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Board boots Bob Brunton off presidency

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Board of Trustees President Bob Brunton was removed from the rotational presidential seat after much commotion from faculty and staff in regards to several controversial statements and actions. In the same move, the Board selected Trustee Nick Nardolillo to take Brunton's place, effectively ending Brunton's term two months earlier than planned.

The Board's actions were taken after a standing-room-only meeting on Sept. 27 in which a wide range of college community members demanded that Brunton not only be removed as president but also resign.

Brunton has made several contentious statements to the press in regards to Ohlone College President Doug Treadway. In his interview with "The Tri-City Voice" Brunton stated, "My perspective is long term for Ohlone, while Dr. Treadway may be looking at things differently

since his 5-year contract ends June 30, 2008 has not been extended." Treadway then approached several organizations about the implications of these comments, namely that Treadway would not be allowed to continue his administration at Ohlone and eventually spoke in his own defense at the Sept. 13 Board meeting.

Treadway's speech served as a veritable call-to-arms for the rest of the college community with enormous crowds amassed at both the Sept. 27 and Oct. 11 meetings. At the meetings, faculty, staff, students and community groups listed the wrongs Brunton had supposedly committed against Ohlone College.

Brunton was previously removed from the Board presidency due to misconduct and was later plagued by several other scandals.

Predominant among these was the "Sex for Grades" outrage centering on the new faculty contracts. Brunton refused to ratify the con-

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The 150-person audience of the Wednesday Board of Trustees meeting applaud Ohlone professor Alan Kirshner as he addresses the board.

Ohlone to promote disability awareness

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Ohlone will hold its first annual Disability Awareness Week this month in recognition of National Disability Awareness Month.

The event will take place from Monday, Oct. 16 until Thursday, Oct. 19 and will feature an array of events and disabled speakers, including a basketball match and magic tricks.

Motivational speaker Tim Piccirillo will deliver his keynote address on Monday at 11 a.m. in Room 7204, starting off the event.

Piccirillo, who has suffered from Tourette's Syndrome most of his life, will comment on his disability using magic tricks and comedy.

Other promoters, including Michael Muir, great grandson of Sierra Club founder John Muir, will perform throughout the week, also at 11 a.m. in Room 7204.

All four speakers either suffer from some disability or work regularly with the disabled. Muir, engaged on Wednesday, has Multiple Sclerosis, a nervous system disorder that can sometimes impair mobility. Tuesday's presenter, Gary Karp, was paralyzed from the waist

below after falling from a tree at 18. On Thursday, director of the Stellar Academy for Dyslexics Judy Taber will be in evidence.

Wednesday, the Bay Area Outreach and Recreation Program wheelchair basketball team will play against the Ohlone Renegades in the Epler Gym at 10:30 a.m. Disabled sometimes from the chest down, the BOPR team competes in regional wheelchair basketball leagues and has played against national title winning teams before.

Films dealing with disability will be shown Monday through Thursday at 1 p.m. in Room 7204.

"Murderball," which last year won the Documentary Audience Award at Sundance Film Festival, describes the sport of wheelchair rugby and its quadriplegic participants. It will be shown on Wednesday, only about an hour after Ohlone's match against the BOPR wheelchair basketball team.

Lunches will be available throughout the week in the Quad at noon Monday through Wednesday. They will be sponsored on Monday by Fresh and Natural, the company that runs Ohlone's cafeteria, on Tuesday by the MeCHA club, and on Wednesday by the Asian

Pan Pacific Student Association. The lunches will cost between \$5 and \$7.

Ohlone is one of the last community colleges in California to have a Disability Awareness Week, according to Victor Cardenas, disabled students programs and services instructional assistant at Ohlone. The event is meant to answer questions and raise awareness about various disabilities.

Disability Awareness Week is organized by DSPS. More information and an agenda can be obtained from the Disability Awareness Week website.

ASOC holds first official meeting of year

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The newly elected executive staff of the Associated Students of Ohlone College held their first official meeting of the school year this week. The Tuesday meeting began with a ceremonial swearing in of the newly elected president, Candice Kirk. She then swore into office the new executive officers and student senators.

Ken Steadman, a former ASOC senator, made several brief remarks regarding his desire to continue service as an ASOC senator. Steadman said he met all the requirements to be a senator this semester.

However, he did miss a mandatory candidate meeting. Steadman is, at the moment, holding a volunteer position within ASOC and has no voting power.

At the meeting, Steadman said, "I just wanted to stand before you right now and let you know that I love Ohlone College. And I'm not at this ASOC meeting to cause trouble. I've never wanted to cause trouble. I want the best things for this school. I want the best things for the administration, the faculty staff. I want this to be a happy place."

There were several other items that ASOC addressed on their

agenda. A representative from the Chinese Students Association asked ASOC to help fund a camping trip to Half Moon Bay planned for Oct. 20. Vice-President Tatyana Hamady had several issues with the request. The primary concern being that it seemed the CSA did not think of organizing their event ahead of time and that ASOC was being expected to grant monetary funds as a last minute solution to the fiscal quandary. This is an issue that ASOC also had with other clubs last semester.

Additionally, Ohlone's theatre department requested \$2,100 in order to host a two-day program for high school students to experience

what the department has to offer its pupils.

ASOC discussed how to fill the three vacant executive office seats of secretary, treasurer and legislative representative. These positions had no candidates running during the recent election. The issue of how to proceed with the candidates who lost during the ASOC elections but hope to become senators was also brought up. Such appointments are not currently addressed within the ASOC constitution.

An advisory vote was taken for all of these agenda items. Director of Campus Activities and EOPS Debbi Trigg said that an advisory vote is a vote that expresses the

ASOC's current intentions regarding the item. The advisory vote was explained as part of ASOC's parliamentary procedure. After the necessary information on an item is presented, the ASOC decision-making process starts with a motion by an ASOC member, which is then seconded by another member and then put before the whole organization as an advisory vote. At the next meeting, the final vote is held unless further discussion is deemed necessary.

Official votes for this week's agenda items will take place at next week's ASOC meeting. That meeting will be held on Oct. 17 from 4 to 6 p.m. in Room 5301.