

ASOC illuminates ID card discounts

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The Associated Students of Ohlone (ASOC) will host Bingo Ballin' Wednesday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event has much to offer students, including free pizza to the first 50 students to attend, along with prizes to the bingo winners.

Also discussed at Tuesday's ASOC meeting were the Student ID discounts and draft proposal for the student recreational room in Building 5.

Many students are unaware that if they get an Ohlone Student ID they have the opportunity to take advantage of several discounts at a variety of places. According to the Ohlone website, students are eligible for \$100 off the enrollment fee and \$10 off the monthly fee at Fitness 19 on Fremont Boulevard. They can also get \$1 off any medium or large Blast or Bold Breeze at the Baskin Robbins on Mission Boulevard. For a complete list of the current discounts, visit www.ohlone.edu/org/campusactivities/idcards.html.

ASOC Legislative Representa-

tive Dan Zhou said that the ASOC has "failed" the businesses who are participating in the program this semester by not getting the word out to the students about the discounts.

The issue of discussion was how to get the students informed. Ideas that were discussed included making bookmarks with a list of places that offered the discounts, utilizing the *Monitor*, and making flyers to post in Building 1. Student Senator Teran Finley said they need to approach this as "a continuous problem."

A proposal for a student recreational room in Building 5 has been drafted. It points out that a place for the students to hang out is the only thing missing from student services, and that Ohlone students are disconnected.

The currently under-construction Student Services Building, set to open this summer, will provide a variety of services to students but fails to provide needed recreational space for the students. Campus Activities Director Renee Gonzales said the draft was "really well written." When completed, it will be presented to the College Council.

Ohlone Kidango becomes accredited

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The Kidango Ohlone Lab Center is now accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). "It's like getting a Ph.D.," said Center Director Mitchell Ha. "After that, there really isn't anything else. It's an honor to get recognized nationwide."

According to the NAEYC, applying and receiving accreditation requires that a daycare meet a list of 10 program standards by at least 80 percent, and meet classroom standards by at least 70 percent, as well as meet candidacy requirements such as licensing and staff qualifications. In the NAEYC Accreditation Decision Report, the Kidango Ohlone Lab Center met 6 out of the 10 program requirements by 100 percent, and the rest were met with scores of 80 percent and up.

"We are extremely excited about this honor," said Kidango Executive Director Paul Miller. "NAEYC

Accreditation is a nationally recognized standard for excellence in early education, and to receive accreditation speaks to the excellent work of our staff and the on-going quality of our programs."

The center serves as both a daycare for students with young infants and toddlers and a lab setting for students majoring in Early Childhood Studies, fulfilling lab hours for their classes by observing the interactions of the daycare staff with the children.

"Many campuses don't have a center like this," said Leigh Corrigan, the Development and Communications Assistant Manager. "It's the closest thing to hands-on experience."

According to the Child Care Information Exchange, less than 4 percent of centers in California are accredited by the NAEYC. Forty-six percent of Kidango's eligible centers are accredited, with others in various stages of the process.

"Accreditation is required by Kidango because we want to be known for having the highest quality care centers," said Ha.

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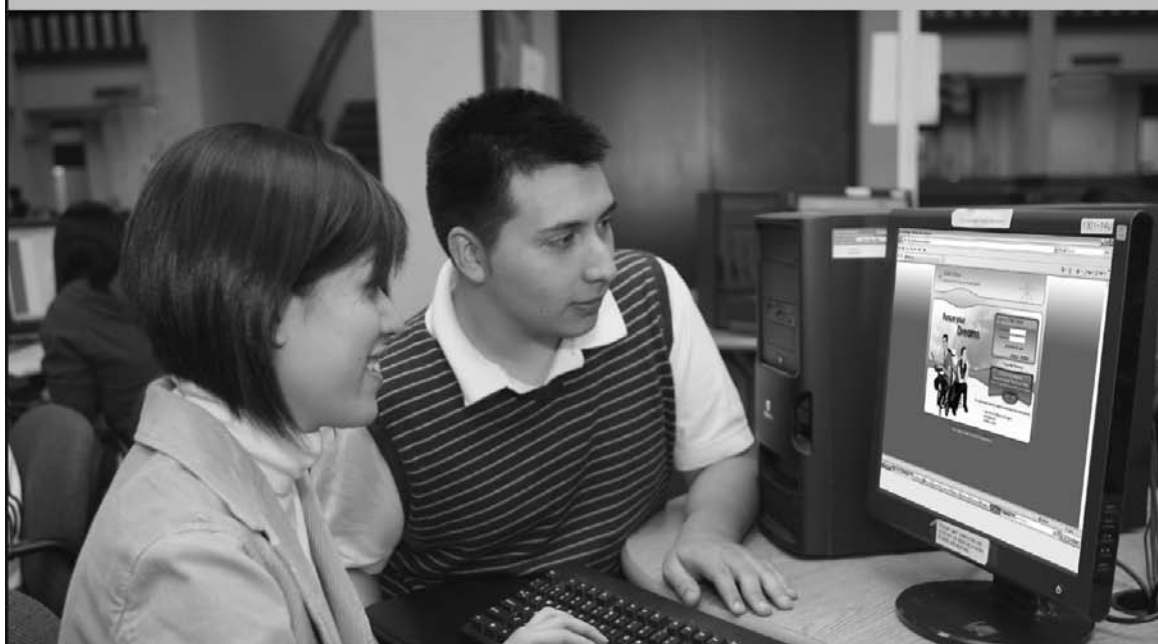
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