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Photo by Brian Chu

**Dan Archer at his seat during his last meeting.**

## Long-time trustee Archer retires

By **BRIAN CHU**  
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After 27 years of service on the Ohlone Board of Trustees, chair member and founding father of Ohlone College Dan Archer has retired. Archer began his Ohlone board career in 1979. At Wednesday's board meeting he was congratulated by longtime friends and fellow board members for his years of leadership and assistance.

A state liaison came to present Archer with several certificates of recognition for his services. Dave Smith, the mayor of Newark,

showed up to give a heartwarming tribute to Dan which was received with a standing ovation. Many other individuals from the community and Ohlone administration came to say a few words about Archer and all wished him a enjoyable retirement.

Smith said "Dan, you have influenced many young people that have gone on to become leaders of our community and speak highly of you now. All those in the Tri-City area have benefitted from your involvement and are proud of your service to this country."

There was a small celebration

break partway through the board meeting with provided refreshments.

Archer thanked his fellow board members for their camaraderie and company through the years, making several jokes about the new younger trustees who have only been on the board since "Oh, the turn of the century."

Director of College Relations Patrice Birkedahl said "Dan is a powerful voice on the board. He is strong-minded and has conservative views."

Archer's colleagues agreed that he has immense dedication to the

school and thinks of the students first.

Archer has a TV show called "Dan Archer Profiles" on cable. He has held a plethora of public positions including being the Newark Junior High principal, Fremont Symphony board president, Fremont Art Association president, a library commissioner. Archer is also proud of his service in the Marines, at hospitals in Pearl Harbor and Oakland.

During the meeting, while discussing his TV program, he cheerily declared "You have not heard the last of me yet."

## Food vulnerable to attack

By **NOAH LEVIN**  
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The first Brown Bag Science Seminar of the semester, after the rescheduling of the Feb. 9 seminar, will be held this Friday, March 2. The seminar's speaker, Dr. Paul K. Park, will be presenting "Bioterrorism - Food Defense Challenges in California" in Room 3201.

Addressing California's role as a vital food source to our country, and that food supply's relative vulnerability to bioterrorism threats, Park aims, among other things, to boost public awareness about the methods used to protect food supplies from these and other, more natural threats.

Park's branch specifically investigates food borne outbreaks, such as last year's Ecoli-157 scare stemming from contaminated spinach from Salinas and the way the contamination was handled. A similar

incident occurred about 10 years previously in Oregon, where salads were poisoned with salmonella, and back in the mid-1990's there was the baby food scare here in California, which proved to be false.

"Potentially, there are a lot of avenues for someone to attack our food supplies," commented Park.

One example given was a study published by Stanford, which found it would be extremely easy to "spike" milk produced in California with clostridium botulinum, a naturally occurring neurotoxin which is used in small amounts in Botox, and, if ingested, causes botulism. This hypothetically "spiked" milk, if distributed to the rest of the country, could potentially kill tens of thousands. Although there have been no attacks on California's food production and supply, California produces 20 percent of all the food in the U.S., including produce, dairy, and meat. The effects of an attack

on California food supplies would be felt not just nationwide, but on a global scale.

Park works for the Richmond-based Food and Drug Laboratory Branch of California Department of Health Services. His department works hand-in-hand with the Food and Drug Department, which is the regulatory and investigative arm, based in Sacramento. Together, the two sister departments work to detect any microbial pathogens that may threaten to California food supplies, either manmade or natural.

Park specializes in novel and rapid microbial pathogen detection methods to combat potential bioterrorist threats. The groundbreaking methods with which Park and his peers handle such events as the spinach scare of last year and more will be presented this Friday at 11:45 a.m. in Room 3201, with a seminar on dark matter and cosmological expansion the following week.

## Stillman memorial service set for March 18 in Sunol

A memorial service for Professor Emeritus Bart Stillman will be held at Little Brown Church in Sunol on Sunday, March 18. The service will begin at 3 p.m. and the address of the church is 141 Kilkare Road.

