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Staff photo

**Dennis Keller raises his baton as the Ohlone Chamber Orchestra rehearses in the Jackson Theater Wednesday night.**

## Concert honors Mozart

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The Ohlone Chamber Orchestra and Chamber Singers will perform their 7th Annual Masterworks Concert Saturday; President Doug Treadway will sing with the Chamber Singers. They will perform Mozart's "Requiem" in honor of the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth.

"Mozart was the most talented composer of all time," said Dennis Keller, director of the Chamber Orchestra and Ohlone music instructor. "And the 'Requiem' was his last piece before he died."

This year is also Ohlone's 40th anniversary. To celebrate both events, said Keller, the concert's pieces will "progress through life." First, "Fanfare for the Common Man" by Aaron Copeland will symbolize birth, next a Lithuanian wedding folk song will symbolize marriage and the "Requiem" will symbolize death and rebirth.

Mozart's "Requiem" was commissioned by the Count Franz Von Wallsegg in 1791. Mozart himself did not compose most of the "Requiem," he died before he finished the piece and, although he outlined the composition, 80 percent of the notes were written by others.

Curtain time is 8 p.m. in the Jackson Theater. Tickets are \$25 general, \$15 for students/seniors and \$10 for children under 12.

## Stairs closed until Dec. 6

By CHEN LIN  
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Starting last week, the stairs going up from the palm grove have been entirely closed so construction there can be completed. Only the handicap ramp near the bottom remains open.

The stairs will remain closed until Dec. 6, according to Capital Projects Coordinator Diana Garza.

Students can still climb the hill by way of the Smith Center or the stairs along Building Seven.

Until last Wednesday, Oct. 11, only the south half of the staircase had been closed. However, because access to both sides is required by workers, and because construction creates "unsafe conditions" for

passersby, the entire staircase had to be closed, according to Dave Orias.

"We got as far as we can go [without working on both sides]," said Orias.

While the staircase is closed, the waterway down the center will be retiled and resealed. In addition, the walls will be restuccoed and the handrails repainted.

Restuccoing is the process that prepares the exterior layers of a wall for repainting. Sandblasting, in which particles of sand are expelled at high velocity to remove paint from a hard surface, is the first step to restuccoing and will be under way at the side of Building One facing Building Seven during the weekend.



**From left, the candidates at Wednesday's forum are Jan Giovannini-Hill, Richard Watters, Olga Borjon and John Weed. Candidates hear questions from audience and each present their views on issues ranging from funding to the community's perception of Ohlone College.**

Photo by Emily Burkett

## Board candidates make their pitches

By EMILY BURKETT  
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With scandals plaguing the Board of Trustees and the recent removal of Trustee Robert Brunton from his presidential office, Board of Trustees candidates are under intense scrutiny from the college community.

The Ohlone College Forensic Team (Speech and Debate) held a Candidates' Forum Wednesday to allow community members the opportunity to get to know the candidates' policies and ideals. Candidates for each of the two contested seats gave five-minute speeches followed by a question and answer session in which the audience voiced concerns ranging from the failure of the joint library

to the use of bond money.

There are four seats up for election in November; however, two seats, those of Trustees Garrett Yee and Bill McMillin, are uncontested. Garret Yee is currently serving in Iraq and is due to return next January. McMillin is running unopposed while two candidates vie for retiring Ruthe Foster's seat. Foster will not be officially retired until January.

Foster's seat is one of the two Newark seats, meaning that all candidates for this seat must maintain residences in Newark. The two candidates are Richard Watters and Olga Borjon. Watters spoke with great enthusiasm and passion at the forum, emphasizing his career in school systems as a key qualification. Watters has been endorsed by much of the political community in

Fremont and Newark including Fremont Mayor Bob Wasserman, two other City Council members as well as Newark Vice-Mayor Luis Freitas. Borjon, in turn, stressed the changing Fremont demographics and the need to better represent the population. Borjon is of Mexican descent and she herself went through the community college system.

"My education at the community college system was critical to my eventual graduation from St. Mary's College and to my 30-year professional career," Borjon said.

John Weed is the only contested incumbent, with Jan Giovannini-Hill opposing him. Weed has served on the Board for 29 years and recently retired from the Air Force with the status of colonel. Giovannini-Hill has worked in the

California State University system specializing in Student Services. In addition, all four of Giovannini-Hill's children have attended Ohlone College, giving her a vested interest in the school.

The candidates are all well qualified; however, it is felt by much of the college community that the candidates' enthusiasm, demeanor and integrity will be the deciding factor for voters.

Following the events culminating in Brunton's removal, the candidates agreed that it is vital to ensure that electees will portray a positive image for the college in both the media and the Board meetings.

The two Board of Trustees seats will be determined in the upcoming midterm election set for Nov. 7.