



Ohlone wins big in mathletics

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Five of the six members of Ohlone's math competition team received honorable mentions, and David Gregory Monson received first place, in the statewide Mathletics competition hosted by the California State University at Monterey Bay.

This year's Mathletics had competitors from Chico State, Cabrillo College, Monterey Bay State, and Monterey Peninsula College.

Students from Ohlone's Math Club, Mu Alpha Theta, consisting of Monson, Jinghong Qian, Karab Dhindsa, Yu Zhou Qin, Yang Guo and Minkai Ong, were this year's participants. They were selected based "largely but not exclusively," according to club adviser Professor Geoff Hirsch, on their prior math competition scores (namely the bi-yearly American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges tests, or AMATYC), and consultation among math faculty colleagues.

Hirsch named Monson as the unofficial team captain, and said he devised a method of practice for the

competitors, though much study for the team was done independently.

The Mathletics competition originally was only in the Monterey school district, as a means to encourage participation in mathematics. The competition also extended only from 5th grade through high school, but in the last two years college calculus was added, as was an invitation for all schools and colleges in California to participate.

First place winner Monson received a \$100 Visa gift card for his efforts, and in a fun competition during the tabulation of scores, Monson won another \$10 gift card and Guo won \$25.

In regards to the team's success, Hirsch said he "never felt more proud to be connected to Ohlone," and added the probabilities of all six team members receiving laudations, based on chance alone, were in an order of one in a million.

Those interested in Mu Alpha Theta or participating in math competitions can attend club meetings, whose sessions are tentative until the fall semester. For inquiries, contact Hirsch at ghirsch@Ohlone.edu.

Last brown bag of the semester, today

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The Speech & Communication Studies Department will present Matt Freeman's brown bag presentation today at 1 p.m. in Room 3102. The presentation is entitled "Civic and Community Engagement and the value of Service Learning." Matt Freeman, who is currently an Instructor of Political Science at Ohlone, also serves as the college's Speech and Debate Coach.

According to the mission statement for the college's Center for Civic and Community Engagement,

"Civic engagement means working to make a difference in the civic life of our communities and developing the combination of knowledge, skills, values and motivation to make that difference. It means promoting the quality of life in a community, through both political and non-political processes."

Freeman's presentation will emphasize to students and faculty the importance of giving back to the community.

Freeman's brown bag presentation will be the last of the semester. The brown bag series will resume in the fall.

Ohlone tech being taught to seniors

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The Ohlone College Computer Applications and Occupational Technology (CAOT) department has established a partnership with the City of Newark Senior Center to offer computer classes to senior citizens.

Since February, Ohlone professors Elsa Webb and Rick Arellano, as well as three Ohlone interns, have been offering weekly computer application workshops at the Newark Senior Center.

CAOT courses, Arellano explained, are centered around teaching students computer applications used in business offices today.

Webb and Arellano have long been interested in establishing a partnership with the Newark Senior Center. "We are meeting part of Ohlone's mission to provide personal enrichment to

anyone in our community - in this case to seniors who want more information about recent technology. We also are meeting one of Ohlone's core values by developing an innovative course that actively reaches out to an underserved population," said Arellano.

Arellano and Webb want people to know that their technology gadgets class has been a success and is expanding to Fremont.

The Fremont Senior Center has asked if both professors will schedule time next fall to present the same gadget technology to seniors of the Fremont Senior Center.

"Our Ohlone student interns, as well as Elsa and I, look forward to working with the Fremont Seniors," said Arellano.

"I believe this community outreach program is worth being disseminated to the Ohlone College community," said Arellano.

ASOC swears in new officers

By **DEVERY SHEFFER**
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The winners of last week's ASOC election were sworn in during Tuesday's meeting. However, the meeting started out with a student's concerns about Ohlone's cafeteria.

Speech Professor Brenda Anholtz brought her Speech 103 Critical Thinking class in to do a presentation about their service project concerning the cafeteria. They reported on surveys they took about Ohlone students' feelings about our cafeteria and compared them to two other community colleges. Ohlone students ranked cleanliness and service as the most important to their cafeteria experience; comments included, "chairs are too dirty and our service staff have a bad attitude." They took video footage and talked to students from Chabot and Evergreen colleges, who also have contracts with Fresh and Natural. They noted that both of the colleges' cafeterias were much bigger, cleaner and friendlier in comparison with Ohlone's. Evergreen Community College in San Jose even had a game room and a big screen television in their cafeteria. The speech students' recommendations to the ASOC were to come up with a new contract with Fresh and Natural in order to bring in more revenue, give cafeteria staff training in customer service and to remodel the entire area.

The next order of business was to swear in all of the elected executive officers, including Kevin Feliciano as the new ASOC President and Ngan Vu as the new ASOC Vice President. After elections, the seat of Legislative Representative was still vacant. According to the ASOC Constitution, when there is a vacant seat, senior senators can be nominated. But, if they decline the nomination, or if no one is nominated, then anyone with a valid Ohlone

ID card can be nominated. Diana Lazo was nominated by former ASOC Treasurer Nancy Aridi, but she did not accept her nomination. Michaela Devine, who was present at the meeting, was nominated by ASOC senator Teran Finley. She gladly accepted and was sworn in as the new ASOC Legislative Representative.

