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Many ASOC spots empty

By MAXWELL STEPHENS
Staff writer

Last November, the ASOC claimed 20 parking spaces in Lot N for student use. Three months later, however, the spots are slow in filling, prompting the ASOC to widen the applicant criteria.

The parking spaces are located adjacent to Building 8, at the end of parking Lot N, on Anza Pine Road. Just a short walking distance from the main buildings, they would appear to be coveted spots, as closer parking is hard to come by.

Originally, 16 spaces were reserved for clubs: two for achieving athletes, one for the *Monitor* and one for an achieving student. Each of the spaces would be available for those who are active in clubs, sports and academics.

Due to lack of response, the spots have been reorganized to 10 spaces for clubs, two spaces for the *Monitor* and one student space. The rest of the seven spaces will be available for students who apply for them through the ASOC.

At a meeting Tuesday, the ASOC decided on the criteria for students to apply for the leftover parking spaces: the applicant must have a 3.0 or higher GPA, must be a full-time student and have a majority of classes on Ohlone's main campus. The applications will be available to students in the library, the ASOC office, Room 1130 and in the Campus Security Office by March 17.

Zuhul Bahaduri of the ASOC said that they will be advertising with posters, flyers and a mass e-mail to inform students when the applications will be available. The seven remaining spaces will be available for use to applicable students starting April 1. Students were given a chance to win a parking spot at last week's Club Days celebration. Only by visiting three different clubs and taking surveys were students eligible for the drawing.

If the spots are not filled by the first round of applicants, or if not enough applications are received, the ASOC will continue to take applicants until the spots are filled.

Though the ASOC claimed 20 Lot N parking spaces last semester, students are slow to claim the spots.

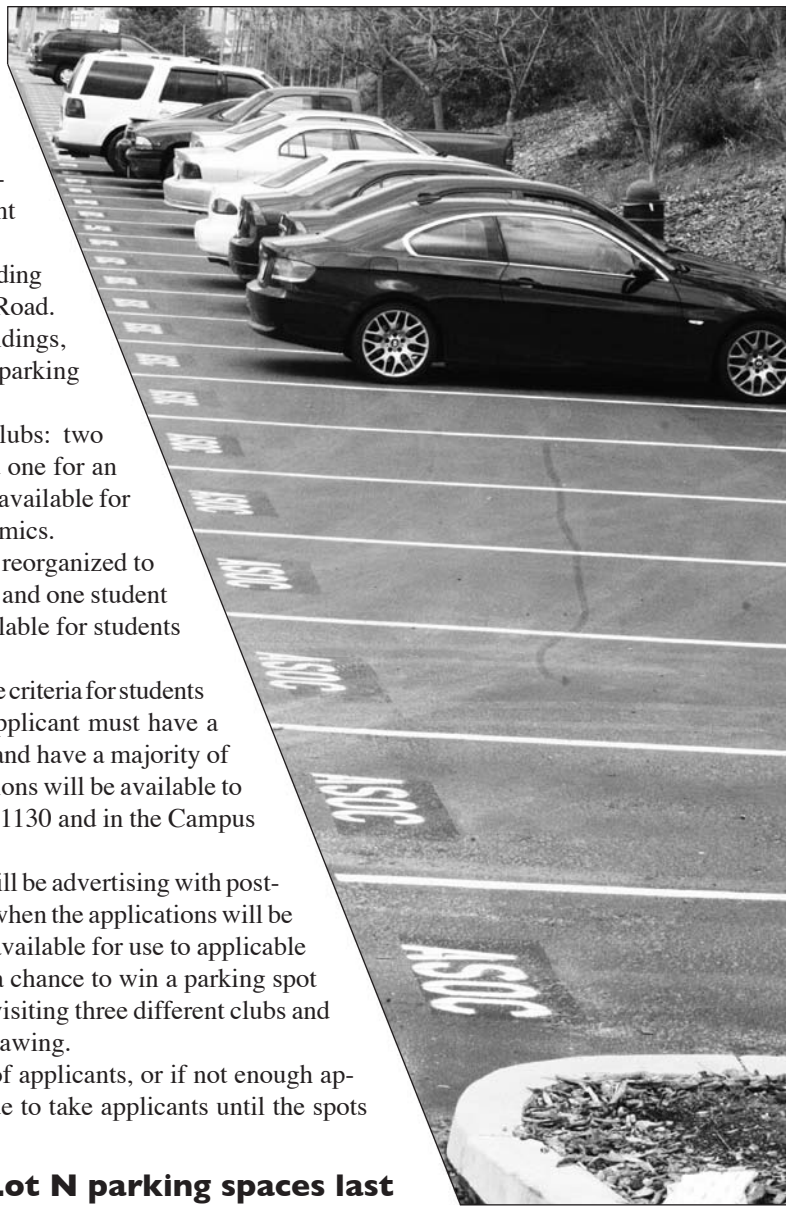


Photo by Maxwell Stephens

IT director to keep tech fresh

By KATHY SUNG
Staff writer

Bruce Griffin, Ohlone's new Information and Technology director, looks to change our technology and how we use it.

Since Jan. 7, Griffin has been working with Ohlone staff to change the different stages of technology, including ideas like better e-mail for faculty, a plan to replace computers, and other things as part of the Technology Master Plan.

Griffin graduated in 1993 from the University of Arizona and completed his MBA in 2001 at Cal State Los Angeles. Afterward, Griffin served as an on-site CIO for Claremont University and then San Berdino, where he was able to spend more than 10 years as a higher education information and technology specialist.

Griffin will be taking over Ralph Kindred's job and will help manage jobs such as training, WebAdvisor, and the air conditioning at Ohlone. Some exciting new changes include modification to WebAdvisor, the site all students use to register for classes. The technology department hopes to change WebAdvisor, from Datatel, to allow students to come back

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Photo by Andrew Cavette

**Bruce Griffin hopes to
shake up the technology
here at Ohlone.**

Board contemplates new parking structure

By JACQUE ORVIS
Staff writer

The College Board of Trustees updated future plans for a new parking structure on Fremont Campus and a new home field for the Renegades during their meeting Wednesday.

