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# MOHLONE COLLEGE MONITOR

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## Feliciano gains presidency

By **DEVERY SHEFFER**  
Staff writer

Kevin Feliciano was elected ASOC President and Ngan Vu was elected Vice President at the ASOC elections Wednesday.

Additionally, students voted in Tina Sayadi as secretary, Akash Patel as treasurer, Nayyara Shaik as representative at large and Lauren Baca as student member for the Board of Trustees.

Two-hundred seventeen students voted in the election, in which every position was uncontested. One-hundred eighty-four students voted for Feliciano with 14 voting against him, and 182 voted for Vu with 17 opposed.

Elections took place on this past Tuesday and Wednesday. Voting booths were set up both at the Fremont and Newark campus so students could take part. Coffee and doughnuts were handed out in the morning, and pizza was handed out in the afternoon and evening. Voting procedures were sent to students via email prior to the election days, ASOC President Jackie McCulley, said that this helped the process to run more smoothly.

As former ASOC Vice President and with experience in several committees such as the Newark Room Furnishing committee and College Council, ASOC President-elect Kevin Feliciano is already highly involved with Ohlone. "My main goal is to get the ASOC out there more and better represent the students," he said of his plans as president.

"I wish to see a more dynamic student life on campus," said Vu, a former ASOC senator. I wish to see more recreational/social space for students to interact. I want to promote student awareness and connection," she said of what she would like to see changed on campus while she is in office.

Tina Sayadi will again be the ASOC secretary this upcoming fall semester. "Being a part of this council in general is a rewarding experience because of all the people you meet, [and] learn from," she said, "[as well as] all the things you learn about yourself." She would like to see the ASOC improve on campus safety, wireless internet, and the vibe of the cafeteria.

Tuesday's meeting was the last full meeting that McCulley would be in charge of. "This year turned out very well," she said, but reminded the ASOC executives and senators that there is still work to be done and that everyone needs to stay focused.

Forensics Team Coach Kay Harrison was at this week's meeting to request \$1,000 from the ASOC to reimburse the trip a student took this past weekend to Mississippi to compete



Photo by Eric Dorman

### Current ASOC President Jackie McCulley votes in the ASOC election.

in the National Oratorical Contest. The International Club, the Anime Club and the Engineering Club all requested money as well. Whether or not the money will be granted will be determined at next week's meeting.

During the Adviser's Report, Director of Campus Activities and EOPS, Debbie Trigg, told ASOC members that they need to prepare for summer meetings in order to get things ready for the fall. She said that if officers and senators could not make the commitment, then they should rethink being a part of the ASOC. She also asked the students to be more reliable. There have been problems with people signing up to help with an event, and then never showing or calling. She said, "It's not okay, don't say you're going to [participate] if you can't."

The ASOC officers-elect will take office this fall. All the ASOC positions are filled, with the exception of that of Legislative Representative.

## Graduation to be held May 21

By **NAZIA MASTAN**  
Staff writer

Ohlone will hold its 42<sup>nd</sup> Graduation Commencement Ceremony on Thursday, May 21 in Epler Gymnasium. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m.

Rumiko Nozaki Olson, who attended Ohlone from 1981 through 1983, will be receiving the Outstanding Alumni Award at the ceremony. She will be receiving the award because of her dedication to advancing the outreach of the Deaf Culture through her work in creating the Japanese ASL Singers Society, or JASS. The society is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to introducing American Sign Language and Deaf Culture to Japan, thus helping it spread throughout the Asian continent.

The Ohlone Spring 2009 Valedictorian will be Eric Dorman, who currently serves as the Editor-in-chief of the *Monitor*. Though he declined to be interviewed for this story, citing fears of being misquoted, sources close to Dorman revealed that he has been at Ohlone for four years, and a member of the

*Monitor* for three. Last year, he was named Spanish Student of the Year at the ASOC Awards Ceremony, and this year he received awards for Journalism and Computer Science.

"The Hill's been good to me," said Dorman. "I've had a lot of great teachers, and I've met a lot of great friends."

Dorman, a journalism major, will be transferring to UCSD this fall, where he will be majoring in Interdisciplinary Computing and the Arts, a program unique to the school offering a mix of computer science and art.

The Commencement Ceremony will begin promptly at 7 p.m. and since there are no tickets for this event, guests will be filling out seats starting at 6 p.m. so it is important that everyone who wants to attend arrive soon after 6 p.m. If there are overflow guests, they will be directed to a separate "overflow" room where they can view the ceremony on television monitors; or, they can stand through the ceremony.

After the Graduation Ceremony has been completed, there will be a reception in the Palm Bosque where guests can mingle and take pictures. The ceremony and reception will be shown on local Channel 28.

## Ohlone stays aware of swine flu threat

By **ALEX LYKINS**  
Staff writer

As the swine flu virus continues to spread in the country and across the world, health officials, such as Director of Student Health Sally Bratton, are urging people to be aware of their surroundings and to take necessary precautions in order to fight the pandemic, recently elevated to level five by the World Health Organization (WHO), meaning that the disease is nearing widespread human infection.

"We don't want to over-react, [but] we don't want to under-react," said Vice President of Student Services Ron Travenick.

The worries about swine flu are apparent even here at Ohlone. Two students were sent home from a class Tuesday night after exhibiting flu-like symptoms; however, both received clean bills of health from their doctors Wednesday.

Though both cases turned out to be false alarms, Travenick emphasized that the important element of the two cases was that students and faculty were aware of the threat posed by swine flu. "This is a great example of people taking the swine flu seriously."

On a state and worldwide level, the flu has given reason to be taken seriously. At press time, Mexico, where the outbreak is severe, had reported 159 suspected swine flu-related deaths, with about 2,500 suspected cases. The outbreak has spread to the United States, as well, with 91 confirmed cases from 10 states (including a suspected case as close as Sacramento) by Wednesday. So far, the U.S. has seen only one swine-flu-related death.

"The administration is keeping a close watch on the development of the flu epidemic, and as things change we will update the college community," said Patrice Birkedahl, Ohlone public information officer. "We are directing all information to Bratton...who is in contact with health officials on the state and national levels."

Although there are no significant cases of swine flu on campus at the moment, Bratton is urging students to stay home if they exhibit flu-like symptoms, and for those not sick to stay clean by washing their hands, eating well, and getting enough rest to prevent vulnerability to infection. She also recommends avoiding large crowds in order to reduce the risk of infection.

"As mobile as we are, we are not beyond becoming exposed," said Bratton.

