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The Clicker question

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“Clickers,” also known as Classroom Response Systems (CRS), are at the forefront of new educational technology. The devices, about the size of a small remote controller (a little bigger than a business card), have been the source of some contention at Ohlone, with some wanting to purchase the devices with school funds and others disputing their usefulness in the face of their at-times limited use and nonfunctionality.

Math, Science and Technology Coordinator Yvette Niccolls and Adjunct Biology Instructor Angelique Walt are requesting a grant for \$999 to pay for a set of 30 clickers that could be shared among the science faculty at Ohlone. The two gave a presentation at the ASOC meeting on Tuesday. After some ASOC members expressed concern over the functionality of the devices, the decision was postponed until next week.

Niccolls has been working with a representative from clicker manufacturer Cengage Learning for several months. As is, the clicker comes bundled (at a lesser cost than buying the unit separately) with textbooks for general chemistry courses CHEM101A and 101B, and for Preparing for General Chemistry (CHEM-102).

The nursing and math departments have purchased batches of clickers with their own funds, at the special rate of \$999. This offer was extended to Niccolls as well, but funding wasn't available at the time, and the deal expired on Jan. 31. The representative has re-offered a smaller batch—about 30 as

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Fremont hit with first homicide of year

By **ERIC DORMAN**
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A man was killed and another wounded when a group of party crashers fired into a crowd at a wedding reception in Niles Saturday night.

As of press time, police had arrested one suspect in connection with the shooting. The refused to release his identity.

Police identified the fatality as Francisco Sanchez, 35, of Livermore. Another unidentified man was shot in the stomach, but is expected to survive.

Niles Banquet Hall, the location of the shooting, is owned by Ohlone Trustee John Weed. Although he witnessed the shooting, he declined to comment on the details, referring all questions to the police.

“This is certainly a very tragic

incident,” said Weed, who has owned the hall since 1995.

The shooting occurred after a group of party crashers demanded entry to the reception about 8:50 p.m., according to Press Relations Officer Bill Veteran. After the group was denied entry, a fight ensued. One man from the group of crashers crossed the street to get a gun from his car, then proceeded to fire into the crowd of 20-30 people standing

outside the building, said Veteran.

Police are calling the incident gang-related, but the relationship between the shooter and the attendees is unclear. “I think [the shooter] was aiming at somebody, but the person they hit may not have been the person they were aiming at,” said Veteran.

The Banquet Hall, located at 37270 Niles Blvd. in Fremont near the Sullivan Underpass, is a popular

site for wedding receptions and parties. Built in 1929, it seats as many as 400 standing attendees. The attendance Saturday was estimated to be between 200 and 300 guests.

Weed has served on the College Board of Trustees for 30 years. The Banquet Hall is one of several properties he owns in the area.

Anyone with information on the shooting may contact the Fremont Police at (510) 790-6800.

ASOC welcomes new senators, plans music

By **BARRY KEARNS**
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The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) welcomed 10 new senators to their ranks this Tuesday. With the addition of the 10 new senators, the ASOC is now 23 members strong.

During the ASOC meeting, duties and expectations discussed with the new senators included their mandatory participation in two committees. The new senators to the ASOC are Rebecca Chao, Kuan-Chih (Allen) Chen, Cynthia Garcha, Fnu Hashmatullah, Exmeralda Leon, Aaron Moss, Farrah Naqvi, Isidore Niyongabo, Jorawer Parmar and Tina Sayadi. The structure and function of different parts of the meeting were also explained to the new senators.

ASOC President Tatyana Hamady announced that the fast food chain Chipotle

would be giving free food on Feb. 27 and 28 to students who presented an Ohlone Student ID. Hamady also announced that college staff would also be eligible for free food on Feb. 25 and 26.

The food choices range from burritos, to burrito bowls, salads and tacos. There are three Chipotle locations offering free food to staff and students: the Automall location, the Mowry and Paseo Padre location and also the Newark Boulevard, and Jarvis Location.

Board of Trustees Student Representative Ken Steadman outlined his plan to the ASOC for the live music events for the rest of the semester. The first event is planned for the afternoon of Feb. 28 and will take place at the Ohlone College Amphitheater. The bands arranged to appear on that day are Drunk in Public, Anthem and Dro-Gues for Feelings. Along with asking for assistance with the Live Music Committee, Steadman also made

a money request to fund the events.

The money request for \$5,000 consisted of \$1,500 for PA equipment and management, which includes video recording of the events, \$750 for food at the live music events, \$750 for promotional materials and \$2,000 for prizes for the bands performing.

Steadman explained the costs he expected to incur during the semester and said that some of the funds may not be used as he anticipates that some of the events might be rained out. Currently, Steadman has a pool of 40 or so musical acts that wish to perform at the upcoming events. He also said that from the experiences of last semester, the rental of PA equipment was necessary as the Ohlone equipment might not be able to handle the needs of the live performances.

Steadman said that he plans for six shows throughout the semester and that he would also like to see these events become a way

for the ASOC to create fundraising opportunities. Steadman added that he plans to get coverage from the various media outlets in Ohlone College, as well as the local *Argus*. The \$5,000 amount will represent 21 percent of the ASOC's spending budget for the semester.

The ASOC has also received a written agreement in regards to the use of Room 1200 in the Newark Ohlone Campus in exchange for their donation of \$50,000. In return for the amount of money they have pledged, the ASOC is expecting to get \$20,000 to furnish the room. The written agreement, which was received last week, will be discussed and voted upon next week.

ASOC Adviser Debbie Trigg made a money request for the amount of \$6,721.38 for the purchase of a new Student ID card-making device that would be placed in the

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