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## Club Days aims to promote student unity

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The annual Club Days event, which celebrates the activities and achievements of various student organizations on campus, occurred in the cafeteria Feb 22. and Feb. 23.

Student, Anthony Thom-

as hosted the event, and explained the prizes available for students who attended.

Students who got a piece of paper from the Campus Activities table had to acquire stamps and initials from three different clubs to prove that they went club table received pizza and a soda or water.

Thomas said he believes, "the best part of Club Days is that people from all walks of life are brought together and get to experience things that they normally wouldn't."

This was Thomas's first time hosting Club Days but his second hosting an event this semester, the first being

the Valentine's Day event earlier this month.

Modern music filled the air, and was provided by Campus Activities.

Clubs attracted students to view their club tables by having multi-colored balloons, drinks, candy and various photographs spread out among the table from Crosswinds Club.

Hong said, "It attracts people and it is easier to strike up a conversation."

"Pictures develop creative thinking, in which sometimes you simply cannot put it into words, almost a non-verbal way to communicate," Hong continued.

The objective of the pictures was to have people browse through the assortment of images and think about which picture best illustrates their lives currently, and which pictures one would like to imagine their lives being like.

Each person's answer could be expressed either verbally or non-verbally, Hong said, as long as the student is involved in the process.

The Asia Pacific Ameri-

can Student Association's (or A.P.A.S.A) mission statement describes their club as "a blend of students united in promoting Asian culture within Ohlone College."

Members of the Asian Pacific American Student Association were dressed in their club t-shirts and gave free Asian style drinks as an incentive to get new club members to join.

Gay Straight Alliance already has an adequate amount of people in their club, but admit to wanting more straight individuals to join their club because their club promotes unity and equality for all.

These events include Transvestite Day on Feb. 24, Gay History on March 17, and Day of Silence on April 14, the day before the actual Day of Silence.

The club promoted upcoming events through an events calendar at their booth.

New for the semester, Global Leadership Program Club's goal is to try and help students learn leadership skills necessary for careers in the future.

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Photo by Thao Do

The Muslim Student Association was one of the clubs represented at Club Days.

## Wheels on the Bus: a windy unexpected journey

By KAYLA QUOOCK  
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Ken Bilderback: traveler, writer, Ohlone alum, man of many talents. Many Ohlone students may have no idea who Bilderback is - despite his book "Wheels On the Bus" being recently published.

Bilderback's story begins, somewhat unhappily in Michigan where he went to high school.

Bilderback grew up in a troubled home - his father was a "paranoid schizophrenic" that he had learned to fear and his mother who could only give latent love for him. Soon after high school ended, Bilderback traveled the country solo for a few years.

During this "wandering" period of his life (which consisted of two sojourns

throughout the United States), Bilderback experienced some interesting events on which his book "Wheels on the Bus" is based.

It could be described as the trip that led him to the rest of his life's journey - the road less traveled that made all the difference.

Bilderback gives an overview of his journey on the back of his book, "thanks to a bus company marketing promotion, a shy 18-year-old could pack all that...into just 30 days.

Throw in Mardi Gras, some sleazy preachers, a UFO, a switchblade-yielding cowboy and a person of indeterminate gender with a tongue like sandpaper and you have the makings of a real adventure."

When Bilderback finished his solitary ven-

ture across the country, he found himself set down in the Bay Area.

After finding himself in the Bay Area, Bilderback ended up enrolling at Ohlone College.

Bilderback ended up thriving at Ohlone and describes it as "a major turning point in my life, launching me into a 30-year career in journalism".

Bilderback has a great opinion of Ohlone College, he declared that the "year gave me the confidence to press ahead. I went on to Georgia State University and the University of Dayton and graduated with honors. I think some students underestimate the opportunities available for them at community colleges."

Bilderback was appointed

editor-in-chief of the *Monitor* in his second semester of his freshman year. With the help of his close adviser, Florence Reynolds (ex faculty adviser for the *Monitor*), Bilderback acquired a job at the *San Jose Mercury* writing news stories about city councils and school boards in Newark, Fremont and other nearby locale.

Bilderback could not stop praising the opportunities and positive influence Ohlone held for him saying, "My time at Ohlone made me a huge fan of community colleges. I was a poor student in high school and I didn't know if I could succeed in college."

He strongly asserted that, "Ohlone gave me a chance to taste success immediately and

grateful for the opportunities the college, and especially Florence Reynolds, gave me so long ago".

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Photo courtesy of Bilderback  
Author of "Wheels on the Bus" Ken Bilderback.



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## OPINIONS

# New age in video games changes the gamer

By **DEREK STEVENS**  
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Video games have made a significant impact on our world.

From their humble analog origins to now, videogames have been a part of our lives in one way or another.

Like us, video games have changed and evolved over time.

