

ASOC approves *Midnight* funds

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The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) made plans for upcoming activities on campus while allocating funds for *Midnight* magazine and considering additional cafeteria funds.

Journalism Instructor Bill Parks appeared before the ASOC to hear the decision being made about the money request for *Midnight* Magazine. Parks appeared before the ASOC last week and mentioned that the magazine had won seven awards from the Journalism Association of Community Colleges; he said that his plan for funding would require \$5,000 from the ASOC, \$3,000 from the Ohlone Foundation and the remaining \$2,000 from annual advertising. The ASOC approved a money request for the amount of \$3,000.

Dan Zhou made a money request for the cafeteria. The money he requested would go to replace the antiquated and often filthy microwaves in the cafeteria.

In a survey taken last semester, 85 percent of the students who filled out the survey indicated that they would like to see new appliances in the cafeteria. Zhou also pointed out that it is the responsibility of the ASOC to keep the cafeteria in working order. Zhou showed some of the models that he had been considering for replacement with prices and reports on their reliability. He requested \$100.96 to replace the microwaves.

ASOC President Tatyana Hamady and ASOC Advisor Debbie Trigg made corrections to their money request for the upcoming Unity Week. Unity Week is a multicultural study presented through lectures, comedy and movies to highlight various cultures. The amount of \$2,100 was approved.

Yvanka Headley made a money request for the Spring Career fair. Headley has worked in the past at the One Stop Career Center and is now in her first year as a counselor at Ohlone College. The career fair happens every May, and will occur this year on May 7.

Headley would like to have the ASOC as a sponsor, to provide gifts and prizes. Headley also asked for help at the event, mentioning that participation "can add to a resume or repertoire." ASOC Vice President Jackie McCulley brought up the question of whether the campus would be busy on that day. The ASOC will vote on the money request next week.

Elections Committee Co-Chair Maria Louise Javier said the ASOC needs more publicity for their elections. Javier said that she might be planning a performance to attract attention on election day.

Farrah Naqvi spoke on behalf of the Live Music Committee and announced that Rock the Hill would have its finale next week. The event will be longer than the previous Rock the Hill concerts and Frenchie Davis is expected to perform.

The Parking Committee announced that they have received all the requests for parking spots in Lot N and are sorting through them at the moment.

Fair promotes health

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A variety of local community health and wellness-oriented organizations paid a visit to the campus Wednesday, to inform and educate students during the Spring Health Fair.

The main purpose of the event is to make Ohlone students aware of the health services in the area, which are made up of both free and commercial groups. Health concerns are often neglected by college students because of actual or perceived lack of funds and/or time to get appropriate medical attention, but ignoring those concerns can have long-term health ramifications.

Ohlone Health Center staff member Sang Trieu said the event was a good opportunity "for students to be made aware of the resources in the community."

Among the nonprofit organizations present were the Ohlone Health Center (coordinating with the Tri-City Health Center), the American Cancer Society, Washington Hospital Community Health Center and Resource Library and SAVE (Students Against Violence Everywhere).

Candy, brochures, flyers, condoms, miniature breasts for understanding self breast exams better, displays, promotional trinkets and many knowledgeable table staffers abounded at the event.

For more information about these groups and Ohlone's own health services, visit the Student Health Center in Building 16 or see their website at <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/healthctr>.

Ohlone hopes for some satisfaction from survey

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All students registered on the Ohlone WebAdvisor website were sent emails regarding a survey about their satisfaction with Ohlone College on April 4. Of those students, only 600 have responded so far, said Dean of Enrollment Services and Institutional Research Michael Bowman.

The student surveys are sent out every year and contain questions regarding the satisfaction of Ohlone students concerning everything on campus—from the landscaping to the level of instruction they get. According to Bowman, this survey, which is active until May 5, is a way to give "students a voice for their opinions."

Every year, the survey is sent out to gather

student opinions in order to ensure that they have a voice for future campus planning and upgrades. These surveys also serve as a way for other public agencies to evaluate the college and to "keep concerns of the student body before the college."

The questions in the student survey range from issues concerning student services to evening student services to campus safety. In order to include the recently completed Newark campus in the survey, some questions were aimed at comparing the two campuses and learning whether there were any things that could be improved on either campus.

There were also some questions concerning how safe students felt on campus; the questionnaire asked students to rate how important certain topics were to them. The survey mostly asks statements like "Courses

at Ohlone are preparing me for my educational goal" and requests a rating, from a strong yes to a strong no. In addition, students are asked whether or not that is something important that should be taken into consideration.

Bowman reminded students of the importance of updating their emails on WebAdvisor, as emails are the main form of communication between the school and student.

These surveys are conducted every year, and last year's results can be found at www.ohlone.edu/org/research/surveys.html. Bowman mentioned that "since the results are all posted on the Web, anyone can look at them."

These surveys can be the basis for great change at Ohlone. The results help determine where money is spent and used to report to other agencies, said Bowman.

The faculty and administration use the survey as a way to allow students to directly input their opinion of what they think about the college.

The surveys are anonymous and are not based on who the students are. Bowman said the "faculty and administration consistently ask themselves 'What do students want or need?'" The student survey allows the administration and faculty a way to answer that question.

The offering of these surveys are also useful because they allow the administration and faculty to compare student satisfaction from year to year. Bowman said "We will offer the survey every year and will start comparing gains or losses in student satisfaction levels so we can know where to focus our energy and resources."

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