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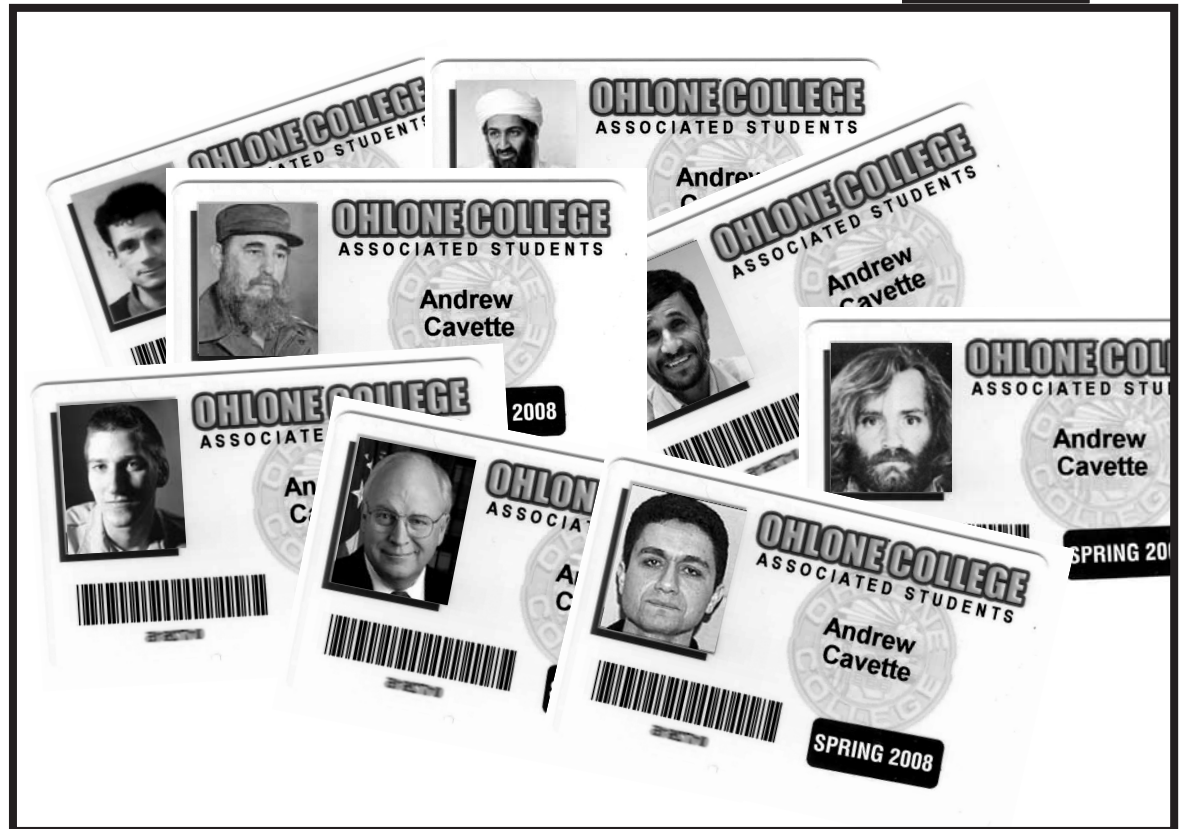


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**Yes, Andrew, they look fine.
I still don't think you're going to fool anyone.**

OPINION

Be less dismissive & less trusting of food staff

By **KYLE STEPHENS**
Staff writer

Often, people are two separate things that, when combined with food, lead to unpleasantness. They are simultaneously too dismissive and too trusting of food service staff.

I work at a local food service business. We have a glass display case to show off our wares. Despite my chronic warnings, children frequently abuse this display case. I don't know what compels the wee ones to use a breakable surface as a drum, but perhaps they know

more about rhythm than I do. I tell them not to bang on the glass. I tell them for their safety, but I also tell them for the sake of their parents' wallet, lest Mom and Dad come to spend \$2.29 on food and leave \$4,000 lighter.

