

Students hit jackpot with bingo event

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Students came together for pizza, prizes and bingo at the “Bingo ballin’” event Wednesday, hosted by the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) in the Palm Bosque.

Of the 100 students in attendance, the first 50 got free pizza and those who scored “bingo” received prizes. In addition, a reward of \$100 was offered to the club that was able to draw the largest number of students to the event.

Assistant Campus Activities Coordinator Renee Wong-Gonzales attributed the success of “Bingo ballin’,” an idea conceived one day in the ASOC office, to a simple fact. “Who doesn’t like playing bingo, right?” said Wong-Gonzales who was pleased with the turnout at the event.

Math Instructor Jeff O’Connell and student Tomas Ortega called out the numbers, while other volunteers handed out prizes. They played several games and gave out prizes for anything from “bingo” to “four corners” to “full house.” Among the prizes distributed were gift cards from Panera Bread, Target and Jamba Juice. The prizes were obtained through donations and ASOC funds, said Wong-Gonzales.

Students who missed this opportunity, however, can take heart—the ASOC hopes to repeat the event again this semester.



Photo by Japneet Kaur

Students celebrate their bingo success at yesterday’s ‘Bingo ballin’ event.

Qualified candidates vie for board positions

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Sheen received a doctor of law degree from Cal Western School of Law in San Diego. He is currently the principal attorney at JD Global Law Firm.

Bob Brunton, a former Trustee is running for re-election. He was a part of the Board of Trustees in February 1996. Brunton has twice been a Board Secretary, Board Vice President, and Board President. Brunton, a Fremont resident, is

currently on the Finance, Facilities, and Audit Committee. He is also a Board Foundation Representative.

He earned a B.S. in Business from Colorado State University, earned a Certified Financial Planner designation from the College of Financial Planning and Certified Professional Manufacturer’s Representative from Arizona State University.

Brunton commented that the Board “will stand alone on

its own to find an adequate source. The Board is in the role of asset management in getting better with rentals and have contracts to connect more with the college.”

David Sheen concluded that there “is no logical reason or rationale. We need support to change at large. There is no new blood in office, there’s no competition, nothing happens. We need to encourage more people to pick up what’s been left behind.”

Dirty dealings slimy feelings

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task instead of just ignoring it. David Wood, ELC Instructional Assistant, works at the English Learning Center, and he feels that the bathroom is a health hazard and encourages students to sign the petition toward a cleaner bathroom.

Other problems Hyman Hall has faced other problems in the past. Students have abused their computer privileges, engaging in non-academic pursuits while others need to do schoolwork.

There have been incidences of disruptive individuals, even escalating into intervention by the campus police..

Hyman Hall is one of the most frequented buildings on campus, and as such this high profile area sees much action.

Students can otherwise make an effort to keep the bathrooms clean by avoiding spilling water on the floor and throwing away used paper towels. To sign the petition, contact Rakesh Swamy at rswamy@ohlone.edu.

Child development conference

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This Saturday, Oct. 4, the Ohlone College Early Childhood Studies Department will be presenting its Annual Early Childhood Conference, to be held in the Ohlone Kidango Child Development Center at the base of school. Presentations include:

- Taking Care of the Personal and Professional
- Self-Working with Children with Challenging Behaviors
- Child Health
- Infant-Toddler, Preschool School Age Care
- Family Child Care

And much more.

The conference will be from 8 am to 5 pm, with an

as-yet unannounced keynote speaker. A \$20 registration fee covers breakfast and lunch, and water bottles will be available through the Early Child Development staff.

Participants are encouraged to register early, as space is limited – registration is on a first come first serve basis. Parking is free. A Professional Growth Certificate for 7.5 hours comes with attending the conference.

Half a unit of Ohlone College credit is available for attending as well, though special registration is required, as well as attendance of a mandatory meeting at the conference’s end. See the Conference website for details, <http://www.ohlone.edu/instr/ecs/profdev/early-childhoodconference.html>.

For more information, contact Janice Fonteno at (510) 979-7496 or Mairi Tsiftsi at (510) 659-6450, Professional Development Coordinators, Early Childhood Studies, Ohlone College.

Ohlones to gather at park

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The Ohlone Peoples are alive and well and are here to share their knowledge of the land and their profound culture with everyone who wants to experience it. Coyote Hills Regional Park is once again hosting the 12th Annual Gathering of Ohlone Peoples this Sunday, October 5.

The festivities will consist of traditional Ohlone food, games, historical insight and discussions, with crafts for people of all ages. Ohlone descendants are going to be sharing their prosperous culture through customary song and dance, and time-honored stories that have been passed down for hundreds of centuries.

The Ohlone Peoples, also known by the name of Costanoan and as the Muwekma people, have lived in the San Francisco Bay area all the way down to the Monterey Bay area since the sixth century. The Ohlone Peoples, in reality is a group of more than 40 independent tribes which include the Karkin, the Ramaytush, the Mutsun, and the Awaswas, just to name a few. They only considered themselves a unified “group” or “peoples” since the Spanish Colonization, which brought amalgamation among the local indigenous tribes in order for survival.

This Sunday, the Ohlone Peoples are inviting you to come join them commemorate their rich history and customs and enjoy a nice day in the sun. A dozen of Anthropology instructor George Rodgers’ students have volunteered to help with the event. Make sure you try the Acorn Soup along with a little Manzanita Cider to help wash it down; just a couple of examples of traditional foods offered at the gathering.

You should also try out their long-established sport entitled “Hoop & Pole.” It is an old Ohlone pastime that consists of a 5-foot pole aimed at a 3-inch hole. Of course it wouldn’t be too fun for us, non-natives, due to its incredible difficulty and our extremely abridged attention spans. Therefore, they Americanized the game and replaced the hole with a hoop in hopes of a winner, or competitors at least.

Then venture off down the long worn wooden wharf, past the old tule ponds and rediscover the 2000-year-old village, home of the Tuibun tribe. Demonstrations on how to they would start fires, weave baskets, make jewelry and much more will be held. Discussions of contemporary cultural involvements will take place as well.

For more information visit East Bay Regional Parks’ website at www.ebparks.org. or call 1-888-EBPARKS, option 3, ext. 4519.

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