The Board's discussions about new parking focused on feasibility and funding.

More specifically, they discussed whether tax-exempt funding can be considered and if the building will attract enough revenue from students and faculty to cover the costs of construction. Ohlone's plan is for a three-story ramped structure near the Smith Center. After considering the demand from students and faculty and what support will be required by the new parking, the Board plans to resume talks in May.

The Board also discussed the possibility of adding solar panels to the roofing of the new building, but the recent updates have left that idea out of the picture. Solar panels will be revisited as a separate project.

Plans for a new baseball field have been updated, as well. According to the report, Ohlone is discussing a partnership with a stadium in Newark. Although this choice will involve working with the city of New-

ark for rezoning purposes, the report reveals that it is a less expensive and more feasible solution than creating a new field on Fremont Campus.

The process is still in the beginning phases. After considering team, classroom and event needs, discussion will continue concerning alcohol distribution at games, which is a primary revenue at public fields.

The Board will revisit the issue in April.

College plans for visit from accreditation team

By RYAN RICHMOND
Staff writer

Ohlone's upcoming visit by the state accreditation committee next week was a hot topic at the College Council meeting Monday.

The accreditation team, which visits every six years and determines whether the college will continue to receive state funding based on a week-long inspection, is scheduled to visit Ohlone from Monday, March 3 through Thursday, March 6.

Public forums will be Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Room NC2106 at the Newark Campus and Wednesday, March 5 at 9 a.m. in Jackson Theatre. The Chair will present the findings on Thursday, 1 p.m. in Jackson Theatre, then leave campus. The college will not know the final results of the examination until late June.

In addition to presenting a good face to the accreditation team, a team of college officials organized by Vice President of Instruction Jim Wright prepared a comprehensive self-evaluation, which addressed about 130 standards to be met by the college.

"We're in a really good position in terms of doing our homework," said Assistant to the President Sarah Daniels.

The council also discussed the budget and announced that mid-year cuts have been avoided. The assembly and the senate are working on their response to the governor's budget proposal for 2008 and 2009. The expected deficit is rising as well.

There will be an update to the college "Master Plan" by the end of the 2008 year. Some things discussed during the meeting include several changes for the upper campus, including moving the physics and engineering lab from Building 6 to Building 8 and transplanting the ASL lab to Building 6.

There was talk about updating the library, a new science center, and a new entrance to the Smith Center. This could all take place while school is in session, though a specific date was not mentioned.

The council also discussed this year's increased international student enrollment. In 2006, only 63 students came to Ohlone with an F-1 student visa. This number increased to 87 in 2007 and grew even further to 190 students this year, netting the college about half a million dollars this semester from increased foreign student enrollment alone. Foreign students, who are required to take at least 12 units, make up about 1.7 percent of Ohlone's enrollment.

In addition, the council discussed increasing Ohlone's own study-abroad programs. There was significant funding for more programs, allowing more Ohlone students to study abroad, and the number of locations at which to do so is also being increased.



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OPINION

The absence of a free speech area on the Newark Campus troubles the Monitor staff. We would like to donate this space to the district.

Ohlone should promote tolerance with GSA club

By DANIELLE RIVERS
Photo staff

I have noticed one club that is missing from Ohlone's club roster. A club that is very important to me. According to the Spring 2008 Student Club contact list there is no Gay-Straight Alliance at Ohlone.

The GSA has been in my life for four years now. GSA was a big part of my high school and therefore it was a big part of my experience there. I believe that whether you are straight, gay or bisexual, you deserve to be treated exactly the same as everyone else.

The GSA works toward that ideal and that is why it became an important part of my life. GSA

Network was founded in 1998 to encourage young activists to start Gay-Straight Alliance clubs and fight homophobia and transphobia in schools.

GSA Network began working with 40 GSA clubs in the San Francisco Bay Area during the 1998/'99 school year. The organization quickly expanded and by 2001 GSA Network became a statewide organization.

No one is treated fairly in today's world and this intolerance still happens at schools and colleges around the world. I think that everyone should become an unashamed member of the GSA because it would show everyone that you are an open-minded person, that you

accept everyone as they are and that you are willing to stand up for those ideals.

When I joined the GSA, I was teased and made fun of every day. I used to live in Sonora, which is a small, family-oriented town. Don't get me wrong, the size of my hometown was a good thing and I loved living there, but no one seemed to be open to change.

The people who lived there were very closed-minded and not receptive to change in any way. Their intolerance affected me and, in my own life, I have tried to move away from that kind of thinking.

I hate the fact that some people think it is okay to use malicious words to make others feel bad

about who they are.

Today, as far as we think we have come, as much as we would like to believe that we live in a tolerant, progressive society, you can still go from school to school around this country and find students, proud members of GSA, who are ridiculed and often cruelly teased simply for believing that everyone should be treated as equals.

I think that a GSA club would be a good thing at a community college. It would give students, faculty and staff the option to join a club that not only benefits the people around them but also could make them feel better about themselves.

I think that Ohlone College should have a GSA club on campus.

I personally know enough people who would be interested. If you start one, we'll join you.



For information on how to form a club on campus, contact Renee Gonzales at: 510-659-7311 or via email at rgonzales@ohlone.edu.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

ER woes stem from broken health care system

DEAR MS. NEMCHUK:

As a registered nurse for 33 years and the Director of the Ohlone College Registered Nursing Program I find your article neither amusing or funny.

You have experienced what thousands of people experience on a daily basis. You are a victim of the poor health care system which

is offered by the United States.

Hundreds of thousands of people trek to the Emergency Department of their local hospital because they can not afford to pay insurance premiums and access to primary care physicians.

