

Johnson and Wright sign intent to USF

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Balloons, cake and apple cider - the festivities were definitely just right Wednesday night, as two of Ohlone's own took center stage. Ceciley Johnson and Danesha Wright, both of the women's basketball team, signed letters of intent to play for the University of San Francisco.

The Mission Coffeehouse played host to the celebration as coaches, friends and family gathered for the ceremony to honor the two. The show ran a little behind schedule as Johnson was stuck at a stop light right around the corner. But as soon as she arrived, it was down to business.

With smiles on their faces the two started to sign the official paperwork committing them to play for the Division 1 USF Dons. "It's very exciting," said Wright. "I've actually been waiting to play on this

kind of level. And this competition is like...is where we need to be."

The point guard Wright led the Lady Renegades in scoring last season, with a total of 604 points for the season and averaged 20.6 a game. To accompany those 20.6 a game, Wright also averaged 8.2 assists per contest. Johnson, who stands at an impressive 6'2", averaged a double-double every game with 13.2 points and 10.4 rebounds. It's safe to say that they will be missed running the court for Ohlone.

"I'm happy for Ceciley and Danesha," said Ohlone Head Coach Elizabeth Stanley. "But also on a bittersweet note, we're losing two stellar athletes. It's going to be hard to replace them."

Besides Johnson and Wright, two more from Stanley's group are inching closer to signing letters of intent. Aoife Sands and Melanie Inouye both hope to hold their own signing parties soon.

Ironically, Ohlone and USF



Photo by Nick Zambrano

USF bound: Ceciley Johnson, left and Danesha Wright already sporting their new school's shirts.

both share the same team colors, so Johnson and Wright will still be representing the green and gold.

After the signing was officially

over, Wright made a little speech, "I guarantee you next year, me and Ceci are going to put on a show."

Despite record, Ohlone keeps fighting

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After bringing their record back up to .500 going into their meet against Fullerton back on Mar. 22, the Ohlone Swimming Team has continued to struggle, yet are showing signs of improvement in the process.

Unfortunately for the Renegades, their improvement would not help too much as they lost their most recent meet against Cabrillo College back on March 30.

The girls side lost their events by a score of 106-85, while the men's side lost 99-87.

For the men's side, Cody Angeles did well in the freestyle events and Kevin Ludt did well in his sprint freestyle events. For the girls, Ashley Rogers won the 200m freestyle, the 100m breaststroke and was part of the winning relay team that also included the speedster Dolly Walters, Kat Ashley and Katie O'Dea.

But the one thing the Renegades lacked two weeks ago was their presence of divers. Ohlone had no divers available to compete, which led to Ohlone being shutout in the diving events, which led to Cabrillo



Photo by Jack Husting

Kat Ashley is an anchor of the successful women's relay team. The relay team also includes Ashley Rogers, Katie O'Dea and Dolly Walters.

College racking up the points and taking the win.

But there is now a solution to the "dive-less" problem.

Enter Renegades rookie diver McKensie Goodman.

The former gymnast made her diving debut three weeks ago against Fullerton, but is still learning the skills needed to dominate in competition. Yet considering that she is teaching herself the

techniques, she's doing better than most would think.

"It's hard without a coach," said Goodman, who is currently working on two difficult dives, which we might see in competition soon.

But regardless of recent struggles, the Renegades are looking to get lucky this Friday the 13th as they will take on a tough, freshmen-dominated Sierra College team that

is considered to be one of the best in Northern California.

Three weeks after that meet, Ohlone will host the State Championship, in which three Ohlone swimmers may be in. Ohlone's Ashley Rogers, Katie O'Dea and Dolly Walters are all on the bubble to qualify for state. If they do qualify, they will compete for the state titles on the weekend of May 3-5.



Triples alley

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Swinging and missing

Eight games into the San Francisco Giants' season and I can already see where this season is going to be headed. Right to the bottom of the National League West. This is coming from a guy who loves the team. I live and die with every win and loss of theirs; but at the same time, I have the ability to step back and analyze what is going on around the league. More importantly, around the division.

So far, the Giants have won two games, while the Colorado Rockies have an even 4-4 record at fourth place in the division. The ROCKIES! They are never supposed to win. But hey, I guess it's early and things will soon enough fall into place.

Rationally though, I don't think so. Although it is only eight games into the season, the Giants are second to last in the most important offensive category in the MLB, runs scored. A great example is the terrific game played between SF and the San Diego Padres Monday night.

It was a rematch of last Wednesday's game between Giants young starter Matt Cain and San Diego's Chris Young. Cain struggled with his command early and ran up his pitch count. He eventually found his niche in the third and started mowing people down, allowing no hits through six innings. These are the makings of a no-hitter, I told myself. However, up stepped Khalil Greene, a Giant-killer, who lined the first pitch he saw Cain in the seventh frame into the left field corner for a double. A walk and two sacrifices later, the Pad's had their first and ONLY run of the game.

The Giants' offense, meanwhile, was absent. They did get five hits in the game including a pair of doubles by the slowest-man-in-baseball Bengie Molina. Yet, they were only able to advance as far as third base once the entire game.

ZERO! That's the number of memorable clutch hits the Giants have had this season. When your pitcher is busting his ass to keep your team in the ball game by allowing only one hit through seven frames, he is telling you that you MUST win this game. "Good pitching always beats good hitting." Very true. Unfortunately, this doesn't win ballgames if your offense can't score for your teams' "good pitching." I have a pretty good feeling Monday night's game against the Padres is a microcosm of the rest of the regular season for YOUR San Francisco Giants.

Renegades' upcoming schedules

BASEBALL

Thurs., 4/12/07: vs. Cabrillo College, at 2 p.m.

Sat., 4/14/07: at San Jose City College, Time TBA.

Tues., 4/17/07: vs. College of San Mateo, at 2 p.m.

Thurs., 4/19/07: vs. San Jose City College, at 2 p.m.

Sat., 4/21/07: at Chabot College, at noon.

Tues., 4/24/07: vs. Southwestern College, at 2 p.m.

Thurs., 4/26/07: at Hartnell College, at 2 p.m.

Sat., 4/28/07: vs. Gavilan College, at noon.

Tues., 5/1/07: vs. Skyline College, 2 p.m.

Thurs., 5/3/07: vs. West Valley College, 2 p.m.

END OF SEASON

SOFTBALL

Thurs., 4/12/07: at Mission College, at 3 p.m.

Sat., 4/14/07: vs. Chabot College, at 1 p.m.

Tues., 4/17/07: vs. College of San Mateo, 3 p.m.

Tues., 4/24/07: vs. Foothill College, 3 p.m.

END OF SEASON

SWIMMING

Fri., 4/13/07: vs. Sierra College at 2 p.m.

Sat., 4/21/07: Nor Cal Diving in Modesto, at 8 a.m.

Thurs-Sat., 4/26-28/07: Coast Conference Championships at Ohlone, at 10 a.m.

Thurs-Sat., 5/3-5/07: State Championships at Ohlone at 10 a.m.