Though several students have reported flu-like symptoms to her, Bratton said that none appeared to have contracted swine flu. "At this point I have talked to students who have been ill. None have any recent travel history or [a] remote chance of exposure... I have had no reason to believe that anyone connected to the school has been affected," she said.

Though there are no plans to close the campus for the time being, there are two scenarios that would trigger that action, said Travenick. The first would be if an Ohlone student both exhibited symptoms of the swine flu and had been to an area where the flu was prevalent, such as Mexico, he said. The second cause for closure would be if a local person were confirmed as having the swine flu by the Alameda County Health Department. In the latter case, he said, the closure would not be a voluntary measure taken by Ohlone but rather an action mandated by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

The first major outbreak is believed to have originated in Mexico, but there are reports of swine flu infections in countries across the world.

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## OPINION

# Politically active students: start opposition party

By **NOAH LEVIN**  
*Opinion editor*

With the votes counted, a new body of student politicians is set to take the stage next semester in their positions as part of the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC). This council of representatives is chosen to make our voices heard to the powers that be on campus.

The ASOC, and similar governing bodies at schools across the nation, are meant to be exercises in the political process. The aim is to have students take a productive role in the governing of their

school, and is meant to prepare high school and college students for life as productive citizens.

So given that our annual ASOC elections are supposed to simulate actual voting and political races, I find it a particularly glaring fault that our school government has but a single political party, and therefore can be assumed to only truly represent a fraction of the student body.

I am not decrying the ASOC and claiming they have done a poor job over the years. But to truly simulate a political campaign, there ought to be more than a single person running for the highest office available. De-

mocracy is about choice, and if the school and ASOC want students to be more active, then maybe another political party within the school government is called for.

I propose the founding of a pragmatic, open-minded party that would aim to help the school better address the concerns of the student body. Again, I am not aiming to chastise the ASOC or their methods, but I find it to be of some concern that any candidate could run unopposed, as did all this election.

It speaks volumes to me about our students' concerns about the school and school elections when no one even cared enough to simply try

and run, even if they had no hope or care of winning.

This is where a new party to challenge the ASOC would fit in perfectly. Given a broader range of candidates to choose from, disenfranchised or otherwise cynical students may decide to indeed jump into the school's political process to root for opposing teams, if nothing else.

Admittedly, I am not very well read on the subject of our school's charter or constitution, but the principal idea behind this opposition party would be to present real political challenges to would-be candidates and to encourage a change

in the largely non-participatory student body toward a proactive, vocal role in school governance.

Should this party actually make the leap from paper to reality, I would hope to see a group led by people who were sound of mind, rational and forward thinking. If school administration were to consider ASOC the governing representative body of the Ohlone students, much like the United States federal government, then my theoretical party would need to exist within that system. Should that be the case, what would be the party affiliation of the existing

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# Consumer tech should be a tool, not a crutch

By **SEAN NERO**  
*Staff writer*

Recently I went to a local fast food restaurant and noticed that the line was unusually long. Being the patient person that I am, I waited in the line until my turn came. This simple process took approximately 15 minutes of my time. When I did reach the front about 15 minutes later, I asked the cashier what took so long. The cashier replied, "Sorry for the inconvenience, but the register displays are down." The cashier and his co-workers were having a

surprisingly difficult time calculating the customers' bills without the aid of a cash register.

This is an example of just how dependent we have become on consumer electronics and technology. While consumer tech oftentimes makes things easier, our lives have become saturated with technology that we rely on heavily.

Consumer technology helped to change the face of dating through the Internet. People are increasingly looking to the Internet in hopes that their one true love is a few clicks away. This not only takes away from the human interaction that is so important when trying to woo

someone, but can cost quite a bit of money.

Our culture's overdependence on electronics is also in the classroom, as even veteran teachers find themselves relying more on online classes than the traditional methods. Though it may be convenient to take online classes, students will be hard pressed to find the kind of personal connection students get from professors and from one another.

People further rely on the Internet to teach them how to do everything from dressing to cooking. This over-reliance has to be contributing to our increasingly sedentary lifestyle. Having to do nothing more

than go to the Internet or grab some electronic device to assist us with just about anything we need sounds pretty nice. However, by taking this route, we are missing out on a myriad of learning experiences by minimizing the possibilities for mistakes.

Cell phones are another source of dependency, as some people keep every contact, number, appointment and password stored inside of their phones. This more or less makes calendars, appointment books and organizers obsolete, but also opens consumers to a significant risk of identity theft. If a person were to lose their cell phone, they run the risk of

having very personal information lost and potentially abused.

Possessing and being practiced in simple skills like arithmetic and spelling may seem redundant as we continue to progress into the electronic age, but these skill sets will always be necessary.

There is a way to stymie this problem. By using electronics to complement our knowledge and skills, we can increase our efficiency and productivity. This means not allowing technology to determine the breadth of our knowledge. This way, even if the register is not working, we will still be able to move at an efficient pace.

## CAMPUS COMMENT >>>

# What does Ohlone know about swine flu?



**Connie Castaned**  
DIGITAL ANIMATION  
"All I know is you get a high fever and you can die."



**Michelle Morimoto**  
BIOLOGY  
"It affects people because we are genetically similar to pigs."



**Ruth Kraynick**  
ART  
"I know it's a major problem in California and Texas."



**Shawn Moon**  
BIOLOGY  
"I know it comes from Mexico."



**Savannah Stratton**  
ENGLISH  
"People are becoming more careful and aware."

# Steve Cho to be named Citizen of the Year

By ANNA BIARITZ ROLDAN  
Staff writer

The Ohlone College Foundation will host the Citizen of the Year Champagne Luncheon on May 30. The luncheon is held yearly, but was skipped last year when the opening of the Newark Center was celebrated instead, with the "Green Tie Event."

According to David Smith, president of the Ohlone College Foundation, the Citizen of the Year is chosen by a separate set of Board of Directors. The luncheon, on the other hand, serves more than just one purpose. Aside from being a night to honor the most outstanding citizen of Fremont, it is also a fundraiser for the Ohlone College Foundation Scholarships.

Tickets cost \$75 each and sponsor sheets are available, in which potential donors may choose to be one of four different kinds of sponsors—Platinum Sponsor, Gold Sponsor, Silver Sponsor, or Bronze Sponsor. Depending on which kind of sponsor they choose to be, they will get one or two tables with 10 seats each and ad spaces in the program. The bigger contribution a company or business gives, the more students they can help out. To help convince business owners to contribute, testimonials of recent scholarship winners are also featured in the sponsor sheet package.