Emergency Departments can not turn away patients when they seek medical attention.

Even those with insurance oftentimes abuse the Emergency Department when they should be

seeing their personal primary care physicians.

Additionally, I find it a personal assault to nurses and the nursing profession when remarks such as yours are written.

If you would like an education on what the role of the nurse is, the years of education and the rigorous schedule these students undergo, I invite you to visit our nursing program.

I understand "freedom of the

press exists" but at whose expense?

DR. GALE CARLI,
Interim Dean, Health Science
and Environmental Studies

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The *Monitor* agrees that freedom of the press exists and considers it a freedom to be upheld at any expense.

The *Monitor* welcomes all letters to the editor.

We encourage students, faculty and staff members to voice their opinions.

You may deliver your letters to Room 5310 or email your letters to monitor@ohlone.edu.

CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

Ohlone Staff Edition

If you were president of Ohlone, what would you do first?



Kathleen Schoenecker
DSPS INSTRUCTION ASSISTANT
"Listen to the students and faculty and then address those concerns."



Nathan Brown
BUSINESS SERVICES SYSTEM ANALYST
"Meet with the staff and get to know them personally."



Kelly Abad
EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO VP MIKE CALIGARI
"Get a handle on the budget."



Marlene Rose
CENTRAL SERVICES SUPERVISOR
"Raises for classified staff."



Frances Fon
TRANSFER CENTER SPECIALIST
"Bask in the glory of that office."

Live video of game airs for first time

By TSETEN DOLKAR
Staff writer

The Ohlone Men's Basketball game against Chabot was broadcast live over the Internet Saturday, the first time the video of an Ohlone game was broadcast over the web.

Ohlone's TV Department's Technician and in-house producer Misty Ty said the program's "intention is to transition to TV." Ty believes "Ohlone's TV program's so wonderful that it can support" live sports coverage.

Non-home games cannot be watched live because the webcast is reliant on Ohlone's equipment system. Ty hopes to form a production team to cover away games, but there is no definite plan.

If all goes well, the games will be uploaded onto the web so that students can watch past games. This helps the players better understand the system because they can, as Ty said, "reverse and review plays."

The webcast's longevity is indefinite because for this program to last and be successful, Ty needs help from sponsors and broadcast students. Currently, the live webcast is run by a camera crew of four and two commentators, Tomas Ortega and Alexis Lenae Nelson. Ortega is sports editor for the *Monitor*, and launched Ohlone's first live audio broadcast on Jan 5.

Nelson, a broadcast major, began her stint as co-commentator on Feb 23. Ortega needs more students to come forward and help. Nelson and Ortega wish to cover all sports but are restricted because of the lack of internet coverage outdoors.



Photo by Pei Ju Chen

A camera crew follows the game Saturday as part of Ohlone's first attempt at airing a sports game live over the Internet.

Athletic Director Chris Warden sees the webcast as a "great educational value" and hopes it will generate wide student response and interest in sports.

Warden, whose own parents watched the game from Seattle, said he is excited about this "amazing event" that puts Ohlone College on a "global venue."

Specific basketball games that will be covered will be announced on the Ohlone College Men's Basketball webpage at www.ohlone.edu/org/athletics/mensbasketball.

Earth Day plans weighed

By KYLE STEPHENS
Staff writer

Environmental Sustainability Coordinator George Rodgers held a briefing on the state of affairs for sustainability at Ohlone Friday. Representatives from the ASOC, as well as various Ohlone staff members were present.

The topic at hand was the upcoming LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) accreditation and the inspection team coming to certify such. As it stood at the time of the meeting Ohlone, by Rodgers's reckoning, was "a mess," and needed immediate attention to rectify the situation. Tuesday morning, he supervised a campus-wide cleanup.

Also discussed were plans for Earth Day events at both Ohlone campuses. ASOC Treasurer Kevin Feliciano and Student Af-

fairs Volunteer Renee Gonzales, both present at the meeting, recalled past Earth Days and proposed plans for the future. Hosting notable speakers and making the "day" spread over several was discussed. In an example of sustainability applied as broadly as possible, t-shirts for the event will not likely be available, as they are not a necessity and their adverse environmental impact would outweigh any good results - as Rodgers pointed out, these promotional items would not likely be used beyond the time of the event itself.

Rodgers laid out plans for managing the Sustainability Task Force in the event he and a group of students go on a trip to Sydney, Australia (pending enough students signing up) Sept. 6 to Nov. 30, 2008. Two members of the Force would co-chair the group, though Rodgers would still have the final say, communicating by way of email, or teleconferencing.

No free speech in Newark

By KYLE STEPHENS
Staff writer

The Ohlone Newark campus currently has no designated free speech area, a potential infringement on First Amendment freedom of speech rights. The ASOC has tentative plans to establish an area at the Newark campus, according to Assistant Vice President Leta Stagnaro.

Free speech areas are a way for college campuses to regulate the demonstration of free speech. As it stands, the Ohlone College ASOC has rules that designate the specific free speech area, what can and cannot be done by speakers within the space, and its allowed hours of use.

Free speech areas are controversial in that some say their very existence is an abridgment of free speech, that the first amendment grants freedom of speech to the geographic entirety of the nation. The areas exist in the first place, however, because demonstrations have the potential to get out of hand, disrupt classes and antagonize students.

The Fremont campus has its free speech area located at the base of the stairs by the Palm Bosque.

ASOC debates, then postpones clicker decision

By BARRY KEARNS
Staff writer

Spending and financial planning were the order of business for the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) at the meeting Tuesday. While processing several money requests, the ASOC discussed their responsibilities to the students and the best way to serve them throughout the semester.

