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## ASOC elections to be held next week

By **DEVERY SHEFFER**  
Staff writer

The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) discussed elections and progress on the cafeteria in Building 5 at their meeting Tuesday.

First of all, the ASOC wanted to clarify that they did not do the planning for Earth Day on either the Fremont or the Newark campus. The Sustainability Committee did planning for the Newark campus while the

LIFE Club worked with Campus Activities for the Fremont campus.

This upcoming Tuesday and Wednesday are the ASOC elections. The "Meet the Candidate" speeches will be held today in the Quad from noon to 1 p.m. Each candidate will give a two-minute speech. Coffee and pastries will be served to voters in the morning and pizza in the afternoon and evening. According to ASOC President McCulley, they have enough food for about 520 students. She asked ASOC members to encourage their classmates to get

out there and vote.

Members of the ASOC were asked to volunteer as both runners and group leaders for this year's freshman Welcome Day. The event will be held Aug. 26 on the Fremont campus from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. This day will give new students an opportunity to ask questions and get a tour of campus. Ohlone student peer mentors will have workshops for new students.

McCulley, a senior peer mentor, explained that she and her fellow mentors are still in the planning process for this event. Campus Ac-

tivities Director, Renee Gonzales explained that during the lunch period they need students to walk around and talk to the students, be friendly and help recruit for the ASOC.

The ASOC is looking to recruit people for the Oakland A's College Night, this Friday at 7 p.m. Any college with 25 or more students will receive discount tickets, a free tee-shirt, and their school's name on the scoreboard. For more information, contact Gonzales.

See Page 3 for more information on the ASOC candidates.

## Students clean up, pull weeds for Earth

By **ESMERALDA LEON**  
Staff writer

Earth Day was on Wednesday, but Ohlone is celebrating all week. Earth Day, recognized annually on April 22, is celebrated internationally in hopes to improve worldwide sustainability.

Ohlone had an Earth Day event which took place at the Newark Campus Tuesday. The event was called the Weed Workout, and consisted of a gathering of volunteers helping to pull out weeds from the Newark campus, taking place from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This idea was created by a collaboration of Newark faculty at the Ohlone College Hour. Students and faculty worked together to help the campus keep its reputation "green" campus.

It wasn't just a time to pull out weeds; it was a reminder that people need to come

together and help save our planet for a better future. To keep things interesting there was a contest between two teams, the green team and the black water team. The green team took the prize.

**'I live by the three R's: Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.'**

--Lindsey Poulton, student

Student Lindsey Poulton, a volunteer, said that she was a strong advocate for the "green" movement. "I live by the three R's: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle," said Poulton. She also suggested that people should contribute to the well-being of the earth saying, "bring your own bags to stores."

The Herbivore BBQ, scheduled for today, has been canceled. However, today's Creek Cleanup Contest is still happening. The contest will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Newark Center Amphitheater.

Health and Wellness Coordinator Robin Kurotori, who was working hard pulling out old dried up weeds with her hands, was in charge of this event.



Photo by Jorge Gomez

**Lindsey Poulton pulls weeds during Tuesday's Weed Workout, one of Ohlone's many Earth Week events.**

## Class speaks to 'American Taliban's' dad

By **SEAN NERO**  
Staff writer

English Professor Rick Flynn's English 101A course held a teleconference with Frank Lindh, the father of the man dubbed the "American Taliban" on Tuesday, April 21. According to Flynn, his "class spent three weeks preparing questions for Lindh." Flynn uses innovative teaching techniques such as video conferencing to bring real-life experiences into the classroom.

Frank Lindh's son, John Walker

Lindh, was captured and identified as an enemy shortly after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. John Walker Lindh is currently serving a 20-year sentence for carrying a weapon and serving with the Taliban.

Students were able to address questions directly to Frank Lindh for about an hour and 30 minutes. Questions addressed such issues as John Walker Lindh's current well-being and why his trial date was scheduled to occur on the one-year anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001.

Lindh said that "John is doing well, he is spending his time studying ancient Islamic text and furthering his knowledge of Islam." Lindh also said "John is housed in a special unit that he feels pretty comfortable in." Furthermore, he said, "the prison guards are treating John respectfully."

One student, whose identity will remain anonymous, said "John Lindh wasn't given a fair trial." The student went on to say that they believed "the movement of Lindh's trial to Sept. 11 was inten-

tionally done." The student noted that only one out of 10 charges against Lindh stuck, due to lack of evidence. Another student, whose identity will also be withheld, asked if speaking out would help John Lindh's appeal.

Frank Lindh acknowledged that while he believes it would help, "John is not likely to speak on his case or experience due to fear of having his words distorted by the media." Lindh said he believes that "John has a lot to offer in terms of his extensive knowledge on Islam."

## President back from China trip

By **ZUNERA SYED**  
Staff writer

President Gari Browning showed pictures of her on the Great Wall of China and the Ohlone delegation visiting Ohlone's sister colleges at Monday's College Council meeting.

Browning visited China with a delegation that included Eddie West, Head of International Programs, Ron Travenick, Vice President of Student Services, and Xisheng Fang, Computer Science Instructor. Ohlone's outreach efforts have brought many students from China to Ohlone.

It was Browning's first trip to China as an Ohlone representative.

In other business, the Council heard a report from Dave Smith, head of the Ohlone Foundation. He said the foundation is offering Ohlone students about \$20,000 worth of scholarships. The application deadline is April 24.

Also, the Foundation will honor former Fremont Council member Steve Cho at the annual Citizen of the Year luncheon on May 30 at the Newark Ohlone Center. The luncheon will also celebrate the LEED Platinum certification awarded to the campus for its environmental design. Seats are \$75.

Mike Calegari, Vice President of Administrative Services, told the Council that Ohlone is conducting a poll to determine whether the community would welcome another bond issue to raise money for new construction projects.

He also said the state funding situation remains unsettled for community colleges for next year.

"There is some good news out there, but there is still a lot of uncertainty," he said.