Not only has the industry changed, but the image of the gamer has as well.

There is no doubt that video games are widely popular among children and young adults.

We live in an age where everyone from your boss to your grandmother can play some type of video game and enjoy doing so.

Video games have simply become appealing to more people with the rise in diverse platforms and genres.

They have become more in tune with the individual. The industry keeps providing new and creative ways to interact with games.

Platforms, the systems we play games on, have accommodated to a larger portion of peoples' needs.

Now they have the ability to play video games practically

anywhere on the go.

Phones are coming onto the market that are tailored specifically for gaming much like how certain computers are geared more towards gamers.

This ability to play and purchase games on the go attracts a large base of people who are too busy to sit at home and play on a console or PC games.

Gaming has also become a social networking experience. Games such as "World of Warcraft," people have the opportunity to interact with millions of other users without ever leaving their homes.

Many find themselves deeply immersed into these game

worlds, for these games have adapted to provide an alternate life for its users.

Besides the advent of mobile and social gaming, my prime example of recent accommodation would have to be the various "fitness" games out on the market.

Developmental games, such as math and other educational games have been around for a while, but they never really dealt with fitness until now.

The Wii Fit was the first video game to really tap into the health-conscious market and was followed by many other health developmental games.

You can only imagine the shell shock I experienced when my parents went out and bought a Wii Fit for themselves.

Being in my twenties, it only seems natural that video games have grown-up and changed alongside me.

I will exaggerate and say that I've spent at least a quarter of my life playing videogames.

It's clear to me that the world of videogames has and will continue to change.

The industry will continue to grow as the accommodations persist and more people get involved in it.

# Ohlone should open up rooms for prayer

By **ORANOOS NEROW**  
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Ohlone College is full of different religions and cultures. Everyone is different and unique in his or her own way.

Many of these students are Muslim who actually pray five times a day, as a Muslim should.

As I was in the bathroom washing my hands, a Muslim friend of mine was preparing to pray.

As a Muslim, I was curious about where she will pray so that I could join her.

She prays in Hyman Hall, behind the stairs by the vending machines on the 1st floor. I wasn't surprised because I had actually witnessed other students praying there.

Why couldn't they just go have one of the empty rooms opened up and pray in privacy?

She brought to my attention that the English Learning Center is closed and doesn't allow any students to have available rooms open. I always thought that any religion would be respected no matter what.

I was raised respecting

every religion and culture, educated myself to have a better understanding to be able to communicate and feel them better.

My friend asked the front desk if they could have a room for prayers and were denied.

I thought it might've been a misunderstanding so I made an attempt to ask one of the ladies, who worked in

the front desk if it's possible to open a room to pray in.

She tried to remind me they were closed, but I obviously knew that since the was sign in front of me.

We were told that we're not able to get one of the rooms, which were empty because she would not do it for any other religion including Islam.

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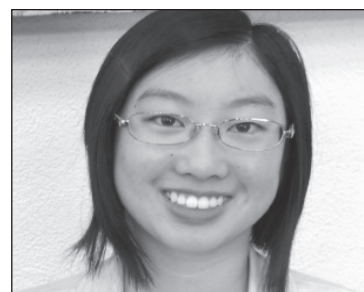
# Do you think Egypt will finally be at peace?



**Tamara Hoover**  
UNDECIDED  
"No. They're always fighting over their land."



**Sunya Mahmood**  
BIOLOGY  
"Yes. It's already as bad as it can get. It can only get better."



**Christel Gho**  
RESPIRATORY THERAPY  
"I don't know. Anything can happen in 30 years."



**April Ramos**  
PSYCHOLOGY  
"I don't know because I don't follow the news."



**Udaveer Singh**  
COMPUTER SCIENCE  
"Yes. The youth is determined to overthrow the government."

The "B"  
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## 18 Days

Throughout the course of history, revolution has been waged to attain independence for the most part and essentially to stick it to the man.

Some revolutions, such as ours, have been successful. Others, have been perceived to the Western hemisphere as failures, for example Iran's 1979 revolution, where Ayatollah Khomeini replaced the Iranian Shah. Theocracy, not democracy.

In the span of 18 days, the world has seen the power of the masses as the nation of Egypt experienced widespread protests in Tahir Square that demanded the resignation of President Hosni Mubarak and called for regime change.

At first Mubarak remained as defiant as ever. During an interview with ABC's "This Week" host, Christiane Amanpour, Mubarak claimed that the fragile stability of Egypt was his rationale for staying in power.

A week later Mubarak conceded by transferring governmental authority over to the Egyptian military.

While Tunisia disposed of their leader before Egypt did, it appears as if the entire Middle East is crying out with the sound of revolution from Bahrain to Tehran.

Libya is also pushing the envelope as to what it wants its form of governance to be like. The Libyan government's response to protests so far has been a crackdown that's resulted in over 200 deaths and military action.

