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Bus service delayed to new Building 7

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The new bus stop designed for easy, efficient accessibility stands eerily vacant. A sign on a pole designates AC Transit bus lines -- the 210 (Fremont Boulevard line), 217 (Mission Boulevard line) and 218 (Grimmer Boulevard to BART) -- which could pull into the large loop of highway behind the new Building 7 every 30 minutes. A metal bench for passengers stands ready along Pine Street which winds up the hill from Mission. This bus stop is at almost the highest point the road goes behind Ohlone College. A large modern ramp with hand rails starts nearby and leads to the third floor of Building 7. Under the bus stop sign, a paper taped to the pole reads:

“Temporary. This stop is not in use. Board buses at lower loop.”

When asked on Tuesday why the buses do not drive to the bus stop behind Building 7, Clarence Johnson, spokesperson for AC transit said, “No notice was given to AC transit that the stop was complete so that service to the stop could start.” (Note: Clarence Johnson, Media Relations, Main 510 891-4745. Cell: 510 368 5755.)

Lucky Lofton, facilities director at Ohlone said he and Campus Police Chief Steve Osawa contacted AC Transit about routing the buses to the new stop and they did not do so. On Tuesday, after the Monitor's reporter called Johnson, AC Transit's employee Tony Divito called Lofton and said the buses will begin driving to the bus stop behind

Building 7 as early as Friday.

When AC Transit does run its buses to this new bus stop, the route from it through Building 7 to the quad of the campus bounded by Buildings 1 through 8 will be easy for disabled people to use and it is the quickest route.

Standing in the shoes of the physically challenged, or those using an assistive device or riding a wheelchair is a good way to evaluate accessibility. This reporter used her cane to walk the new route set up behind Building 7. Walking from the unused bus stop, after just 30 paces along a level sidewalk, a concrete ramp begins. It is large enough to accommodate two wheelchairs side by side. It has sturdy metal rails. It inclines gently downward.

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Photo by Jimmy Patten

Ohlone College has two bus stops, one near the baseball field, and one at the top near the new Building 7. Since construction started, the upper stop has not been in use.

Tutors wanted for biology, chemistry

By TOLU DAYO
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The Biology and Chemistry tutorial center is an important aid to the success of students here at Ohlone College.

The center is located in Building 8 Room 8318. There are many benefits for students who take advantage of the services offered; on the other hand, many students don't know that these services are even offered.

Due to this general lack of knowledge regarding the tutoring services available on campus, stu-

dents' grades often suffer.

The Biology/Chemistry Learning Center (BLC) is a major force in learning on campus and provides free tutoring on a drop-in basis for all of our biology courses.

Courses include Biotechnology, Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, general and advanced Biology.

Chemistry courses include including Principles of Chemistry, General Chemistry and Organic Chemistry.

In addition, the BLC serves the students enrolled in Health Sciences programs such as Nursing,

Respiratory Therapy and Medical Assisting.

The atmosphere in the center is relaxing and the tutors have made learning difficult material a little more clearer.

On the off chance a tutor is not available to offer help in a particular subject, the BLC offers an extensive collection of software and books to assist the student.

Student Jasmine Cancino expressed her gratitude, “I could have never passed any classes taken here on my own, but, because of the tutors and the attention that

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Psych Club gets speaker funds

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The Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) at their Oct. 6 meeting discussed upcoming holiday events for Ohlone.

Events included the Thanksgiving Feast and Halloween. Thanksgiving remains fairly traditional, but new ideas for Halloween were talked over.

The ASOC will create committees for these events soon.

After much thought and consideration, the ASOC approved their first money request to the Psychology Club, who last week asked the ASOC Senators for money to pay for a speaker to come to Ohlone later this month, and to promote the event.

After the fund request was concluded, the executives went to their weekly announcements. ASOC Vice President Ngan Vu commended Secretary Diana Lazo, for doing an excellent job as Secretary with her detailed reports of the ASOC office.

Madden film wins award

A film by Ohlone English instructor Carmen Madden won second place in the Peachtree Film Festival in Atlanta last month, and will be shown Monday as part of the Oakland Film Festival.

Madden describes “Everyday Black Man” as the story of a reluctant hero who sets out to “fix” his community.

The film will be shown at 7:15 p.m. Monday at the Jack London Theater No. 2, located at 100 Washington St. near Jack London Square, as part of the Eighth Annual Oakland International Film Festival. For more information, go to INFO@OIFF.ORG



Photo by Tomás Ortega

Bingo Ballin for prizes

Sofia Biag, second from left, receives her prize during Wednesday's Bingo Ballin event in the Cafeteria. From left is Tyler West, Diana Lazo, Biag and Joe Nichols draw bingo numbers from noon to 1 p.m.