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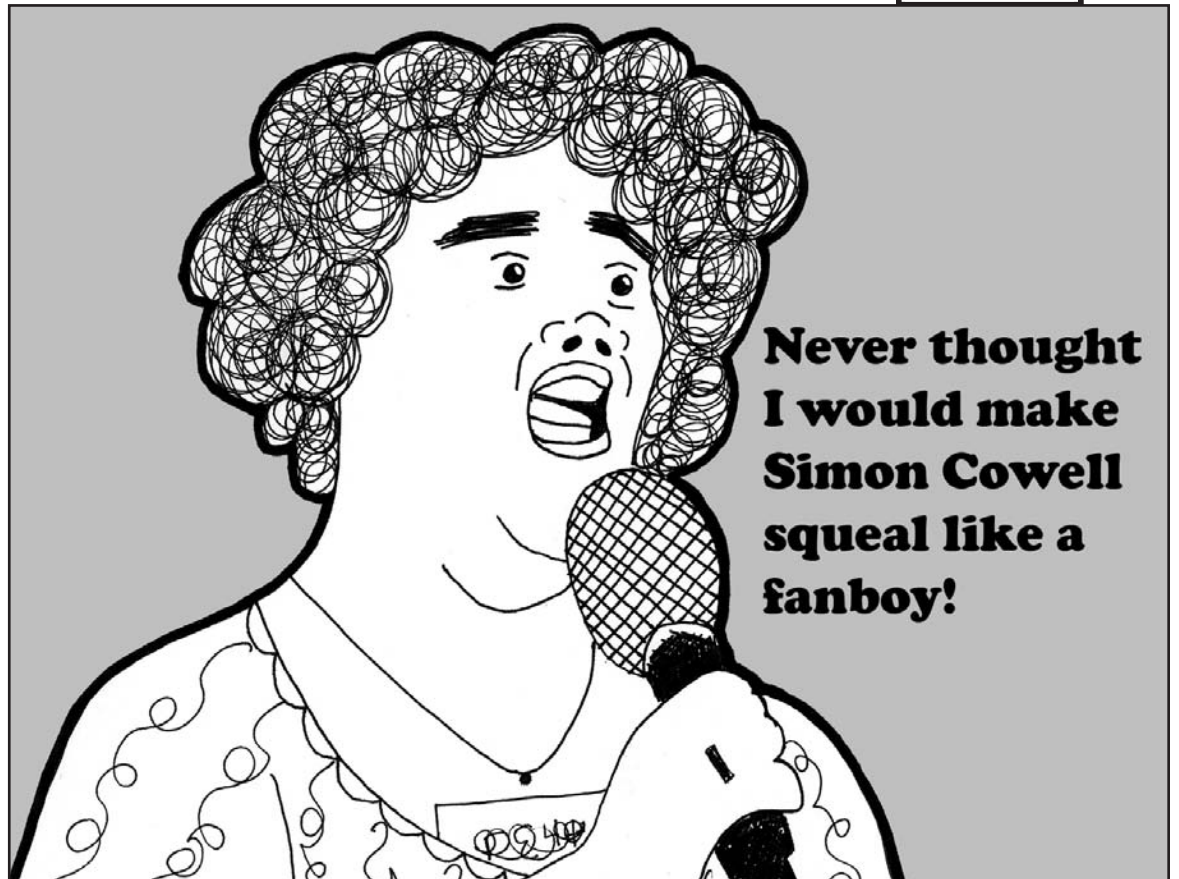


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## OPINION

# Everyone has prejudices - doesn't make them OK

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** This letter was written in response to a column by Japneet Kaur in our April 9 issue about her experiences with cultural intolerance.

**DEAR EDITOR:**

I just wanted to say how sorry I am for the experience you wrote about in this week's paper.

I hear many jokes and derogatory statements about Mexicans and Christians, probably more than most since I do not look like a "typical" Mexican; and it just seems to be

the status quo to mock Christians these days.

I use these experiences to educate people. I am not bitter or nasty as I was when I was younger, but I do think it's important to confront people.

Sometimes this simply means prolonged eye contact, just as if to challenge them on such exceeding rudeness! Most people will have the decency to at least be embarrassed. But I do believe in standing strong and tall for who you are; I won't slink away without letting you know I heard you and I am NOT pleased

and I WILL let you know it.

People may act like they don't care, but trust me, they do. Most people don't want to think of themselves as jerks.

The more you practice this, the better you will become, and you will learn new ways to enlighten people to love and accept everyone; you will walk away proud.

Please, never forget, such behaviors really say so much about the person.

People tell on themselves with such hate. They show where their ugly hearts are, and not to be cal-

lous, but that's their problem. Don't let anyone's stupidity and hatred EVER have any bearing on YOU and your feelings of self-worth.

Secondly, I believe it's important to be honest and realize that this is the uglier side of human nature and every single one of us has our own prejudices.

When things like this happen to me, I also like to remember to check myself, and be honest about where I have been guilty of this (in my own heart or mind, or behind closed doors with my closest friends and family).

I don't think there is a person on earth who has not experienced being a victim of some sort of prejudice, and I just wish we would all be honest with ourselves as a start.

*Sincerely,*

Lenore Landavazo, Counselor

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# Modern music won't leave lasting impression

By **ALEX LYKINS**  
Staff writer

In the world of music, it seems like we are being bombarded with the next big, new, shiny thing on a daily basis. Yes, it is funkier, fresher; maybe it has a little more kick in the bass or 50 percent more Auto-Tune. My cause for alarm is this burning question: how long will it hold up years down the road?

I ask this because there is another trend, a post-Rock Band/Guitar Hero movement of younger people discovering and embracing music from a generation or two past. It's a bit odd, seeing people of my age

or even younger who are, all of a sudden, singing the likes of Kansas and Journey when I was half-expecting Hannah Montana and Flo Rida. The trend could be the result of some contemporary musicians name-dropping their influences, which prompts fans to dig into the classics.

Suddenly, people are wearing AC/DC t-shirts or bobbing their heads to Hendrix. What was once considered old is now new and fresh, a testament to its lasting power and its ability to connect with fans both past and present.

On the flip side, there are today's hits, which enjoy their 15 minutes of fame before the pop culture machine chews them up and tosses them

aside for a new gaggle of over-produced hits. It is not that any of it is terrible; it is just that it has a terribly short shelf life, made for clubs to spin for a good month or two before throwing it in a junk bin.

The turnover rate is staggering - where once we were hoppin' and boppin' to N'Sync and Britney Spears at the start of the decade, we are now bombarded with acts like Lady GaGa, Miley Cyrus, T-Pain, the latest winner of "American Idol" and Lord knows who else. I just do not believe any of them will produce music with the lasting power of Led Zeppelin or Miles Davis. We are going to remember Beethoven more than we will the Jonas Brothers.

