

Meet the candidates running for next year's ASOC

The following candidates are hoping to become members of ASOC next year. Elections will be held April 29.



LAUREN BACA
Running for: Student Member,
Board of Trustees

Hello, my name is Lauren Baca and I am running for the Board of Trustees. The Board has taken great strides in making Ohlone a better college and with your help I would like to be a part of these positive changes and continue to make Ohlone a thriving environment. Prior to coming to Ohlone I held a similar position in my high school leadership program, so I understand the importance of this position and I accept the responsibilities that come with it. I ask for your help in giving me the opportunity to make our school a better place.



ZAHUL BAHADURI
Running for: Student Member,
Board of Trustees

Throw me a challenge and I'll go the extra mile to get it accomplished. Currently I am the ASOC Representative at Large and a Certified Student Leader. I'm also founder and Chair of the Parking Committee. Let's not forget my involvement in the College Council and holding several campus-wide surveys to represent the students' voice. Experience should not be the only factor in this election, but passion. Passion is the key for a successful Student Member Board of Trustees and I can provide that. So vote for me, Zuhul Bahaduri.



KEVIN FELICIANO
Running for: ASOC Vice President

My name is Kevin Feliciano and I'm running for ASOC Vice President. I joined the ASOC in Fall of 2007 as a Senator and within weeks was appointed ASOC Treasurer, where I reorganized the way ASOC handles its finances. I'm the organizer for Earth Week, Secretary of the Liberated Individuals for the Environment, Vice President of the Gay/Straight Alliance and the Secretary of the Inter-Club Council. I am deeply committed to serving the students. Your concern is my concern. My goals are to generate more student activities and enhance students' experience at Ohlone College. Vote for experience!



JUSTIN HAMADY
Running for: ASOC Vice President

I'm Justin Hamady! It's my 3rd year at Ohlone and I'm running for Vice President of our ASOC. As VPI I want to make your needs a reality. I will bring new life and a fresh perspective to the ASOC. I'm President of the Interact/Rotaract club, I'm the Special Events Coordinator of 5170 Interact District Council and I'm an experienced speech competitor. As Events Coordinators, I led a team of 20 to fundraise \$49,000 for educational programs in Tibet, Ghana and Panama. I'm confident my experiences will enrich ASOC and lead us to a successful year. Let's work together and believe in the power of "We."



JACKIE MCCULLEY
Running for: ASOC President

I am running for ASOC President. I began serving the students of Ohlone as a student government member two and a half years ago. As your ASOC Vice President, my experience includes: Inter-Club Council Chair, Academic Appeals Committee member, College Council member, Asian Pacific American Student Association Vice President and Treasurer, Senior Peer Mentor and ASOC Marketing Chair. I am dedicated to serving students. If elected, I will ensure the students' voice is heard by surveying students, hosting open forums and promoting awareness of student government activities.

Hanna: low-tech security threats are greatest risk

By CHEN LIN
Staff writer

Cybercrime was the topic of the Brown Bag Seminar presented last Friday by History Instructor Steve Hanna. The talk covered the threat of identity theft in both high and low-tech forms.

The idea for the original presentation came to Hanna after some faculty voiced privacy concerns concerning the distribution of birthdays through a staff mailing list, concerns which he believed were unwarranted. According to Hanna, most identity-theft crime is

carried out without the aid of technology.

"The point [of the presentation] is to help people learn enough about technological threats to protect yourself against the real threats and not the esoteric threats," said Hanna.

Included among the "esoteric," low-tech threats Hanna described in his talk were dumpster diving, social engineering and pick-pocketing. Hanna advised the audience to shred all sensitive information before discarding it.

Hanna also offered advice on how to safeguard private information on the internet,

by using complex passwords and avoiding fraudulent or unreliable sites. But, said Hanna, it's more important to be wary of low-tech threats. Having credit card information stolen is a thousand times more likely to happen with an unscrupulous waiter or waitress than over the internet.

Hanna also teaches the Cyber Crime class on campus, which he recommends for those students interested in learning more. The class, which is not available until next spring, is an Administration of Justice course designed for police officers investigating cyber crime.

For students interested only in modern cryptography, however, Hanna recommends the book "Crypto" by Steven Levy.

Friday's talk was Hanna's second Brown Bag. His first was in 1999, on the History of Science. He has no plans for any future Brown Bags, unless he is solicited for another.

The last Brown Bag of the semester will feature speaker Karl Allmendinger, a former astronomer who also teaches at the Alston Montessori school. The presentation will be about the construction of the Hubble Telescope. The talk will be held on April 18, in Room 3201 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Council focus: budget

By KYLE STEPHENS
Staff writer

Monday's College Council meeting focused on the ongoing construction, budgeting and legal affairs, the selection of a new college president and the progress of the Technology Committee's assessment and cataloging of school computers and related equipment.

College President Doug Treadway said the College Board of Trustees would be taken on a tour of the school grounds in the near future, namely the baseball/softball fields, in order to show the Board their current state and to illustrate their need for repair.

The college will also be getting new legal counsel after five years. Treadway said of this that the shift was good, a "change in expertise as times change."

As it stands, the state legislature has yet to produce a budget for educational funds for the state. The state assembly favors funding community colleges, while the senate sides with K-12.

In any event, the state budget deadline is June 30. Until then, California schools need to make their best guess as to how much money they will get and where. Funds are allocated for certain areas, like equipment or staff salaries, and these streams cannot cross.

One of the growing sources of income for the school is international students. International student fees, much like out-of-state student fees, are much higher than California resident fees, because these non-domestic and out-of-state students and their

families have not been indirectly paying for their education all their lives through taxes. International students, not being U.S. citizens, have not paid U.S. federal taxes, so their rates are even higher than out-of-state students. The important upshot of these funds is that they go directly to Ohlone, with no filtering through the hands of the state or national governments.

There will be a forum for the three finalists applying for the position of college president on April 14. The forum will be held in Room 2133 at Ohlone, and teleconferenced live in the Newark Campus in Room NC1100.

Technology Committee Co-chair Jeff O'Connell and IT Director Bruce Griffin were present to describe the state of affairs of Ohlone's technological arsenal.

They discussed a rating system for assessing existing and future computers, as well as the need for a budget-independent technology plan, which the rating system would facilitate.

As stated by O'Connell, the case inevitably occurred that someone needed new computers but funds were not available, and when the department happened upon funds, via grants or budgeting, they did not know how to effectively use the money.

Improvements and implementation of the Technology Master Plan (TMP), currently being revised and mentioned at the meeting by Griffin, will bring an end to this. For more information, see the Technology Committee Website at www.ohlone.edu/org/techcomm.

Steadman knocks foul-mouthed band off Hill



Photo by Japneet Kaur

The Rock the Hill concert was the scene of some tension Thursday after ASOC Student Member, Board of Trustees Ken Steadman, far left, asked the concert's second act, Claude Q. and the Eskimoe Boiz, to leave the stage halfway through the band's expletive-laced second song. Though Claude Q. himself and several band members left the stage immediately, three Eskimoe Boiz finished the song, even after the power to the amplifier was cut. The next Rock the Hill concert is planned for today from 1 to 4 p.m. in the amphitheater.