The clicker discussion continued with Math, Science and Technology Coordinator Yvette Niccolls and student David Dorsa speaking on behalf of the clicker technology and its benefit in the classroom. Niccolls argued that some of the students that could benefit from the clickers in classes with textbooks that did not come with the clicker bundle would have a hard time affording the \$52 the clickers cost. When

asked about what would be done in classes larger than 30 where not all students might not get a clicker Niccolls said that she would not use a clicker in those classes.

ASOC members also asked Niccolls why the money for the clickers, which would be of significant benefit to the science courses, was not granted through department funding.

Niccolls explained that a request for funds had been denied from the department as well as the President's office and the Vice President's office.

Board of Trustees Student Member Ken Steadman proposed a clicker drive to lessen the cost of the clicker system for the science department. A decision regarding the clickers has been postponed until a later time.

Also discussed by the ASOC was

the placement of more picnic tables on the campus for students. While it was generally agreed upon that the picnic tables were beneficial for the campus, the ASOC's cost seems rather high. Further discus-

sion and a decision were put off until next week.

The ASOC also took a vote on the Student ID card making machine for the Newark Ohlone Campus money request.

While discussing the matter, Steadman said, "What choice do we have? That's how we get our money." The ASOC voted to approve the money request for \$6,721.38.

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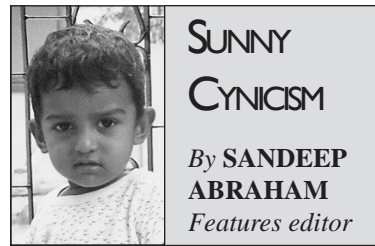
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By SANDEEP
ABRAHAM
Features editor

Greening of the faith

It's been a long time since I've gone to church.

It isn't because the messages get too repetitive or because my fellow churchgoers get annoying in their optimism and single-mindedness. No, it's none of that, not anymore.

The only reason I haven't gone to church in so long is simply because...I sleep through my alarm.

Though I'm glad I went last Sunday. The message was about something I had never expected I'd hear preached about in an American church: the environment.

Well, it was actually about materialism and how even in a war, the almighty dollar holds sway in our hearts and minds. But the environment figured somewhere in there and since it was the part that held my attention longer than anything else, it became to me the focus of the sermon.

I'll be honest. Being environmentally unfriendly is just much easier, much more satisfying. At least it feels that way when I'm speeding across town to get to class, with an non-recyclable plastic water bottle in my hand and a 12-page paper (4 pages of pictures) in my backpack. Oh, and I love meat.

Yeah, I know all about the sasquatch-sized environmental footprint I'm leaving and I know I could be living a lot more environmentally consciously, but it's just so hard. It's just so antithetical to the typical college student's lifestyle, given a huge workload and a dose of ambition enough to induce insanity. Silly things like the environment tend to fall by the wayside in light of that.

But, believe it or not, my faith is important to me and now it seems even God has gotten on the environmental bandwagon. Ok, I kid. I'm sure He's the one driving the bandwagon. And the sermon wasn't what got me all hot and bothered over the environment. It was a video my pastor showed to accompany it.

It was a clip from the website www.storyofstuff.com and that's precisely what it was: a story of stuff. The stuff we use, the stuff we import, the stuff we buy, the stuff we dispose of, the stuff over which our nation wages war. Annie Leonard (Some environmental celebrity? Not sure.) narrated it and did for me in 20 minutes what a Social Problems professor did in a semester.

It's a brilliantly organized website and while I usually am vehemently against what I consider the mindless laziness of "awareness," this brand of awareness bore no hint of either mindlessness or laziness.

So now with God and country both in cahoots with the EPA, I just might be tempted to change my evil ways.

Hell, dare to dream, right?

Competing through calculation

By ANDREW LE
Staff writer

Prodigious minds and gifted math wizards unite again this Friday, March 7, for the Student Math League national competitive examination. It will take place in HH-218 from 5:20 to 6:20 p.m. Ohlone College hopes for a large turnout of the most confident mathematicians on campus, for the top five scorers of this examination will determine Ohlone's team score.

The top six scorers will have the opportunity to represent the college at the upcoming calculus-level Mathletics competition in April, where they will seek greater fame and prizes. Though the final reward of the competition in April is unknown, the top five scorers of the examination will receive \$50 each for their participation and achievement. The ASOC will also award cash prizes to the sixth and seventh runners up.

Those who are interested in taking the examination may be aware of a large Math League support group that exists on campus to help those who aspire to succeed in the examination as well as with further competitions. The support group meets regularly, and Math League advisor Geoff Hirsch describes it as "...what we're all about: enthusiasm for mathematics, teamwork, having a good time [and] taking leadership roles." Ohlone College continues to place among the highest in the national competitions, hoisting David

Pan, who tied for 30th place in all of the United States in the November exam, on its shoulders.

Hirsch added that David Pan formerly scored a 10.0 on the examination, and has since improved his score to 30.0, out of the "perfect and rarely achieved 40.0."

Hirsch welcomes bright, interested students to attend the Math Club's final preparation, on Friday, Feb. 29, from 5:20 to 6:20 p.m. in HH-218.

Additional preparation can be found at www.amatyc.org/SML/old-competition-questions.htm,

where one will find old SML exams to practice with. Hirsch suggests preparing by starting with the most recent exams first. General information for prospective participants can be found at the official Math Leagues website, www.mathleague.com.



Photo courtesy of Geoff Hirsch

Mark Abubekarov, Terrance Lee, Sharon Chi Wing Li, Novy Tjokro, Thomas Hamilton, Jonathan Hirschberg, Viet Nguyen Jonathan Zimmerman, Jakk Wong and JinYi Sun watch as David Pan writes out a math problem.

Ohlone to attend Spring Convergence

By SANDEEP ABRAHAM
Features editor

Come Friday, 25 Ohlone students will be representing the college at Spring Convergence 2008, hosted by the California Student Sustainability Coalition (CSSC). An event independent of any official Ohlone administrative endorsement, Spring Convergence 2008 will take place at UC Santa Barbara and will feature workshops on a variety of heated topics concerning the environment.