Stillman began teaching at Ohlone in 1968 and was the founder of the Computer Studies department. Stillman retired in 1994. He was also known outside of Ohlone. 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. He died Feb. 19 at the age of 81.

## Enrollment up more than 10 percent

By **BRIAN CHU**  
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Ohlone's enrollment is up by more than 10 percent during the past two semesters, which is unusual progress, as many other community colleges in the Bay Area have flat or declining rates of enrollment.

Ron Travenick, the associate vice president in charge of student services, credited the shorter semesters and later starting date, a system that was implemented last fall. He also credits the automated wait-listing system for retaining more students.

Although enrollment figures for other schools in the Bay Area are not widely available, Travenick has heard that other schools have failed to meet projected enrollment rates and Ohlone was one of the few schools to not only reach their quota but also report higher student enrollment.

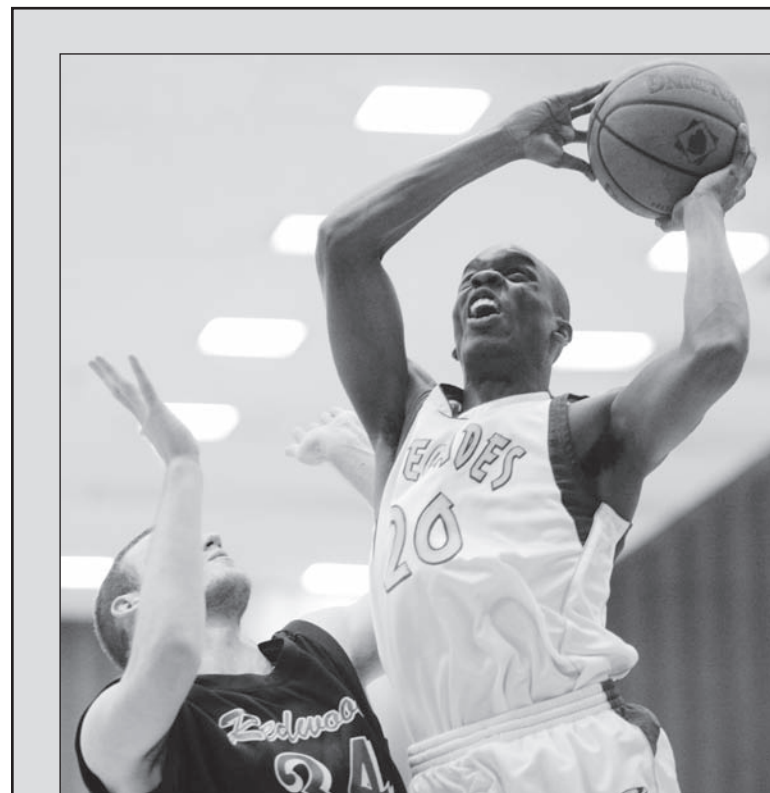
Spring enrollment is up about 11 percent compared to last spring, and fall enrollment by 12 percent compared to the previous fall. Students taking 12 units or more are

counted as "full-time equivalent students" or FTES. Ohlone receives approximately \$4,000 from the state for each FTES, so the enrollment increase resulted in an extra \$1.2 million in state funding.

Travenick estimates that there are about 3,250 FTES for this spring semester and about 11,000 students total. During the fall semester there were 2,928 FTES and about 12,000 students in total. The overall change is that there are fewer students overall but they are taking more classes this semester than during the previous one.

Four years ago, Ohlone suffered from an enrollment decline, along with many other Bay Area colleges. According to Travenick, the recent increase has Ohlone at 2 percent above the enrollment rate four years ago.

"It's awfully positive news," he said. However Travenick still states that Ohlone needs higher enrollment during the summer semester as well before calculating the year's total increases and celebrating. Ohlone's goal is to reach a 2 percent increase of students each year.



## Time for some Sweets

**Ohlone guard Korey Hutchinson makes his way toward the hoop. The Renegades move on to the Sweet 16 bracket, where they will face off against San Joaquin Delta. See Page 8.**

Photo by Jack Husting