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SSB rises from the sand



Photo by Jeff Weisinger

According to Lucky Lofton, Director of Facilities, the new Student Services Building is scheduled to be completed June 15. The building will slowly become operational in late June through early July to prepare for the grand opening on Sept. 9.

Ohlone's museum may find new home

By **ALEX LYKINS**
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In a unanimous decision by the Faculty Senate, a motion was passed to propose the re-establishment of the Ohlone Museum in the hopes of removing it from the Building 8 room it's currently kept in.

The museum, established in the 1970s, used to display exhibits ranging from artifacts of the Ohlone tribe to Irvingtonian fossils, named after the Irvington area where they were found, dating back a million years. The museum was originally located in Building One before being moved due to reconfiguration. Although still in operation, the museum's cur-

rent location suffers from restrictive space and low visibility.

"I would welcome the moving of the museum anywhere on campus where the public could visit," said George Rodgers, the museum curator and professor of anthropology and geography.

Talk concerning relocating the museum surfaced during a discussion on the secondary effects of the new Student Services Building, which is expected to open later this year, and what to do with the ground floor of Building One when everything is moved up to the new building. Other proposals included moving the tutorial centers or creating a student lounge, but the museum, brought up

by JoRainie Rodgers, a member of the senate and professor in the Anthropology/Geology department, generated genuine interest among the Senate members to pass a motion regarding its reestablishment in either Building 1 or anywhere else on campus.

"We definitely need something that represents the culture and history of this area," said Rodgers. "We owe it to our community."

Rodgers also noted that if these artifacts and fossils aren't put on display for the public, they will be taken away to be displayed elsewhere.

The fossil collection, donated by the Gorden family of Fremont to Ohlone and UC Berkeley, includes such arti-

facts as a part of a mammoth tusk, a saber tooth skull, and a giant sloth.

"To be able to see and touch the real fossils is better than looking at a picture or watching a movie," said Rodgers.

Previous proposals to move the museum have been shot down due to the fact that there isn't a lot of free space on the Ohlone Campus.

Newark Mayor David Smith was also at the meeting to talk about the Citizen of the Year Luncheon being held at the Newark Ohlone Campus in honor of former Fremont Councilman Steve Cho and to celebrate the LEED certification of the campus. Smith also talked about the STARS online scholarship registration and

tracking system and the employee giving campaign, which has raised \$20,000 since January, where faculty members and employees can donate part of their paychecks toward campus causes, scholarships and other things that will benefit the college and its students.

The senate also touched on the ongoing vote to discuss the creation of Department Chairs, which would be headed by faculty members. Bob Bradshaw, the President of the Faculty Senate, said that the results of the vote would be discussed at the next Senate meeting. If approved, the Senate will discuss with administrators the role and function of the new position and when it should be created.

ASOC plans Earth Week

By **ZUNERA SYED**
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The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) laid out the schedule for Earth Week events in their meeting on Tuesday.

Ohlone's Earth Week festivities will begin on Monday, April 20 with Solar Energy in Action, 11:30 a.m. at the Newark Center. Tuesday, Students can join in the Weed Workout, 11:30 a.m. at the Newark Center, where students can get some exercise beautifying the campus. Wednesday showcases Campus Critters and Thursday features the Creek Cleanup Contest, both at 11:30 a.m. in the Newark Center. The events are topped off with the Herbivore BBQ on Friday at 12:30 in the Newark Center Amphitheater.

The Student Senate for California Com-

munity Colleges is going to have a Student Senate Spring Assembly. Each college is allowed to appoint and register one delegate to vote on behalf of that college at each General Assembly.

Registration fees for students and advisers are \$195, and fees for delegates are \$100. Fees increase \$50 after April 20. The event is from May 1-3 in San Diego.

The elections for the new ASOC are going to be on April 28 and 29. With every vote students get a slice of pizza.

Continuing concerns about the lack of advertising of the student ID discounts, the ASOC decided to make a discount card and a booklet that will tell students the places to get discounts.

On June 29, everyone will start moving into the new students services building. The Grand Opening will be on Sept. 9.

International Lunch a success

By **ISAAC WEST**
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The Ohlone Deaf Center and ASL Club held an International Lunch last Saturday, April 11 in the Ohlone Cafeteria. During the celebration, deaf people and cultures were represented around the world, some nationalities wore their countries' colorful clothing and brought their countries' foods to share with 115 attendants. They enjoyed learning many different countries' cultures; Korea, Japan, India, Mexico, Thailand, Indonesia, US and more were all represented.

The foods were amazing with a variety of tastes, some foods were homemade and some from restaurants. Those in attendance enjoyed eating foods while at the same time watching five guest presentations that showed slides of

pictures, country facts, deaf schools, how many languages their country has, sports and games they play and their local entertainment.

The stage kicked off with fascinating presentations, exhibitions, and demonstrations of various countries' sign languages, martial arts skills, history and deaf school.

Two deaf men, Hendri Argo and Jonih Renggono from Indonesia, gave very interesting facts about their country. Another deaf man from India named Jagmeet Hans gave his karate performance. Two Hispanic students, Rochelle Greenwell and Antonio Guzman, gave details about Mexico's culture and signed a few of words in Spanish sign language. Tal Boonwattana, a woman from Thailand, wore a very colorful, beautiful dress and showed a video in two different sign languages; Thai and American sign language.