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## Feast is planned

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The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) laid out plans for its Thanksgiving feast at its meeting Tuesday.

The annual event, planned for Nov. 17, will cost the ASOC \$5,000 and will offer a free meal to any interested student. According to Legislative Representative Dan Zhou, the purpose of this feast is to promote the ASOC and at the same time provide an opportunity to give out surveys, since the feast is a time when a large number of students gather.

One problem with the event in the past has been its sheer popularity, not only with students but also with faculty and staff. In order to afford more room for students, the ASOC is considering charging the latter group \$5 for the food. Zhou also suggested giving the food away free to faculty members in exchange for their help in distributing surveys to the students in their classes. That would have been a good idea but as one member mentioned, there will be more staff than faculty coming to the event.

Math Instructor Geoffrey Hirsh made an appearance at the meeting, discussing the two math contests Ohlone students join annually, the AMATYC (American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges) and Mathletics, the former of which is held all over the U.S., covering pre-calculus, and the latter which is held in Monterey and covers calculus. The AMATYC was held here two weeks ago.

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## More green awards



Photo by Japneet Kaur

**Ohlone's Newark Center has won three more awards for its environmental structure and performance. First was 'The Green Project of the Year,' a 2008 Structure Award from The Business Journal in San Jose. The other two awards received, both for innovation in green technology, were from the East Bay Business Journal and GreenTech.org. In August, the Newark Center was deemed Platinum-status LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Certified, which makes it 'the Greenest College in the World,' according to the Newark Center's website.**

## Parking crashes

By KYLE STEPHENS  
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At Ohlone's Fremont campus, there are two to three hit-and-run accidents per week in the parking lots. Between both of Ohlone's campuses, the rate is about one accident per week. Chief of Campus Police Steve Osawa said this is "a matter of course," wherever cars are involved.

A driver may misjudge his turn area, or how deep or wide his vehicle is, and as a result, other vehicles get damaged. Most accidents happen in this fashion, according to Osawa.

If you are the instigator of an accident, by law you are required to leave a note on the damaged vehicle detailing the date and time of the incident, as well as contact information. Convictions can result in marks on the perpetrator's license, fines and jail time.

If someone bears witness to such an event without the crasher leaving such information, they are legally obligated to report the crime, hopefully getting a description of the car and/or the driver. Cameras in the parking lots can record some of the events in the lots, but eyewitness accounts are always best, and can corroborate what the camera saw.

Information regarding car accidents would be most helpful to the accident victim and the campus police, who can be reached at (510) 659-6111 in Fremont, and (510) 742-2311 for Newark. Crimes may be reported anonymously, for either school, via the campus police website: <http://www.ohlone.edu/org/security/form-confidcrime-report.html>.

## Twelve-year-old in college? No kidding

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Most 12-year-olds spend their time playing games, hanging out with their friends and maybe squeezing in a little schoolwork on the side. There aren't many who have a distinct plan for their academic future.

Edwin Huang is not most 12-year-olds.

Huang, who was taking advanced calculus classes at Ohlone at the age of 9, is now applying to some of the country's most prestigious universities three years later. His goals are to become the world's youngest Nobel Prize-winner and contribute to human health.

With a passion for science, Huang has been highly developed in science

since a very early age. Math Instructor Anh Nguyen, who taught Huang's calculus class in Spring 2005, remembered Huang as standing out in class, and not just because of his age.

"Edwin is an amazing child," Nguyen said. "He was the best out of 42 students. An hour test could take him at most 15 minutes to finish with [only] a minor careless mistake. [A two-hour final would] take him only 30 minutes to finish with 99 percent."

Huang, a Mission graduate, is just like any other child, though; he enjoys computers, photography, volleyball, basketball, swimming, chess and piano.

Huang had an internship at Molecular Medicine Research Institute in Sunnyvale, CA over the summer. "This experience was very meaningful to me

because it was the first time I could apply what I have learned to create something innovative," said Huang.

Huang is aspiring to be a scientist. He has applied to MIT, Harvard, Stanford, Caltech, Johns Hopkins, and the University of Chicago. "He mastered math and science. He practiced and practiced until he mastered it," said Nguyen. "He challenged me during my lecture and that made me spend extra time to do research before [teaching class.]"

Huang is thankful for being gifted and advanced in academics. In a questionnaire he filled out for his high school graduation, Huang said that "since a young age, I have taken initiatives to challenge myself and see how hard I can push myself to work."

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Photo courtesy of Edwin Huang

**Edwin Huang took his first Ohlone class when he was 9 years old.**