For me, it is a little disconcerting. What music today could I possibly pass on to my children or grandchildren down the road? I cannot imagine ever saying to my kids, "Back in my day, we had great bands like, uh, Fall Out Boy and Linkin Park."

Maybe the whole experience is different for me, being a musician. I tend to hear things in a way others usually do not, and I have come to appreciate what goes into a song more than how I can shake my moneymaker to it.

I am not saying we should go back to growing out our hair, picking up Sunburst Les Pauls and creating bluesy riffs (although that would be awesome.) I am not try-

ing to say that all of today's music is garbage. In fact, beyond all the pop glitz and hip-hop bling, there are musicians out there creating art that could stand the test of time. Artists such as Coldplay and John Legend come to mind, so all is not quite lost.

Still, will we honestly listen to this stuff 50 years from now? Or will we disregard it as all beat but no heart? I think a massive musical revolution is in order, where we either pay more attention to what we are listening to and to what artists are putting into their music, or be doomed to be the generation whose pinnacle of artistic achievement was "crankin' dat Soulja Boy."

## CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

# What is your favorite kind of music and why?



**Laurie Scholz**  
UNDECIDED

"I like wizard rock because it's intelligent and based on books."



**Nicholas Clearlake**  
MUSIC

"Hip-hop. I like the beats, steady rhythm and the bass."



**Zuhail Bahaduri**  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

"I don't have a favorite genre. I like anything with good lyrics."



**Julius Naval**  
NURSING

"I like hip-hop. It makes me feel good and gets me in the groove"



**Ahsa Amani**  
POLITICAL SCIENCE

"Anything that catches my ear. Mainly Bay Area music."

## Meet the candidates in the ASOC election

The ASOC elections will be held April 28 and 29. The candidates' statements appear below:



### Kevin Feliciano President

2009-2010 marks my 3rd year in ASOC. I have been the Treasurer, and Vice President, and now I'm seeking a term as President. I have been President of the LIFE Club, Vice President of the GSA, a member of APASA, and Chair for the Student Senate for the California

Community Colleges Region IV. I have served on the College Council, and Foundation Board committees. Planned events like Club Days, Earth Week, Thanksgiving Feast, and was instrumental in the Newark Recreation Room project. I'm asking for your support in my efforts to provide a better environment for students here at Ohlone.



### Ngan Vu Vice President

I'm currently an ASOC senator and aspiring to serve as your Vice President for the 2009-2010 school year. My prior leadership experiences include serving as a Class Officer all four years of high school. Being on the ASOC council has taught me tremendous teamwork and responsibility. Most

importantly, my role as an ASOC senator has allowed me to represent the students' voice through campus involvement on the Curriculum Committee and during the College-Wide Planning Summit. I'm here to listen to your needs, wants, and concerns so feel free to approach me without any hesitation. Show your support with your vote!



### Tina Sayadi Secretary

Hey guys! I'm Tina Sayadi and I'm currently serving as Secretary on the ASOC, student government. I'm running for Secretary because I love my position on the council. I was instrumental in the development of the ASOC website, served on the Student Development and Safety

committees. I'm a very energetic and organized person and I believe that I can effectively represent the student's needs, wants, and concerns. I communicate regularly with my peers and present their concerns to the Council. I bring a lot of energy to the team and would appreciate your support in my endeavors to serve students.



### Akash Patel Treasurer

Hi, my name is Akash Patel. I'm a first year student at Ohlone College, and I'm an economics major. I will be great as treasurer because I'm hard working, dedicated, and I'm driven by a desire to succeed. I am very qualified for this position, because I have the ability to apply

the concepts of Macroeconomics, Microeconomics, Calculus, and Accounting, all of which are applicable to this position. I also possess work experience at a bank, which provides me with a great deal of knowledge for this position. Vote Akash Patel for ASOC Treasurer!



### Nayyara Shaik Representative At Large

Hello everybody! My name is Nayyara Shaik, and I earnestly plead you to vote me into the College Council as the Representative At Large. I believe that I will be the most suitable candidate for this position and will be the perfect platform for students to voice their needs and concerns.

My intellect, dynamism and unbridled optimism will definitely be a boon to the college council. So go ahead and vote for me because if you want the best, you have to vote for the best!



### Lauren Baca Board of Trustees

Hello, my name is Lauren Baca and I am seeking another term on the Board of Trustees. The board has taken great strides in making Ohlone College a better place and with your help I would like to continue to be a part of these positive changes for another year and continue

to make Ohlone a thriving environment. Having served a full year on this board I understand the importance of this position and I accept all the responsibilities that come with it. I ask for your help in giving me the opportunity to make our school a better place.

## Sustainability award

By **JAKE BENSON**  
News editor

Ohlone College has recently received another award for the Newark Center.

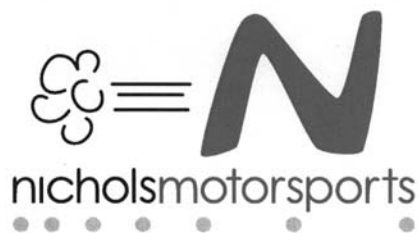
According to a memo from the Office of College Advancement,

"Acterra, an 18-year-old Bay Area environmental organization, selected the Ohlone College Newark Center as a model of the Sustainable built Environment award for the College's innovations in energy efficiency and green building."

## Correction

The April 16 article, "Health not ensured for college students," incorrectly said "31 percent of society smokes." According to the American Lung Association, this figure is actually 20.6 percent. The article should have read "Today, 31 percent of the young adult (19-29) age group smokes."

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By JAPNEET  
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## Help those in poverty

This week, I'd like to talk about the world. This column will be about something that's on my mind a lot.

Poverty.

With the recent news of what may or may not have almost happened to one of the child stars of *Slumdog Millionaire*, children living in poverty is once again fresh on the minds of many. What is unfortunate but true is that there are many children in the world whose parents are successful in similar attempts, but no one knows about them. Will it take a movie about each of them? A movie about the child soldiers in Africa? A movie about the children who work in dangerous conditions in China? What about the impoverished and the handicapped in our own nation?