The CSSC began in 2003 as an organization dedicated to encouraging students in California's colleges

in environmental and ecological activism. Spring Convergence 2008 is one of two convergences CSSC holds each year.

Anticipated workshop titles for this year include "The Next Salt Marches - Action for Climate Justice," "End the War, Build the Alternative," "Localize: Running a Successful Green Campaign at Your Campus," " and "Power Analysis and Strategy for Sustainability Policies in the Community College System." The Convergence, over a period of 3 days, will bring together 248 students from 8 Universities of California (Berkeley, Los Angeles, San Diego, Davis, Riverside, Irvine,

Santa Cruz), 10 California State Universities (San Francisco State, San Diego State, Chico, Fresno, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly Pomona, Sacramento State, San Jose State, Sonoma State), 10 California Community Colleges (Ohlone, Santa Barbara City, Los Angeles City, Pasadena City, De Anza, Columbia, Orange Coast, Community College of San Francisco, Cabrillo, El Camino) and 4 private universities (St. Mary's College, Santa Clara University, Chapman University, Whitman College).

Spring Convergence 2008 was organized and put together by Suzanne McNulty, a graduate student

at San Francisco State University.

The event is entirely free to students provided each student brings his or her own sleeping bag, eating utensils, pillow and toiletries. Students will be provided free housing, either in the form of UCSB campus dorms and rooms in the student center or through voluntary outdoor "camping." Ohlone students have opted to stay indoors.

The primary objective of the Convergence will, however, be the unification and collaboration of California's college students in hopes for means by which California, at least at the collegiate level, will strive for sustainability.

Kitka to perform in Smith Center

By ELISE LEON
Staff writer

Kitka will be performing at Ohlone College on Saturday, March 1 at the Smith Center.

They recently released a new CD called Sanctuary, a mixture of a cappella and folk music.

Kitka means "bouquet" in Bulgarian and Macedonian.

The group was founded in 1979 in Oakland.

The group currently includes Zlatka Baneva, Leslie Bonnett, Bridget Boyle, Shira Cion, Catherine Rose Crowther, Juliana Graffagna, Phoebe Jevtovic, Janet Kutulas and Natalia Ukrainka.

The group has performed at the Ohlone Smith Center a few times in the past.

Three of Kitka's members were

at Ohlone this past week for a workshop at the Smith Center. Approximately 40 students attended the event. The vocalists shared with the participants their techniques and history with Kitka.

"It's an experience!" stated Christopher J. Booras, director of theatre operations at Ohlone. He described the group as harmonic chanting while an associate mentioned similarity to yodeling.

Kitka's music can be heard at www.kitka.org, which also has information and updates on their future performances in the area. Donations to Kitka can also be made on their website. They even have a MySpace page.

The Smith Center is offering a special deal for those who are interested in attending the performance this Saturday; if you mention this



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Kohlmoos

Kitka and their music are world-renowned.

article to the box office cashier, you will get a \$5 discount at the door.

The Kitka performance will begin at 8 p.m.

Daffodil Days for cancer funds

By **TSETEN DOLKAR**
Staff writer

Daffodil Days is the American Cancer Society's (ACS) annual campaign that brings hope to the fight against cancer, which affects one in two American men's and one in three American women's lives.

Daffodils, one of the first flowers of spring, symbolize renewed hope that one day we will live in a world

free of cancer. This spring marks the campaign's 35th anniversary and over the past 13 years alone, it has raised more than \$200 million to fund much-needed research, cancer awareness and education programs, and enable advocacy for health policies that benefit the community.

Ohlone College's Social Ohlone And Recognition (SOAR) committee has raised \$1,290 as of Feb. 27

for the ACS, far exceeding its goal of \$1,000.

Beginning January, SOAR members have been taking in requests for daffodils that donors reserve online.

There is a variety of donation packages, ranging from \$10 to \$100 and donors can choose to send daffodils to friends and family, or anonymously have them sent to cancer patients. The committee

will be sponsoring a daffodils sales event in Building 1 and in front of the cafeteria on March 17. The daffodils' delivery will also take place during the same week.

Please reserve your daffodils and make your donations before Mar. 5 on the Daffodil Days webpage at http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR?px=1905586&fr_id=10468&pg=personal&JServSessionIdr004=3nly01ks01.app311a.



Devil's Advocate

By **ANNA NEMCHUK**
Editor-in-chief

Customers always wrong

Why is it most people seem to lose IQ points upon entering a store?

Different people, different dumb. But in most people's defense, we bear our crosses privately; in fact, any encroaching sale staff are generally snarled at. Browsing is a holy thing.

This is not, I've come to believe, a widely held attitude.

There are the harmless idiots. "Do you carry DVDs?" can be answered by a wordless pointing above the person's head at the DVD sign.

There are the persistent idiots. Customer: "But I just saw it here last year!" Clerk: "Nevertheless, madam, in the interim it seems to have vacated the premises."

There are the "Are you sure you CAN read?" idiots. Customer: "Where's the nonfiction section?" Clerk: "You see where it says fiction? That's where it's not. The rest of the store, however..."

There are the rude idiots. "Well, I walked in a minute before closing so I can browse as long as I want. You people are so unfriendly." That's right, lady 'cause we're actually a restaurant.

There are the hopeful idiots. "Ma'am, for the seventh time, we do not have a catalogue of our merchandise. If I were to stand on my head, wiggle sideways and whistle the national anthem through my ears, I STILL couldn't tell you whether we have that book."

There are the lecherous idiots. Customer, after providing his phone number for a return: "And you can call anytime, sweetheart."

There are the shameless idiots. "Lady, this book is a dollar. One. Dollar. No, you cannot get a further discount on that."

There are the parental idiots. "Oh, look, little Timmy's throwing books on the floor. Isn't that just precious?" Words fail.