This year's Citizen of the Year Champagne

Luncheon will have extra significance since it will also celebrate the LEED Platinum

Certification that was awarded to the Ohlone College Newark Center by the U.S Green Building Council. Accordingly, the event will have two parts to it. First will be the awarding of Councilmember Steve Cho and next will be the honoring of the LEED Platinum Certification where a representative of the U.S. Green Building Council will award Ohlone College President Dr. Gari Browning.

Citizen of the Year, Steve Cho, a native Californian, has been very much involved in community and professional groups

for the past 35 years.

Cho graduated from Washington University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mathematics. He also attended the University of Southern California where he graduated with a Masters of Science degree in computer science. Cho moved to the Bay Area in 1973, worked as a systems analyst for Pacific Telephone in San Francisco and the following year got married and moved to Fremont. He became a member of the Board of Directors for the Organization of Chinese Americans from 1974 to 1992 and was president in 1978. He was also the vice president of Warwick Elementary PTA, Site



Photo courtesy of SteveCho.net

**Steve Cho will receive the Citizen of the Year award May 30.**

Council at Thornton Jr. High, president of Citizens for a Better Community in 1999 and 2007, board member for Advancing Productivity, Innovation, and Competitive Success Mission Peak Chapter from 1980 to 1988 where he was awarded member of the year in 1984. Cho was also a member of the Fremont City Charter Committee in 1997 and member of the Fremont Planning Commission in 1998.

All these accomplishments led him to become a Fremont councilmember, where he served for eight years from 2000 to 2008. Cho has also been a part of the League of California Cities (LCC) board of directors and was president of the LCC Asian Pacific Islander (API) Caucus. He is currently on the board of CBC, Fremont Symphony Orchestra, Friends of Children with Special Needs and the Quail Run HOA and is an active member of the Niles Rotary. Cho will become the East Bay District coordinator for the Boy Scouts of America in June, 2009.

According to Smith, "During his service in the Fremont City council he attended every function. [Cho] is a great person, giving of himself and his time." Cho has been one of the most hardworking and visible councilmember in Fremont which is why he has been nicknamed the "ubiquitous Cho" and which is also why he will be awarded Citizen of the Year.

# Frosh connection to introduce students to Ohlone

By SEAN NERO  
Staff writer

High school seniors will have an opportunity to experience the sights and sounds of Ohlone at the first-ever Freshmen Connection event, Saturday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. According to the Interim Director of Transition and Learning Community Programs Allison Bly, "Freshmen Connection is a college-wide effort with support coming from all over." She said the event is a great way to help support the

new students.

Bly said that the Freshmen Connection is "an event that introduces incoming students to the college." Students who attend will receive priority registration, which allows them to register for classes a full two days before other students. Bly also said, "We want students to connect to the college and meet instructional faculty, staff and other students."

According to Bly, "This is the first time this event has been offered and differs from student welcome

day in that it isn't a class and students are able to take the placement test, register for classes and visit with counselors as long as their applications are done."

Bly also encouraged parents to come take part, saying, "Parents are critical to student success and it's important for parents to know about what Ohlone has to offer." Bly said, "There will be numerous workshops dealing with transferring, money management and financial aid."

Bly said that there would also

be both student and faculty panels available, which will help get the new students acquainted with the college." According to Bly, "The new students will go with peer mentors during the event so that they can see the key locations on campus."

Bly said that "with the enrollment increases it is important for

students to get a good start." She hopes that interacting and meeting with students from other schools will help them persist and continue on with their educations.

There will be a free barbeque lunch from noon to 1 p.m. for all of the students and their parents. According to Bly, there are 342 students and 300 parents signed up so far.

# Opposition party needed

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ASOC officers, if they were not part of the new political group? And if the ASOC were in fact more akin to its own political party, then how many party members would jump ship to join a new, rival group? Would students interested in voting have to register on club days? Or would registration only matter if you wanted to run for an office? Or would this proposed new group take the form of a new club, or maybe even a new class?

Logistically, there are a plethora of questions that would have to be addressed before anything concrete could be done. But the simple truth is that people adore having choices.

People choose their brand of gas, their brand of car, of cigarette, of soda and computers. And of course, people easily pick their preferred political party. The stakes might not be as high as on the state or national level, but the act of taking part in something of importance to you is worth just as much.

# Dean of HR remains vacant

By ZUNERA SYED  
Staff writer

The position of Human Resources Dean continues to remain vacant after the college declined to hire either of the finalists for the job.

Although representatives from the college committed a lot of time, dedication and effort in the most recent recruitment and selection process, the decision was reached that Ohlone will not offer the position to either of the final candidates.

According to a recent Ohlone press release, the college recruitment process was able to generate approximately 55 completed application packets. However, there were only eight that had educational

human resources experience and training.

After conducting the interviews, the selection committee recommended two final candidates for consideration. Vice President of Administrative Services Mike Calegari, President Dr. Gari Browning, and Interim Dean of Human Resources Victor Collins participated in the the final interview process.

The press release also mentioned that based on the final interview and a review of background information of the finalists, a consensus was reached that the most appropriate action would be to review the position and administer a new recruitment instead of reviewing the applications that were not previously considered by the selection committee.

## TRANSFER EVENTS

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- 4/30 - UC Irvine Rep. Visit
- 4/30 - CSU East Bay Degree & Teaching Credential Info Booth
- 5/4 - Cal State East Bay Rep Visit
- 5/5 - Academy of Art Univ Info Table
- 5/5 - Menlo College Info Table
- 5/5 - "Interested in Taking Classes at UC Berkeley?" Workshop
- 5/6 - FAST TRACK Admissions to CSU East Bay
- 5/6 - "Getting Ready to Transfer: The Final Year" Workshop
- 5/7 - Notre Dame De Namur Univ Info Table



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By NOAH  
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## Keepsakes found again

While flipping through a 40-year-old Webster's Dictionary I found a collection of wildflowers sloppily pressed in between the middle pages. I delicately removed the flowers. I could not help but wonder who had placed the flowers in the dictionary. I relish the discovery of the treasure of peoples past, placed and then forgotten on high bookshelves.

I once found a .22 caliber bullet beneath the carpet in my closet at my old apartment, left behind by a former occupant. I've had the privilege of looking through several boxes of glass photographic negatives from the 1906 earthquake in San Francisco and the flooding of Irvington that same year. Once while rooting through my parents' garage, I stumbled upon a box of old love letters and photos, and to my surprise learned that they were addressed to my father's first wife, previously unknown to me.

These little treasures are often of little or no monetary value, but possess sentimental value rivaling precious stones. Every family has some of these forgotten relics. Maybe they are your great-grandfather's baby pictures you once thought were lost in the move across the country. Perhaps your treasure is your mom's favorite Beatles album, or your Little League medal from fifth grade.