Just the other day, one woman's two children were practicing a well-intentioned impression of their favorite red, hairy, drumming Muppet. I told them not to bang on the glass. The mother heard me and got indignant about my "startling" her 4-year-old son. Then she gathered the little animals and left in a huff.

It's really too bad she left so quickly. Had she stayed long enough, I'd have let her know the following:

Madam, once you place an order, the lowly server is alone with your food before you receive it. In this gray nebula of time, out of your sight, out of your control, who is to say what strange and interesting things may find their way into your order.

Perhaps, if you are polite, if your child behaves and shatters nothing, the server will add nothing extra to your meal. However, if the server was offended by your behavior,

if you snipped indignantly at him rather than controlling your child, you might leave with a much fuller stomach than you realize.

Not that I, personally, would ever maliciously add ingredients to something I was working on (I'm a good kid – an Eagle Scout, no less), but think about every other place you have eaten.

Do they also employ such an upstanding young lad as myself? Perhaps, but if not and you do something to annoy one of these "slightly more vengeful" workers, you may get more than you paid for. Soup à la Fight Club doesn't seem

too far off now, does it?

Of course, you can mitigate the chances of bad things happening to your meal if you just play nice and assume good faith when someone is trying to stop your child from hurting himself. I think we all can agree a face full of glass is more traumatic than getting told off for touching something you shouldn't.

In the end, what favors are you doing protecting your children... from protection? If you're the only one who's allowed to discipline and keep your progeny safe, how will they fend on their own?

Internships important part of college education

By **ANDREW CAVETTE**
Opinions editor

I am an old man of 30 years and, despite this fact, I am going to ask that you trust me. I have been to college, received a degree and afterward spent many hours under florescent lighting at the office. I've done what you're about to do.

College is important, but it gets you to zero. Again, for clarity: college is very, very important and you should give it every ounce of yourself, but your efforts will get

you a piece of paper. This piece of paper, no matter how hard you wave it around in the air, will look remarkably like every other piece of paper tumbling in the breeze.

If you are pure and strict in your academic pursuits, if you show up to class, do the assigned work, study for (and then take) all the tests given, you will do rather well in college when you transfer. However, a bachelor's degree from the best college in the world will only get you up to speed with the rest of the world and then it will stop; it will get you to zero.

You could get a higher degree, and it would be a more impressive

piece of paper, but the thing you should be doing right now (no matter what your field) the real trick to college...is the internship.

I have returned to college (with my cane and my false teeth) to do the one thing I forgot to do during my four years of college. Work.

Pursue any internship in your field, no matter how removed from your final goal it seems. Nag all five of your favorite professors about summer opportunities and speak often with Ohlone's fine collective of counselors about what they know. While you are here learning about the thing you want to do, try **DOING** the thing you want to do.

My peers are at the end of their "jobs" and at the beginning of their careers. Every one of them is where they are because they spent a decade working crap, do-nothing jobs within their industry. They got those crap, do-nothing jobs because in college, they had crap, do-nothing internships and impressed good people by doing well.

A friend of mine interned at three or four different magazines during college and got a lot of experience.

Once he got his degree, he worked for a few more magazines after college (among other things - prepare to be poor, kids). And now,

many years and many part-time writing jobs later, he is a senior editor for CNET.com. Without a doubt, he is there now because he has a degree, but he is also there because of his experiences outside of class.

I returned to Ohlone to work at the *Monitor* and then, through the college, to begin interning for newspapers and magazines. I now work at the *Argus* two days a week while keeping this page looking pretty. It is a lot of fun and a lot of work, but work is what it is all about. Work is what you'll spend most of your life doing.

Start now.

CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

What new piece of technology would you like on campus?



Ye Naing
BIOLOGY
"New computers."



Himujal Neog
SOFTWARE ENGINEERING
"More advanced parking permit machines."



Kirstin Vose
INTERNATIONAL STUDIES
"Solar power for the lights."



Eric Underwood
DESIGN / ART
"Flat screen lounge in Hyman Hall."



Jennifer Lin
NURSING
"Teleporters from the parking lot."