

Business Club hosts seminar

By INEZ BLACK
Staff writer

What would it take for you to give up your lattes, bottled water and fast food? Would retiring a multi-millionaire tempt you? You don't have to make a lot of money to become rich.

The Nov. 27 seminar of the Ohlone Business Club was based on the best-selling book, *The Automatic Millionaire* by David Bach. Sasha Josephs, club president, and Toucalit Benton summarized key points of the book and answered questions.

An example presented from the book was a couple with an average annual income of \$50,000 who put two children through college, yet was able to retire at 58 with \$2 million in assets.

Josephs summarized troubling facts presented by Bach, including that the average person has less than \$25,000 in savings and that one person in five has no savings (60 million people).

Josephs stated, "Why does this happen? People are living a champagne lifestyle on a minimum wage

budget."

Benton worked in the financial services industry for 15 years, specifically with the San Francisco Federal Reserve, Bear, Stearns & Co., Inc. and Consumer Credit Counseling of San Francisco.

Benton stated that most people in their twenties don't take advantage of their biggest asset – time.

He stated, "No matter your age, the biggest asset you have is time – 5

years. One or two bottles of water at a \$1-\$1.50 each, a latte at \$2, \$3 or \$4, and fast food, including multiple items on the "dollar menu," can add up.

Throw out budgets where you make a decision each month whether or not to save.

Pay yourself first.

Start by saving three percent of each paycheck. (If you think this is a lot, then consider

what percent of your income you are paying for lattes, bottled water, fast food, etc. If you don't know, then keep track for a month.)

Set a goal to increase the percent you save as your wealth increases. The book also encourages readers to start with a basic savings account with a goal of accumulating the equivalent of six months' salary.

Josephs ended stating, "These are the important concepts. You don't have to make a lot of money to be

rich, but you do have to save a lot of money to be rich.

"You don't have to be your own boss to be rich. By using the Latte Factor, and watching your spending habits, you can build a fortune on a few dollars a day. The rich get rich because they pay themselves first."

Attendee Wing Lam, psychology major, stated, "I don't know anything about financial matters, so I am here to have a better understanding. I thought that the Latte Factor was important as it saves you a couple bucks each day."

Business Club Secretary and attendee, Jaimee Munson, said, "I personally have never been that financially aware. My mother has taken care of it. I have a savings account, but that is the extent of it. I have definitely heard of retirement plans, but I really didn't think about it as I'm in college. Ideally, that is when I should start and I have a better understanding now."

"I work at Starbucks," Munson continued. "And they offer a lot of the different plans discussed today. I have really never taken advantage of their payroll deduction plans and I plan to do that."



Political Maverick

By EMILY BURKETT
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Dirty, stolen signatures

Day after day, you'll find them lurking in the Quad or along that long stretch of stairs leading up to Building 1. Armed with their clipboards and cheap pens, they hover, circle and pounce.

"Will you sign my petition?" they demand, stuffing the clipboard and its sheaf of papers under your nose. No mention of the intent of the petition nor anything pertaining to their reason for so enthusiastically providing you with paper cuts.

They've heard the no's and I'm-too-busy's, but still they persist.

And you would, too, for \$2 a signature.

The initiative and referendum process has been part of the California political system since the early twentieth century and since then an almost innumerable number of constitutional amendments have been passed. While direct democracy has questionable implications (to say the least), the shameless profiteering of these petition holders destroys the democratic ideals that the initiative and referendum process claims to uphold. Instead of empowering the people, direct democracy has empowered the powerful.

The process was implemented to bring government back to the people and reimburse the voice of the people with its just power. However, today, the government goes to the highest bidder even under direct democracy.

The most persistent signature seekers are the highest paid and because they operate on a per-signature salary, the stakes are only raised higher to get your name on their paper.

Don't let their earnest advocacy of political participation fool you; they're paid and paid well.

Sadly, while the exploitation of the initiative and referendum process does increase participation, the majority of these petitioners have very little working knowledge of the proposition they are advocating.

Case law such as *Kelo v. New London* (2005) have no meaning to these signature seekers as they passionately enlighten you on the terrible consequences of eminent domain. The fact that the Supreme Court ruled eminent domain for the purposes of economic prosperity constitutional is unimportant when you're after signatures to limit the power of the government.