When cleaning the house, we can be tempted to toss some items whose nostalgic powers can seemingly be overcome. But it is only when you want to rush to your bookcase and find those old photos or that crappy medal and show it off that you remember you threw it out, and worse yet, you wish you had not done so.

I am not declaring that we should become consummate pack rats and hoard all objects with even a hint of meaning to us. What I am saying is these items — our high school rings, our embarrassing middle school yearbooks — are what we use to help tell our stories to friends and families. Not all of our memories can be contained on a hard drive, nor should they be collected solely in photo albums to collect dust in the garage.

Our precious little treasures can often hold value far beyond what we can imagine, and so it is important to be aware of what items from our lives truly stand out to us as objects that represent our personalities and where we come from. This is not an endorsement of blind consumerism, where we can proclaim vainly that the obnoxious Kanye glasses are an extension of our souls and personalities. Fashion is not who you are, but your family's heritage and keepsake can be a powerful force to remind us of where we come from, and where we might be going.

# Students donate to save Thumper

By DEVERY SHEFFER  
Staff writer

A fundraiser for an injured rabbit received an anonymous check for \$500 this past Tuesday. It is imperative for the survival of this animal that its infected eye be removed, a surgery costing approximately \$1,000. The Ohlone faculty have displayed their affection for this creature by donating a total of over \$800 so far.

Ohlone students Tseten Dolkar and Khushboo Chabria found the rabbit in the middle of the road Thursday night at 10 in Fremont's Warm Springs District near NUMMI. They said they came upon the rabbit by chance when they took a wrong turn on their way to get some food. They noticed that the white fur ball in the middle of the road did not move when they drove by it. Dolkar was hesitant but Chabria insisted that they check it out.

Upon finding the animal, they immediately noticed the damage and blood from the left eye. They called the non-emergency police line, which referred them to the Ohlone Wildlife Refuge, which was closed for the night. They attempted to find a vet that night but all the animal hospitals could offer was to euthanize the animal at that time.

The two girls choose to follow the



Photo courtesy of Tseten Dolkar

**Thumper, a rabbit found in the road bleeding from its left eye, needs students help to recover.**

instructions left on the Ohlone Wildlife Refuge answering machine; they put the rabbit in a box with no food or water and gave it a tee-shirt because it was shivering.

The following day, the rabbit, who they named Thumper after the Disney classic movie *Bambi*'s rabbit character, was taken to the American Animal Center on Fremont Boulevard after it was turned down by the Ohlone Wildlife Refuge because it

was a domestic animal.

"The veterinarian explained that because the eye was the only location of the injury, it was most likely due to human abuse," said Dolkar.

The vet also said that the animal had been starving for the past four weeks. When animals do not have food, their pancreas secretes a fluid causing bloating and indicating starvation.

The initial fees for medication

and X-rays cost about \$600. Friend and ASOC Vice President Kevin Feliciano charged this to his credit card.

In 2007 there were 1,880 reported animal cruelty cases; 25 percent of those were animals other than cats and dogs, according to the Humane Society of the United States website.

The Ohlone students put their heads together and came up with the idea of a fundraiser to provide the money for the surgery and to reimburse Feliciano. They sent out an e-mail to all Ohlone faculty members. "[Faculty support] has been overwhelming," said Dolkar.

Along with financial donations, people have offered homes for the rabbit and information on veterinarians who might remove the eye pro bono or at a discounted price.

Thumper is a white rabbit, and is currently on a diet of lettuce, alfalfa and timothy hay. He takes turns spending the night at the three rescuers' houses.

Dolkar said Thumper has been moving around a lot more in the past couple of days, and he is more active but still traumatized.

If you would like to make a donation, even a small one, in order to save Thumper, you can give your money to the Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS) window in Building One.

## No one bites the Chalkdust here

By ERIC DORMAN  
Editor-in-chief

"Everybody wants to be your friend/When you've got something you can give them." The Chalkdust band may be a little misunderstood, but between three guest performers, three bands and a tell-all Chalkdust documentary, they didn't fail to give their friends what they were asking for at last Friday's "Chalkdust and Friends" concert.

Some of the fare was mainstream and much of it was unusual, but all songs were popular with the packed house in NUMMI Theater. "You'll probably see more ukuleles in one place tonight than you ever had before," said English Professor and Chalkdust co-founder Mark Brosamer of the five ukuleles present at the show. "You're welcome."

After kicking off the night with Brosamer and the other half of Chalkdust, Math Professor Jeff O'Connell, delivering a rousing performance of Better Than Ezra's "A Little Misunderstood," the two band members, never lacking a sense of humor, screened an exclusive "documentary" chronicling Chalkdust's rise to the Ohlone spotlight. The film—which both claimed to never have seen, despite the fact that the narrator's vocal intonations bore a certain resemblance to O'Connell's timbre, revealed a dark side of the band that would have shamed Michael Moore.

As the film progressed, individual interviews with Brosamer and O'Connell revealed a less amicable relationship between the two than one might otherwise have believed. Brosamer, O'Connell explained, just really wasn't someone he got

along with; in fact, he disliked his fellow teacher's presence so much that he voiced the willingness to be "in any band that Mark isn't in. I mean, if the devil had a band and Hitler was the drummer, I'd join," said O'Connell. But not with Brosamer.

Not to be outdone, Brosamer, for his part, got in some digs of his own. "You know when you go to the dentist, and they floss you really hard?" he said. "That's what it's like working with Jeff."

Despite the personality conflicts between Brosamer and O'Connell, the film went on to explain, the immense talent of the two performers was soon attracting mammoth audiences, filling stadiums all over the country. Sadly, though, personal issues tore the band apart, reducing its performance itinerary to only one show per year, at Ohlone.

Even with their professed dislike of each other out in the open, however, O'Connell and Brosamer pushed on bravely with the show.

In an effort to connect with the student body, Brosamer chose a song featuring "hip-hops and things like that," which in this case turned out to be Katy Perry's "I Kissed A Girl." The song's subject matter and the fact that Brosamer was singing it turned out to be mildly problematic, and some of the lyrics required adjustments accordingly, such as omitting the chorus's "it felt so wrong" line.

Brosamer did well throughout the first half of the song, considering its intended vocal range, when he came to an abrupt halt. He objected to the fact that he didn't know the name of the girl in question, explaining, "I knew the names of both girls I

kissed. First and last."

From Brosamer's foray into hip-hop came from more traditional fare. After O'Connell and his father, Dan, played two traditional Irish guitar/accordion duets, Transfer Center Specialist Frances Fon delivered soaring vocal performances of Allison Krauss's "When You Say Nothing At All" and Jason Mraz's "Lucky."

