

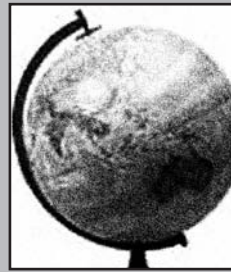


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SSB nears completion



Photo courtesy of Shelby Foster

Construction on the Student Services Building, which has been going on since May 2007, is scheduled to be completed June 10. It will be home to a number of programs and services, including Admissions and Records, Counseling, Financial Aid and the Student Health Center. Above, Vice President of Instruction Jim Wright, left; Vice President of Student Development Ron Travenick; Associate Vice President at the Newark Center Leta Stagnaro and President Gari Browning tour the building.

Budget ‘gloomy,’ but money exists

By NAZIA MASTAN
Staff writer

Budget cuts will put a dent in school funding but President Gari Browning retained a positive outlook for the coming year at the State of the College address Friday.

Although Ohlone will be witnessing a mid-year cut in the 0.68 percent Cost of Living Allowance given to faculty which will all compile into \$39.8 million saved by the state, Browning told community members and staff that the fiscal crunch has gone from “very bleak to [only] gloomy.” This is due partly to the fact that California Community Colleges are a major contributor to the betterment of economic health

of the state, according to Browning and will be attaining a \$185.2 million increase aimed at promoting a 3 percent enrollment growth.

Browning promoted improved planning throughout the college to provide a “single coherent plan for each area of the college.” More strategic planning should be allocated to faculty related issues, IT support and programs that incorporate culturally diverse faculty as well as students. To aid in the refining of these goals and how to go about achieving them, Brown mentioned the new Environmental Scan, which will be a key tool in presenting factual information and data to make better educated and “collegial” decisions.

Trustee McMillin battling leukemia

By ANDREW CAVETTE
Correspondent

Board Trustee Bill McMillin was diagnosed with a severe form of acute lymphoblastic leukemia over the winter break. Bone marrow tests confirmed the fast-growing cancer in December and McMillin, 66, has been receiving chemotherapy from Stanford Hospital since then.

“I have a strong will to live (and) to be able to play with my wonderful grandkids as they grow up,” said McMillin.

While in the hospital, McMillin also suffered a mild heart attack, but recovered. McMillin, who was released from the hospital on Jan. 4, attended the Jan. 14 Board meeting,

but allowed Vice Chair John Weed to conduct the meeting, as to not put undo stress on himself.

Before he learned the news regarding his health, McMillin was elected to Ohlone Board Chair.

“I am looking forward to continuing the work that Garrett Yee has started to help take Ohlone forward and resolve the accreditation issues in a positive way,” he said in December.

Anytime he should need to be absent from the board meetings, current Vice Chair John Weed will act as Board Chair. The Ohlone Board follows a rotation for the Chair position based on trustee seat numbers. According to this

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Jan. 20, 2009: Witnessing history

By NICOLE JOHNSON
Features editor

It was the day that many people thought they’d never live to see. It was the day that brought many people to tears. It was the day that brought hope and inspiration to millions.

It was the day history was made. On January 20, 2009, Barack Obama became the 44th President of the United States and first African-American President.

I was lucky enough to be a part of the large crowd in Washington, D.C. that day to watch Obama being sworn in. This was a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Obama appeared proud and poised, as he had a look of complete satisfaction on his face. I could feel by the roar of the crowd that they were ecstatic with him becoming our new president.

I obtained my “silver ticket” - my entry pass to the inauguration - through Congressman Pete Stark’s office. There were lines for each congressman or senator’s office to pick up tickets. The lines to pick up the tickets were unbelievably long. I was there, and I still couldn’t believe it.

The inauguration ceremony itself lasted only 18 minutes. Afterward, President Obama gave his acceptance speech as people sat in trees and climbed porta-potties to get pictures and listen in awe.