It's sad to see a system with such good intentions fall prey to the machinations of money moguls as they shamelessly purchase their government.

Direct democracy was implemented to give the government back to the people. Today, we see the shameless exploitation of this system to the detriment of our society and our government.

Ohlone embraces new political clubs

By ANDREW CAVETTE
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With an election year fast approaching, Ohlone now has three brand-new, politically minded clubs for students to join. The Ohlone College Republicans, Ohlone College Democrats and the all-inclusive Political Awareness Club were approved earlier this month.

In today's politically tense, partisan world, the formation of these clubs may seem like yet another attempt to isolate people into smaller and smaller niches, but each of the three clubs hopes to accomplish roughly the same goal. They all want to make students conscious of the issues that effect their lives and get them to be more active in the political world around them.

According to the club's application, the Ohlone College Republicans want to enlighten students about the characteristics of the Republican Party and establish an environment on campus where students with similar interests can meet. The club, which was established on Nov. 20, also wants to provide students with more opportunity to become politically active in the community. David Taube is the president of the club and John Kenney is the adviser. For more information e-mail Taube at: davidtaube@gmail.com.

Similarly, the Ohlone College Democrats, established on Nov. 13, will promote the ideas of the Democratic Party and encourage students to become more politically

active. The club wants to provide arenas to discuss the current issues in American politics regarding international relations. Some of the activities the club plans to sponsor include: grassroots campaigning, voter registration and as hosting debates. Alex Hilke is the president of the club and Dr. Alan Kirshner is the adviser. For more information email Kirshner at: akirshner@ohlone.edu.

The Political Awareness Club is designed to promote political awareness on campus and provide information on many candidates regardless of political party. The club hopes to host several open forums with candidates from different parties and arrange student meetings with local representatives. Gurlene Kocher is the president of the club and Shirin Maskatia is the adviser. For more information email: smaskatia@ohlone.edu or call Ex. 7437.

For information on how to form a new club at Ohlone, contact Renee Gonzales at (510) 659-7311.

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Midnight magazine to be released Dec. 5

The *Midnight* magazine staff is about to release the Fall semester issue of their magazine on Dec. 5.

The staff will distribute magazines from a table in the Quad at noon. There will be no charge for this semester's issue. And as if that weren't enough, the magazine release will also include free food and a D.J.

The magazine was designed to place an emphasis on culture and the arts, thus the magazine's authors have filled the latest issue with reviews of food, music, fashion and urban legends such as Sunol's White Witch.

This is the second edition since the magazine was revived last semester.

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Art exhibit explores Ohlone history

By **INEZ BLACK**
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Since January 2006, founding faculty, staff and classified personnel sorted through thousands of documents, news clips, photo albums and negatives to assemble the 40-year chronology of Ohlone.

After learning of the project, Walter Halland, the original photography instructor, contributed materials, as did many others.

Ohlone opened its doors in September 1967. To commemorate the 40th anniversary of Ohlone, President Doug Treadway wanted the Ohlone Archive Project Committee to have its exhibition earlier, but previous Louie Gallery commitments prevented this.

