

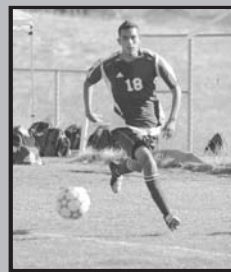


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## End near for grind-happy boarders



Photos by Eric Dorman (above) and Daniel Yuan (right)

**Left, Gil Joseph of Buildings and Grounds installs a grind block on a railing of the main stairway in front of Building I, while student Noah Levin walks down the Building 27 stairs. The college is installing about 800 blocks on railings all over campus to prevent rail and tile damage by boarders and skaters.**



**Joseph said skaters bend the railings and crack tiles by grinding on the rails. He estimates the project will take him until June.**

## San Diego-type fire unlikely here

By **ERIC DORMAN**  
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Ohlone is not at a high risk for a fire on the scale of those currently burning the San Diego area because of the college's structure and surrounding environment, said retired Fremont Fire Department Division Chief Vic Valdez. However, he urged area residents to still do their part to reduce the risk of fires.

"It's everyone's responsibility to prevent fires," said Valdez. He listed trimming down vegetation around houses and taking care when operating power tools as ways area residents and students can reduce the risk of fire damage.

There are several reasons that the college is in good shape in case of a fire, said Valdez. For one thing, Ohlone's surroundings are predominantly grassy, which means far less fuel for a fire than in forested areas, such as those in the San Diego area. Also, Ohlone buildings (except for the temporary classrooms and the campus police building) are stucco with ceramic tile roofs and sprinkler systems, meaning that even if a fire were to break out near campus, they probably would not catch fire.

One of the biggest challenges in the face of a fire would be evacuating the students, said Campus Police Chief Steve Osawa. Because of the fact that there are only two roads leading up to the parking lots, the rush of students leaving campus would create a "massive traffic jam," causing a full campus evacuation to take about three hours, said Osawa.

Historically, the Mission area has not been immune to wildfires. In September 1999, a massive fire broke out from Interstate 680 in the south to Niles in the north. It required more firefighting manpower from the Fremont Fire Department than any time in the history of the Fire Department, said Valdez.

Often those concerned with protecting the environment unintentionally put themselves at risk of a fire, said Valdez. By failing to trim or cut down trees and thick vegetation growing close to their houses, they increase the risk of a fire causing damage to their home.

Osawa also noted that Ohlone is a designated shelter for Southern Alameda County in case of an emergency. Should the need arise, certain buildings in the college, such as the gym, would serve as a temporary shelter for area residents.

## Board discusses new hires

By **INSIYA GINWALA**  
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The College Board of Trustees discussed the search for President Doug Treadway's replacement at the Board meeting Wednesday. The college has hired the Association of Community College Trustees (ACCT) to conduct the nationwide search.

Consultant Pamila Fisher represented ACCT to the Board, providing information on ACCT's search methods and cre-

dentials, which include finding presidents for Chabot and Las Positas colleges.

Treadway, who took the position of president in July 2003, will be retiring this June.

The Board also expressed concern over the price tag associated with replacements for Associate Vice President of Information Technology Ralph Kindred. Kindred, who joined Ohlone in October 2005 and will leave in February, will be replaced by three new hires, which could cost up to \$756,000 for the '07-'08 partial year, and up to \$981,000 for '08-'09.

The Board postponed the decision for further study.

## Two bands, one hill

By **BARRY KEARNS**  
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The music show "Rock the Hill," featuring the bands "Destroy All Operating Systems" and "Wes Lester" will take place Friday in the outdoor amphitheater from 2 to 4 p.m. The first 50 students to attend the event, which is sponsored by the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC), will receive free food.

The weather for Friday appears to be fine, but if by some chance the weather does not permit an outdoor concert, the location will be moved to the cafeteria.

ASOC Senator Ken Steadman described "Destroy All Operating Systems" as "grindcore" music,

while "Wes Lester" is "hard rock." He explained that the idea behind having a music show called "Rock the Hill" and having only two bands was to create something more original than a "Battle of the Bands" show.

Steadman went on to say that he wants to instill a "campus culture" that will have students "hang out on campus."

Steadman also announced that he is still looking for bands and DJs to perform at the campus and that any interested parties can reach him at ksteadman@ohlone.edu.

The ASOC's meeting this week took place in a trailer outside of the Newark Ohlone Campus. The meeting included a tour of the new  
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## Late? Not according to this clock

By **ANDREW CAVETTE**  
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Photo by Daniel Yuan

**The clock on the side of Hyman Hall is about 10 minutes slow.**

If you're chronically late for class, take heart: the clock on Hyman Hall says you're early.

The clock is about 10 minutes slow and will stay that way for a while, said Electrician Steve Miller, due to the fact that the receiver that sets the clock is unreachable and has no access doors. Miller said he would have to stand on top of the elevator car in order to reach it.

All of the clocks on campus (with the exception of Building 5) receive a wireless GPS signal from one of three signal towers, located on the top of Hyman Hall, Building 1 and the Child Development center. These towers send signals to the Primex brand receivers in each building. All of the classroom clocks are battery operated and only update themselves from the system. If the power is cut (or if a power surge affects the system) the clocks will continue to run from the batteries. If, during this down-time, the clocks lose or gain minutes, the clocks will reset once the GPS system regains power.

Miller also said some clocks on the first floor of Building 9 are not receiving enough of a signal to keep accurate time. He plans to install another receiver in Building 9 to compensate for the weak signal.