I have a new motto. The customer is always dumb.

Chinese New Year in with a bang



Photos by Kyle Stephens

San Francisco celebrated the year of the Rat Saturday with a traditional parade despite torrential rain and wind captured by Monitor staff writer Kyle Stephens.



Rocking the hill

By **BARRY KEARNS**
Staff writer

Three bands will be performing at the Ohlone College "Rock the Hill" event at the amphitheater for the chance to win their own music video or other prizes. The event, which is the first of six planned for the rest of the semester, is the brainchild of the Live Music committee which has just received funding for the rest of the semester to make these shows possible. The PA system rented for the event boasts a 5,000 to 6,000 watt capability, making sure that no one will complain about the lack of volume. The three bands set to perform are "Jokes for Feelings," "Drunken Public" and "Anthem."

The show will be from 1 to 4 p.m. and food should be available for attendees. "Jokes for Feelings" is a punk/rock band from Oakland, "Drunken Public" is an alternative/rock band from San Francisco and "Anthem" is an alternative/rock, also native Californian. The band judges will consist of three Ohlone instructors. The first prize is a music video done by the broadcasting department of Ohlone College valued at \$1,500, the second prize is a \$300 gift card to Guitar Center and the third prize is a \$200 gift card to Guitar Center. Throughout the semester, the six events will showcase three bands as they compete for the prizes; there may also be a seventh event where the winning bands will perform once again.

Ken Steadman, who has spearheaded this event, also encourages anyone who is interested in performing or helping out to contact him or the Live Music Committee of Ohlone College.

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Students not taking advantage of aid

By **BRIAN CHU**
Staff writer

The number of Ohlone students applying for financial aid is noticeably lower than at a number of other two and four year colleges. This is also despite the recent noticeable upward increase in applicants for federal financial aid.

Out of the estimated 12,000 students at Ohlone, roughly 3,300 applied for financial aid for the 2007-'08 school year. At least 2,300 students so far have received a federal

grant of some sort. The average time it takes to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application is roughly 30 minutes.

"When I was working for the University of Chicago, 80-95 percent of students applied for financial aid. Here in Fremont, the number is ridiculously low," said Ohlone Financial Aid Director Deborah Griffin.

"People in this area automatically disqualify themselves because they believe since they can already afford education, they would not be able to get a grant - when that isn't the case," added Griffin.

The federal calculation system for FAFSA factors in an applicant's age, paying ability, amount taxed in previous years, contribution amount from parents and other related variables. The only prerequisite is that you must be a United States citizen, or have been naturalized in the United States.

Griffin encouraged all students to seek financial aid. "Ohlone students, please apply. We have money to give you for your education. The worst that could happen is that you get turned down. The best that could happen is that you could receive free dollars."

In response to the stereotype that applying

for financial aid is a long and hassle-filled process, Griffin responded, "we at the financial aid office are now making the process easier in an effort to get more people to apply. We are streamlining the process."

After a FAFSA application is completed, it goes into an inbox for the school that processes the forms every week. A return statement is sent in as little as three weeks later stating whether or not you qualified.

The Financial Aid office is located in the back of the Building 1 lobby. April 16 is financial aid awareness day and it will be held in the Quad from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New IT director to keep college tech fresh

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to school after skipping a semester without having to turn in another paper application. Eliminating the paper process will allow students to simply confirm their address in order to start registering for classes again.

Other than this change, the technology department is also in charge of things such as replacing old technology with new. With the present advances in technology, Griffin said the technology department is trying to develop a model to figure out how the technology will be replaced. One of the most common ways to replace the technology would be to start from the oldest and move on to the newest. The technology department would try to replace the oldest computers and, as the budget allows, replace

the machines little by little. The model would be a way to make sure that through budget changes, Ohlone's technology would still be up-to-date.

At Ohlone, Griffin will be processing absences, managing finances and supervising staff as well as working on the Technology Master Plan the Technology Committee has been formulating.

The Technology Master Plan stretches over a period of three years starting in the year 2007, to be completed in 2010. Issues that the Tech Master Plan addresses include making sure web courses are compliant with ADA, changing how people learn using distance education and upgrading WebAdvisor.

Although there has been an issue with outsourcing Ohlone jobs, Griffin will be handling the outsourcing

through a variety of ways. He believes that outsourcing is a positive thing because there are fluctuations in staff every year.

There are two types of outsourcing: that which takes place on a person-to-person basis, and that which adds "additional people or re-

sources from the outsourcing firm." This means that outsourcing would "create long-term value" because Ohlone is paying for several people and their knowledge combined. Griffin believes that participating in the latter type of outsourcing will allow Ohlone to take advantage of

the knowledge of a group of people rather than just one person.

When not updating technology, Griffin lives in Castro Valley with his wife, Marie, and his two-year-old daughter Isabel. Griffin's main hobby at the moment is "chasing a two-year-old" around.

Talk to examine engineering

By **ANDREW LE**
Staff writer

An SJSU professor will spotlight some of the practical uses of Industrial Engineering as well as job opportunities in the field at this Friday's Brown Bag Science Seminar from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Room 3201.

Dr. Yasser Dessouky, professor of Industrial and Systems Engineering at SJSU, will discuss practical applications of industrial engineering, the nature of industrial engineering and the job possibilities in the field. Supplementing the lecture will be five students from the Industrial Engineering department discussing why they chose to pursue the field, along with one alumnus. This seminar is particularly aimed at non-science majors who may not know which career path they wish to pursue.

