



ASOC debates wisdom of food for votes

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The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) planned Freshman Connection Day as well as their own elections at their meeting Tuesday.

The Election Committee, headed by ASOC President Jackie McCulley, requested \$1,000 for this month's upcoming elections. She explained the majority of the money is needed for some type of giveaway to students who choose to vote on April 28 and 29. One possible vendor is Jamba Juice, who quoted \$800 for the amount needed to last the two days of the election. Other possible options include Chipotle burritos and doughnuts. The rest of the money would be used for decorations such as balloons.

Not all were in favor, though. Director of Campus Activities Debbie Trigg expressed concern about the elections. Trigg stated that there was little marketing about the opportunity for students to run for student government. She wondered who would show up to vote if there was that same amount of marketing for the actual elections. She pushed the committee to advertise the event more with flyers and posters.

Renee Gonzales, Campus Activities Coordinator, posed the question, "Do you want food to be the

draw?" Both ASOC advisers were concerned with the large amount of money that the committee was requesting for the upcoming elections. Gonzales suggested giving away popcorn or cotton candy, cheaper alternatives.

Allison Bly, Learning Community Coordinator, showed up to discuss the first-ever Freshman Connection Day. The event, planned for Saturday, May 2 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Palm Bosque, is designed to offer high school seniors information about Ohlone. If the seniors choose to attend Ohlone and complete a series of steps, they will have the opportunity to register early for classes.

Bly thanked the student government for granting the necessary funding. According to Bly, approximately 100 students, along with more than 100 parents, have already signed up for this event.

The ASOC's help is needed in a few areas. First, an ASOC member is needed during the lunch session to recruit students and encourage them to get involved. Then they need students to participate on the panel to help advise future freshman.

The Newark Room Furnishing Committee reported that the pool table has been set up in the new recreation room and is in working condition. However, the foosball table is still back-ordered and has yet to be delivered.

The Curriculum Committee reported that there are new courses that will be added to the school. Eleven deaf students from Egypt will be attending Ohlone as exchange students, so special classes to help them learn ASL have been added. Also, there will be a new English class that will discuss graphic novels and their role in society.

The Board of Trustees student member, Lauren Baca, explained to ASOC members how Ohlone is going to change the manner in which students pay for their classes. According to Baca, approximately \$2 million a year is lost from the budget due to students who sign up for classes and never pay for them.

In order to minimize this loss in the school budget, Ohlone will

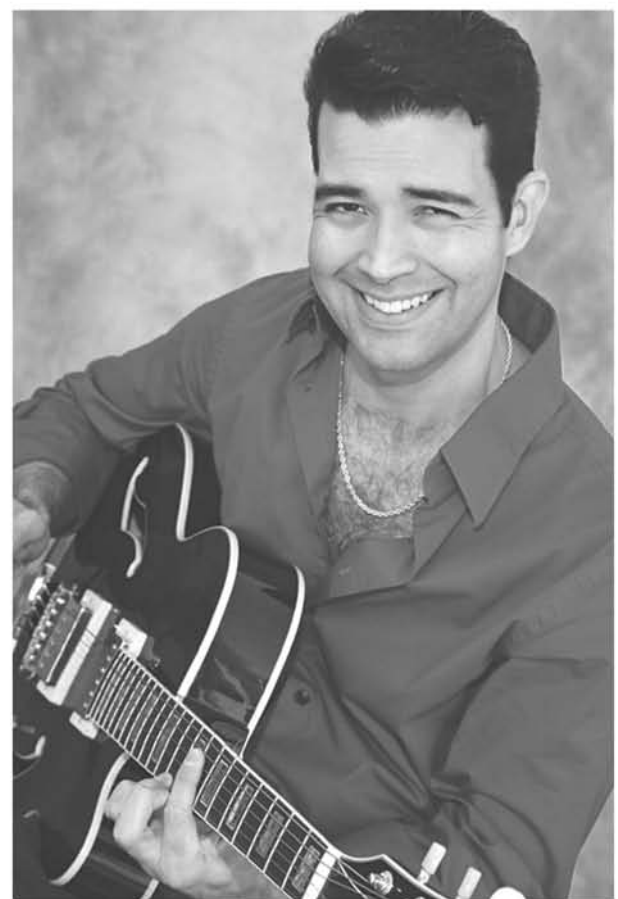
require that students pay their tuition fees within the first week of school or they will be dropped. Students will also have the option to pay \$20 extra to sign up for a payment plan so that they can spread their fees out over a few months. This new policy will possibly be in place for this upcoming summer session, but according to Baca, it will definitely be in effect for the fall semester.



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Tuesday, May 5th 10 a.m. - noon.
The NSOC, Nursing Students of Ohlone College, is celebrating Nurses Day at the Newark Campus.

The purpose of Nurses Day is to recognize, celebrate, and educate the public about the contributions and commitments nurses make.

3 Guest speakers, light snacks and refreshments, scholarship awards, free gifts for both Ohlone nursing students and faculty, & a raffle.

Everyone is invited!

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