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## Quake brings up reminders of '89

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A magnitude 5.6 earthquake located near the junction of the Calaveras and Hayward faults struck the Bay Area Tuesday night.

Immediately following the earthquake, campus police and facilities personnel conducted a search of Ohlone's buildings and utilities. A more comprehensive follow-up check was conducted Wednesday morning. There was no apparent damage to the college.

Bookstore cashier Amanda McCall said that nothing in the bookstore was damaged and that nothing fell off the store shelves. The morning after the quake, Senior Office Assistant for the Campus Police Alma Collopy said no earthquake-related calls had come in. According to Assistant Director of Buildings

& Grounds Manmohan Gill, all of the gas mains were unaffected by the quake.

For many, the quake was relatively uneventful. Ben Johnson, a student, was in his radio broadcasting class during the quake. Johnson said, "It was funny because some people [in the class] started freaking out." Instructional Assistant, David Wood was working in Hyman Hall when the quake hit. Wood said, "I felt very safe and was impressed with how the building took the quake." He noticed that many of the students in Hyman Hall stayed in class, but also said many others immediately left Hyman Hall. Wood said, "They freaked, but they probably had never been in an earthquake before." According to an Earthquake Advisory released by the California Earthquake

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Photo by Daniel Yuan

**Kyle Beightler, left, and Taylor Rodriguez of Weslester play together at Ohlone's 'Rock the Hill' concert Friday.**

## Jazz/Rock combo class steps in to bring music to the Hill

By LILA SALINAS  
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When the first chords of the "Rock the Hill" concert played Friday, it wasn't by either of the two bands hired to perform, but by Ohlone's own Jazz/Rock combo class. The class, which had been planning to play between the two bands, stepped in to perform after the bands failed to show up for the 2 p.m. start time.

"We were scheduled to play in intermission, but when we saw no one was playing, we decided to step in," said Music Instructor

Tim Roberts.

Though both bands eventually played before a sparse crowd, Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) Senator Ken Steadman announced that the ASOC would not pay the band "Destroy All Operating Systems" because of their short performance and late arrival.

At 2 p.m. Friday there was no music to be heard. The only thing in sight was the crowd of students hovering over the small table that was giving away free pizza and soda.

On stage was Ken Steadman, trying to remain cool and collected

even though half the band members lined up were nowhere to be found. As time progressed and students began to get impatient, ASOC members tried to keep everyone from leaving by offering more pizza.

It was about 2:30 p.m. when Roberts decided to take action. After a short set-up, several bands of students performed a variety of pieces until the stage was ready for "Destroy All Operating Systems."

"I guess you can say in a sense the Jazz Combo saved the show; if someone wouldn't have begun to play I probably would've left,"

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## Conference focuses on state biotech lag

By ERIC DORMAN  
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Biotechnology in the Bay Area is a promising new field with rapidly expanding job opportunities, but those jobs will move out of state and overseas if California continues to lag in funding biotech programs, according to a Hearing of Assembly and Senate members and panelists at a panel discussion at Ohlone Monday.

"We must have a comprehensive plan to retain and expand the state biotech program," said San Diego-based BIOCUM V.P. Jimmy Jackson. "We can't assume that California will continue to grow in biotech."

The discussion was mainly centered around training the biotech workforce and information concerning jobs in the field. It

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## Instructor Steve Dain dies

By LILA SALINAS  
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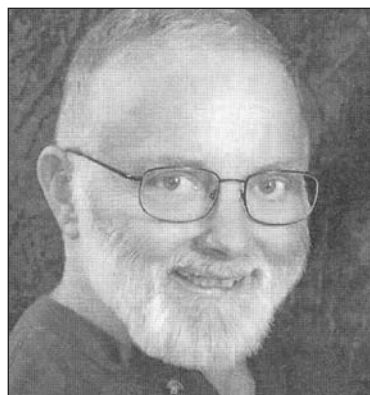
Human Reproduction Instructor Dr. Steve Dain died on Oct. 10 of breast cancer. He was 78.

Dain was a well-known transgender faculty member who had been battling breast cancer for six years. The cancer recurred once in 2004 and then again in summer 2007.

Dain was a greatly favored by his students and caused great impact in many lives.

"Because of Dr. Dain's knowledge, my husband and I have a beautiful baby girl that is now 3 months old," said mother Amanda Phitsamay.

According to the website www.



**Steve Dain**

ratemyprofessor.com, students remembered him as an easygoing professor who cared about his students passing his class.

Dain was scheduled to teach this fall semester at "Life Chiropractic

College West."

Dain was nicknamed "Dr. Do-little" because he had a collection of reptiles, felines, dogs and farm animals.

Born and raised in Oakland, he graduated from Oakland Tech High School in 1957. He later received his B.A. degree from the University of California in Berkeley in 1961, and then his master's in physical education and child development.

Dain is survived by his wife, Robyn; his brother, Douglas; his sister, Janice; and his two step-daughters, Donna Webber and Suzanne Robbins.

Services were held on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Eden United Church of Christ at 11 a.m.

## Slight budget deficit ahead for college

By ANDREW CAVETTE  
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Despite the appearance of a \$1.5 million surplus in the 2007-'08 budget, the Ohlone College district will most likely have a net deficit next year. According to Director of Business Services Joanne Schultz, the expenses that will push the district into a net deficit in the next fiscal year are a combination of faculty raises and one-time expenditures.

Schultz explained that all of the expenditures are planned for. "When all is said and done we will be spending more than we are taking in [for 2007-'08], but we

have money in our reserves," said Schultz. "Money in the general fund that is one-time in nature, to do one-time things."

Among other things, the opening of the Newark center is on the list of foreseeable, one-time expenditures. "We have plenty of fund balance to cover [all of] it," said Schultz. "We only need to have somewhere in the neighborhood of \$3.5 million in our general fund, and the current balance is \$8,016,000." The college Board of Trustees must approve any expenditures that utilize funds in the reserves.

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