A proverbial domino effect is occurring that cannot be silenced. Egypt did not just take baby steps.

Egyptians made a historical leap by utilizing social media.

18 days was all it took to show that the Internet is a vital component in civic engagement in terms of spreading knowledge and was visible proof of the revolt that can happen when information is suppressed.

When individual voices are pacified and are told to deal with how things are instead of dreaming of a brighter future.

The hope is that Tunisia and Egypt serve as an example of perseverance being victorious over oppression.

Every nation has obstacles to face. You say you want a revolution, but don't we all just want to change the world?

# Club Days bring students together

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Another new club is Phi Theta Kappa, which aims to recruit students who have maintained a high grade point average.

Jude Baldo, co-founder of Phi Theta Kappa, said there are two objectives of the club, on the local and national level.

"On the local level our club is motivated to help better serve Ohlone students and encourage them to main-

tain their high grade point average-which is minimum of a 3.5.," said Baldo.

"Fellow co-founder Anish Dave and myself want

to have our members agree about giving back to the math center, speech center, and English center by volunteering their time and

educational skills."

"On the national level," Baldo continued. "Phi Theta Kappa awards students scholarships and provides vocational training to show how to write a resume and help writing college essays."

A first year student Miranda Naylor said, "a positive aspect of Club Days is that it is good to see what clubs are out there, but I do wish there was an art club or photography club on campus."

Students are welcome and encouraged to approach the Inter Club Council directly to start a new club on campus. At least four members in the club were willing to join in a presentation of their club's purpose and goals for the semester.

After students became familiar with the Club Days, the host encouraged students to participate in a raffle.



Photo by Thao Do

**Puente club draws students their booth during the annual Club Days event in the cafeteria.**

## Speaker Series seeks funding

By DANIEL CHOE  
Staff writer

Associated Students of Ohlone College have requested \$5,300 in funding for the continuation of a speaking series presented by the Psychology Club of Ohlone College.

The series' latest presentation, "Psychology Club Speaker Series Presents 'Evolution vs Creationism' by Dr. Eugenie Scott," is intended to inform the students of Ohlone about the debate regarding evolution versus creationism.

If funding is provided for the program, the Psychology Club Speaker Series would host speakers who are leaders in the fields of psychology, science, critical thinking and other related areas in order to give students an opportunity to be educated and entertained.

Another goal of the program is to motivate current students to continue their education and transfer out to a four-year college.

Scott is the Executive Director of the National Center for Science Education (NCSE) in Oakland.

She is a retired anthropology professor, the author of numerous books and a defender of science.

The NCE's primary purpose is to ensure that the teaching of the scientific fact of evolution is not impeded in American public schools by individuals or organizations for religious, ideological, or other reasons.

Her talk will demonstrate how she and her organization have used critical thinking, scholarship, and legal means to protect science in the public schools.

Ohlone College students will be involved in the program if it becomes funded by the school. The Ohlone Psychology Club is made up of approximately 20-25 students each semester. The potential audience for the speaking events will be over 400 people.

Ohlone College students will be included in deciding the scope and direction of the program.

It was the club members' decision to invite Scott and they will plan, organize and execute the evening's events.

The Ohlone Psychology Club have done these events for over a year, hosting four successful speaking events. These speaking events were almost sold out.

All of the money being requested will be used as an honorarium for the speaker. Ohlone College Psychology Club members will also be involved in how the money for the program will be spent.

Any additional funds for the speaker's transportation, technical staff for the Smith center, and other costs will be allocated from the Psychology Club funds after a vote by the members of the club. The anthropology instructors at Ohlone College have been made aware of the event and will be spreading information to their students.

## Firms to be hired for Measure G

By KEVIN WANG  
Staff writer

Ohlone College is in the process of hiring an accounting firm to handle the bond money from Measure G, College Council announced on Feb. 14.

In order to ensure proper handling of the funds, it was decided that outside firms be hired to assist with the accounting. Out of a group of 11, three potential accounting firms were selected.

The three firms (whose names have not been released) were chosen not only because they were competent accountants, but also because they had experience in working with community colleges.

According to Vice President of Administrative Services Mike Calegari, this is a highly important factor.

"Other South Bay community colleges have had to fire their hired firms (due to poor accounting)," Calegari said. "Sometimes twice."

The council will further review these three firms before deciding on, which one to hire. The decision will likely be voted on the next time the council convenes the Feb. 28. The \$349 million in bond money is subject to independent citizens' oversight and annual audits. None of the funds can be spent for administrators' salaries.

Measure G was an Ohlone Community College District bond proposition.

It was in the ballot last November for the voters in the community and the funds can only be spent locally.

The ballot required a 55 percent super majority vote for approval and was passed with 62.24 percent.

