amir finds that country is now under Taliban rule. While there, Amir is overwhelmed by conflicts ranging from a stand off with an old rival to facing the harsh reality of his actions passed.

Kite Runner is a novel that directly relates to the lives of students here at Ohlone. Copies of *Kite Runner* can be picked up at our campus or your own local library branch.

Large turnout at Ohlone's Garage Sale Blast

By **DANELLE MEYER**
Staff writer

Tables, chairs and tents began going up at 6 a.m. as people gathered together in the lower parking lot to have the "The Garage Sale Blast."

For only \$25 anyone could come and set up within a two parking space span, and take advantage of the oncoming crowds and excitement.

"It's already been fun this morning with all the sellers," said former English teacher Jacquelyn Kerner as the garage sale first started. Kerner and her husband Jeff were just a couple of the people who ea-

gerly awaited the customers.

As part of the second garage sale of the year, students such as Charlie Hebison and Daniel Hu came to help set up cones and barricades. After the early set up they began to "monitor things and make sure things stayed in order," said Hebison.

Students, parents and children all joined together as displays of all kinds of newer items and antiques lined up. Toys, games, movies, jewelry, bags, computers, books, sport memorabilia, cameras and radios were some of the many wonderful finds that people could sift through.

"I found a lot of stuff for sale, like really cute clothes that are almost brand new," said Kathryn Matlock, a Chabot student, as she carried bags full of newly found treasures.

"It's great, I've been bargaining and getting really good deals," Matlock said.

People milled from booth to booth to find old things to start calling their own. "This is fun. It's the used stuff that make people come in," said Elaine Nagel, retired community events coordinator, who works part time with flea markets and fund-raisers for Ohlone.

The garage sale lasted from 8

a.m. to 2:00 p.m., with people filling trunks and bags. "It's our regular outing," said Sharon Brown as she bargained with different people.

"We come to the Flea Market every month and heard someone talking about the garage sale and couldn't wait," Brown said.

Whether they had junk left over from the Niles Flea Market, or retiring from their jobs and needing to clean out such as Jim Ferguson who already has 300 boxes "packed to move to Hawaii" Everyone who was selling was happy to give their old stuff away in exchange for space and money to buy new things.

"When I heard they were doing a garage sale version of the flea market I thought it was time to clean up," said Christy Hines, former Ohlone student.

"We had a good turn out and are happy with the attendance," said Nagel.

"We'd like to keep doing this and for it to continue to grow. It's already bigger than the last one," Nagel stated.

In addition, The Ohlone College Super Flea Market is held every 2nd Saturday of the month. The next one will be held on October 8th, 2005.



College Council discusses shorter semesters

By **OMER AHMED**
Staff writer

After calling roll and approving the minutes from a previous session, the Ohlone College Council started its last meeting of the month this past Friday.

The Ohlone College Council's purpose is to ensure that the whole body of the college has a part in recommending and developing the policies that go to Ohlone's president and the board of trustees. To ensure that the interests of the entire school are represented, the council membership is composed of 15 voting members and 3 ex-officio (non-voting) members from the administration, the ASOC, fac-

ulty and staff. The council is co-chaired by Ohlone's president, Dr. Douglas Treadway, and music professor Dennis Keller.

The main topic of the Sept. 23 meeting was the proposed compressed calendar being voted upon by the Faculty Senate. Since Thursday, Sept. 22, full-time faculty and part-timers who teach more than eight units have been voting on how long next year's school semester will be. Currently, the semester is 18 weeks long; the Faculty Senate is choosing between the proposed 16- or 15-week plans. This includes one week of finals. Some of the reasons mentioned for moving to a shorter calendar included an expected increase in en-

rollment and matching schedules with most of the major UCs in the area. The move would also bring Ohlone in line with other community colleges, of which at least one third are on a 16-week calendar. The United Faculty of Ohlone College and Faculty Senate had previously endorsed the 16 week long semester and the Council considered taking a stance on the issue, but no movement was passed.

