

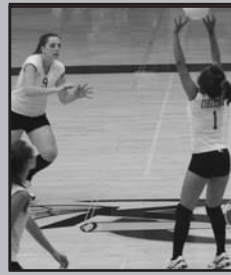


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## Bill: more cash for students

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Students can look to Washington for good news this week with the passing of the new College Cost Reduction and Access Act in Congress, which will provide the largest increase in federal student aid since the Montgomery GI Bill of 1944.

Bush is expected to sign the bill into law today.

College costs have gone up 40 percent in the last five years while middle-and-lower-class incomes have remained stagnant. The bill would increase the maximum amount awarded by the Pell Grant Scholarship to \$1,090 and will cut interest rates on federal student loans from 6.8 percent to about 3.4 percent without any burden on taxpayers as money will be deducted from excess federal subsidies currently being paid to the student loan industry.

Congressman Pete Stark of California's 13<sup>th</sup> district voted for the passing of this bill along with the rest of the Democratic House majority, assuring it of solid political support as it goes before the president for approval.

"College costs are skyrocketing, forcing more students to graduate with more debt than ever before," said Stark. "In response, President Bush and past Republican Congresses doubled the interest rates on students loans, putting college even further out of students' reach. The College Cost Reduction Act takes America in a new direction, making good on Democrats' promise to make college more affordable for students and families."

Most middle- and low-income families make anywhere between \$28,000-68,000 each year, with the median income being \$45,000 in 2003 and \$54,000 in 2004. As this bill will slice interest rates in half, it also guarantees that borrowers will contribute no more than 15 percent of their annual income to repaying their loans. And even with lowered interest rates and annual payments, the loan itself will be forgiven if not fully paid off after 20 years.

As a whole, the state is set to receive an extremely generous portion of the benefits offered by this bill. Under this bill, California will receive \$3,034,928,000 over 5 years as part of the total increase in Pell Grants and student aid given to

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## The Thinker of the 21st century - art forged from flesh and blood



Photos by Lila Salinas

Left, the body of a man, preserved in resin, sits in an exhibit called "Body Worlds," which opens at The Tech museum in San Jose today. Below, Albert Einstein's face is reflected in the glass surrounding a woman's body. The exhibit runs through Jan. 26. See story, Page 4.



## Field causing injuries

By ELISE LEON  
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Sports Director Chris Warden claimed that the baseball outfield was causing injuries to players at the College Board of Trustees Meeting Wednesday.

Warden introduced seven Ohlone baseball players as well as Head Coach Tom Kunis at the meeting. "The current standards of the field are deplorable, it is dangerous," said Kunis. He explained that the field's grass had turned into a mucky clay-like consistency, which he said was extremely unsafe to the Ohlone players.

Kunis requested that the matter be taken into consideration and fixed immediately. "The outfields are terrible. Something must be done," said first basemen Justin Landon.

The Board concluded that this matter would be further discussed at the next board meeting.

## ASOC inducts secretary

By BRIAN CHU  
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Kelly Kita was voted into the position of secretary at the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) meeting Tuesday.

"I think Kelly will make a fantastic secretary," said ASOC Senator Ken Steadman.

There are also a number of senators interested in filling the vacant representative at large as well as treasurer positions. Three senators applied for each position respectively.

The ASOC also named Oct. 19 as the first date for the "Battle of the Bands," a weekly series that would feature bands facing off on the Quad for a championship.

In club news, there is a new Christian club called "Crossroads" applying for Ohlone interclub council certification.

News from outside council included a representative from Rudy Giuliani's campaign in the local voting district region. A former ASOC rep at large, she urged students to go out, vote and participate in the upcoming presidential primary elections.

## Childhood development conference set Oct. 13

By KATHY SUNG  
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The Ohlone College Early Childhood Studies Department's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Early Care and Education Conference will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13. The conference will take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be located in the Ohlone Kidango Child Development Center. Childhood education professionals and interested people are all welcome.

Janice Fonteno, the professional development coordinator for the Early Childhood Studies Department, said that she hopes the conference will have a little something for everyone.

One goal of the conference will be to continue to learn about case studies. "Early childhood educators benefit from continued education," said Fonteno. "As an example, there may be children who display challenging behavior, so we need to hear from experts how to observe and listen in order to better understand what the behavior represents."

The idea of the conference is to provide several lectures and workshops for childhood education pro-

professionals. It can be taken by Ohlone students for one-half a credit, but separate registration is required. The conference will provide useful information on working with children up to five years old. The idea is to educate on how to provide better education and early care for all children. The co-sponsors of this event include of the Alameda County First Five Every Child Counts, the Child, Family, Community Services Inc. (Head Start) and Kidango.

Some topics that will be covered consist of infant to toddler training, working with behaviorally challenged children, taking care of children in a professional and personal atmosphere and child health.

The overall theme of the conference is diversity and ways to deal with young children. There will also be different workshops on how educators and students can stay motivated and take care of themselves in the classroom.

There will be three workshops in total covering various topics. Counselor Rosemary O'Neill will be presenting "Taking Care of You," teaching about self-care and how to deal with stress as a teacher

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