And what about the adults who have to work 15-hour days for less than the equivalent of minimum wage to support their families? Those who work for people who exploit them and get rich off of their sweat, and many times, blood? While there are many films highlighting the plight of the poor in many nations, a movie won't be made to remind us of what's going on every time someone needs help.

Many of us – like me – have easy lives. Many others work hard but still have much better lives than most. We get so caught up in things like "American Idol" and "Family Guy," Facebook and Twitter, that we forget to live the lives outside of our selfish worlds. Sometimes all it takes is a few dollars donated to a nonprofit organization or ten minutes of your time spent using something like [www.freerice.com](http://www.freerice.com).

As human beings, it is our duty to help out our fellow human beings. You may ask why you should have to help "those people." You're not the one who put them in that position. If you were in their position, however, living in poverty, wouldn't you need help? And wouldn't you appreciate any help that came?

There is no excuse for not helping in any way that you can. Not everyone can give large sums of money, but everyone can give time. Even people going to school and working two jobs make time for the things they need or enjoy, so why not for helping the impoverished? It starts with staying informed: subscribe to sites like [www.one.org](http://www.one.org) to keep up with what's going on in the world. Wait to buy the newest iPod Touch to replace your year-old iPod, and instead give that money to someone who needs it.

You have a good life – open your eyes and your hearts to those who don't have it anywhere near as good. You might even appreciate what you have just a little more somewhere along the way.

# Chalkdust: a new kind of bailout

By ERIC DORMAN  
Editor-in-chief

Perhaps Obama's stimulus package is slow in making its way into your life. Perhaps this late in the semester, you're feeling the need for a personal recovery package. If so, Math and English Professors Jeff O'Connell and Mark Brosamer promise to deliver a change you can believe in with the annual Chalkdust and Friends benefit concert this Friday, a show that they guarantee to be part music, part comedy and yes, part stimulus.

"It's the Mark and Jeff stimulus package," explained O'Connell. "Well, [except that] there's not going to be any money left over."

The show, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Center's NUMMI Theater, will feature YouTube artist and Ohlone student Shawn Megofna, Transfer Center Specialist Frances Fon and the "Ukulele Renegades" trio—Mail Room Clerk Hal Griffin and Librarians K.G. Greenstein and Kathy Sparling. Both O'Connell's and Brosamer's bands—"Volume Control" and "Animal 54," respectively, as well as O'Connell's dad, will also make guest appearances.

Although the posted ticket price for the show is \$7, in the spirit of economic recovery, O'Connell and Brosamer disclosed that they have chosen to include a special promotional deal—one can obtain two tickets for \$14. This "2 tickets for the price of 2 tickets" deal is available for a limited time only and must be expressly asked for at the box office, said O'Connell. He acknowledged that the special offer was likely to increase the size of the Chalkdust budget deficit, but said it was a measure that needed to be taken. "It's all about the people," explained O'Connell.

It's debatable who the biggest name on Friday's bill is, but there's no question who has the most YouTube views. Megofna ([www.youtube.com/user/SMegofna](http://www.youtube.com/user/SMegofna), [www.myspace.com/shawnmegofna](http://www.myspace.com/shawnmegofna)) has established a significant presence on the site, with dozens of videos and more than 200,000 channel views. These include not only hits such as Chris Brown's "Forever" and "Hey There Delilah" (Plain White T's), but also a number of original songs, accompanied on the ukulele, guitar and piano. He will be performing one such original, "Addicting," at the show.



Photo by Eric Dorman

**English Professor Mark Brosamer, right, along with Librarians K.G. Greenstein and Kathy Sparling and Mail Clerk Hal Griffin, warm up their ukuleles in preparation for Friday's Chalkdust concert.**

Brosamer discovered Megofna's talent in an unusual setting—the English 101B class Megofna was taking from Brosamer at the time. After hearing Megofna sing for the class, Brosamer persuaded him to come be a part of the concert. "We're exploiting his celebrity," explained Brosamer.

Though without a YouTube presence the size of Megofna's, another Chalkdust performer, Dan O'Connell, is no stranger to show business. He plays accordion with the Irish-themed band "The Skelligs" (official motto: "Anything worth doing, is worth doing

poorly").

Closer to home are Ohlone's own Ukulele Renegades, who will be performing alongside Brosamer, a recent "uke" convert. The Renegades date back to around the time of Chalkdust's inception more than seven years ago, when Greenstein and Sparling ran into ukulele-wielding Griffin at a bookstore Hawaiian luau event. The three started practicing conjointly and have been performing together ever since.

Unable to completely satiate her ukulele-playing desire with the Renegades, Sparling is also a member of another band, Dodge's Sundodgers. According to Sparling, the group is "a stringband that plays music from the 1890s through the mid 1930s, featuring National Steel guitar, mandolins and ukuleles." The band currently has a CD out, called "Under the Sun," which is available on iTunes as well as other music outlets. To learn more about the Sundodgers, visit <http://dodgesundodgers.com>.

O'Connell and Brosamer de-

clined to comment on the specifics of the night's bill, preferring to leave it as a surprise, but revealed that among the featured songs will be Jason Mraz's "Lucky," with Fon and Brosamer teaming up on vocals, and a song Brosamer said was "specifically for people over [age] 60." And, as always, Friday's concert will be an eco-friendly event. "If you give us seven pieces of green, we will recycle them," explained Brosamer. "We'll return it to the economy," O'Connell added.

Lest any prospective concert-goers receive the wrong impression, Brosamer took a moment to offer a disclaimer. Chalkdust is not, he said, a group that overburdens itself with aggregating the punctilios of perfection. "We play the wrong chords, we sing the wrong lyrics, we trip over microphone cords."

"But it's worth \$7," O'Connell finished.

For more information on Chalkdust, see the band's MySpace page at [www.myspace.com/chalkdust-band](http://www.myspace.com/chalkdust-band).

## Gallery to feature student art

By DEVERY SHEFFER  
Staff writer

Art students have a chance to showcase their artwork at the Spring 2009 Ohlone College Student Fine Art and Design show. The winning artwork will be presented at the award ceremony Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m. in Room 3201.

There are 10 categories in the annual contest, including painting, interior design and 3-D sculpture.

Art Professor Kenney Mencher is in charge of this event, along with Christian Fagerlund, a part-time drawing teacher. Students can enter up to five pieces of artwork as long as they were made in an Ohlone art class within the past year.

This year approximately 500 pieces were entered in the contest, and about 200 will be in the show.

