

Students complain about Hyman crackdown

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to be a problem for some of the students in question.

They have complained that it was a humiliating experience, which isn't something Officer Fajardo denies at all. "No one likes getting attention like this from police. I've been pulled over before, I know I didn't like it," said Fajardo.

But pulling their hands out of their pockets as a method of degradation? Fajardo and the rest of campus security do not agree.

"[The students] are not going to hurt you with their eyes. You need to see their hands," pointed out Chief Fajardo.

However, a disputed charge of two allegedly uninvolved students

being among those gathered has ruffled feathers.

"We feel this is too harsh for just talking," said Karan Rai, one of the students involved in the round-up. "This isn't the first time this has happened," said a writing lab instructional assistant. Multiple Hyman Hall staff members have urged the group to be quiet, only to

be met with "rudeness and defiance," said the assistant. "This is just the first time we have a written report with names," remarked Fajardo.

In an effort to be as lenient as possible on the students, all disciplinary action is being referred to Student Services to be taken care of without involving any criminal charges of disturbing the peace.

Proposals considered for Mission Boulevard

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and Summerhill Homes. Avalon Bay specializes in luxury homes and apartments, Dutra is Fremont owned and operated and Sobrato Homes has previously worked with Ohlone.

The corporation selected as developer would be in charge of populating the frontage with commercial and business properties. The current

plan is for there to be one or two large stores such as Trader Joe's or Whole Foods to draw people into the area. The plan is believed to be feasible as there is no existing grocery store in the immediate area. Smaller stores and businesses would fill out the development and draw more people.

The project will potentially hide the campus from the street and the building of an archway or other ar-

chitectural elements is planned to mark the area as being a part of the Ohlone Community College District. The olive trees currently in the area are to be integrated as part of an open plaza. More than 500 parking spaces will be available. The development is also to be specifically linked to the campus, allowing students easy access to the area. The possibility of using parts of the land for homes or

apartments is also being discussed.

Previously, Ohlone worked on sending project evaluation papers to the district and planning the development with the aid of district staff, paid consultants and the selection committee. Later this month, the Board of Trustees will consider recommending development teams to negotiate with nonbinding letters of intent.

Annual awards lunch set

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Each year, Ohlone names a Citizen of the Year is given to one individual who is recognized for contributions to the Tri-Cities area.

This year the Ohlone College Foundation Board and the Citizen of the Year Committee picked Rick Geha, a realtor, staff member on the Board of Directors for Kidango, and President of the Ohlone College Foundation Board, to be given the award at the annual Benefit Luncheon.

"Rick Geha is a successful realtor and mentor who has given much of his time and efforts to the community," said Josephine Ong-Hawkins, Executive Director of the Ohlone College Foundation.

Geha has been an inspiration to many through his years of contributions not only to the community, but also to Ohlone itself. "He has been President of the Foundation for 8 years, and supports our students not only by lending his own funds, but by soliciting funds from outside sources on behalf of the college," explained Johari Peebles, Ohlone Foundation Coordinator. According to the Ohlone Foundation Webpage, Geha is a "Local businessman, entrepreneur, philanthropist and charming Master of Ceremonies...being honored for the many years of service rendered to the community."

The Annual Benefit Luncheon will be held on Friday, Oct. 21 at the Newark Hilton to honor Geha's achievements in the community, and to award Citizen Scholar Awards to students who show outstanding services in the area. "The event is attended by community and political leaders from the tri-cities area," said Peebles.

Pepsi International Student Scholarship, Don and Babs Amsbaugh Award for Health Science and the Fremont Bank Scholarship, are a few of the 11 awards that will be given out to students worth a total of \$5,500.



Photo by Devina Deo

Mautaz Ansour explains the religious observance of Ramadan during a talk in the Quad Monday.

Campus speaker explains Ramadan

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Last Monday the Muslim Student Association presented its "What is Ramadan?" seminar.