On my way back to the hotel, riding the ridiculously overcrowded metro, I heard a fellow passenger remark, “[The television audience] may be able to see what I didn’t see, but they will never be able to feel what I felt.”

I might not have been able to catch everything that happened that day. However, I can say that “I was there,” standing in the freezing cold, watching the most historic inauguration of our time. I can say, “I was there. I was a part of the 318,000 plus people that felt their hearts race hearing President Obama speak as though he were right in front of you, talking directly to you.”

We will never have another first African-American President. I was, and I still am glad to have been able to witness, and to even know that this day has come. January 20, 2009 is the day that will never be forgotten, because we won’t let it. Because we made it happen. Yes we did.



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The crowd waits for the swearing-in.



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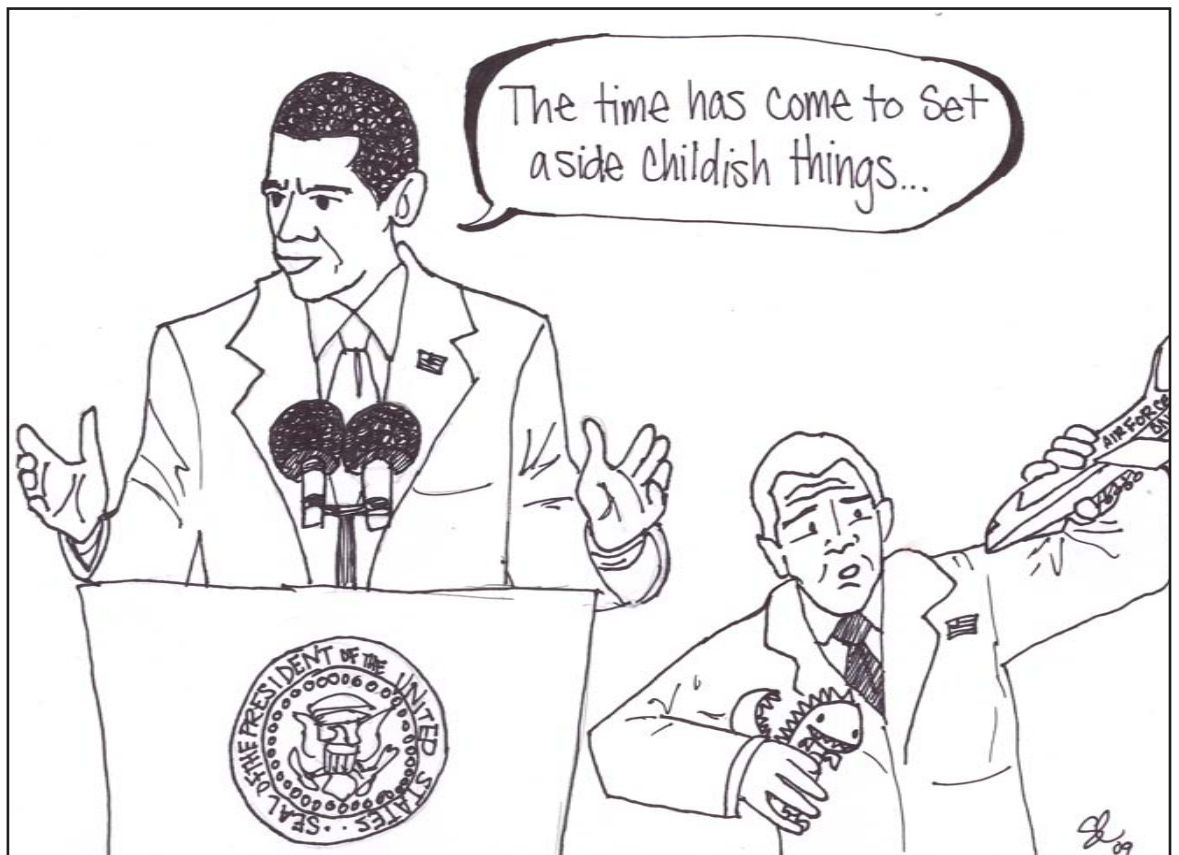


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OPINION

Sitting on the cusp of a new year, new decade

By **NOAH LEVIN**
Opinion editor

Decades are often defined by a particular look, attitude and sound. The political and social environment of the era helps to largely define peoples' moods and creative output, further lending to the identity associated with a particular decade or era.