From there, Ohlone student and YouTube celebrity Shawn Megofna took the stage. "He has a video that has 400,000 views," Brosamer explained by way of introduction. "We have a video that has 42."

"We're catching up," added O'Connell.

Megofna, whose YouTube videos include not only vocals, ukulele, guitar and piano renditions of popular music but also his own originals, played two such original pieces. The first, "Paper Girl," he explained, was only recently composed, meaning that the audience was the first to hear it. Accompanied on the guitar, he sang of a man who sees a girl in a magazine and falls in love: "Had to unsubscribe/Turn pages into real life." The song had a strong rhythm, but a melancholy air.

More upbeat was Megofna's next number, "Addicting," this time performed on ukulele. Megofna explained the song's title: "You can be addicted to a lot of things, including love. You know, that feeling you get when you first start a relationship."

Megofna left the stage after his performances, but the ukulele theme remained. Brosamer and his band, "Animal 54," provided a rousing round of ukulele, bass and keyboard music, with provocative

lyrics like "I got a ukulele, now I'm not afraid."

Not to be outdone, O'Connell brought his own band, "Volume Control," to the stage, banishing the ukuleles and bringing rock 'n roll back to the forefront with hits like Reba McEntire's "Why Haven't I Heard From You" and "Love Shack," by the B-52's.

It was then, with the house still warm from the vibes of "Love Shack," that O'Connell and Brosamer decided to officially reconcile their differences. "That stuff [in the film] was taken out of context," said Brosamer. "I like being flossed. It's healthy and cleansing." They sealed their newfound friendship with Pat Benatar's "We Belong," with both members of Chalkdust teaming up to play the chorus on one guitar.

There to close out the show were Ohlone's own Ukulele Renegades, joining forces with Brosamer (also on ukulele) to perform "Love Hurts" by Nazareth, a plaintive tune with somewhat depressing lyrics: "Some fools think of happiness/ Blissfulness, togetherness/ Some fools fool themselves I guess/ They're not foolin' me."

Following Chalkdust tradition, O'Connell and Brosamer concluded the show with a rousing rendition of Sonny and Cher's "I Got You Babe." O'Connell explained the choice: "This is a song that Mark and I didn't write, but we feel like we should have." O'Connell sang Sonny's lines masterfully, capturing the singer's nasal delivery precisely.

Brosamer brought the show to a close with an age-old question. "Why do I always have to be Cher?"



## They've got sole: dance with a purpose

By NAZIA MASTAN  
Staff writer

Have you ever wanted to watch Ohlone's dance classes perform what they've learned throughout the semester? Well, here is your chance. Director Janel Tomblin-Brown presents the 11th annual "Soul to Sole" in the Jackson Theater Thursday, April 30, at 8 p.m. through Saturday May 2.

Tomblin-Brown, a veteran dancer herself, presents the audience with a note in the show's program, "As dancers, our art is expressed through our body and we let our soul inspire our movement."

The dance students in the show, instructors and directors have com-

plied a performance that presents four sets of dances that represent the highs and lows of a soul's journey. The first is "The Soul Dances."

"We dance to satisfy our soul, usually in joy, sometimes not," said Tomblin-Brown.

This set includes upbeat dances to the crooning of Britney Spears in her song "Circus" as well as "Tengo Que Bailar" by Magalena and Sergio Mendes, in which the performers dance to the Latin duo's romantic beat.

The second set of dances are entitled "The Souls Progression."

The dances are about times of great despair, loss, or confusion, times that the soul uses to mature and progress to greater understand-

ing, peace and gratitude."

In this compilation of performances, John Mayer's "Slow Dancing in a Burning Room" is danced to with dramatic movements that are set in motion to inspire a deeper understanding of human emotion.

After a brief intermission, the third set of dances are the presentations of "The Lack of Soul." "You know these people, they have no remorse, no presence."

"Trapped" by Hemadja Amadra a feature of Cirque Du Soleil is adapted into the college's performers motions, as well as "Weird Science" portraying the revolt of android-like robots overpowering their lab coat-wearing creators.

The last set of dances that are

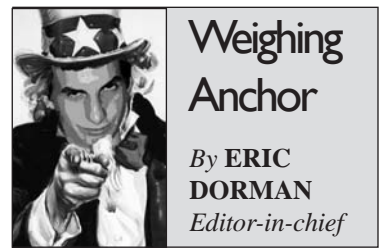
presented in "Soul to Sole" explicate "The Soul in Limbo;" "At the end of life's journey, the soul must make a choice to go to the light, but it's not always easy to use."

A compilation of rhythms and beats provide the backdrop for soul-searching dancers.

Music like Twilight's "Nomads and the Light" and "The Crossing" is presented in this final set of performances in the Spring Show.

"Soul to Sole" features Ohlone's finest dancers in their renditions of movements to ballads that induce some soul-searching of our own.

Tickets are on sale at the Box Office. Call (510) 659-6031 or go to [www.ohlone.edu/org/smithcenter/box.html](http://www.ohlone.edu/org/smithcenter/box.html) to purchase them.



## Spoon-fed democracy

It was Tuesday, and I had just stepped out of math class and onto the Quad. The sun was dazzling after the musty darkness of 6205, and my left brain facilities, atrophied by years of liberal arts, were reeling under the repeated blows of arithmetic adversaries like parametric equations and the polar coordinate plane. Halfway across the Quad, though, somewhere through the math-induced haze, my frontal lobe registered a lone stimulus.

Pizza.

It appeared to be free, so I made my way toward the source. Casting a ballot in the ASOC election appeared to be a prerequisite for gaining my allotment, so I dutifully filled out a ballot. It wasn't until I was halfway down the stairs, the chemical goodness of the pepperoni beginning to dispel my cranium's mathematical contaminants, that I began to wonder—why does it take a slice of pizza to get people like me to vote?

In Iraq, Afghanistan, Algeria and developing democracies all over the world, people risk their lives to cast a ballot. All over the world, people have all sorts of causes that drive them to vote—social equality, better education, a better future. And here on our City on the Hill, the burning desire that drives us all to cast that vote for change is...a slab of Pizza Hut's finest.

I don't mean to suggest that a vote in the ASOC election is going to change anyone's life. After all, none of the candidates were contested, rendering the verdict somewhat of a moot point. However, as much as I enjoyed my slice, I think bribing the vote with food simply doesn't make sense.