The bond itself proposed a series of improvements to college education and campus structure. The bond is meant to facilitate affordable college education and job training by acquiring equipment, improving facilities and making repairs or upgrades to campus.

These repairs include renovating classrooms and laboratories, acquiring up-to-date technology, making safety upgrades and improving disabled access.

College Council also discussed Governor Jerry Brown's proposed \$400 million cut to community college funding from the state of California, which will inevitably impact Ohlone's budget if Brown's budget passes.

The Council also discussed a proposed mini-grant process. A mini-grant is an allocation of \$2000 or less towards a College project or program that is in need of the funds. There is only \$25,000 total that can go towards mini-grants and there have been no decisions made yet as to how the money would be allocated.

Other proposals discussed included new programs for teaching green technology and environmental studies.



**The thing is...**  
By ANH HUYNH  
Columnist

## Humans vs. money

Last week, I accompanied a friend to traffic court. As I observed each person appear in front of the judge, I realized they were all working-class folks, limited English speakers, under-employed and unemployed Americans.

I chatted with a Mexican mother of two who works 12-hour days for 6 days a week. Her husband and her take turn driving and pinching each other to stay awake during their long commute.

Then, there were two college students fined for not having their university ID/bus pass even though they showed their syllabi as proof.

The civil servants of the court condescendingly ordered us around like a herd of cows. No, not even cows, just money signs.

As the gap between the rich and poor widens at an unprecedented scale, it is no longer about the blue and red (as partisan politics would have us fooled): it is about the have and have-not.

This is surfacing in the protests and revolutions throughout the Middle East and Africa. Remember Goldman Sachs, the bank that 'asked' for taxpayers' bailout money?

According to *democracynow.org*, Goldman Sachs' own chief executive Lloyd Blankfein recently received more than \$12 million in stock and a tripling in base salary from \$600,000 to \$2 million.

We are so generous to award a company that played a prominent role in destroying the nation's financial stability.

As children, we're taught that we must own responsibilities for our mistakes. As students, we're taught that we are accountable for our grades.

In the mean time, foreclosures are still haunting Americans who quickly realized the American dream has turned into an American nightmare.

Now, Wisconsin governor Scott Walker proposes cuts in state spending by eliminating union benefits and bargaining rights. According to the *New York Times*...

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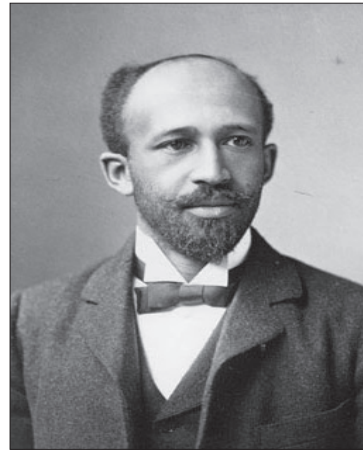
Barack Obama



Gwendolyn Brooks



Hattie McDaniel



William Du Bois

## Ohlone celebrates Black History Month

By ISABELLA OHLMEYER  
Staff Writer

Black History Month is a historical remembrance and is celebrated in many cultures worldwide.

Founder of Negro History Week, which then became known as Black History Month in 1976, once said, "What we need is not a history of select races or nations, but the history of the world void of national bias, race hate and religious prejudice."

Being a community college embracing culture of all races and backgrounds, Ohlone marked its first campus activity called Celebrate Black History Month.

The event was from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria hosted by Campus Activities Coordinator Renee Wong

Gonzales and assisted by members of the Associated Students of Ohlone College.

Fortunately, in modern day society, black and white individuals are allowed to talk, date, get married, conceive, or simply intermingle with one another.

Prejudice towards African Americans is nearly completely eliminated, and equal rights is looked positively upon for them.

With this near elimination of prejudice towards African Americans, Non-African American college students were asked why they believe the month should be significant to celebrate for this race.

Swimmer and water polo player at Ohlone, Keith Testerman said, "I think it is important because it gives everyone a chance to think

about what African Americans contributed to the world culturally.

It is a chance for them to be appreciated for all they have contributed in history and even today."

In 1895, William Du Bois became the first African American to earn a doctorate degree from Harvard University.

In 1939, Hattie McDaniel was the first African American to receive an Oscar award. In 1950, Gwendolyn Brooks was the first African American to win a Pulitzer prize.

In 2005, Condoleezza Rice was the first African American woman appointed as the Secretary of State. In 2008, our first African American President, Barack Obama was appointed into office.

Maryam Shansab, third

year student at Ohlone, expanded on her knowledge and opinion of the importance of Black History Month by saying, "Black history month is a month dedicated to those whom have sacrificed their own lives in order to serve justice and freedom for their fellow American citizens."

She continued, "If it wasn't for the courage of great humanitarians like Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King Jr., we may not be entitled to the amenities we are entitled to now in the 21st century. These people have moved great milestones in the past, that have changed the world forever."