Vice President of Business Services Deanna Walston also gave an update on the plans for developing the college's land along Mission Boulevard. The area, which is considered surplus real estate, is going to be a mixed-use project, possibly including commercial and residen-

tial properties. So far, Ohlone has submitted the necessary drafts for the area's evaluation forms and has started receiving proposals from companies on how to develop the land. Currently, these proposals are being looked over by Ohlone's consultants, district staff and a selection committee. By Sept 27, the proposal review should be done and completed evaluation forms should be submitted to the district.

The Ohlone College Foundation also gave an informational briefing on its recent events and future plans. The foundation helps Ohlone raise money by organizing events and arranging private donations. Its executive director, Josephine Ong-Hawkins, explained the successes

of the recent Smith Center Gala and the 21st Annual Golf Tournament. The next big event is the Oct. 21 18th Annual Citizen of the Year Luncheon honoring active foundation member Rick Geha. Additionally, Ong-Hawkins commented that the foundation is planning to give scholarships to Ohlone students through a committee in the process of forming.

Also discussed at the College Council meeting were plans for a study of Ohlone's future development and reviews of Treadway's strategic plan and recent board of trustees policy. The council meets every second and fourth Friday in Room 1307. All meetings are open to the public and start at 10 a.m.

How to write U.C. admission statement

By **ERICK SANCHEZ**
Staff writer

At the U.C. Berkeley personal statement workshop last Monday, Angela Skrivanich, a transfer specialist, spoke to Ohlone students. She stressed the importance of writing the prompt/answer portion of the application clearly and concisely. She spoke about several areas colleagues in her profession look at when they read personal statements.

Transfer specialists first want to be able to make a connection with the student other than judging merely by GPA; therefore, it is imperative that personal statements stay personal. When writing in such a manner, one must focus the text on one's desires, goals, accomplishments, passions, and humanity. Writing about others' wishes, opinions and whatnot will not endear one to the transfer specialists; it'll only demonstrate that either one doesn't think much about oneself or that one doesn't know how to follow directions. In any case, that's not entirely a good impression.

The next area to keep in mind is some limitations in the scope of one's personal statement. Please limit using funny stories that are

irrelevant, forcing humor, using slang and/or inappropriate language. Also, remember to keep any goals that one wishes to share logical and reasonable. In Ms. Skrivanich's words, "Stay clear from goals that are high in the sky and stick with the goals that are concrete."

It's not advisable for applications to write about ending world misery, being God, avoiding death or any goals totally beyond one's control. Being direct and concise with one's goals and experiences will not only impress the transfer specialist, it will also keep one's personal statement strong and economical from the beginning to the end.

One should keep in mind the need to show transfer specialists that one can succeed via one's uniqueness, abilities and desire.

Lastly, transfer specialists are looking for students who have a desire to be critical thinkers - dedicated and passionate. Students can set up appointments with Ms. Skrivanich at the Transfer & Career Center in Building 1, fourth floor, Room 1405A. Angela Skrivanich, U.C. Berkeley transfer specialist, can be reached at (510) 642-1364 or ang@berkeley.edu

Depression screening

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after they get home, by the time they hit college they can add: will I be able to keep my (part-time) job? Will I be able to afford gas to drive to campus? Am I getting good grades? Am I liked and respected by my peers? The list goes on and on.

The constant stream of marketing messages that is aimed at teens and young adults exacerbates the sense of insecurity - after all, content, self-assured people make for bad consumers. It's important to keep those people feeling like they are lacking in the weight/looks/coolness department. In other words, a LOT of pressure is created over completely trivial matters. Add to that possible factors like parents divorcing, drug use, the world being in a constant state of turmoil, the weak economy, (Will a degree procure a job?) girlfriend/boyfriend issues, (including that looming unwanted pregnancy or STD factor) or simply a sense of not belonging.

If any of this rings a bell, students may want to drop by the Student Health Center, Building 16 Oct. 6 (between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) to participate in a free, confidential, educational screening for a range of common emotional conditions that are often misunderstood and or overlooked, or go to www.depression-screening.org for an online screening. Students can then bring the results to the Health Center for scoring by a counselor who will provide information and support, and in some cases Rosemary O'Neill (Mental Health Counselor of Personal Counseling Services) can arrange for on-campus counseling. For additional information, call (510) 659-6258 or TTY (510) 659-6219.