Math, Science and Technology Coordinator Yvette Niccolls promised that the speakers will be

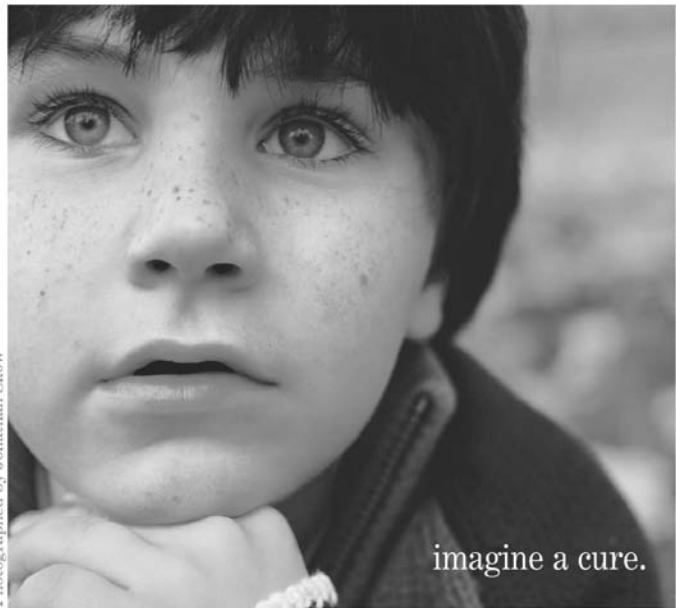
"fun and dynamic" and that "they renovated the room, so it will be quite comfortable." A concern voiced by Niccolls was that "some people are scared of engineering because it's theoretical" but that "industrial engineering is practical, not lofty."

The Brown Bag Seminar is part of a speaker series designed to expose students to innovations in science, issues and career opportunities. This is possible thanks to the efforts of the Brown Bag Seminar Committee, consisting of Niccolls, Math Professor Victoria Loukianoff and Associate Math Professor Mylene Pelimiano. Sponsored by the Science, Technology, and Academic Affairs Division and the ASOC, the seminars are always free and open to the public. The audience is invited to meet the speakers afterward and refreshments will be available on a first come, first serve basis.

The next Brown Bag Seminar will be held March 7 and will be on the larynx and the evolution of language.

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February

28 Softball -- Away vs. Foothill College @ 3 p.m.

28 Baseball -- Away vs. Gavilan College @ 2 p.m.

29 Brown Bag Seminar -- Industrial Engineering Department at SJSU will give a presentation to stimulate more awareness in engineering in Room 3201 @ 11:45 a.m.

29 Men's and Women's Swimming -- Away vs. Foothill College @ 2 p.m.

March

1 Baseball -- Home vs. Hartnell College @ noon.

1 Men's Basketball -- Regional Semifinal Playoffs. Time and place TBA.

1 Women's Basketball -- Regional Semifinal Playoffs. Time and place TBA.

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2 Ohlone Wind Orchestra: Wind in my Wings -- Concert in the Jackson Theatre @ 2 p.m. Buy tickets online or at the Smith Center Box Office.

3 Art Exhibit -- Eleanor Dickinson: Black Velvets & Dreams on display in the Louie-Meager Art Gallery until April.

3 College Council Meeting -- College Council will meet from 3 until 4:30 p.m. in Room 1307.

4 Baseball -- Home vs. Chabot @ noon.

4 Softball -- Away vs. SFCC @ 2 p.m.

4 Men's Tennis -- Home vs. Mission College @ 2 p.m.

4 Women's Tennis -- Away vs. CCSF @ 2 p.m.

4 Open Forum -- Open Forum with Accreditation Evaluation Team @ 2 p.m. in Room 2106 at Newark Campus

5 Open Forum -- Open Forum with Accreditation Evaluation Team @ 9 a.m. in the Jackson Theatre.

5 Faculty Senate -- Faculty Senate Meeting @ 3:30 p.m. in Room 1402.

5 Campus Tour -- The Ohlone College Peer Mentors conduct campus tours the first and third Wednesday of every month. Anyone interested in getting a tour should meet in the lobby of Building 1. Tours

will begin promptly at 4 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. Please make sure to wear comfortable shoes, as you will be doing quite a bit of walking!

6 Title III Project Staff meeting -- Meeting in Room 1407 @ 9 a.m.

6 Title III Monitoring Team meeting -- Meeting in Room 1407 @ 1 p.m.

6 Exit Report by Accreditation Evaluation Team -- Exit Report in Jackson Theatre @ 1 p.m.

6 Men's Baseball -- Home vs. Mission College @ 2 p.m.

6 Women's Softball -- Away vs. Mission College @ 3 p.m.

7 Last day to apply for Spring 2008 Graduation or Certificate of Achievement

7 Brown Bag Seminar -- The Larynx and the Evolution of Language @ 11:45 a.m. in Room 1302. Dr. Johnston will present a

lively talk on the biology of the human larynx. Its fascinating transformation is crucial to breathing in an upright position. It also enabled the wide variety of sounds that we humans make that led to language

7 Men's Tennis -- Away vs. DeAnza College @ 2 p.m.

7 Women's Tennis -- Away vs. DeAnza College @ 3 p.m.

8 Men's Basketball -- Regional Final Playoffs. Time and place TBA.

8 Women's Basketball -- Regional Final Playoffs (away)

8 Flea Market -- The Flea Market is held the second Saturday of each month throughout the year in Lot E and H. Parking is \$2.

8 Men's Baseball -- Away vs. SJCC @ noon.

9 Ohlone Wind Orchestra: Wind in my Wings -- Concert in the Jackson Theatre @ 1 p.m. Buy tick-

ets online or at the Smith Center Box Office.

