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Fire drill a morning jolt



Around 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, the Ohlone campus resonated with a fire drill. Students and faculty streamed out into the Quad. The

fire department was not in evidence. In an actual emergency, students should make their way to the parking lots and off campus.

Photo by Jerome Engelberts

Bee stings hospitalize Treadway

By OMER AHMED
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Bees stung Ohlone's President, Dr. Doug M. Treadway, on the morning of Wednesday Sept. 28.

While at his home, the president unintentionally disturbed an underground beehive in his back yard. This aggravated the insects enough for them to sting Treadway multiple times. He was immediately rushed to a nearby clinic because he is allergic to bee stings, making the situation potentially life-threatening. Later, he was transferred to Washington Hospital. While in stable condition, he was kept overnight for observation.

Executive Assistant to the President, Sarah Zentner, said, "It was a scare, but everything turned out okay."

The incident did not delay the delegation to China that Treadway led. The focus of the trip is to establish more connections with China. He left on Thursday, Oct. 6 and will return on Wednesday, Oct. 19.

Brown Bag seminar introduces new geographical technology

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Continuing Ohlone's line of educational seminars, earth and social science professors Narinder Bansal and William Harmon, along with GIS professional Matthew Greuel, presented "GIS on Campus: The Power of Geographic Information Systems" last Friday.

The event took place in Room 2133 from 1 to 2 p.m. and was the fourth Brown Bag seminar of this semester.

In her introduction, Math and Science Coordinator Yvette Niccolls explained, "GIS is software, but much more than software."

The Geographic Information Systems technology allows different sets of data on a map to be displayed as separate layers. This may not sound like much, but it allows for a level of sophistication that has previously been unavailable in map making.

To illustrate this, Harmon displayed a high-detail satellite map of the West Coast with a layer depicting fault lines and then, with a click of a button, superimposed a

new layer with earthquake locations, thus showing the relationship between the two sets of data. This technology has seen rapid growth and is in wide use. CNN recently featured it in maps of their ongoing reports on Hurricane Katrina and the South Asia earthquake.

While there are obvious uses for GIS in geology and geography, the technology has applications in other areas such as business, defense and environmental preservation. Crime scene locations and police patrols could be layered to see where more officers are needed. Doctors have even created layered maps of the human body with GIS to aid in surgery.

"GIS is a tool and what we want is for anthropologists, sociologists and geologists to all use the tool," said Bansal.

Ohlone has not fallen behind in the GIS tech field. The school offers a two-semester Fast-Track Certificate Program in desktop GIS use and its ArcView software package is available in Hyman Hall for all students to use.

There are also plans to incorporate GIS into lower division geol-

ogy and geography courses.

Last spring, students created a GIS map for the main Ohlone campus. Using aerial maps attained from the city of Fremont as a base, layers for a number of accessibility features were added.

Buildings, construction material, elevators, roads, rooms and stairs were all included. Since the number of layers that can be added is basically unlimited, students in future GIS projects can add even more features. Soon the map may even be put on-line as part of a fully interactive web page.

The next Brown Bag seminar is titled "The Math & Science of Safety in the Manufacturing of Semiconductor Chips" and will be presented by Facilities and Safety Solutions Specialist Aaron Zude. It will take place Friday, Oct. 21.

Future seminars will include such themes as "Fun With Fungi."

Funding is provided by the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC); the Brown Bag Science Seminar Committee chooses the speakers.

The events offer free refreshments and are open to all.

Ohlone's yo-yo man

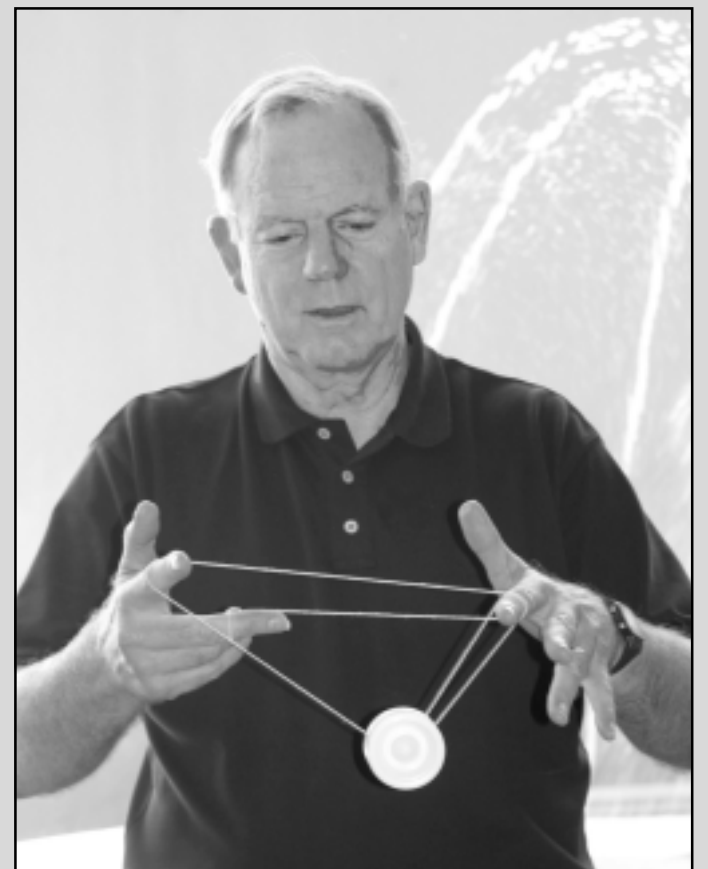


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Hal Griffin demonstrates his skill with a small plastic disk and some string. Griffin, an Ohlone mail clerk, has a BA in journalism and a love for yo-yos. Story on Page 6.