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3 Ohlone students die in wreck

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second vehicle has come forward and said that the girls were speeding behind him and after hearing the sound of the crash, he turned around to investigate the accident, then left the scene, this according to police. The name of that person has not been released nor is he considered any sort of suspect.

When Ohlone student and friend Sarah Mirza heard of the girls' death, she thought the reports were wrong. "I was shocked. I remember just talking to Saprina who was coming

from a counselor's appointment. Just a few days ago I saw Niki (Dhanwant) at Wendy's where she works. Their death still hasn't registered," said Mirza.

Other students were close friends with the girls and expressed shock. "We used to study chemistry and calculus together," said Heta Desai, ASOC treasurer. "I just spoke with them the day before they died." ASOC Legislative Representative Ekta Patel planned to take a course at Chabot along with the girls and would have been a part of their carpool. "I

wanted to take chemistry there, but I decided to take it here instead. I would have been there with them in that carpool had I taken that class, but I ended up taking chemistry here."

The ASOC is planning to hold a memorial and are awaiting approval from the girls' families to proceed. Plans are to have a large poster of the each victim near the cafeteria pond or by the Palm Bosque where sympathetic students and faculty can sign. The final place and time of the memorial will be decided by a committee formed to handle the occasion.

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Swing Away

By **NICK ZAMBRANO**
Sports editor

The hunt for October heats up

Okay now I'll be the first to admit it, baseball is a boring sport to watch. However, as the season rolls through to October, the season does become intense with the playoff race.

All divisions, except for a select few, have playoff races that could put fans on the edge of their seat.

Lets start on the home front shall we?

The American League West has been reminiscent of a roller coaster ride since the All-Star break. The A's made a marvelous turn around on the latter part of the year but oh how the table turns. Heading into August the A's began to crumble. Wow. What happened to the team who pounded the Yankees 12-0 earlier this month? A shame. The Angels claimed the West on the infield of McAfee Coliseum Tuesday night.

Moving along down to the A.L. Central. Okay, the Chicago White Sox were to run away with the division right? What in the world happened? Out of the cellar come the Cleveland Indians. The Indians, now have become the hottest team in all of baseball. Be scared Chi-town, be very scared.

Usually when it comes down to the A.L. East we can count on the Yankees being on top with the Red Sox trailing by a couple of games and with a hold of the Wild Card lead. Now they're both tied for the division lead? Boy, have the times changed. What happened to the Yankees? Yep, 25 time world champions, sure. Every off season these two powerhouses battle it out for the market's top players, and for what now?

To the National League where the playoff picture is half way set. The National League West, well what is there to say about it? It's the MLB version of an NFL team making the playoffs with a 7-9 record. Enough said.

Finally the N.L. Central, now there is something that isn't as complicated as the digestive system. The Central was supposed to be a rat race between the St. Louis Cardinals, Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros. The Cardinals didn't see it that way and ran off with the division. No surprise there, the Cards dominated N.L. post season play last year. With the likes of Jim Edmonds and Albert Pujols, bets against the Cards are unlikely and in my opinion, just plain dumb.

The N.L. East is nothing new. Same old stuff, different season really. For the 14th straight season, the Atlanta Braves roll into the post season. Normally I would say this was in part of the East not being a competitive division, but this year all teams were at one point involved in the N.L. Wild Card race. But with just three games left in the season, the Astros hold a 2 1/2 game lead over the Phillies from Philly. If the Phillies win there last three games they can sneak in past the Astros.

SEPTEMBER

29 African-American Student Alliance -- Meeting at 2 p.m. in Room 7204. Meetings every Thursday from now on.

30 Women's Volleyball -- 6:30 p.m. At Ohlone, versus San Jose City College.

OCTOBER

1 Mission San Jose Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Olive Festival -- 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. behind the Old Mission Museum, 43356 Mission Blvd. Admission and parking are free. Linguisa and Tri Tip sandwiches, wine, beer, soft drinks, and fine merchandise for sale and games for children. Three food demonstrations and a costume parade for children with wonderful prizes. Silent auction and more! For more information contact The Chamber at (510) 873-7701 and ask for Gael.

3 Month of Ramadan Speaker -- 11:45 a.m. in the Quad. Find out what the Month of Ramadan is. Free pizza and drinks. 'Ustaz' Nawaz Khan will be speaking.