The Roaring Twenties was a time of great economic hardship characterized by the violence surrounding Prohibition. The 1940's was defined by World War II and punctuated by swing music. The Fifties was a time of economic prosperity that is often thought of as a time of abject conformity. The Sixties saw the Hippies and the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement, and the Vietnam War that carried over into the Seventies; the decade of disco, Watergate and Led Zeppelin.

The Eighties had Reagan, cocaine, the Iran-Contra scandal, and New-Wave music, while the Nineties touted grunge music, Bill Clinton's sex scandal and closed

with the ushering in of a new millennium, and a new decade.

So now we sit on the verge of another decade, and I wonder, looking back at the Aughties, as the first decade of the 21st century is so affectionately dubbed, how will we define this first and very important part of the millennium? Will this decade be marked as one of strife or great success? Shall it be characterized by the massive leaps in consumer technologies, or by the fact that now both the global climate and the global economy are in ruins? With a new president who fosters feelings of hope and newfound purpose in Americans from all walks of life, how will new leadership and ideas shape the end of this decade, taking us into a new era? And looking forward to that next decade, what will define the era and that generation?

The future is always uncertain at best, and totally unknowable at worst, but there are always catalyzing factors that define the times. If I were to try and capture the zeitgeist, or "spirit of the times,"



for the Aughties I would say that technology, more than anything, defines these past 10 years.

Where in 2000, I had a CD player to listen to my favorite CD's, four years later almost everyone I know has an MP3 player of one kind or another, and now, in 2009, nearly everyone has an iPod, which not only plays music, but also plays video, displays photos and stores personal information. The introduction of the iPhone last year compounded this technology, practically turn-

ing a cell phone into a handheld Macintosh computer.

Fuel efficient, hybrid and electric cars are now starting to take the roads in record numbers, as the floundering auto industry puts aside the oversized SUV's. The internet has gone from the crawl of dial-up modems to instant access with cable, DSL and now wireless connections. Prosthetic limbs that were once clunky and ungainly are now being made with BlueTooth receivers, allowing for fluid, natural

movement.

Once we lived in an age where we could only dream up the technologies we've integrated into our society, and now our lives are filled with new technological wonders, and the future holds untold miracle of science and human ingenuity. And so, to quote our newly inaugurated president, I wield his campaign catch phrase, "Yes we can." This, to me, means that anything we can dream, we can build. The future is bright indeed.

ASOC welcomes you to the spring semester

By **JACKIE McCULLEY**
ASOC President

WELCOME to the Spring 2009 semester!!
The mission of the Associated Students of

Ohlone College (ASOC) is "To represent the students' NEEDS, WANTS, and CONCERNS." We want to hear from you!

During the break, the ASOC council has been working hard on various projects to benefit YOU the student. These projects include: furnishing the Hyman Hall lobbies,

furnishing the ASOC room at Newark, coordinating Club Days 2009, and our yearly ASOC student government elections that will happen in late April.

We want to see more students get involved to represent our diverse population. If you want to get involved, pick up a senator packet

and join our council by becoming an ASOC Senator. Applications are at the EOPS/Campus Activities window Building 1, Room 1140. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at asocpresident@ohlone.edu or stop in at one of our meetings, Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. in Room 8112.

CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

What was the best part of winter break?



Mellissa Thompson
INTERIOR DESIGN
"I got more sleep."



Jamie Flaherty
UNDECIDED
"Traveling."



Stephen Guerguy
BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS
"Snowboarding at Squaw."