The Forensics team was granted the \$1,000 they had requested in the previous meeting to reimburse their trip to Mississippi for Forensic team member Andie Morhous, who competed at a tournament. Former ASOC President Jackie McCulley congratulated Morhous and commended her for being one of the few students from a community college to attend the competition. The International Club was also granted their money request of \$300.

Both the Anime Club and the Ohlone League of Engineering were denied their money requests because each of the events they requested money for will occur after May 22. According to the ICC handbook, clubs are not allowed to participate in any activities after the semester is over.

There was much discussion about whether or not to give the money to the Engineering Club, because earlier in the year they had already been granted \$200 for the Vex robot competition. At that time the club did not know the actual date of the Vex Competition, estimating it to be in late May. The ideas discussed were about the risk of damaging the integrity of the ASOC and the conflict of interest because the Anime Club was denied their money request. After much debate, the motion was left to die; two executive officers voted in favor of granting the club the money, but it was not enough. The Ohlone League of Engineering was not granted the additional \$300 they requested for a booster, motor and sensor kit for the robot they plan to enter in the Vex Competition at

De Anza College.

Emotions were high and some tears were shed as the ASOC bid farewell to former president McCulley. "I've enjoyed every bit of [my] three and a half years involved in ASOC," she said. Feliciano read aloud a resolution in her honor. A resolution is an official note that caters to a specific topic that will be kept in the records. The resolution commended McCulley for her work done with the Ohlone campus, her involvement in clubs and in the ASOC. When Feliciano was done reading everyone in the room gave her a standing ovation.

Executive officers noted the success of the hectic Freshman Connection Day. The ASOC had a Mardi Gras booth to promote and recruit senators. They gave out beads to future freshman students.

Campus Activities Coordinator, Renee Gonzales, noted that she was impressed with the ASOC booth at Freshmen Connection Day during her advisors report. She also gave her thanks to former officers and senators and said she was excited to work with anyone new. "[We] are off to a great start; let's not lose this momentum," she said of this summer and next fall semester.

ASOC Vice President, Vu reported on her trip to So Cal with Feliciano for the SSCCC general assembly. They attended workshops about associated student constitutions and bylaws, and conflict resolution. She said that our region, Region four, brought the most students to the assembly. Feliciano was re-elected as our region's chair and Vu was elected communications officer.

Both the ad hoc committees, Newark Room Furnishing and Cafeteria Committee, were renewed. The ASOC plans to work on these two committees during the summer as well as finish updating the constitution in order to get things ready for this upcoming fall semester.

Workers upset with hours

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arbitrate" but that Collins has denied it, even though the legality had never been questioned before.

The issues at hand are ones that are outlined and defined in the union contract; however, Evers said that when she filed a grievance with Collins, he told her that she doesn't have the right to demand a change, let alone grievance about an issue that does not concern payroll or wages. She also reported that the union has made contact with Collins to schedule meetings to discuss the discrepancies, but Collins has not responded to any emails, phone calls, or letters with his availability.

Collins told the *Monitor* that he is "perfectly willing to schedule meetings... [I] have not refused to talk to the union... My calendar is viewable by union members, and people can make appointments at anytime."

Collins also told the *Monitor* that there are separate legal processes for contract negotiations; "I don't want that discussion group talking about problems to be another arena for negotiations... there needs to be operational procedures; that's

how I work."

Evers said that if union rights are not recognized and if the district refuses to follow the law, legal action will be pursued. "There will be picketing, and [the union] will engage strong action to reach an agreement."

Also, CSEA plans to file a legal claim with the Public Employment Relations Board, or PERB. As described on www.perb.ca.gov, PERB is a "quasi-judicial administrative agency charged with administering the collective bargaining statutes covering employees of California's public schools, colleges, and universities, employees of the State of California, employees of California local public agencies (cities, counties and special districts), trial court employees and supervisory employees of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority." With PERB, the CSEA may file a claim against the H.R. department, demanding that the illegal actions "cease and desist." PERB only has the power to interpret code/law and mediate between disgruntled parties. If H.R. does not respond in favor of the CSEA, then the union will file with

higher California authority - the Labor Board, which will handle the HR-CSEA impasse with more authority. Evers said that they are not looking for money—but they want order.

According to Collins, nothing illegal has been committed. "They may have a designated voice; those legal rights are provided... it's not a problem." Collins added, "there is nothing in the world that says everybody has to agree with everything that's being done because you can have a different opinion on things."

Collins took over the H.R. Dean seat when Lyle Engeldinger left Ohlone College in December 2008 after a six-month leave of absence. Collins' experience with union discrepancies include a 2001 legal dispute at Long Beach City College—similar to the one with the CSEA at Ohlone—which ended in a formal complaint with the Labor Board.

When asked if his past experience with college unions help or harm his relationship with the CSEA, Collins said that "it helps set the lines of communication for whatever comes up in the future."