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Men's basketball in finals



Photo by Jack Husting

Ohlone forward Bert Whittington sets up to shoot the final, winning point in the Renegades' home game against San Joaquin Delta College Saturday night. The final score, after Whittington's shot went in, was 63-60. Ohlone now advances to the final-eight tournament starting today in Fresno. If Ohlone beats Antelope Valley today, the team advances to a Saturday game. The final game will be played Sunday. For full story, see Page 8.

Trustee's seat opens up after Archer's retirement

By **KYLE STEPHENS**
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In the wake of Dan Archer's recent retirement from the Ohlone Board of Trustees, the former board member's seat is now open.

President Doug Treadway said that a new member will be appointed and, as of Archer's leaving, the Board has 60 days fill the void, according to Board Policies (www.ohlone.edu/org/board/policy/policy-chapter2.html#bp2110).

"Within 60 days of the vacancy or filing of a deferred resignation, the Board shall ... make a provisional

appointment to fill the vacancy.

"The person appointed to the position shall hold office only until the next regularly scheduled election for district governing board members, when the election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

"Prior to making a provisional appointment, the Board shall invite applications from the general public for the vacancy, setting a time by which applications shall be received, and publicizing the procedure by which the appointment shall be made... The provisional appointment will be made by a

majority public vote of the Board members at a public meeting."

Applicants need to be U.S. citizens, registered voters and meet other requirements. The appointee will be chosen by the Board and will require a two-thirds or better majority vote.

More details will be available next week when the Board releases information.

Archer would have retired at an earlier date, though this would have meant his replacement would have served for only six months, compared to the full four-year term until the next elections.

The beginning of the end for old Building 7

By **BRIAN CHU**
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Within the next few weeks, Building 7 will be demolished to make way for a new student services building.

Building 7 was fenced off on Monday and the first phase in the demolition project is the removal of asbestos from within the building and the prepping of the building for dismantling. The workers hired to abate the asbestos are reportedly experts in the procedure.

Currently, workers are clearing the building, removing furniture and fixtures. Later, during the actual asbestos removal, Building 7 will be covered with a tarp to ensure that no asbestos is diffused into the air.

Asbestos was used as a flame retardant and insulation material in building components. It is often found in "pop-corn ceilings" where the substance was sprayed on. Asbestos was banned in the U.S. in 1978 after studies discovered that the fibers in the asbestos, if breathed into the lungs, could cause asbestosis and mesothelioma. The safest way to ensure public safety during asbestos removal is to seal off the building and area from the outside to prevent contamination.

Construction manager Gastelvo, who declined to give his full name, said that they are currently getting ready to remove the ceiling and to tear down the entire building once the machinery arrives. He also stated that workers would be onsite for weeks. Many construction workers at the scene were wearing ventilation masks.

The time estimated to completely tear down and renovate the site for construction of the new building is two months. However, his is not an

absolute deadline.

Currently, the bridge area between Building 8 and Building 7 is closed. A new walkway has been paved to ensure accessibility. It is adjacent to Building 1 on the south side. The bridge area from Building 7 to 8 will not be accessible until the new building is built.

This semester, parking will not be affected. In the summer, some of the upper levels of parking may be closed. At a recent meeting of the Associated Students of Ohlone College, Vice President of Business Service Deanna Walston mentioned the cost of daily parking permits may rise due to the lot closures.

The construction of the new building is estimated to begin in May 2007 after graduation. The structure that will replace Building 7 will be a new three-story high Student Support Services Center. The building will house the new offices of admissions and records, counseling, disabled students programs and services, financial aid, extended opportunity programs and services, and the student health center. Classes that were held in Building 7 will be relocated predominantly to Building 18, Building 1 and Hyman Hall.

The new Student Support Services Center will be funded by the Measure A bond project. It will be 76,000 square feet and cost approximately \$36 million.

Diana Garza, the capital bonds coordinator overseeing the project, wrote in an update on the project: "We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience and understanding as we improve the Ohlone Fremont campus for all. Please feel free to send any comments and or concerns to the Bond Office."

Native American museum finds home at Ohlone

By **SANDEEP ABRAHAM**
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Ohlone College will be the new home of a Native American museum as soon as next fall.

For the past 10 years, Irvington High School has held a small exhibit of Native American artifacts, maps, books and photos in its former metal shop. Due to low publicity and the fact that the exhibit is only open for a few hours each week, the

Fremont Unified School District is planning to move this exhibit to Ohlone College. Although the new museum will not be open to the public for at least another two years, the ambition behind it definitely makes it something worth looking forward to.

Irvington High School administrators have approved the move. One reason was because the move will reopen a classroom that the school can use for other purposes.

As Irvington librarian, Cathy Ash, puts it, "We never get to go there because it's [almost] never open. The Native American exhibit holds all books on Native American history. Students come by looking for books on the subject all the time and it's really frustrating because we have no access to them."

The museum is currently located deep in the heart of Irvington High Schools and is hardly ever seen. It is open to the public, but due to

high staffing costs and low funds, it isn't open very long each week. If it weren't for this move, much of Fremont's Native American history would be unknown to the public, especially to children and high school students.

George Rodgers, an anthropology instructor at Ohlone, said that the community college already maintains a small local history museum, but, like Irvington, it is attached to a classroom. Once the

museum has moved to Ohlone, it will be open seven days a week, will have a lot more space and will even feature a Native American resource center.

There are concerns that the tutoring program that has been a part of Irvington's museum program will be abolished once the move takes place. For 10 years, Irvington's Native American room has provided tutoring and cultural classes for the

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