Jennifer Lawson
MEDICINE
"I didn't have a break, I had classes at Foothill."



Vivian Lorraine Mejia
NURSING
"I had a 'stay-cation.'"



CAMPUS EVENTS/NEWS

January

26-27 Academics - Extended hours for Student Services. Visit Building 1 Lobby for more information.

26 & 28 Auditions - Student Rep auditions in the Nummi Theater at 2 p.m.

27 Men's Baseball - Away vs. Sacramento City College at 2 p.m.

28 Ohlone Board - Board of Trustess Workshop at Newark Campus at 6:30 p.m.

28 Women's Basketball - Home vs. Cabrillo College at 7 p.m.

29 Men's Baseball - Merced College Tournament in Modesto

29 Women's Softball -

Home vs. Diablo Valley College at 3 p.m.

30 Academics - Last day to add a full-term class without the instructor's signature.

30 Academics - Last day that students are added into classes from the waitlist.

30-31 Men's Baseball - Merced College Tournament (away)

30 Women's Basketball - Home vs. Hartnell College at 5:30 p.m.

31 Women's Softball - Vs. Gavilan College at 10 a.m.

31 Women's Softball - Home vs. Santa Rosa Jr. College 2 p.m.

31 Men's Basketball - Home vs. Skyline College at 5 p.m.

February

1 Academics - Last day to drop and be eligible for a refund.

3 Women's Softball - Vs. Sierra College (home) at noon.

13-16 President's Weekend - Ohlone College closed, school resumes Tuesday morning.

ASOC relinquishes parking spaces

By **ANDREW CAVETTE**
Correspondent

Just over a year after the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) acquired 20 parking spaces in Lot N for student use, it has released control of the spaces.

"ASOC could not dedicate the time to maintaining the parking spots," said ASOC President Jackie McCulley. She mentioned a campus-wide survey which she said had indicated to the ASOC that parking is not a top priority to students. "There are other matters more important than parking on campus."

Lot N is a smaller lot, located up the hill, adjacent to Building 8 and providing a convenient way of entering the campus; it is closer to elevators and has fewer steps. The "ASOC"

marked spaces, near the far end of Lot N, were de-labeled over the winter break.

"Last semester the ASOC decided to release control of the spots and return it to the campus [administration] under the stipulation that they be used for carpool," said ASOC Vice President Kevin Feliciano.

Former ASOC member Ken Steadman, who now attends UC Davis, was part of the original push to acquire the Lot N spaces. In November of 2007 he pointed out that during the ASOC table events, parking is the number one concern of students that fill out surveys. Steadman had proposed a resolution to be addressed by the College Board of Trustees, but the Board said the matter was being resolved by the administration and that a board resolution would be inappropriate.

Though Steadman's resolution was not heard by the Board, Vice President of Administrative Services Mike Calegari continued to work with the ASOC and later allocated 20 parking spots to the group for student use. ASOC first reserved the spaces those who were active in clubs, sports and academics. After difficulty filling the spaces due to lack of response, the ASOC widened their application criteria.

Both Feliciano and Steadman explained recently that the ASOC had always planned to keep the spots only until the Spring 2009 semester; the proposed completion date of the new Student Services Building. When the Student Services Building does open, additional parking that has been closed during construction will reopen.

McMillin

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system, if McMillin is away and Weed is temporarily acting as Chair, Trustee Rich Watters will rotate up into the Vice Chair position.

President Gari Browning, McMillin and the rest of the board have prepared for McMillin's possible absences.

"To make sure the Vice Chair understands all of the issues on (any) upcoming agenda, he, along with the Chair, will meet with me and the College Vice Presidents to prepare each Board meeting agenda," said Browning.

