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Summer festival canceled

Ohlone's well-attended summer theater production, Summerfest, has fallen victim to the current budget crisis.

The musical productions, which usually featured students as well as community members, were performed under the stars in the outdoor theater at the Smith Center.

Last year's show was "Sweet Charity." Other productions have included "Man of LaMancha," which featured a well-known drama instructor as one end of a dancing horse.

The cancellation was announced by Jim Wright, vice president of Academic Affairs. He said it was cut because the school needs to reduce the number of students in summer session classes, and also because Ohlone needs to save money any way possible to avoid layoffs.



Photo by Dennis Franklin

Police SWAT vehicles responded to Newark Memorial High School Wednesday across the street from the Newark Ohlone center.

Newark High locked down after youth is spotted carrying a gun

By **JEFF WEISINGER**
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Police descended on Newark Memorial High School in SWAT vehicles, squad cars and helicopters Wednesday after four non-students were spotted on campus, one with a loaded gun.

The Ohlone Newark Center, which is across Cedar Boulevard from the high school, was not involved, although traffic was tied up in the neighborhood for hours.

Late Wednesday, police announced that three of the four non-students had been apprehended, and that the gun carrier was a 16-year-old boy from Union City.

According to police reports, the incident began shortly before noon as a Newark police officer noticed four boys standing around the

south end of the Newark Memorial campus.

Since Newark Memorial is a closed campus, the officer went in to investigate the situation, and as he turned on his flashers, the four ran and scattered.

The officer chased after them, and caught one, the 16-year-old, and discovered the loaded handgun on him.

However, since the three other teens ran toward the campus, Newark Police worked with the Newark Unified School District to lock down the Newark Memorial campus as of 11:40 a.m.

The Newark Memorial students were released to their parents in small groups around 3 p.m. in the NewPark Mall parking lot. They received a recorded message about the current situation shortly after

the lockdown of the campus took effect.

Although students were asked not to text or call family and friends about the situation, parents flocked to the NewPark Mall parking lot, discussing rumors about a possible hostage situation and shots being fired.

Both rumors turned out to be false, however most of the parents began to get frustrated at the police officers as they felt as if they were not being told the entire story of the situation.

There was also a rumor a freshman student in a class in the 400 Building that another class in the same building had been taken hostage.

Police reiterated that the rumors were false.

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SWAT teams searched each and every classroom on the campus, as a precaution, releasing students to the gymnasium after it was deemed safe. Each student was ordered to stay in place during the search. The SWAT teams found no suspects during the campus search,

There have been numerous reports as of late about teenagers, mostly non-students, hanging around the campus during school hours.

The other three boys of the original group were apprehended and four more teens were detained at gunpoint an hour after the lockdown.

The day started as two Newark Police officers responded to a call to patrol a condominium complex just south of the Newark Memorial campus.

ASOC room to open in Newark

By **EAN TAIJERON**
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A grand opening for the new ASOC recreation room at the Newark campus will be held Oct. 15.

The grand opening will be hosted by the Associated Students of Ohlone College in the room next to Peet's Café on the first floor of the campus.

ASOC plans all sorts of entertainment, food and a feel-good atmosphere for the dedication. The room includes a pool table, an Xbox 360 complete with Rock Band, a Nintendo Wii and Super Smash Bros. Brawl, a piano, and a Foosball table.

All students will have free access with their Student ID cards. Students are able to get these cards at the

ASOC center in Building Seven.

ASOC President Kevin Feliciano said, "The intention was to give students a feel of a student union."

On Tuesday evening, Sept. 29, the Associated Students of Ohlone College, (ASOC) had their first official meeting of Fall 2009.

At exactly 4:13 p.m. the senators of our school were sworn in to serve as the voice of the students

this fall. After being sworn in, the senators immediately went to work, as President Feliciano stated the first order of business, appointing the new ASOC Secretary. Senator Diana Lazo was unanimously voted into power and is now the new ASOC secretary.

Other business matters took place, such as discussions about Club Days, which was a success.

Pay cuts center of crisis talk

By **NAZIA MASTAN**
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Across-the-board pay cuts emerged Tuesday as the focus of efforts to close Ohlone's \$700,000 deficit by the end of the fiscal year. At a college-wide forum Tuesday in the Jackson Theater, Ohlone President Dr. Gari Browning explained that "85 percent of our budget goes to salaries and benefits, so we will have to pull from here."

At a College Council meeting last week, Mike Calegari, vice president of Administrative Services said that administrators are negotiating with three unions: the United Faculty of Ohlone (UFO) which represents teachers; the California School Employees Association (CSEA)

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Social media: So in

By **JEFF WEISINGER**
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At first, we all got our news by word-of-mouth. Once the telegraph was invented, and eventually the telephone shortly thereafter, we had a new source to get our news: the (always bland, but always fresh) Associated Press.

However, along with other major news sources, such as the A.P., the N.Y. Times, and many other big-time newspapers cutting reporters left and right, society has turned to a new method for receiving their news: Social Media.

The best way to describe the social media trend: think of it as an electronic "word-of-mouth."

Even the Ohlone *Monitor* used social media sites to cover the lockdown of Newark Memorial High School on Wednesday.

Thanks to such popular sites as Facebook and Twitter, people now have a quicker and more direct way of getting their news. (Yes, even if it is only 140 characters long.)

Social media played a big role in breaking the news about

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