4 Hurricane Katrina Fundraiser -- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Quad. Hosted by the Alpha Gamma Sigma honor society. \$2 for a slice of pizza and soda. Pizza donated by New York Pizza.

4 Men's Water Polo -- 3:30 p.m. At Ohlone, versus Cabrillo College.

6 National Depression Screening Day -- 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Health Center, Building 16. Ohlone College is on a campaign and joins National Depression Screening Day to educate everyone that help and support are available. No one needs to suffer in silence or alone. If you are feeling sad, angry, stressed, weepy or tired and can't stop worrying, or maybe you haven't been feeling quite yourself lately and you just want to talk, or if you know a friend who is feeling out of sorts, drop by the Student Health Center, Building 6 to participate in free, confidential, education and screenings for a range of common emotional conditions that are often misunderstood or overlooked. You can also log onto depression-screening.org for an online screening. Bring the results to the Health Center for by a counselor who will provide information and support. For additional information call (510) 659-6258 or TTY (510) 659-6219.

7 Brown Bag Seminar -- 1 - 2 p.m. at Ohlone College, Room 2133. GIS on Campus - The Power of Geographic Information Systems. Speaking will be Professor Narinder Bansal and Professor William Harmon.

7 Women's Volleyball -- 6:30 p.m. At Ohlone, versus West

Valley College.

8 Ohlone College Super Flea Market -- 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Ohlone College, Lots 'E' and 'H'. The Ohlone College Super Flea Market is held the second Saturday of every month. Vendor spaces are \$30 - same day registration is \$35. Admission is free and parking is \$2 per vehicle. All proceeds support Ohlone College programs. For more information contact Elaine Nagel at (510) 659-6285.

12 Women's Water Polo -- 3 p.m. At Ohlone, versus American River College.

14 Men's Water Polo -- 3:30 p.m. At Ohlone, versus Modesto Jr. College.

19 Book Club Meeting -- 7 - 8:30 p.m. at Newark Memorial High School, Room 315. Meeting twice this semester to discuss *The Laramie Project*. Discussion will be lead by Rick Flynn of the English department. If you can attend a live discussion, visit <http://ohlonereads.blogspot.com> for the online Blog.

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Photo by Daniel Kwan

It was all fun and games for the men's and women's basketball teams in their annual softball showdown on Tuesday.

Softball showdown: women triumph

By SARA KWAN
 Staff writer

The anticipation, the competition, the smack-talking... It was time for the boys of Ohlone's basketball team to challenge the softball team to a softball game.

"It's not going to be a game. We're gonna kill them. We don't just play basketball, we play baseball, too," said the men's assistant coach before the game.

That statement was silenced as the girls were the ones to score first. Valerie Briones led off the first inning with a single and Tiffany Chan and Kristina Dasilva following with back-to-back singles to load the bases. Meredith Ang smashed a single to left field to bring in the first run of the game.

That lead was short-lived, as the Renegade men rallied to tie the game. Brandon Lott drew a walk and stole second base. Nate Carol hit a one-

out single through shortstop to give themselves their first run.

Ashley Gibbs led off the third inning with a single into left field. Toshia Woodruff grounded out, but brought in the go-ahead run. The Lady Renegades continued to score in the fourth inning as Briones led off with another single. Ashley Marra was safe on first base, but Briones was forced out.

Chan doubled, and Missy Cross brought in a run with a sacrifice fly. On the play, Chan tried to take third base, and was caught on a rundown, but the slick softball player was too quick for the tall basketball man, so she avoided the tag and slid her way into third base. This proved to be important because a few seconds later, Dasilva tripled and Chan easily scored the fourth run.

However, the Renegade men were not about to give up. They promptly closed the gap again as

Andre Belion got on board with an infield single. Coach John Peterson decided to help his team out with a double to bring in Belion and scored when Allen Hester singled to left. Ryan Irmir followed with a single, and Sam Kim reached base on an error committed by Cross at shortstop, which also allowed Hester to score the tying run.

In the bottom of the fifth, Raquel Torres reached on an error by Nate Carol, with Liz Torres and Kendyl Lemp following with back-to-back singles.