Meeting offers chance to escape the Bay

By **ERIC DORMAN**
Editor-in-chief

Looking for a chance to experience a different culture, an opportunity to volunteer in a third-world country or just a change of scenery this semester? If so, Computer Science Instructor Dan Edwards may have found the program for you: International Student Volunteers, a program that allows students to live for a month in locations around the world, both touring and volunteering.

Edwards, who discovered the program by chance and now hopes to travel as part of it, will be holding an information session for interested students Feb. 3 in Room 14A between noon and 6 p.m. An International Student Volunteers (ISV) representative will be present

to answer questions.

Though students wishing to travel overseas have many options, from study abroad programs to student exchange, ISV offers a different type of overseas experience, said ISV representative Michaela Clinton. Rather than spending six months or a year in a foreign country, students who participate in ISV live in a country of their choosing for only four weeks. During that time, they spend the first two weeks volunteering and the second touring the area.

ISV offers programs in Australia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Eastern Europe, Ecuador, New Zealand, South Africa, and Thailand; the volunteer opportunities available vary depending on the location, said Clinton. For example, in Australia and New

Zealand, volunteers focus on the conservation of the delicate ecosystems, including projects such as trail building, said Clinton. In Thailand, on the other hand, conservation is also important, but community development is a top priority for volunteers as well.

Clinton remembered her own experience with the program, and highly recommended it to students considering traveling outside the U.S. "I was an [international student volunteer], and this is a life-changing experience...a real eye-opener," said Clinton.

The program costs a little over \$3,000 for the four-week trip, although students have the option of adding or subtracting volunteer and tour time. Lodging (mainly through host families and hostels) and meals are included, although

air fare is not.

Though the program does not require students to enter as a group—students apply singly and rank their choices of destination—Edwards said that if a group

of students agreed to travel to a common destination, he would enjoy traveling with them. His preferred destination would be Australia.

For more information, visit www.isvonline.com.

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Gladiators outlast Renegades 71-65

■ Rival Chabot shocks Ohlone Wednesday

By ANKITA CHHABRA
Sports writer

The new year brought new changes for the Men's Basketball team. They had some great wins over winter break, including one against their toughest opponent, San Francisco City College, in a 75-59 game. They're undefeated in conference, with a record of 4-0 and improved offensively and defensively.

However, you win some and then you lose some.

The Renegades faced their rivals, the Chabot Gladiators last Wednesday in a very physical game, but their efforts fell short as they lost, 71-65.

"We never came into this game looking for a win, just to play hard," said Ohlone Head Coach John Peterson, who admitted that this game could have been better.

On the other side of the bench, though, was Chabot Head Coach-Denny Ave, who was pleased to have his team get a taste of the tough Renegades defense. "They do a good job at giving you six different defensive looks, and we were lucky to have overcome them."

The game started off slow for both sides, as neither the Renegades nor the Gladiators could

take control of the endless amount of turnovers and steals that resulted in empty baskets, until Chabot forward Jonathan Darwin opened the scoring. James Hancock answered right back with his first shot for the night and it didn't stop there.

The first half ended with Ohlone in the lead, 28-25, but the tide turned in the second half.

The Renegades came back strong as they put up consistent baskets by center Alpha N'Diaye, who scored seven points on the night, and Leon Hart, who put four points.

But the Gladiators caught up to Ohlone's second half start, tying the game at 38-38 and took control from there.

Ohlone mistakes turned into Chabot points as the Gladiators easily capitalized on every Renegade turnover.

"As captain, I should have kept more poised and kept my team together, but I just lost it too," said guard A.J. Fluornoy after the game, who was disappointed in the loss against their rivals.

Fluornoy had a total of 25 points on the night.

Scott Clark's and Matt Wittbrodt's efforts at the end of the game to ignite a last-minute comeback fell short.

Still carrying an undefeated conference record and with a league record of 17-7, the Men's basketball team plays at Cañada and Sacramento City College next.