To further honor Black History Month a few Ohlone College students braided hair of various individuals at Ohlone College's Club Days Event on Feb. 23.

## Former Ohlone student publishes a book

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Following his time at Ohlone, Bilderback went on to college at Georgia State University and the University of Dayton. As described before, he "graduated in four years with honors".

Before he had graduated, Bilderback had served as a writer for the *San Jose Mercury* and *The Catholic Telegraph*, worked for a Dow Jones and Newspaper Funding Editing Internship at Newsday and secured a job at *The Dayton Daily News*. Then, Bilderback moved from Dayton to Vancouver, Washington and worked for 24 years as news editor, news media manager, technology coordinator, and other positions for *The Columbian*.

He is now retired, but that has not slowed him down. He explained, "I'm working on my next book about the legend behind a famous Michigan Native American chief."

He said, "I'm a volunteer Public Information Officer with the Gaston Fire District and I help out with social media for a number of other organizations and friends, including some of the cast members of the History Channel's 'Ax Men' series".

Mr. Bilderback's amazing story of triumph over hardship and achievement through tenacity ending in a life of achievement seems intimidating.

He said, "without the hours spent huddled in the safety of that unhealthy basement, building imaginary towns and reading books and magazines about far away places, I might never have overcome my fears or to put it another way, I didn't overcome my fears; I just decided my fear of the known was greater than my fear of the unknown."

Bilderback's trips across the United States gave him challenges to overcome and new perspectives on life, "I think the 'it' I was searching for remains a mystery to both the reader and to me. I'll never stop searching for what I was seeking when I left on my trip, which was new perspectives, new challenges and new hope."

Even though Bilderback may not

know exactly what he was looking for he said, "The trip did help me find strength and courage I didn't know I had, and that has served me well throughout life".

His college life not only made him stronger it taught him, "how to learn; how to question assumptions and how to organize and use information. Those skills are transferable to almost any career."

The inspiration for his book came from Bilderback's desire to help others – to share

his story in the hopes that he may help them find their way, "I suppose I would tell young people who feel bullied because of sexual preference or race or just because they're different to not give up."

He declared that he believed individuals should, "Explore life and test yourself and gain confidence. You don't have to take a solo bus trip, but try something that takes you out of your comfort zone. Life really isn't scary. It really does get better."

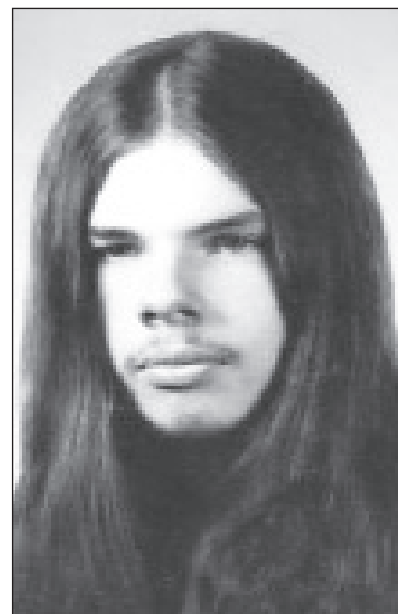
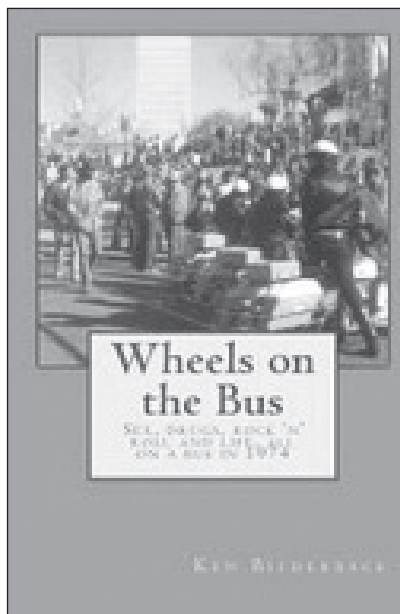


Photo courtesy of Ken Bilderback

At right, Bilderback's high school yearbook photo, which was the age he began his trip. Left, is the cover of his book.

# World-renown martial artist demonstrates skills

By **DION BAKER JR.**  
Staff Writer

On Feb. 8, Ding Wei, a very skilled martial artist, visited the Ohlone Fremont campus and demonstrated some martial art forms to an audience in the cafeteria.

Obviously, to become good at something, such as martial arts, one must first have years of practice and determination at that thing.

Wei has practiced the art of Wushu for over 15 years. He learned how to do martial arts in the Sichuan Province in China.

After training for so long, he decided to pass along the knowledge that he had gained and began teaching Wushu. He has been teaching now for 10 years.

According to Wei "Wushu is very closely related to kung fu. Kung fu would be the more traditional version of Wushu."