Don't get me wrong—I love free food, and were I a member of the ASOC, the entire year's operating budget would be devoted to complementary Palm Bosque barbecues (not including the \$25,000 allocated for a *Monitor* helipad installation). But for our student government—intended to allow us college students our first look at a personal democracy—to offer students incentives of any sort to cast a vote simply sends the wrong message. It tells us that voting is about the instant reward for participation, rather than the long-term rewards that smart voting choices bring. The fact that national voter turnout has been on the decline for the past 50 years is no accident—somehow, we've got into the mindset that unless we receive some sort of instant gratification, voting just isn't worth our time. That decline may not be the ASOC's fault, but the pizza isn't helping.

Here in America, voting is a right and a responsibility. It shouldn't have to be spoon-fed to us.

## Gallery sheds light on students' art

By ANNA BIARITZ ROLDAN  
Staff writer

The Ohlone College Student Fine Art and Design Show is now open for viewing. The gallery showcases all the winning entries from students of miscellaneous fine arts and design classes here at Ohlone. The contest was closed April 9 and numerous artworks were awarded.

According to Kenney Mencher, Director of the Louie Meager Art Gallery, it took two weeks to set up the show, which included hanging competition entries, judging, labeling artworks and putting together a catalog for the show.

It was a lot of work, and according to Mencher, "There were a bunch of really dedicated students who did most of the work."

The Ohlone College Student Fine Art and Design Show has been going on as long as Ohlone has been around. It was started by Dave McLaughlin and Tom Harland, both of whom are retired, along with Cindy Luckoski when they opened the art department in the 1960s.

Entries for the show were judged by the entire Faculty of the art department. According to Mencher, each instructor had five stickers that they placed next to the art they found outstanding based on the "strength" of each piece in terms of how it appeared as an image, two dimensional or three dimensional. He also said, "...there was the idea that we wanted to see how good the craft was, how well each [piece of art was] made, and was the overall quality consistent with what we are trying to teach in our classes."

This year there were 485 entries and 200 were chosen. Mencher said, "Anyone who gets in the show is a winner in my book." There were three top winners from each of the 10 categories: painting, drawing, interior design, photographic design, computer graphics, art historical references, sculpture and 3D design, ceramics, and glass. First place winners get an award certificate and a cash prize of \$150. First and second runner-ups receive \$75 and \$50. The curtains close on the show at the end of May.



Photo courtesy of Kenney Mencher

**Student Peng Xu's 'Self-Portrait,' on charcoal will be featured in the Student Art Show.**

## Comics to spread giggles across Ohlone

By ZUNERA SYED  
Staff writer

Comedians from all around the Bay Area will perform at comedy night on May 1. The performance will be put on by Ohlone's Forensics Team and will take place in Room 2133 at 7:30 p.m.

Comedy Night was started and will be hosted by Sammy Obeid, who is part of the Forensics Team. Obeid is an after dinner speaker who takes up an informative or persuasive topic and makes it humorous. Obeid is currently a professional stand-up comic and will emcee the event. Professional stand-up

comedians will be volunteering and helping with this fundraiser.

The cost to attend Comedy Night is \$5 and all proceeds will go to Ohlone's Forensics Team.

In addition to the Forensics Team putting on Comedy Night, they took second place at the California Community College Forensics As-

sociation state championships in March. The tournament featured 16 community colleges from across the state. The team won two gold medals, five silver medals, and three bronze medals. This accomplishment allowed five team members to attend the Phi Ro Pi national tournament in Illinois.

## Poetic voices fill not-so-silent library

By SEAN NERO  
Staff writer

Students, staff and faculty piled into the library for Ohlone's 8th annual poetry reading last Thursday.

The event, hosted by English Professor Robert Mitchell, featured both student-created poetry and video interpretations of poems, as well as poetry set to music.

Mitchell kept the pace by sharing poems between every few speakers.

Poems recited at the event ranged from funny to sad and everything in-between.

Some students presented their

own innovative poems while others chose to present someone else's poem in a different light.

Ohlone student Chris Rogers did the latter; he presented a video interpretation of Oison Fogarty's poem "Le Parkour."

Rogers said that "this was a project for English poetry class."

He also said that he chose this poem because he has been "doing Parkour for six months and finds it fun, relaxing and a stress reliever."

English major Annaliese Gomez wrote and presented an original piece titled "Decline."

Her poem focused on happenings

in the music industry throughout time.

Gomez said the idea for her poem, which she said took an hour to write, came from "listening to music and taking words and phrases from... songs and melding them into my own thing."

Another student who wrote an original piece was Business and Administration major Justin Hamady. Hamady wrote his poem titled "To Momma" in only 10 minutes.

Hamady said he was "inspired by his mother to write the poem," which had a very upbeat vocal pattern to it.

Poems weren't limited to only

students as Speech and Communications professor Kay Harrison also recited a speech.

Harrison also spoke on an upcoming opportunity for students to come recite speeches and poems in front of a larger audience through the "spring fling" event.

Harrison said the event is "through the Northern California Forensics Association and will feature students from 15 to 20 two and four year colleges and universities coming to Ohlone to try out for their schools speech teams."

The "spring fling" event will be held May 2.



# Raza Day brings Latino students to Ohlone

By **ESMERALDA LEON**  
Staff writer

Ohlone opened its Newark campus to high school students for the annual Raza Day event on April 24.

Raza Day was established in 2004 and is supposed to empower Latino students with the hopes that they will decide to continue on to higher education.

The event also shows the benefits of being an Ohlone student, including showcasing the Chicano studies classes.

One of the discussions was about how life for a college

student can be very difficult and expensive. Student Panelist Andres Garcia explained how everything is a sacrifice, but it's worth the struggle in the end.

The afternoon was full of music and food from Tony's Tacos who agreed to provide food for the event. As students finished their workshops and a tour of the Newark Campus, they ate and watched Aztec dancers perform at the theatre outside of the Newark Campus. Students also joined the Aztec, learning the steps on stage.

Before the event was complete, they held one more

student panel to answer any more questions from the high school students.

Students raised question on how college students are able to pay for their classes and how costly the books are.

This year the number of high school students who were able to attend to Raza Day dropped due to school budgets. Despite lower turnout, the event was successful in its attempt to attract high school students to continue in their education and hopefully to here at Ohlone, which is known for welcoming and celebrating different cultures.



Photo courtesy of Gosia Gizycki

**Traditional Aztec dancers perform at Raza Day.**

## Ohlone aims to avoid swine flu

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These outbreaks prompted a rise in the threat level, and WHO is urging countries to take immediate action against the spread of the virus.

