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## All smiles for opening in SF



Photo by Samantha Conlon

**The new San Francisco Academy of Sciences opened its doors to thousands of visitors in Golden Gate Park last Saturday, Sept. 27. The building, featuring many new exhibits and energy-saving features, has been under construction since 2005, and now is the greenest building the country, earning a Platinum Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Certification.**

## A look at your future Board

By NICOLE JOHNSON  
Staff writer

Ohlone got its first glimpse of the candidates for the College Board of Trustees on Sept. 25 at a meeting sponsored by the League of Women Voters. The conference was held at the Child Development Center on Ohlone's main campus from 7-8 p.m. Written questions from the audience were given to interviewer Mary Miller.

David Sheen and Greg Bonaccorsi are running for Trustee Trisha Tahmasbi's seat, while Teresa Cox is competing against incumbent Bob Brunton, while Nick Nardolillo is running unopposed.

Candidate Greg Bonaccorsi said, "The Board of Trustees is in order. [The Board of Trustees] will practice micromanaging decisions and look to faculty for leadership. The faculty and student body is outstanding." Bonaccorsi has been a math and science teacher for the Fremont Unified School District since 1988. He earned a B.A. in Biological Sciences from Humboldt State University, in 1986. Bonaccorsi was also President of the Fremont Unified District Teachers Association, California Teachers Association (CTA), and National

Education Association (NEA) from 2000 to 2005.

Teresa Cox is chair of the Economic Development Advisory Commission for the City of Fremont. Cox plans to "get expertise and advocacy from the college council, see how skills are developing and take the necessary steps to get to the next level," as she wants to move onto a four-year institution after she has made a difference on the board. "The criteria for a four year college is to provide a curriculum necessary for success."

Cox attended Northwestern University and earned a bachelor's degree in Nuclear Engineering in 1985, making national headlines as the first African-American woman with a degree in Nuclear Engineering, later earning a Master of Business Administration degree in 1988 from the University of Rochester.

David Sheen is an attorney and business owner with a bachelor's degree in Art and a doctorate in Law. He is the president of Citizens for Better Community and is a community volunteer/activist. Sheen graduated from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received his bachelor of arts degree in political science and psychology.

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## Hyman Hall bathrooms in need of cleaning

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Students and staff have decided enough is enough and are circulating a petition to keep the Hyman Hall bathrooms cleaner. The petition was started on Sept. 5, and there are roughly 100 signatures already. The petition will probably be turned in at the end of the semester.

In the middle of the day the Hyman Hall bathrooms resemble a cold smelly cave, with water dripping all over the floor and puddles on the counters along with paper towels scattered everywhere. Are

the maintenance workers to blame or do the students need to be more respectful?

It is a mix of both. The bathrooms are supposed to be maintained twice a day. The bathrooms are often in need of cleaning by 2 p.m. and they do not get cleaned until Hyman Hall closes. This becomes a problem for all students, especially students who attend night classes.

Faculty have complained almost every week to the Building and Grounds department but nothing seems to be getting done. Last week the bathrooms were not cleaned for nearly three entire days. The

bathrooms have been in this conditions for almost two years, with complaints heard for just as long.

Although many have complained about bathrooms, according to English Learning Center Coordinator Rakesh Swamy, people are limited in what they can do because the Service Employee International Union is protecting their personnel. According to the staff, they do not want to get anyone fired, but if the custodian cannot clean the bathroom that day they feel that the Buildings and Grounds department should reassign the

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**The state of the Hyman Hall bathrooms has led to the circulation of a petition.**

## World Forum on Afghanistan

By NICOLE JOHNSON  
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Ohlone will introduce "Education in Afghanistan: Current Challenges and Future Opportunities," a World Forum given by Mohammad H. Qayoumi, president of California State University East Bay. The World Forum will be held

on Tuesday Oct. 7 from noon to 2 p.m. It will be in the Smith Center's Jackson Theatre.

Qayoumi's experience extends over 30 years in higher education and industry. Qayoumi has published eight books and more than 85 articles.

He has made presentations at numerous conferences across the

United States and in 10 other countries on various topics. Qayoumi was the senior advisor to the Minister of Finance of Afghanistan from 2002 to 2005 and remains on several boards of directors, including the Central Bank of Afghanistan. The World Forum will be webcast live and a video archive of it will be made available.

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