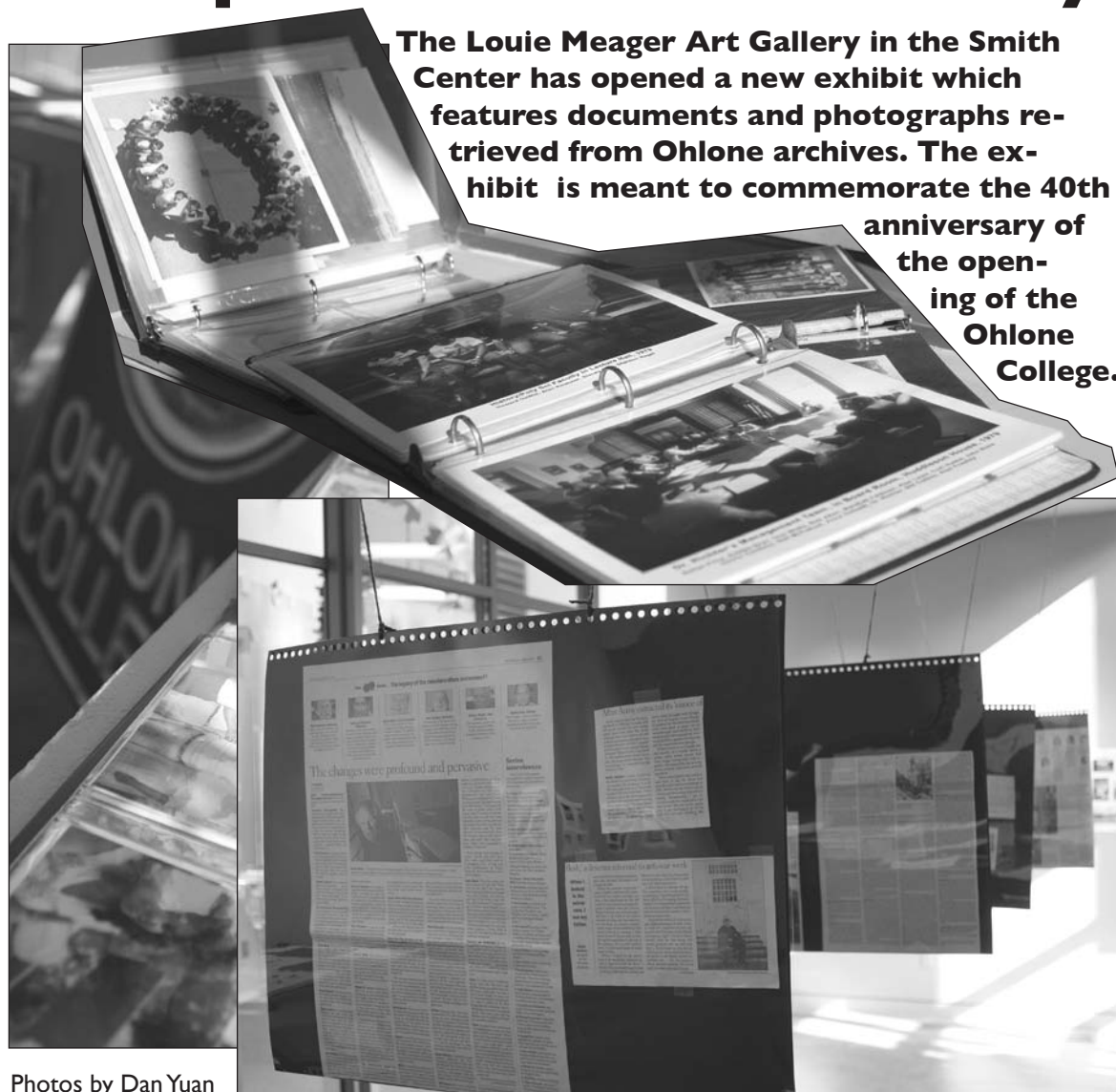
According to the exhibit, classes were initially held at the Serra Campus of Ohlone while the Ohlone campus was being built. The Serra Campus was across Mission Boulevard (then called Vallejo) and down Washington, at the site of the former St. Mary's of the Palms Girls Orphanage.

Recently discovered aerial photos of the Huddleson Ranch, the blue-ribbon Linda Vista winery, vineyard and orphanage were added to the exhibit.

A *San Francisco Chronicle* series describing the turbulent '60s and the "Summer of Love" was recently added to the exhibit.

Former Ohlone art instructor Barbara Hendrickson said, "Those suspended articles are from the May, 2007, *San Francisco Chronicle*. It was four days of intensive coverage of the 'Summer of Love' including pictures of the major characters of the time, the whole hippie stuff.

"When I saw it, I thought: this fits into the Ohlone Archive Project because that's when we started Ohlone... This series gives a feeling of the time.



Photos by Dan Yuan

The Louie Meager Art Gallery in the Smith Center has opened a new exhibit which features documents and photographs retrieved from Ohlone archives. The exhibit is meant to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Ohlone College.

"We suspended them so that people could read both sides and move between them."

Most of the photographs and documents of the historical growth of the Ohlone campus and programs would not exist today if it were not for Simon Barros, director of Building and Grounds.

The two previous administrations sent 10-15 large boxes of records to be destroyed without reviewing them for their archival relevance. Realizing this, he stored the boxes, and their existence became known when Shelly Nagel was writing his memoirs.

Hendrickson, curator of the exhibit, used her computer expertise to create posters of loose photos, and digitized most items.