The event occurred in the Quad at 11:45 a.m. in front of Building 5. Speaking on the topic of Ramadan, fasting, Islam and Muslims was Mautaz Ansour.

A self-described "student of Islamic knowledge," Ansour came to the U.S. from Amman, Jordan seven years ago and just moved to the Bay Area four months ago. He studied under many different Islamic scholars while in America.

After the speech, a question and answer session was held to clear up any misconceptions.

Throughout the entire event, pizza and drinks were offered from a kosher/halaal restaurant called N.Y. Giant Pizza and Gyro.

DVDs and pamphlets covering a broad array of Islamic issues were made available to the audience. Topics covered in the free literature covered the topics of the Islamic belief system, Jihad to the

life of Malcolm X.

The purpose of the event was to inform Ohlone students about the upcoming month of fasting and promote understanding. President of the MSA Hamzah Harah said, "We want everyone to be aware of what Ramadan is and what Muslims are doing."

Ramadan occurs on the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar. Due to this, Ramadan occurs on different dates every year of the commonly used solar calendar. This year it began on Oct. 4. It will end on Nov. 2 or 3. During the month of Ramadan, able-bodied adult Muslims restrain themselves from eating, drinking, smoking and sexual relations during the daylight hours. These restrictions are intended to teach the fasters self-control, patience and sympathy for the less fortunate. The act of fasting is also seen as a form of atonement.

The time is believed to be holiest month of the year because it was when Muslim holy book, the Qur'an, was revealed to the prophet Mohammad, founder of the reli-

gion. After the last day of the month, Muslims observe the Eid ul-Fitr holiday.

Future MSA events planned include a community fast breaking or iftar that will be attended by Fremont mayor Bob Wasserman on Oct. 8 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria. There will also be a speech by Ali Ataie, founder of the Muslim Interfaith Council, on fasting traditions.

The Muslim Student Association holds weekly meetings and prayers in Room 4201 every Friday at 1:30 p.m. Ohlone also offers two philosophy courses about Islam, PHIL-112 Introduction to Western Religion and 114 Introduction to Islam.

Psychology workshop set

A Psychology Transfer Workshop will be held next Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. Psychology instructor Tom McMahan will unveil his "Transfer Guide for Psychology Major." A location will be announced.



The Voice Within
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The twixter generation

In Japan they're known as the freeter generation. NEET's (Not engaged in Education, Employment or Training) is what some European governments classify them as. But in America we call them the twixters; those who are stuck betwixt (between) the stages of puberty and adulthood.

Perhaps you know a twixter, or maybe you are one. Ranging from the ages of 18 to 29, they refuse to grow up. They can't hold a job or a partner, and they constantly rely on their parents for financial support. The consensus gentium is that they are lazy and immature, though in most cases the latter proves all the more.

They live in a world of fantasy where rational thought and emotional blurts are one in the same, and irresponsibility becomes a way of life. So what causes this malfunctioned portion of society to get stuck in a state of arrested development?

Maybe James Dean is to blame. Ever since his manifestation into the adolescent world of the 1950's, juvenility became synonymous to rebelliousness. Nonage behavior extended well into adulthood, and no longer did a young adult have to hold to his/her responsibilities, because it was "normal" to be capricious. Or maybe the twixter behavior is, as a native American friend of mine said, a representation of the spiritual deadness of our society.

Whatever the cause, most experts believe that the twixter phenomenon is found only in post-industrial nations.

Some authors such as Neil Postman, in his book, *The Disappearance of Childhood*, believed that television is to blame. He described how television has taken away human individualism from children, by replacing mothers and teachers as educators.

Postman believed that childhood creativity and individualism was shaped by the oral and textual communication, in which a child's imagination was sparked by passing knowledge through reading.

Since television replaced oral education, argued Postman, with broadcast television, a cloned like generation of youth strive for individualism and independence in ironically, the same way.

A great exposition on twixters can be found in *Time Magazine*, which further explores the makings of these malingerers. For comments, email aman.mehrzai@gmail.com.