Each winner will receive a cash prize. The money comes from ASOC, the president's office and also a fund created by Dan Archer, a former Board of Trustees member, according to Mencher.

Students must show up to this

ceremony if they want to know whether they won. Afterward, a reception will be held in the gallery from 8 until 9:30 p.m. The winners will be on display until May 11.

Students whose artwork did not make it to the show are not completely out of luck. Curators for the gallery will pick out artwork to display in the president's office.

## Dancing for shoes

By NICOLE JOHNSON  
Features editor

The Sole to Sole Spring Dance Concert will be performing soon, but before the big show, the dancers will put on a sneak-peek performance.

The main performance will be held from Thursday, April 30, to Saturday, May 2 at 8 p.m. The preview performance will be on Wednesday, April 29 at noon in the Jackson Theater.

The show is called Sole to Sole and is working with Soles4Souls, a shoe charity.

Dance director Janel Tomblin-Brown said they will be asking for small donations and want people to bring "gently worn shoes" so that they can give it to Soles4Souls. The charity will then distribute the shoes to people in need around the world.

## Poetry celebration

By SEAN NERO  
Staff writer

In celebration of National Poetry Month, the Ohlone English department invites all students, staff and faculty to attend or participate in the eighth annual open poetry reading today, April 23.

The event, to be held in the library from 1-3 p.m., is open to anyone who would like to share a poem or listen to others as they present poems. Participants are encouraged to recite either their own original poem or one from their favorite poet.

The event is being held to observe National Poetry Month,

which, according to Poets.org, was started by the Academy of American Poets in 1996. The website explained that the purpose of National Poetry month is to "widen the attention of individuals to the art of poetry, while increasing the visibility and availability of poetry in pop culture."

Individuals interested in participating or seeking more information should contact English Professor Robert Mitchell by email at [rmitchell@ohlone.edu](mailto:rmitchell@ohlone.edu) or by telephone at (510) 979-7415.

There will also be a sign-up sheet at the library reference desk. Refreshments will be provided.



# Soto jazzes Jackson

By **ESMERALDA LEON**  
Staff writer

Jay Soto brought magic to the night as he and his band played a collection of “smooth jazz” and Latin jazz to an attentive audience, last Friday. I found myself tapping to his rendition of the famous composition “Samba Pa Ti” and “Europa,” an original piece from the famous guitarist Carlos Santana.

Soto said that Santana was one of his inspirations as a guitarist. This song in particular was a perfect rendition for Soto as he took the lead with his firepower-filled guitar solo.

Soto’s ability to incorporate Latin jazz with classical jazz made him unique and diverse. Audience of all ages came out and enjoyed his music lighted by the gentle red stage lights which brought a smooth and calm mood into the theatre. He captivated the audience with his energy and enthusiasm on stage.

One of the highlights was a song called “A Love Like Mine,” which was a personal favorite of his. It was a colorful composition that consisted of unpredictable rhythms, keeping the audience in tune to his next note.

His solo was strong with a mixture of high pitch strings that was smoothed out with low tones. It was amazing to see him play every note with such passion and concentration. His love for his work is apparent through the music and connection he has with his band members, Steve Culp (keyboards), Tony Contrera (bass), Bryne Donaldson (saxophone/percussion), and David Beldell (drums).

Soto is not only a talented guitarist, but also is a songwriter and a producer.

Raised in Phoenix, Arizona, as a young child he always had an ear for music and a passion for it. His work got him a spot on hit TV shows such as “Sex and the City” and “All About Us.”

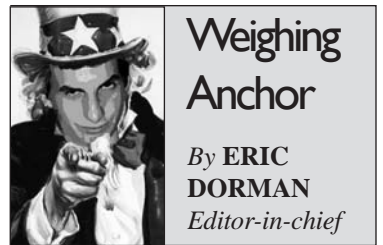
His second album grabbed the attention of the famous NuGroove Label. He then gained a renewal of recognition and was placed number two on national radio with a smash hit. As he was getting ready to finish the night, he played “Slammin’” making it the tenth song of the night.

He bowed and walked off stage, only to have the audience call them back on stage for an encore and play the last song on the program. He played for the remaining audience a song called “Diggin’ It.”



**Jay Soto is known for his Latin and classical-infused jazz.**

Although it was not a sold out concert, jazz fans found his music colorful. He stayed after the performance to sell his new CD “Mesmerized” and sign autographs.



**Weighing Anchor**

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

## Changing our tune

We all know there’s nothing to be gained from reality TV. So it was a little surprising when last week, a reality show provided a glimpse into, well, reality.

Perhaps you’ve heard of Susan Boyle. If you haven’t, you’re in the minority. The frumpy, 47-year-old spinster from Scotland stunned the “Britain’s Got Talent” judges last week with a stirring performance of “I Dreamed A Dream,” prompting judge Piers Morgan to declare it “the biggest shock of my life.” And if 30 million YouTube views and 6 million Google hits are any indication, we’re pretty shocked as well.

But the interesting element of this saga doesn’t concern what Boyle is—a talented singer—so much as what she isn’t: young, good-looking or fashion-conscious. And when we see those two together, the real question is, why are we so surprised?

Had a blonde, designer jeans-clad, 30-years-younger Boyle delivered the same performance, would Morgan have delivered the same pronouncement? Of course not—because both in Britain and America, we’ve come to expect that talent, like Costco produce, comes in appropriately marked packaging. Never mind that there’s no correlation between the quality of the apple and the amount of plastic packaging that surrounds it, and never mind that grey hair and wrinkles have little detrimental effect on one’s vocal prowess. When it comes to people and produce, it’s easier to judge the book by its cover than take the time to read a couple chapters.

Dig under any ugly “ism” in the world today—racism, sexism, ageism—and you’ll find that at the root lie the same intellectual laziness and narrow-mindedness that cause us to discount the Susan Boyles of the world as soon as they walk on stage. Perhaps it’s deep-seated insecurity, perhaps it’s a desire for an illusory element of control over the world around us, but whatever the reason, we make a habit of automatically and unconsciously categorizing every one of the people we encounter every day into the narrow mold of cultural stereotypes. It’s harmless at first, but on a large scale, the consequences are devastating.