While both styles can be used for self-defense, Wushu is more oriented to competitions and demonstrations. Participating in these competitions build confidence and gives one a chance to see other amazing martial artists perform.

Teaching people is not



Photo courtesy of Ding Wei

**Ding Wei (middle), who has been training in Wushu for 15 years and teaching for 10, poses with his class.**

the easiest task to take on; however, Wei has taken on the task with great courage and even has students at the age of 5 years old.

In the demonstration, he had his 5 years old student, named Alexander, also perform with him. To be able to perform in a crowd at that age, without many others performing at the same time, is an amazing feat.

Wei does still practice his art form, but he mainly spends the majority of his time teach-

ing other people to do what he has done.

He currently teaches at the Champion Wushu Center, located on 5127 Mowry Avenue in Fremont. Wei believes that with much practice and patience that many people can excel in this martial art.

At the Champion Wushu Center, the basic lessons that one would expect to learn from any martial art school can be learned.

Discipline, patience, confidence, commitment and many

other things can be picked up.

Wei explained that the catch is that these important qualities and life lessons cannot be acquired in one lesson; it takes months, even years to be able to have these qualities.

For this reason, quitting is not advised; once one has made the commitment to learn this martial art, it would be best to stick with it so one may reap the positive benefits from it. As mentioned before, Wushu is very competition-oriented and Wei's school is

no exception to this rule.

Eagle Strike is the name of Wei's team. This team has competed in different parts of the world and has won many different awards for their abilities. If one desires to acquire more information about Wei, his school and classes offered, visit his website at [www.dingweiwushu.com](http://www.dingweiwushu.com).

Videos of his performances, specifically forms in competitions, and his commercial with the legendary Jackie Chan are also located on the website.

# Ohlone employee slims down for his wedding

By **ISABELLA OHLMEYER**  
Staff Writer

Ohlone College Smith Center's Technical Coordinator Adam Fresquez and his fiancé Dawn Pino are competing on a new reality TV show called "Shedding For The Wedding" from the producers of the "Biggest Loser" and "Pimp My Ride" on the CW network.

A casting agency for the CW first saw Fresquez and Pino on their YouTube engagement video.

On March 5 2010, in a romantic manner, Fresquez took Pino on a trip to Disneyland with their family and after watching Aladdin the musical, at a private meet and greet, he proposed to her by serenading her in front of the whole Aladdin cast.

Of course, Pino accepted and the magic did not end there. While eating lunch at Disneyland a mariachi group had heard about the big news and began playing/singing "At Last" and made the couple slow dance in front of everyone.

Memorable moments such as this continued throughout the whole weekend.

Four months later on June 23, 2010 a casting agency sent a message on YouTube

to Fresquez.

The agency offered him and his fiancé an opportunity to compete in a new reality TV show against 8 other couples to see who could lose the most weight and to compete in different wedding themed challenges in order to win their "Dream" wedding.

Without hesitation, Fresquez knew that this offer was not a hoax and him and his fiancé believed that "it was a once in a lifetime opportunity." Originally, the agency wanted to do an interview over the phone, but the couple was willing to drive to Los Angeles for one day so they could meet them in person.

"First impressions are extremely important to us! Plus they couldn't see our cheesy smiles over a phone interview," says Fresquez.

A few months passed and then they were asked to fly down for another round of interviews.

Fresquez and Pino were

both interviewed by a writer from *People Magazine*; in which a picture of the couple and the amount they weighed

234, Dawn Pino age 28, height 4'11", and weight 178.

A few days had passed and then they received the call that both of them had been waiting for... they both made it onto the show.

With their traveling expenses paid and even a driver to take them to the airport, the couple packed up their belongings (board games) and left their home to meet the producers of the show in Los Angeles.

Under the contract they both signed they are not allowed to reveal much about the show due to the fact no episodes have aired yet.

Their name on the show, though, is Team Fun & Games because they have over 500 board games, ping pong table, air hockey table, pool table, foosball table, dart board, horseshoe pit, shuffleboard, and every video game system.

Their team colors are purple or plum, their favorite color,

and fuchsia.

Although the couple were "sworn to secrecy" they were able to explain to the managers of their jobs that they were picked for a new reality TV show focusing on weight loss and needed to take a temporary leave of absence from work for approximately 2 months; depending if and when they would be eliminated.

Fresquez's boss, Christopher Booras, understood the reasoning and with the help of their dean Walt Birkedahl, human resources, and the board of trustees they allowed him to have the time off. Unfortunately, Pino's boss did not feel the same way.

Pino's boss was uneasy about giving her time off for that length of time, therefore, that forced Pino to make the decision to quit her job and to focus on her new adventure of being on a reality TV show and becoming a healthier person.

Fresquez said that the show so far has been "a life changing experience both physically and mentally."