With the bases juiced again, Isabel Ramos singled to put the Lady Renegades ahead once more, and a base hit by Gibbs put another run on the board. The ladies topped off the inning with a sacrifice fly by Jennifer Rapp to give themselves a grand total of seven runs.

Things were quiet through the rest of the game until the last in-

ning. It was the last chance for the Renegade men to come back, and they tried.

Mike Sit placed a grounder right up the middle, just out of reach for the second and third basemen. Jermaine Smith proceeded to jam the first and only homerun of the game to bring the men within a run of the ladies. With two outs, Belion was the men's last hope.

Of course, the game ended on an abnormal note.

While trying to beat out a grounder hit to third base, Belion tripped over first base and was on the ground for a few moments before standing up. It was nothing serious, so Belion stood back up with a smile on his face.

At the end, everyone had a smile on. The atmosphere was very competitive and both sides wanted to win badly, but in the end, everyone who was involved had fun.



The final score
 By STEVEN CHAVEZ
 Correspondent

Giants out again; nice work, Tomko

Well hello there sports junkies. I guess it wasn't my farewell tour last week, so you guys are in luck (or the opposite, depending on your perspective) and get to listen to me rant a little bit more, probably every week. Yippie!

So the Giants lost on Tuesday, pretty much assuring what everyone but me said was going to happen: the Giants post-season hopes are gone. I just have one observation to make, Brett Tomko sucks!

Don't get me wrong, Tomko is not your typical, 7-15 pitcher, he actually is better than that. Tomko's problem stems from a lack of testicular-fortitude, i.e. he has no, let's say heart.

Take his last two starts as your example because they are a dichotomy of his two seasons in San Francisco.

Last week, he went into the seventh inning only giving up two runs to the Dodgers in a huge game that ended up being a 2-0 Giants loss. Tuesday, Tomko was given early run support, three in the first, one in the second and another in the third. Getting five runs in the first three innings seems reasonable enough to expect that they can win the game when the season is on the line.

Not enough for Tomko though, he gave back the three in the first by giving up three in the first. He threw a scoreless second, only to surrender two in the third after the team retook the lead for him.

He's a head-case that gives up runs when he has run support and doesn't when he doesn't have run support. We used to call that "playing to the level of your opponent." Not a trait you want in a front line starter.

Tomko is a decent fourth or fifth pitcher, because over the course of a season, a team will win about half the games he starts and he generally eats up a lot of innings, saving your bullpen. But running him out there as the third starter and paying him as such, is a bad idea. Tomko needs to take a serious pay cut this off-season to rationalize his staying with the team. He, along with Edgardo Alfonzo are unworthy of the multi-million dollar deals they currently have. Brian Sabean: trade Alfonzo, renegotiate with Tomko, get Barry Bonds and Moises Alou healthy, tell Ray Durham to add a few pounds and stop running like a lead off hitter so you can keep him in the fifth or sixth spot, resign the other worldly Randy Winn and dedicated soldier J.T. Snow and give third base to Pedro Feliz and you have a team ready for a run next season.

And for God's sake, please, please, please sign Scott Eyre!

Lady Renegades pound Foothill 4-0

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Although they just came off an agonizing defeat at the hands of Fresno City College, the Ladies of Ohlone rebounded quiet well defeating Foothill College 4-0, Tuesday night.

The tempo of the game was dictated by Ohlone's superb dribbling skills and great field vision, which Foothill failed to stop. Capitalizing on this was second year star Sarah Fernandez, with two goals and had an assist

Frustrated that they could not stop Ohlone's offensive attack, Foothill became a team unraveled. Numerous outbursts could be heard from the mouths from some of Foothill's players. It got a

little bit out of hand however when some of those players began to take out their frustrations on the referee.

Adding to Foothill's frustration, Ohlone scored an additional two goals. Allison Hollenshead added a goal along with Ana Ceja. That gives her five goals in her last three games.

The Ohlone defense was stellar shutting down whatever offense Foothill had. They allowed just three shots to be taken against Ambur Hollenshead. Hollenshead filled in Amanda Lopez, who is nursing a leg injury.

The injury is nothing to be scared about, as it is not too severe. Lopez looks to return against San Francisco City College, Friday.



Photo by Daniel Kwan

Sarah Fernandez scored two goals against Foothill.