The judges (with the notable exception of Simon) have apologized for their initial close-mindedness. They’ve pledged to do better in the future, and it wouldn’t hurt us to do the same. Instead of maintaining the same assumptions you established on the first day of class (but never bothered to affirm with actually communication) about the green-haired, nose-pierced, corduroy-clad biker who sits next to you in math class, try talking to him. You might just be surprised.

# Proposal asks for green commitment

## Ohlone Green Pledge

A portion of the proposed Ohlone Green Pledge appears below:

### Whenever possible, I will:

- Turn off computers, other electronic equipment, and lights when leaving rooms and leaving campus
- Recycle paper, bottles, cans, and other reusable materials
- Print double sided when printing or copying
- Use at minimum 35 percent post-consumer recycled content paper when printing
- Use reusable cups and utensils
- Use more efficient commuting alternatives such as public transportation, carpooling, biking, or walking
- Conserve water in bathrooms and in the kitchen
- Use previously used paper for drafts, scratch paper, or internal memos
- Select products with the least packaging and made with environmentally friendly materials
- Don’t litter

By **NAZIA MASTAN**  
Staff writer

The Newark campus may be “the greenest college in the world,” but it’s not green enough for college officials. And this time, they’re asking for students to help.

That way to help is through the “Ohlone Green Pledge,” an inter-collegiate memo that is to be signed by staff and students to pledge their support to make Ohlone an environmentally healthy institution. The pledge, part of Strategic Goal Number Five of a number of college goals outlined by President Gari Browning and the College Board of Trustees, is currently pending approval by the Board. Newark Campus Vice President Leta Stagnaro proposed the pledge at the March 16 College Council meeting.

This proposed goal is very similar to Ohlone College Goal Number 6, which aims to promote and maintain an accessible, clean, safe and healthy college environment through continuous engagement of students and college personnel in campus preparedness, wellness, beautification, universal design and environmental sustainability.”

The Ohlone Green Pledge outlines numerous points that we can follow every day. The goals outlined include turning off computers and unplugging power cords when not in use, as well as using the “power save” mode on as many electronic devices as possible. By signing the pledge, students and faculty also agree to use

eco-friendly materials and recycle paint, light bulbs, plastics and paper, as well as recycle electronics properly so they return to the ecosystem and don’t harm the environment. In addition, it stresses the importance of putting papers such as syllabi and other documents frequently passed out by staff online as much as possible. Also, students and faculty should agree to use email as a form of communication rather than letters and use scratch paper for drafts, and personal memos instead of “clean” paper that we think is in abundance, but really is not.

Transportation is also touched on as something that we can improve in the Ohlone Green Pledge. Whenever possible we should “use more efficient commuting alternatives such as public transportation, carpooling, biking and walking.”

The pledge also identified some interesting and unexpected ways that students can improve the environmental health of Ohlone. It emphasized the need to “patronize business and services closest to Ohlone College,” in order to burn the least amount of fuel to reach one’s destination and reduce the amount of carbon emissions sent back into the environment. Students should use unbleached and/or chlorine-free paper products and use non-aerosol air fresheners and cleaning products for the same reason.

ASOC Vice President and Life Club President Kevin Feliciano proposed initially propagating the pledge through club e-mail lists. It is currently posted in the bookstore and on the library bulletin boards.

# Cox throws weight behind propositions

By **NAZIA MASTAN**  
Staff writer

Ohlone Trustee Teresa Cox, a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, a Sorority for African-American collegiate woman, paid a visit to Sacramento on Monday, April 20 for “AKA Day at the Capitol.” This event allowed the members, including Cox, to meet with California’s State Legislators as well as members of the state’s judiciary and speak to them about what they feel strongly about.

The issues that Cox chose to speak to the State Legislature about were regarding California’s budget set-backs and their effects on education throughout the state.

According to Cox, this budget reform will take place if propositions 1A-1F are passed at the May 19 Special Elections. She endorsed

all of them as being instrumental in balancing the state budget.

Propositions 1A and 1B would work together to repay some of the budget cuts that our state has been making in education in the recent past. Prop 1A raises tax revenues by \$16 billion roughly over the course of the next four years in order to provide a “long term reserve fund,” or rainy day account, to serve the purpose of guarding California’s many institutions from feeling the weight of the budget-cutting knife.

Prop 1A and 1B will add \$9.3 billion total, or \$1.5 billion yearly for approximately the next six years, to education. This money will go back to the state’s schools to allow the rehiring of teachers, reduction of class sizes and the purchase of up-to-date textbooks.

Cox also supports Proposition 1C, which “provides \$5 billion in

new revenues—without raising taxes—to help close the budget deficit. [It] guarantees that public schools will continue to receive the same amount of funding from the lottery they get now.” Although schools will be receiving the same amount of money, California is acquiring this money through borrowing from banks, but will be reimbursed when the lottery system is modernized, generating \$5 billion with which to pay back the banks. 1D outlines the utilization of unused funds from the increase in tobacco taxation and the redirection of funds from the California First 5 Commission, \$268 million annually for the next 5 years, to go to programs that will increase the development of children under the age of five.

Proposition 1E would redirect unused money from the Mental Health Services Act account to the

California’s Early and Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program over the course of the next two years so that it can go toward children’s health programs.

The last proposition that Cox endorses is 1F, which will not allow the Governor or state legislators to have an increase in their salaries during all times that the state is running a budget deficit.

“It is imperative... that our communities actively participate at the local, state and federal government levels through learning about policies that impact their community,” said Cox. “Failing to pass these measures will cost California \$23 billion over the next four years and will result in even deeper cuts to education, children’s health care, public safety, and programs for seniors and the disabled.”



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## Lady Renegades cap season with win over Chabot

By TOMÁS ORTEGA  
Sports writer

What better way to cap off a season than a 2-0 victory with a large crowd on hand at home?

If you ask any of the players on the softball team, they'll tell you there can't be a better possible exclamation point to a great season that saw them compile a 35-9 overall record.

Look closer at that number and you'll notice a 16-1 conference record.

Looks like playoffs, here we come.

Saturday was the final regular season meeting between the Renegades and rival Chabot Gladiators.

Ohlone had their premiere starter

Kelly Colker on the mound for the bragging rights game. Ohlone had those rights from the previous matchup at Chabot in early March.

That game was one to remember, seeing the Renegades take an early lead in the top of the first and quickly lose it to a three-run home run by Chabot in the bottom half of the inning. Ohlone eventually came back to win after stringing together clutch hits in back-to-back innings.