The CDC issued a recommendation to suspend any non-essential travel to Mexico because of the large swine flu outbreak in that country, and that those who have traveled to the country in the past couple weeks who feel sick seek immediate medical attention.

The official name of swine flu is Influenza Type A H1N1, which is

normally found in pigs. The symptoms are similar to that of a normal flu, but there are no current vaccines for humans against Swine Flu.

Although humans normally cannot be infected by swine flu themselves, exposure to infected pigs can result in infection, which can be passed on to others. Eating pork or pork products, however, does not result in infection, so there's no need to worry about getting swine flu from your breakfast bacon. Even so, it is recommended that all pork products be cooked well to be safe.

The virus can also be spread through contact with other objects, such as door knobs or table surfaces. Frequent hand washing and even carrying a bottle of disinfectant are recommended to prevent infection from these sources.

Because Ohlone College is a community college that serves thousands of students who commute to and from the campus every day, it is important to know that the risk of infection is high, and that students take extra care of themselves and of others around them. To stay updated on the latest about swine flu, visit [www.cdc.gov/swineflu](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu).



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## Full lineup announced for Unity Week

Ohlone's annual Unity Week celebration is scheduled next week, with a wide range of attractions, including food, music, dancing, films, works of art and lectures.

Sponsored by the Associated Students of Ohlone College and produced by the Campus Activities office, Unity Week will be celebrated all week, but activities will center on Tuesday

and Wednesday. There will be diversity displays in the lobby of Building One all week. The display is entitled, "Global Do's and Don'ts: Thumbs Up or Up Yours?"

Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. there will be food, music and dancing at the Cinco de Mayo Celebration sponsored by Mecha at the bottom of the stairs leading

to Building One.

Also on Tuesday will be a screening of "The Red Door," a film by D.B. Chang, in the Jackson Theater from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The showing will be an exclusive preview for Ohlone students.

On Thursday, Brandon Hughes, an African-American actor, will present a one-man show on relationships, friendships and family at

11 a.m. in the Jackson Theater. There will be cultural entertainment and free pizza (for the first 200 people) at noon at the bottom of the stairs leading to Building One.

Then, later on Wednesday, a program entitled "The Beauty of Islam" will be presented by the Muslim Students Association from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. in

Room 3102.

For more information about Unity Week, or any other event sponsored by the Associated Students of Ohlone College, visit the Campus Activities office in Building One, or contact Renee Gonzales, Campus Activities Program Coordinator at rgonzales@ohlone.edu or by phone at (510) 659-7311.

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#### April

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

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

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

#### May

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

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

**2-3 Women's Softball -** Regionals - Round 1. Saturday at 2 p.m and Sunday at noon vs. Merced at Ohlone Softball field.

**2 Freshmen Connection Day 2009 -** For high school

seniors at the Smith Center Amphitheatre from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

**4 Summer 2009 Registration -** New and former students with a completed application.

**4 Fall 2009 Registration -** New and former students with a completed application.

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

**4 College Council meeting -** At Fremont Campus in Room 1407 and Newark Campus in Room NC-1219 from 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**5-6 Unity Day -** 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 Faculty Retirement Celebration -** Palmdale Best House in Fremont from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. \$15 in advance. RSVP to Bob Bradshaw.

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

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

**6 Faculty Senate -** Meeting in Room 1307 on Fremont Campus at 3:30 p.m.

**6 Board of Trustees -** Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Ohlone College Board Room at Fremont campus.

**7-8 Men's Tennis -** State Championships in

Sacramento.

**7 Brown Bag Speaker Seminar -** Civic and Community Engagement by Matt Freeman in Room 3201 at 1 p.m.

**8-10 Men's Baseball -** Regionals at Ohlone College in Fremont.

**8 Professional Development Committee -** Meeting in Room 1407 on Fremont campus at 12:30 p.m.

**8 Speech Night -** Room 2133 at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door.

**8 Chops Big Band -** In the Nummi Theatre at 8:30 p.m.

**9-10 Women's Softball -** Regionals Round 2.

**9 Ohlone College Super Flea Market -** Fremont Campus. The flea market is held every 2nd Saturday of every month in parking lots

H and E. Parking is \$2.

**9 Community Band -** Central Park Performance Pavilion in Fremont at 2 p.m.

**9 Community Chorale -** Centerville Presbyterian Church in Fremont at 3 p.m.

**9 Fremont Symphony Spring Concert -** Sparkling Schumann in the Jackson Theatre at 8 p.m.

**10-16 National Women's Health Week**

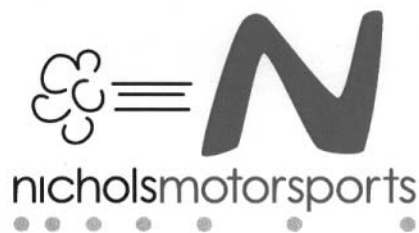
**11 Summer 2009 Priority date -** 10th-12th grade applications.

**11 Faculty Senate -** Meeting in Room 1307 on Fremont campus at 12:30 p.m.

**13-21 Textbook Buybacks**

**16 Student Rep -** Second Bill Nummi Theatre at 8 p.m.

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## Nurses' Day

Tuesday, May 5th 10 a.m. - noon.  
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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!**



Inside  
the lines

By JEFF  
WEISINGER  
Sports editor

## Poor reception

On Saturday, the infamous Black Hole became just that. A hole.

Many Raider fans throughout the country turned in their silver and black when they heard these exact words from NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell:

“With the seventh pick of the 2009 NFL Draft, the Oakland Raiders select... Darrius Heyward-Bey, wide receiver, Maryland.”

With the cameras on Texas Tech wide receiver Michael Crabtree, ready for him to be picked by whom everyone thought would be Oakland, the Raiders went, once again, for the fastest guy in the draft.

The announcement shocked just about everyone, including Heyward-Bey himself, who had the cameras on him at his home with his family. There was no excitement on Heyward-Bey's face on camera, just simple shock.

Heyward-Bey was projected to be a late first-round pick to, probably, the New York Giants, who were also in need of a wide receiver since cutting Plaxico Burress a few weeks ago.

The 6-foot-3, 208 pound All-ACC honorable mention as a junior with the Terrapins only caught 43 balls last year for 609 yards with just five touchdowns. However, he ran a 4.3 40-yard dash time at the NFL Combine, but his lack of consistency brought concern to many NFL teams.

However, the sleeper pick that many didn't approve of is safety Michael Mitchell from Ohio.

The 6-foot-1 safety was picked in the second round, 47<sup>th</sup> overall by Oakland. He only recorded 62 tackles and three interceptions in 2008 and wasn't invited to the NFL Combine, however in Ohio's pro-day, he ran a 4.43 40-yard dash and benched 225 pounds just over 20 times.

