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## ASOC elections to be held next week

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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**  
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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**  
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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**  
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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.