Saturday wasn't the thriller fans hoped to check out when compared to the emotional battle in March. It turned more into a Kelly Colker experience for seven innings.

Colker lasted the whole game, pitching a shutout that included eight strikeouts.



Photo by Tara Lynn Lanning

### Catcher Kat Sumner tags out the Chabot player at home plate to hold the shutout for Ohlone.

Her team provided her with two runs, one in the third and the other in the fourth.

That's all the support Colker needed after giving up only two hits on the day.

Providing the the spark for the Renegades was Colker's battery mate Kat Sumner, who went 2-3 with a pair of singles and a run scored.

The Renegades add another

season of reaching the playoffs and await their seeding information that should come out by the end of the week.

Ohlone next plays in the regionals, May 2 and 3.

## 2009 swim season ends in a positive note

By ANKITA CHHABRA  
Sports writer

Since opening their 2009 season, the Ohlone Swimming team has given nothing but positive results.

Both the Men's and Women's teams started off on the right note to begin the '09 season.

They won consecutive meets against neighboring junior colleges as well as traveling down south to Cuesta College to have some swimmers qualify for state championships.

The Men's team proved time

after time that they were the squad to watch out for, as they remained undefeated throughout and now hold the title of Conference Champions.

The Women's team struggled from the beginning, but even with the lack of depth they still proved to be a potentially great squad.

"We did really good for this season and our men's team is looking to make state championships," said Head Coach Gene Kendall who is happy with the way all of his players are improving.

After the meet against Chabot,

the team began to rest up, as they looked toward the end of the season, hoping that their bodies were going to be ready for the bigger challenge.

The Renegades went strong into the conference meet as it was held at the pool and took charge from the moment they arrived.

For the Men's squad, swimmer Adam Kallibas dove in the water and with every stroke looked closer to his gold that he achieved for his free style race.

"I wanted to keep improving in my 50m freestyle and I did and

it feels good," said Kallibas. He was not alone, however, in the limelight as three of his other teammates, Keith Testerman, Nicholas Raimondi and Jonathan Green, also won golds for their freestyle races. Testerman had a great season overall and is "proud of his team for making it all the way through."

The Women's team had sophomore Joanna Wilk win her breaststroke race when she traveled to Cuesta.

"It's my last year so I wanted to do well and I was expecting to go to the conference championship so

I want to win," said Wilk.

The Women's team is not quite as strong as the Men's team due to the lack of depth, but practicing is what kept them going to come out and win a game.

"We have a small team, but they are getting better," said Kendall.

Now, with the season in the books, the team looks to rest up for the fall water polo season.

The few swimmers who have made it to State travel to Belmont Plaza at Long Beach this weekend to participate in the State Championships.

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### April

**23-26 Men's Tennis** - Ojai Tournament in Ojai.

**23-25 Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving** - State Championship Meet at Belmont Plaza.

**23 Men's Baseball** - Away vs. Monterey Peninsula College at 2 p.m.

**23 Campus Activity** - Visit the Newark Center Lobby from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. to learn about the various furry and feathered critters we share our campus with. Officer Stewart Dawson will share photographs of the animal biodiversity he has encountered while on patrol.

**23 Forum** - Annual Poetry reading for National Poetry Month at 1 p.m. in the Fremont Campus Library.

**24 Academics** - Deadline to apply for Ohlone College Foundation Scholarships.

**24 Academics** - Last day to drop from full-term courses with a W grade for the Spring 2009 semester.

**24 College Activity** -

Ohlone College cordially invites all Tri-City High School Juniors and Seniors to attend the 4th Annual Ohlone College Raza Recruitment Day at the new Ohlone College Newark Center for Health Sciences and Technology from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

**24 Event** - College Night with the Oakland Athletics at the Oakland Coliseum at 7:05 p.m.

**24 Theatre** - Chalkdust and Friends in the Nummi Theatre at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7 each. As part of the Chalkdust Stimulus Package, you can get 2 tickets for \$14. It is called the "2 tickets for the price of 2 tickets" deal and you must ask for it at the Box Office or they will charge you full price for both tickets.

**25 Men's Baseball** - Away vs. Gavilan College at noon.

**27 New art gallery exhibit** - Annual Student Fine Art and Design Show in the Louie-Meager Art Gallery from April 27 until May 27.

**27 Meeting** - Facilities Committee meeting at 1

p.m. in Room 1307.

**28 Deadline** - Deadline to RSVP for Faculty Retirement Celebration

**28-29 Entertainment** - Coffee Cart Performance Series at noon at the coffee cart in front of Building 1.

**28 Forum** - NC-College Hour Presentation "Excel is Your Friend" by Elliot Cragen in Room NC-1100 at noon.

**28 Men's Baseball** - Away vs. West Valley College at 2 p.m.

**29 Academics** - Summer 2009 Registration begins for continuing students.

**29 Academics** - Fall 2009 Registration begins for continuing students.

**30-1 Men's Tennis** - NorCal Tournament in Santa Rosa

**30 Men's Baseball** - Home vs. Skyline College at 2 p.m.

**30-2 Entertainment** - Sole to Sole Spring Dance Concert in the Jackson Theatre at 8 p.m.

### May

**1 Fair** - Ohlone College / Tri-Cities One-Stop Annual Spring Job Fair at the Newark Center from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

**1 Entertainment** - Comedy Night in Room 2133 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door.

**2-3 Women's Softball** - Regionals - Round 1. Location and time TBA.

**2 Academics** - Freshmen Connection Day 2009 for high school seniors at the Smith Center Ampitheatre from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

**4 Academics** - Summer 2009 Registration begins for new and former students with a completed application.

**4 Academics** - Fall 2009 Registration begins for new and former students with a completed application.

**4 Entertainment** - Newark's Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous Presentation in Room NC-1102 from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.

**4 Meeting** - College

Council meetings at Fremont Campus in Room 1407 and Newark Campus in Room NC-1219 from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. - Professional Development Committee meeting in Room 1407 on Fremont Campus at 12:20 p.m.

**5-6 Event** - Celebrate unity on campus with a series of fun and educational events promoting awareness and diversity at the Unity Days Event at 11 a.m.