Long story short, Oakland made it clear that to them, speed beats out production.

Oakland took a big risk passing on Crabtree in the first round of Saturday's draft, a risk that could bring Oakland back to the top 10 in next year's draft.

Instead of getting a complete receiver who's physical enough to go over the middle, with hands sure enough to catch what's thrown to him, the Raiders took another speedster for JaMarcus Russell or Jeff Garcia to try and throw deep to.

Heyward-Bey has to start in order for him to be successful, otherwise he'll be considered as a bust.

Both might be 6-foot-3, however speed isn't everything.

# LOOKING TOWARD 35



□ Renegades aim  
to break single-  
season win record

Photo by Tara Lynn Lanning

**Zach Johnson, below, sparked Ohlone's late rally, then Jeff Johnson, above, hit a two-run home run to score the Renegades' only two runs as Ohlone lost to West Valley 6-2 Tuesday.**

## Renegades drop two of three on road

By JEFF WEISINGER  
Sports editor

With the playoffs just about in sight, the Ohlone baseball team went on their final road trip of the 2009 regular season before hosting Thursday's regular season finale against Skyline.

The Renegades (34-9, 19-5) entered the three-game road trip riding a three-game win streak, momentum much needed going toward the end of the season.

What they didn't need was to lose two out of three through last weekend.

Ohlone lost 3-2 at Monterey Peninsula last Thursday, ending their three-game win streak. However, the Renegades came back from the loss on Saturday, defeating Gavilan College 18-6, giving the Renegades their 34<sup>th</sup> win of the season, tying the 2002 Ohlone baseball team who holds the school record for wins in

a single season.

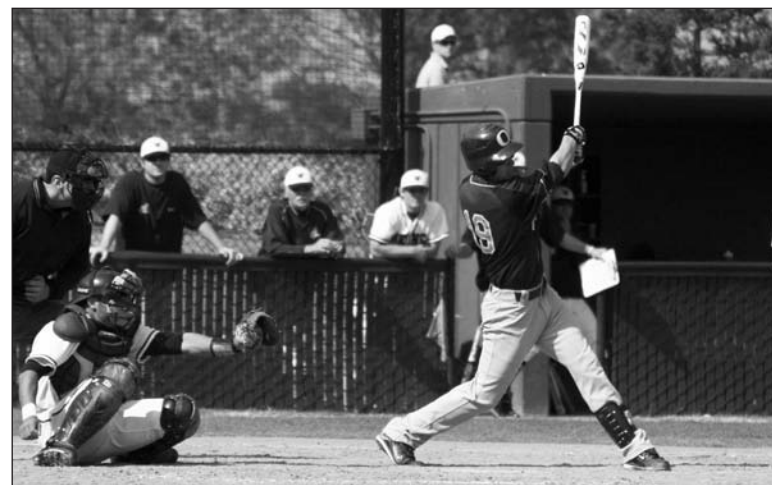
Ohlone, with a chance at breaking the single-season win record and winning the Coast Conference title outright for the first time in 18 years, traveled to Saratoga Tuesday to take on the West Valley Vikings.

The Renegades sent sophomore right hander Ian Hoff (7-2) on the mound to take on the Vikings.

The usually "lights-out" Hoff was anything but that on Tuesday as the Vikings knocked Hoff around, collecting 10 hits and scoring four runs on Hoff as he only lasted through four innings as the Renegades lost to the Vikings 6-2.

Freshman lefty Roberto Padilla relieved Hoff and pitched a solid four innings, allowing just two runs on two hits while striking out three batters.

West Valley took the early 3-0 lead against Hoff after the first two innings, and shut out the Renegades for almost the whole game as the



Renegade offense simply could not get anything going against Vikings starter Chris Balcom-Miller.

Ohlone third-baseman Zach Johnson started the late rally in the ninth inning by hitting a hard line-drive single. His brother Jeff Johnson sent a 3-2 pitch over the fence for his 16<sup>th</sup> home run of the season, scoring Ohlone's first and

only two runs of the game.

Ohlone will have one more shot at breaking the record and winning conference as they'll host Skyline College today at 2 p.m. in the season finale.

The Renegades are 1-1 against the Trojans this year, winning the last meeting 10-3 at Skyline back on March 26.

## Lady Renegades eager for playoffs

By TOMÁS ORTEGA  
Sports writer

The Ohlone Softball team hasn't played in a game since its final season victory against rival Chabot College two Saturdays ago.

There's been no standing around or waiting, though, for battery mates Kelly Colker and Kat Sumner and the rest of the Coast North Conference Champion Ohlone Renegades.

The seeds for the playoffs have been set and Ohlone is slated to face off against Merced College this weekend in a best of three series, hosted at the Ohlone Softball field.

Ohlone did not face Merced during the regular season this year, but a few of the players recall a meeting in the fall.

Freshman outfielder Ashley Nahale remembers the fall match up against their Regional playoff foes. "Yeah, I remember we played them and beat them in the fall," Nahale said. "But we're a much stronger team than we were then."

Nahale speaks for more than just her team in that sense. In 43 games played, Nahale is batting .361 including four home runs. She along with teammate Kim Cawley are in the top eight among batting average leaders in the Coast North and are determined to lead their squad past the Regional playoffs.

Sophomore pitcher Kelly Colker, who is likely to get the game one nod against Merced Saturday afternoon, is excited for the first wave of playoff games.

"We've never played them before," Colker said. "We don't know

what they're like so we need to be disciplined against them."

Colker mentioned that one of Merced's pitchers has at least two different ways she throws her change up. Though it was strange for Colker to mention that when the Renegades have never faced them.

"Word gets around," Colker said. "I've never heard [of four spins on a change up] before."

"I think it's all mental preparation if she does have lots of change ups," Nahale said. "We're a good team though, so we can adjust."

"It's interesting to go into a game we don't know anything about the team we're playing," Colker's battery mate, Kat Sumner said. "We have no choice but to be peaking right now."

The Renegades have a variety of

things in their favor.

On paper, they were given the sixth highest seed in Northern California, which comes with a home game to open the playoffs.

On the ball field, the Renegades have the leadership of head coach Donna Runyon.

"If they knew all the answers, there wouldn't be anything to work on during the week," Runyon rebutted when briefed on her team's feelings of the "unknown" team.

"We're going to work on moving in the same direction and play well."

The first game of the Regional Playoffs starts at 2 p.m. Saturday afternoon and will continue through Sunday.

Sunday's first game begins at noon and a second game will be played at 2 p.m. if necessary.