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## Ohlone Baseball 6<sup>th</sup> in nation



Photo by Jeff Weisinger

**Outfielder and designated hitter Jeff Johnson leads the state with 15 home runs as Ohlone is ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in the nation. See story, Page 8.**

## Ohlone continues search for replacement HR dean

By ZUNERA SYED  
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Candidates for the position of permanent Human Resources Dean have been narrowed down to a group of finalists, the College Council announced at their meeting Monday.

After Lyle Engeldinger, who had occupied the position for 10 years, took a temporary leave from the position to act as interim Dean for Pasadena City college last semester, the position has been left unfilled.

Engeldinger resigned in December, leaving Vic Collins, the retired Executive Dean of Human Resources from Long Beach Community College District, to act as interim Dean until a replacement could be found.

After a committee headed by Vice President of Instruction Jim Wright interviewed the candidates, on Wednesday, President Gari Browning and Vice President of Administrative Services Mike Calegari interviewed the finalists. They hope to make a decision soon.

The council, after a series of meetings with the Facilities Committee and a number of updates over the past several weeks, is beginning to develop more forward-looking plans following the construction of the new Student Services Building (SSB). They are waiting to see the secondary affects of moving into the new Student Services Building so that they can plan what will be done with the spaces left vacant by departments that move.

This project isn't part of the master plan

contract, so they will need a separate proposal to analyze and give recommendations concerning the extra space.

After leaving the college mission statement untouched for over two years, the Council is preparing to review the statement again. The goal is to revise the mission statement to tie it more closely to specific program goals and outcomes.

Ohlone's college goals were reviewed at a college-wide planning summit in Epler Gymnasium on March 12.

## ASOC presents Bingo Ballin'

By SEAN NERO  
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Students united for free food, prizes and bingo during Wednesday afternoon's "Bingo Ballin'" event. The event was originally scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. at the Palm Bosque, but the location had to be changed to the cafeteria due to the likelihood of rain.

The event was coordinated by the Associated Students of Ohlone

College (ASOC) and was free for all who wanted to participate.

The affair drew a crowd of around 60 people, anxious to begin play. The game was led by Master of Ceremonies and Ohlone student Tomás Ortega.

The event had prizes for the winners, which included gift cards to retailers Jamba Juice and Target and gift certificates to the Ohlone bookstore and coffee cart.

The grand prize was a \$25 gift

certificate to the Ohlone bookstore.

While there were various winners in the day's event, including student Zach Levy who walked away with a gift certificate for Jamba Juice, there was nobody who dominated the event like student Richard Rosenberry.

Rosenberry won one of each of the four prizes and the grand prize for a grand total of more than \$35.

## McMillin resigns as board chair

By ZUHAL BAHADURI  
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Trustee Bill McMillin, almost six months into a battle with leukemia, resigned his position as Board Chair at the Board of Trustees meeting Wednesday. John Weed was nominated to Chair while Richard Watters was made Vice Chair, both voted in unanimously.

McMillin, who was diagnosed last December with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, a fast-growing cancer that strikes white blood cells, announced via e-mail that it is best for the Board to "reorganize its Board Officer," as he is not able to continue with the responsibilities as Chair with his current state of health. He said that he hopes to continue participating in meetings as a Trustee as time and his health permit.

Two representatives from the Accreditation Team will visit Ohlone Wednesday, April 29, to meet with college administration and governing groups. The team, which is responsible for evaluating California community colleges to ensure that their curriculum warrants continued accreditation, praised Ohlone's latest report, submitted last month, as very "thorough and well written." Ohlone will be receiving results of

the accreditation process in July.

The Board also presented Math Associate Professor Jeff O'Connell with the Faculty of the Month award for outstanding instruction.

Today, college officials will travel to China to visit with Ohlone's sister colleges, said Director of International Programs and Services Eddie West. This trip is designed to continue Chinese student outreach and continuing dialogue with Ohlone's existing partners to how to diversify the programs. This trip is Ohlone President Gari Browning's first China trip meeting with Ohlone's existing partners.

The funding of this trip does not come out of the general fund; rather, sources from which this trip has received funding include the following: the Zhejiang Vocational Academy of Arts, English Language Institute (ELI) and the Business and International Education (BIE) grant.

The 2009 California Community College Trustees (CCCT) election is nearing and the Board announced its support for three out of the 15 CCCT hopefuls. The CCCT "board serves a major role within the Community College League of California," according to the League. McMillin is already a member.

## Atlantis: real after all?

By SEAN NERO  
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Geology Professor Paul Belasky will discuss the progress geologists have made in finding the legendary lost city of Atlantis and the fabled island of Ithaca at Friday's Brown Bag seminar.

Math, Science and Technology Coordinator Yvette Niccolls said "Dr. Belasky has [taught] here for 10 years and broke ground on the very first Brown Bag seminar."

According to Niccolls, Belasky will discuss the legends and theories behind Atlantis and Ithaca and provide "information to either prove or disprove the many myths as truth or based on truth."

According to pantheon.com, "the city of Atlantis has been part of world folklore for centuries," and Ithaca is thought to have been first discussed in Homer's classic poem *The Odyssey*.

The seminar will be held from noon to 1 p.m. in Room 3201.