**5 Forum** - NC-College Hour "I Have a Student Who..." by Rosemary O'Neill in Room NC-1100 at noon.

**5 Event** - Faculty Retirement Celebration at Palmdale Best House in Fremont from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. \$15 in advance. RSVP by Tuesday, April 28 to Bob Bradshaw.

**6 Meeting** - Foundation-Executive Board meeting from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. in the Foundation office.

**6 Event** - Ohlone Game Development Festival 2009 on the first floor of Hyman Hall from 2 p.m. until 6:15 p.m.

# THEY'RE '4' REAL!

■ Ohlone baseball breaks top-5 national rankings



Photo by Tara Lynn Lanning

Freshman pitcher Roberto Padilla, above, pitched his first complete game in Ohlone's win over Hartnell Tuesday. Below, third baseman Zack Johnson's sixth home run of the season sparked the Renegades' 16-1 win.

## Renegades bring the heat in 16-1 win

By JEFF WEISINGER  
Sports editor

The heat was not enough to stop the Ohlone baseball team on their hot streak Tuesday in a 16-1 rout over Hartnell College for their third straight win and their 16<sup>th</sup> win in the last 18 games.

Ohlone jumped up two spots to fourth in the national rankings this week and is still the top team in Northern California.

Freshman left-hander Roberto Padilla (4-4) had a very strong outing in his first complete game victory of the season.

Padilla allowed just one run on five hits while striking out five on the day.

"I did good today because of my defense," Padilla said after the game.

Despite the heat and the playoffs coming in about two weeks, Head Coach Jordon Twohig decided to keep his young lefty in with a 15-

run lead.

"Anytime you get late in this season, you want your pitcher to get close to his pitch count just so he gets used to it for his next start," Twohig said.

Padilla had a lot of help from his offense as Ohlone took control from the very beginning, as they took advantage of Hartnell starter Leonard Giammanco.

"Roberto gets better each time out," Twohig added.

Giammanco, who took the loss, only lasted five innings, eight runs, six earned, on nine hits while striking out just four.

The Renegades took the early lead in the second inning as Ryan Walterhouse's RBI triple, scoring catcher Braxton Miller, scored Ohlone's first run of the game. Walterhouse would score himself to give Ohlone the 2-0 lead off a throwing error from Hartnell second baseman Justin Andrade. Walterhouse went 2-4 on the day with an RBI and a



run scored.

Ohlone came firing right back in the third inning off Jeff Johnson's one-out, two-RBI single, scoring Aaron Chavez and Steven Ramos. Johnson finished the day 1-4 with two RBI's and two runs scored. Shortstop Aaron Chavez went a perfect 3-3 on the day with a run scored.

With the win, Ohlone is just one

win shy of tying the school record for wins in a season (34) set by the 2002 Ohlone baseball team that went 34-15-1, and with four games left in the regular season, the Renegades look to shatter the record.

Ohlone travels to Monterey Peninsula today, starting a three-game road trip before returning home on Thursday, April 30 to face Skyline in the regular season finale.



Inside the lines  
By JEFF WEISINGER  
Sports editor

## Rollin' to regionals

One team continued their dominance on the diamond, the other simply rejuvenated it.

The 2009 spring sports season has been one to remember for both the Ohlone baseball and softball teams.

The Lady Renegades ended their regular season last Saturday, beating rival Chabot College 2-0 to finish the regular season 16-1 in conference and 35-9 overall.

Sophomore pitcher Kelly Colker (22-6) made her last regular season start for Ohlone as she earned her 22<sup>nd</sup> win of the year. They'll enter the playoffs hot off an eight-game win streak, and will find out their seed this weekend for the playoffs that begin on May 2.

During their current eight-game win streak, the Lady Renegades have outscored their opponents a combined 64-6.

The story of the spring, however, is the turnaround of the Ohlone baseball team.

When they started the season 2-2, some began to think that nothing changed from 2008 except the head coach.

And then they went on a five-game win streak, followed by win streaks of 11, nine and, recently 13.

Ohlone has stayed consistent throughout the season both offensively and defensively.

Under the young, first-year head coach Jordon Twohig, the Renegades went from an under-achieving 21-22 2008 season, to their first 30-win season since 2002.

To add to the turnaround, Ohlone baseball is also ranked fourth in the nation, making them the first Ohlone team to be nationally ranked.

Freshman outfielder Steven Ramos was the first Ohlone baseball player to be named CCCAA Male Athlete of the Month back in February and designated hitter Jeff Johnson leads the state in home runs with 15 shots on the year so far.

The Renegades are also on pace to shatter the school record for wins in a single season.

The record of 34 wins was set by the 2002 Ohlone baseball squad that finished 34-15-1, losing to Sacramento in the state playoffs.

The Renegades, currently at 33 wins, have a legitimate shot to break the record with four games left in the regular season.

With the regular season in the books, both teams are in prime shape to take their respective top seeds when the Regional playoffs start in May. Question is, will the regular season results translate over into the playoffs?

## Allender takes over for departed Stanley

By TOMÁS ORTEGA  
Sports writer

It took no more than three weeks for the Women's Basketball team to find a new head coach.

Julia Allender, who worked as an assistant to former basketball coach Elizabeth Stanley, was named head coach Tuesday afternoon, according to a press release from the athletic department.

Allender replaces Stanley after the best season by any basketball team.

Stanley's contract was not renewed by the college and no comment was ever issued about the release.

Allender worked under Stanley for the last three seasons and was in charge of recruitment, player development and offensive strategies.

The hiring of Allender comes at a good time for the basketball team as a whole.

April is generally the time of year when coaches scout the local high schools to recruit players for the following season. Allender is fully aware of it and has already begun the recruitment process.

"First thing to do is recruit. I need to go out and get what I need," Allender said. "I'm ready to get things started. I'm antsy and really excited."

Allender has been handed a great



Julia Allender

program left behind after Stanley's sudden departure.

A team that was 19-12 overall, including a 12-0 conference record, is a treat to any new head coach. Especially to someone like Allender,

who was heavily involved with the 2008-09 team as assistant coach.

"This team has a positive atmosphere," Allender added. "I hope to take the core returning players and go beyond just the state playoffs. I also want to place kids where they can perform beyond their potential."

As far as whether she sees her team being successful, Allender answered quickly and confidently, "Absolutely. I've never not had success. I know what it takes and have the ability to get the best out of players."

Stanley left with a winning record over the eight years she coached at Ohlone.