



World Forum today

Law Professor John Cary Sims will be speaking today, Feb. 22, at the World Forum in the Epler Gymnasium from noon to 1 p.m. A Q & A session will follow.



Lady Renegades pummel San Mateo, 7-0.

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ASOC inducts senators

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Wednesday saw the swearing in of four new student senators by ASOC President Candice Kirk. The senators were inaugurated amidst much pomp and ceremony as is befitting of the ASOC and its meetings. The meeting then proceeded with Kirk delivering a speech meant to boost the morale of the student government.

Two new clubs were also announced to be in the works - a Game Developers Club and a Business Club. There is no word yet on whether these clubs will be formed and approved. Former Board of Trustees President Bob Brunton is scheduled to speak with ASOC members in the near future to address the controversy and subsequent demotions and removal from his position that highlighted his tenure as Board of Trustees president.

The meeting then was handed to Representative at Large Carlos Vejar, who reported on the new discount card program, which would discontinue the cumbersome accordion-style discount book given to students who buy ID cards. Vejar, who also heads the Entertainment Committee, proposed the ideas of bringing in local bands and DJs for ASOC-sponsored events, setting up a "Self Expression Wall" for students to post art and ideas, and introducing an intramural sports program which would be open to any and all students who wanted to participate.

Two league champs



Photo by Jack Husting

Daneesha Wright flies past an MPC defender for the lay-up Friday. Both Ohlone basketball teams - the men and the women - have finished first in their division. The Lady Renegades will take on CCSF at home in the first round of the Northern California Regionals Friday at 7 p.m. The men, led by Bert Whittington, will have their first playoff game Saturday at 7 p.m. at Epler Gym. Their first opponent was unknown at press time.

Frontage plans may change again

By ANNA NEMCHUK
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Ohlone's Board of Trustees has reconsidered its direction on the Fremont campus's frontage property again.

This time, the board is focusing on the offer of the Ohlone Group, the second-favored contractor that bid on the development of the Olive Grove bordering Mission Boulevard in 2005. The group has in mind stores such as Whole Foods.

Sobrato Development was the previous contractor chosen by the board in the bidding, but, at the

last board meeting Feb. 12, negotiations stalled slightly because of term disagreements, such as the length of lease on the buildings and the amount of space available for commercial development.

The board would prefer to shorten the lease and limit the real estate space to include more commercial ventures and less housing.

Negotiations are ongoing, according to Ohlone's president's office.

Sobrato is not out of the running but, either way, the project will have to be opened for bidding again, leveling the playing field.

Founding Ohlone teacher passes on

By ERIC DORMAN
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Founder of the Ohlone Computer Studies Department Bart Stillman died Monday of kidney failure. He was 81.

Though he always enjoyed working with computers, Stillman felt it was especially important to educate his students on the interaction between computers and people, said Stillman's wife Pat. "He was interested in computers," said Pat, "but he was more interested in life."

Stillman was born on Feb. 24, 1925 in East Aurora, New York. He attended Syracuse University in New York, then traveled to California in 1958, where he received a Masters in Computer Studies from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

Stillman began teaching at

Ohlone in 1968, said professor Carolyn Strickler, who knew Stillman personally throughout his time at Ohlone. Stillman retired in 1994.

One of Stillman's favorite things to do, said Strickler, was to walk to Cloverdale Creamery, then located in the downtown Mission District.

Stillman had his share of fame outside of Ohlone as well. His son, Tom, owned a dog named "Bosco" which was elected Mayor of Sunol in 1981, winning over two human candidates.

Stillman is survived by his wife, Pat, and his sons, Tom and Bill.

Services will take place in the Little Brown Church in Sunol. A date and time have not yet been announced. Services will be open to the public.

Study focuses on two-year college transfer rates

By SANDEEP ABRAHAM
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A controversial report recently published by Sacramento State University, titled "Rules of the Game," provided an in-depth analysis of the admission and transfer rates and policies of California Community Colleges (CCC). The study was conducted by the Institute for Higher Education Leadership and Policy at the university.

According to the study, 60 percent of CCC students are degree-seekers, 20 percent are studying job skills, 16 percent for personal enrichment and 9 percent are studying basic skills. Of the degree-seekers, only one in four students transfers and goes on to earn a degree from

a four-year university. However, in a response put out by the CCC Chancellor Mark Drummond, accountability research shows that 51 percent of those students go on to a four-year university. He also points out that 55 percent of all CSU graduates and over 28 percent of all UC graduates were at one point CCC students.

The main point of contention, however, is over the mission and aim of the CCC system. The report contends that CCC policies have for far too long emphasized quantity over quality. The CCC system aims to allow as many people as possible access to a college education without equally emphasizing the importance of following through and completing it. The report also

goes on to say that this is a result of community colleges catering to far too many goals at once. It also condemns community colleges by implying that admission standards are so lax and rates so high only because the colleges make money for every attending student.

The report also recommends some major state policy changes that would allow CCCs to better accommodate students and encourage the completion of their education. Some of these include funding colleges for completions in addition to enrollment, giving colleges more freedom with their funds and allowing colleges to benefit from student fees.

Drummond acknowledged the value of these recommendations

and also pointed to the System Strategic Plan of the CCC Board of Governors. Under this plan, the state would have to make changes at the high school level in an effort to encourage more cooperation and synchronization between high schools and colleges.

Ohlone College President Doug Treadway also had a response to the report, stating that Ohlone has one of the highest rates of transfer of any California Community College. He feels that much of the report's data is flawed in that it unfairly compares CSU's and UC's with community colleges.

"It's not fair to compare community colleges with four-year universities because the goals of admission and enrollment are completely

different...Community Colleges take anyone who wants to try." He stated that CCC students come from a broad range of backgrounds and that not everyone goes to college to gain a degree. He also pointed out the high drop-out rates of CSU's and the fact that many students who don't do well at four-year schools come to community colleges, work, and return or go to better universities for their degrees.

Next month the chancellor's office will release its own accountability study. Early reports of the results from Treadway indicate a 56 percent success rate for CSU students and a comparable community college success rate of 51 percent. Ohlone's own success rate is reported to be 60.8 percent.