11 Men's Tennis -- Home vs. Cabrillo College @ 2 p.m.

11 Men's Baseball -- Home vs. West Valley College @ 2 p.m.

11 Women's Tennis -- Away vs. Mission College @ 2 p.m.

11 Women's Softball -- Home vs. Chabot @ 3 p.m.

13 Men's Baseball -- Away vs. Cañada College @ 2 p.m.

13 Women's Softball -- Home vs. College of San Mateo @ 3 p.m.

14 Men's Basketball -- State finals. Time and place TBA.

14 Women's Basketball -- State finals. Time, place TBA.

14 Men's and Women's Swimming -- Cuesta Invitational. Time and place TBA.

14 Women's Tennis -- Away vs. Monterey Peninsula College @ 2 p.m.

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Ohlone beats long-time rival Chabot

By **TOMÁS ORTEGA**
Sports editor

Not much needs to be said other than the following: Ohlone vs. Chabot. Saturday night was the final game of the season for the Ohlone mens' basketball team when they hosted and beat the visiting Chabot Gladiators 76-66 in what was a hard-fought battle.

The first half of the game belonged to the Renegades, when they stretched their lead to the double-digit mark. They quickly began to see Chabot catching up throughout the first half, mostly because the Renegades' lack of presence with both offensive and defensive rebounds.

Ohlone's Alpha N'Diaye and James Hancock were almost a non-factor on the boards, as they were beat to every missed shot by either Chabot's Paki Brown or Chris Woodbury.

Ohlone's Head Coach John Peterson was not at all pleased with his team's rebounding in the first half, saying it was "horrible."

At the half, the Renegades led by five points until Chancious Rose hit a 31-foot jumper at the buzzer to put Ohlone up by eight.

Momentum was instantly shifted into the Ohlone locker room going into the half, seeing as all the Renegades were pumped up after the "lucky" shot by Rose, as Peterson put it. The irony of Rose hitting the bucket was that he hit the first and last shots of the first half for either team.

The second half of the ball game saw a resurgence of the Renegades on the glass. They did a much better job of boxing out Chabot's big men Brown and Woodbury, but they would eventually lose the lead and fall back by, at the most, six points.

The Renegades, who led most of the game, took the lead right back with quality shots by a number of players, including great plays down the stretch by freshman guard Tim Bowman.

Then, with 36 seconds on the game clock, James Hancock was called for a personal foul. Following the call on Hancock, Jared Bell of Chabot was given a technical foul for slamming the ball.

After he was T'd up, Chabot's



Photo by Pei Ju Chen

Leon Hart, 23, attacks the rim with a right hand in traffic Saturday.

Head Coach Denny Aye was given a technical for cursing at the previous technical. And the T-fest didn't end there. Paki Brown of Chabot was also given a technical foul.

So with the Renegades already leading by five, they had a chance

to seal the game via six technical free throws taken by Sophomore guard Amarildo Matos. He would hit five of six and put Ohlone ahead 76-66.

That would be the final score of the game. After the game, Peterson

said, "Well, when you only have six turnovers against a team that's already won 20 games, you're going to have a chance to win."

The Renegades host Cabrillo College Friday at 7 in the first round of the playoffs.



Unanimous decision
By **JEROME NEPACENA**
Sports writer

Warriors play big

It looked like the Golden State Warriors were on their way to another letdown game against a team they should've beat. In the first half, the Warriors' weaknesses were on full display.

Inconsistent outside shooting and the inability to really guard the paint or rebound hurt the Warriors as they gave up 42 points in the paint. Many of them came off of offensive rebounds and dunks by rookie stud Kevin Durant.

In the end, the Warriors were able to once again run and gun their way to a nice 105-99 victory against the Seattle Supersonics.

This win leaves them in sole possession of the 8th seed in the west, helped by a three-game losing streak by Denver.

As an avid follower of the Golden State Warriors, I was a little disappointed by the fact that they decided to stand pat at the trade deadline.

Picking up Chris Webber just wasn't going to be enough for the Warriors to solve their problems in the rebounding and inside defense department.

The fact that they were going to lose Center Andris Biedrins for about a week because of an appendectomy operation didn't help at all.

So if the Warriors were a small team before, they have gotten even smaller without Biedrins.

You might say well, it's just a week, but a week without your highest percentage shooter and your main interior defender might lead to some bad losses, like the ones against Atlanta and Minnesota. Golden State can't afford a streak of bad losses.

Timely shooting by players like Stephen Jackson and Al Harrington in the 4th quarter helped the Warriors pull away and push their lead to as far as 15.

All this whining about not making any moves to pick up an athletic big man who can protect the paint is now a moot point as the trade deadline has already passed.

The Warriors are left with really no choice but to ride out the rest of the season, and hopefully the postseason, with the current squad.

I'm not saying it can't be done, because it can. But the Warriors play their stars Baron Davis, Monta Ellis and Stephen Jackson so many minutes per game, that it may eventually hurt them. Once again, it can be done. The Warriors may be small, but they're tough and can play with any team if their shots are going down.

So here's to the Warriors making a run and bringing the sell-out crowds of yellow "WE BELIEVE!" shirts to the playoffs.

Baseball picks up

By **JEROME NEPACENA**
Staff writer

The Renegades have picked up their game after a few disappointing performances where leads were blown and grand slams were hit. Yesterday, the Renegades faced off against Canada College, whose 10-2 record was nothing to joke about.

However, the team stepped up and defeated the Colts 12-4 behind Sophomore pitcher Joe Gardner out of Fremont High School. Gardner gave up just 3 hits in 6 innings, including 7 strikeouts.

"Shane Murchison, Cory Krisman, Kurt Sherer and Ian Hoff combined to close out the Colts the

rest of the way," explained Head Baseball Coach Tom Kunis.

One of the biggest highlights of the game had to be David Luna, who hit 2 homeruns including a grand slam in a 6th inning that saw the Renegades bat in 9 runs. Luna also finished the game with six runs batted in.

When asked what he thought of his team's pitching this season Kunis said, "Our pitching has been slightly above average; our starting core and middle relief has been very good."

Kunis still feels as if the team needs to work on its closing relief which he says needs "immediate improvement."

Ball in ladies' court




Photo by Pei Ju Chen

Lea Knop heads the first-ever lady tennis team. They've started 0-3 this season.