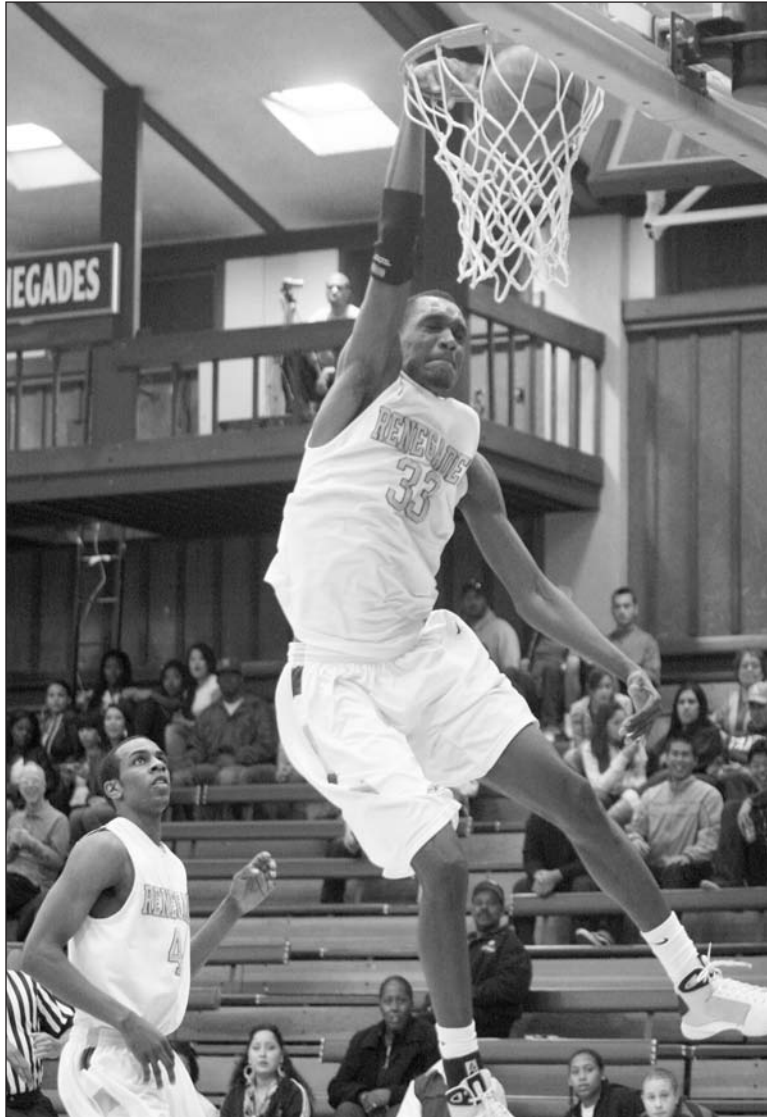


Photo by Jeff Weisinger

Despite the occasional great plays by center Alpha N'Diaye and the Renegades, Ohlone was simply outplayed Wednesday night.



Third and Five

By JEFF WEISINGER
Sports editor

Wild Cards

In the same season that Tom Brady went down and Brett Favre played for a team not in Green Bay, it only seems fitting that the Arizona Cardinals go to the Super Bowl. And only right to say that hell finally froze over in the NFL in 2008.

At least Detroit stayed true with (finally) a winless season.

Yet, nonetheless, our annual Super Bowl holiday will give us the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Arizona Cardinals for football's greatest prize, the Lombardi trophy.

The Cardinals' last championship came in 1947 over the Philadelphia Eagles in the then-NFL Championship as the Chicago Cardinals. The state of Arizona hasn't seen a professional sports championship since the Diamondbacks won the World Series in 2001.

Arizona's road to sudden glory came at the shock of almost any and everyone, from fans to sportswriters alike. Whenever they were doubted, the Cardinals simply won. It was said they couldn't beat Atlanta, and they did. Then everyone predicted that Arizona's run would end in Carolina. The Cards blew out the Panthers. Then we said they couldn't beat the red-hot Philadelphia Eagles. And the Cards shocked the world and beat Philly.