There are photo albums, film negatives (with a light box for viewing) and memorabilia for review.

Thomas Bryan, videographer, created a video program of pictures and interviews.

The Deaf Studies Program made a film of the history of the Ohlone program. A monitor and bench are set up at the back of the gallery for viewing both.

The exhibit opened Nov. 27 and will continue until Jan. 29, 2008.

Gallery hours are noon to 3 p.m., Monday to Friday and during most Smith Center events.

There will be a special showing for Ohlone faculty, staff, classified employees and retirees at noon on Jan. 24, at the Louie Art Gallery. This will be accompanied by the Bob Bradshaw bi-annual BBQ in the LAM Plaza next to the Louie Art Gallery.

The new exhibit largely owes its existence to the following: Barbara Hendrickson, Elaine Nagel (wife of Shelly Nagel), Lois Ulrich, Jim Klent, Karen Rosenbaum, David McLaughlin and Simon Barros.



Devil's Advocate

By **ANNA NEMCHUK**
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Me, myself and my ego

I pride myself on being such an open-minded person that I keep having to stuff my brains back in.

The downside of this is that the only terra firma I have to stand on in an argument is the antithesis of itself - that there are no absolutes. One way or another, everything I write, speak and think comes down to this. This drove my math teacher bonkers. My science teacher just uttered a long-suffering sigh and directed me to the shelf on quantum physics.

I'll confess something; I'm terribly jealous of religious people. Ditto to scientists, politicians, lawyers and Jewish mothers. All of the above believe in something and, from that foundation, radiate like spokes of steel all the other convictions of their lives.

Whether it's a god, the immutable laws of nature, the unshakable belief that you know what's best for others, "Robert's Rules of Order" or the life-saving properties of chicken soup with matzoh, to truly place your faith in something is an amazing thing.

Alas, it is something I am incapable of doing. The closest I've come is the sort of firm, well-matured, pungent kind of arrogance Julius Caesar would have given his left nut for. In other words, above all else, I believe in myself.

Now, considering that most metaphysical teachings agree that the ego is the bit of the human soul comparable to an appendix - we don't quite know what it does or why we have it, we assume it had a purpose at some point, it tends to burst at inopportune moments and the best thing to do about it is exorcise 'till you drop - I figure I'm pretty much screwed.

I blame public television. All those nurturing, reassuringly saccharine cartoons about believing in yourself and the world will be your oyster with extra Tabasco have royally messed with my wiring.

My parents didn't help much, either. So they grew up with communism, did that give them an excuse to deprive their dear little spawn of blind devotion to church, state or at least uncouth business practices?

Actually, considering my truly titanic level of pig-headedness (my first word was "Give!" followed closely by "No!"), had my parents been shaven-headed monks from Tibet with devout scripture branded on their arses, I'd still be sitting here trying to figure out which commandment to break this week.

As to all you people with your ideals, morals, ethics, rules and principles: have at 'em. I'll stay snug as I am; the Devil's advocate gets the best seat in the house.

In the spirit of Voltaire, I may disagree with what you say, but I will fight to the death for your right to say it.

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Docents are grads

By **BARRY KEARNS**
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Carol Zilli is the executive director of the Music for Minors II organization. Zilli said that she is on the lookout for new volunteers to provide the role of docents and work in classrooms introducing children to music.

The organization has just finished with a class of docents on Nov. 14 and those docents will now teach at classrooms in the local area for the remainder of the school year. The next class for docents will be eleven weeks long and will start some time in mid September through mid November, those interested can find out more at the website www.musicforminors2.org. While

support these last twenty years has been great Zilli said, "We always need to recruit."

Zilli mentioned that one of her docents has been teaching music in classes for 17 years. Many of the docents are parents that follow their children as they advance from kindergarten to the sixth grade and most participate for two years.

Zilli said that the organization is looking for people that have some experience with children, a love of music and a sense of beat and pitch, but she was quick to add that she doesn't want to discourage people interested that may not realize their own musical abilities.

Aside from the benefits involved with teaching music to children, Zilli added that there had been occasional breakthroughs in the development of children due to the presence of the docents and the influence of music. Zilli said that the organization has just recently branched out to the Castro Valley area and is looking to expand to Hayward as well.

The organization is planning a celebration to mark its 20-year anniversary, to be held Feb. 9, 2008 at 7 p.m.

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