Follow the couple, who met on MySpace, as they compete on *Shedding for the Wedding*, which premiered Feb. 23, 2010 at 9 p.m. on CW.



Photo courtesy of CW

**Adam Fresquez and his fiancé, Dawn Pino, compete for their dream wedding.**

"before" the show was revealed in a Jan. 2011 issue of the magazine: Adam Fresquez age 31, height 5'10", weight

# State budget cuts community colleges by \$400 million

By **ORANOOS NEROW**  
Staff writer

Governor Jerry Brown has proposed budget cuts for 2011-2012 that would reduce funding for higher education in the state by \$1.4 billion. The proposal would diminish money allocated for community colleges by \$400 million, the California State University system by \$500 million and the University of California system by \$500 million.

If Brown's proposals are carried out, this will be the first time in the history of the university when the greater part of funding will come from students—\$2.8 billion, instead of \$2.6 billion from the state.

Brown's proposals are part of a plan aimed at closing California's \$25 billion budget deficit.

"If we go with this plan, admissions to four year universities would be harder for

students trying to transfer; schools will stop accepting new students," said Ohlone student Henna Moseni.

The three institutions are struggling to find ways to support an increasing number of students with state funds that have regressed by more than a decade.

These proposed cuts would be accompanied by enrollment fee increases. Brown suggests increasing fees for California community colleges from \$26 per unit to \$36 per unit by July 2011.

"As if our parents weren't paying enough, they raised it more," said CSU East Bay student Jessica Connir. Students not only have to worry about how much they have to pay but also about getting into the universities they desire.

Many universities will not be accepting more student enrollment because of the budget cuts.

Such cuts forced the CSU system to close admissions last spring. Ohlone too has had to cut course sections for the past few semesters.

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**'Once we know what the budget will actually be... we may need to decrease spring and summer of 2012.'**

--Jim Wright

the number of sections offered in fall and spring semesters of last year by about 200 sections out of approximately 2,600 we offer. We also cut a few credit classes that were mainly personal enrichment," said Vice President of Academic Affairs Jim Wright. "So we attempted to limit the overall cuts in fall and spring of last year and tried to offer most of the higher demand

courses."

Most of the cuts, however, added Wright, were concentrated in the summer in order to protect the fall and spring semesters as much as possible.

The budget cuts come at a time when demand for community college courses is very high due to many students wanting to begin their undergraduate studies at the college level in order to delay paying increasing university fees.

Many students had to either transfer later than they had planned, or enroll in multiple community colleges in hopes of getting the classes they needed.

"I loved Ohlone but some of the classes I needed were filled and they closed the ones that didn't fill up, so I had to transfer to Chabot College," said student Shelly Jee. "Since they have more students attending college now they should

have more instructors and courses available. Instead of letting part time professors go they should keep them so there would be more courses available so as students we don't have to go back in forth to different colleges." Fulfilling the demand for classes, however, promises to remain challenging for educational institutions.

Wright anticipates "a very difficult budget year" for Ohlone in 2011-2012.

"Right now we have planned the 2011 fall semester at the same level as this past fall," Wright said. "Once we know what the budget will actually be for 2011-12, we may need to decrease spring and summer of 2012." California's community colleges might have to turn away 350,000 students on top of the 140,000 people the system turned away this year.

*Contributing reporting from Kayla Quock.*

## Follett delivers delayed books

By **NAWID AHRARY**  
Staff writer

Faculty Senate addressed concern that the outsourcing of the Ohlone bookstore to Follett has been causing problems in the form of textbook delays and difficulty purchasing books.

"In both of my classes this semester there were not enough textbooks," said Professor Alan Kirshner.

Bookstore manager Mona Farley explained that some of the shortages were caused by transitional problems.

Textbooks were also delayed by winter snowstorms, which caused the airplanes delivering the books to be grounded in Dallas and impeded communication with the publishers. Farley said that a special order system to guarantee book orders to individuals was being set up.

Farley explained that lines to purchase books were long because the

checkout process did not have proper Internet connectivity, which caused multiple three to five second delays in transactions through the Point-of-Sale software.

According to Farley and textbook manager Jarred Taylor, as long as the book is kept reasonably usable, highlighting and marking up the books does not affect student buybacks of books.

Additionally, Cafescribe, Follett's digital textbook service, is being provided to Ohlone.

The service will sell digital books for half of the cost of a new physical textbook. Thebooks will be downloadable with seven-day free trials.

The service allows students to share notes and highlights with each other.

The current contract with Follett has a minimum of \$250,000 being paid to Ohlone annually, double the \$125,000 the bookstore previously generated.

## Ohlone issues guidelines for behavior intervention

By **KATHRYN DIXON**  
Staff writer

Ohlone College has developed "Guidelines for Behavior Intervention," which were provided to faculty last week.