So, is it any surprise that the Steelers are the favorite over Arizona? No.

Pittsburgh is the better team compared to Arizona. However, so were Atlanta, Carolina and Philadelphia.

Arizona can pull the upset, mainly for one simple reason.

Not only are the Arizona Cardinals not supposed to be in the Super Bowl, but the Arizona Cardinals also have nothing to lose in the big game.

That fact alone makes them scarier than most people want to think.

With a "washed-up" 37-year old quarterback who used to bag groceries, a receiver who was a ball-boy, and a safety who stayed with a struggling franchise for more than 10 years, the Cardinals story seems too good to be true. But this is something we can believe.

Linebacker Karlos Dansby predicted that if Obama won the election, the Cardinals would be the first team that would meet the new president.

Seemed funny at the time, but all the laughs have now been silenced.

By the way, when these two teams played last season, the Cardinals beat Pittsburgh 21-14.

Lady Renegades tame the Jaguars

By ANKITA CHHABRA
Sports writer

"We play not to lose," said Ohlone Head Coach Elizabeth Stanley, as her Lady Renegades won Wednesday against San Jose City College 63-50.

With inconsistent shooting by both sides and an endless amount of turnovers and careless passes, the one thing that seemed to stay consistent was each team's intensity and the desire to win.

The Jaguars kept the Renegades on their toes as they put up three's time after time throughout the night.

However, the Renegades answered back with shots by Christina Dixon and Cassie Bates, who kept the team going, and played well

offensively and defensively.

The first half saw both teams go back and forth, basket to basket, but it was Ohlone in the lead 30-29 at halftime.

"We got outplayed tonight and our defense lagged," said Head Coach Terri Hearn of SJCC.

The Lady Renegades started off slow in the second half, missing many layups. But they still managed to go up 10 points with 13 minutes left in the game.

"We were all nervous and that's why we were inconsistent throughout the night," said Stanley, who knew her team could have done better.

Despite the slow start to the season, the Lady Renegades have now won four in a row with an overall record of 10-7.



Photo by Jeff Weisinger

Lady Renegades forward Casceal Swaggard took advantage of almost every Jaguar mistake.

New year, renewed field, better team?

By TOMÁS ORTEGA
Sports writer

After finishing the 2008 season with a 21-22 record overall, the Ohlone baseball team is quite optimistic about the season that begins Tuesday in Sacramento.

"We're going to be good this year," said returner David Luna. "We'll be good because everyone that's here works hard to be here."

That mantra may sound boring, but everyone seemed to say the same thing on a gloomy practice

day a good week before the season opener. Even with the entire field muddy and a white tarp laid across the infield, the Renegades continued to get ready for the 2009 baseball season.

"We have a good offense and good defense," said Luna. "We have four or five [starting pitchers] we can throw out there and any one of them could be our ace."

"You can't say anything [bad] about our pitching staff," added Tanner Laran.

The buzz among the players is the quality of the pitching staff. The

staff, anchored by San Jose State-bound Luna and Sean Martin, looks to improve on a 5.62 team ERA from 2008.

Offensively, the team lost their best hitter, Matt Langseth to graduation. Langseth batted .370 in 2008 with 30 RBI's and three home runs.

The team batted a combined .297 in 2008.

However the team has confidence in the incoming freshmen hitters, particularly Zack Johnson, a third baseman out of Livermore High.

Even Head Coach Jordan Twohig is impressed with Johnson.

"I didn't expect to be doing so well so fast," said Johnson.

Johnson missed the last two years because of an elbow injury due to lack of care.

This past fall, though, Johnson and was convinced by twin brother Jeff to play baseball for Ohlone.

Neither of which have played baseball since 2006.

"I honestly didn't think I would be playing baseball ever again."

With 2008 in the books, Ohlone looks forward to success in 2009.