The guidelines explain how to protect the campuses from any disruptions in the wake of the Tucson incident.

The guidelines are meant provide therapeutic opportunities for students in distress.

Rosemary O'Neill, coordinator of personal counseling services, said, "A web page dedicated to the Students of Concern Committee will be online soon to provide information and pamphlets to everyone."

Ohlone College has not had any recent violent incidents involving its students, except an attempted kidnapping of a student last year by a non-student.

However, four months ago, a student shot a faculty member at Mesa College,

San Diego, and in 2007, a student shot a police aide at Contra Costa Community College.

The Guidelines for Behavior Intervention categorize warning signals as mild, moderate or of extreme risk.

The warnings are classified as "opportunities for preventive strategies."

A mild risk warning is one of "minor disruptive behavior, with symptoms of withdrawal, depression or anger."

At this point the instructor meets with the student one on one, and can refer him or her to appropriate students services and discuss it with the department chair or dean.

A moderate risk warning includes threats of harm to self or others, directly or indirectly and openly confrontational behavior toward faculty, staff or students.

In a moderate risk situation, a student can, with consent, agree to be escorted to the Health Services office on the third floor of

Building 7 to receive counseling.

Vice President of Student Services Ron Travenick may be contacted.

In addition, contact by telephone is made with the Students of Concern Committee. An extreme risk warning will be red flagged for an immediate call to the campus police at 510 659-6111.

Behaviors classified as extreme risk include "continued demonstrations of odd or disruptive behaviors, escalating plausible threats with either raised voice or detached behavior, visible agitation and physical tension."

At this point, the student would be asked to leave and others would be removed from the situation for their own protection. Only the Fremont or Newark police can engage in a psychiatric hold, known as a 5150.

The Ohlone campus police must contact them to request such a hold.

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# Women's hoops win in OT over De Anza

By KEVIN YIN  
Sports writer

Ohlone's women's basketball team extended its remarkable conference victory streak with a nerve-wracking 71-69 win over De Anza on Saturday night, February 5.

The contest was a rematch between the top two teams in the Coast Conference South Division, with Ohlone having prevailed in a 42-41 win back on January 12.

The score during the first half was tight, with neither team enjoying a lead greater than five points, and Ohlone took a 31-27 lead into intermission.

Early in the second period, the Renegades seemed to take

control of the game, going on a 10-5 run right out of halftime capped by three from the left corner by sophomore forward Crystal McLaughlin that put Ohlone up 41-32.

De Anza responded, however, with a flurry of three's by guards Anecia Jones and Jennifer Le during a 23-5 run that dramatically altered the face of the game. Le's three with 11:20 to go in regulation gave De Anza its first lead at 48-46 since early in the first half.

Le hit another three a couple of minutes later, and then a free throw to put De Anza up 54-46 with 8:30 remaining in regulation.

Shortly after, Ohlone recovered its verve with its

own display of three point shooting. Sophomore guard Amanda Encelan hit a three, and freshman guard Tina Deng hit two of them, the second of which out Ohlone back on top, 58-56, with 5:30 left in the second half.

The pace slowed considerably late in regulation; a free throw by Ohlone point guard Cheresse Thomas to put the Renegades up 61-60 with 2:27 left would be the last point scored until the final seconds of the half.

Trailing by one point, De Anza forward Desiree Collins drew a two-shot foul on Ohlone forward Alexous Robinson with 4.6 seconds lingering on the clock. Collins hit the first three throw but missed

the second and the game went into overtime.

Overtime was as hotly contested as regulation. De Anza pulled ahead first, 63-61, with a bank shot on a post up by center Jennifer Jasper, but Ohlone answered with a pair of threes by Thomas and McLaughlin to go up 67-63 with 2:18 left. After another De Anza three, Encelan hit what was probably the biggest shot in a game chocked full of big shots, hitting a running push shot as the shot clock expired to push Ohlone's lead to 69-66.

After De Anza missed a three on their ensuing possession, Encelan hit a free-throw to put Ohlone up 70-66 and all but seal the game with 18 seconds left.

"I don't think we played incredibly well, but it's tough—they're a tough team," said Ohlone head coach Julia Allender. "We've been fighting it out for the conference title the last three years, so we knew it was going to be tough."

Deng led Ohlone's scoring with 15 points, including five 3's, while Thomas finished with 13 points and six assists. Sophomore forward Nadia Williams led De Anza with 18 points.

With the win Ohlone improves to 18-6 on the season, including 8-0 in conference play. It was also Ohlone's 35th consecutive Coast Conference victory. The Renegades play at Mission on Wednesday before returning home.

## February/March

**February 24** - Men's Basketball CCCAA Regional

**24** - Women's Basketball CCCAA Regional

**24** - Men's Baseball vs Diablo Valley (Away) at 2 p.m.

**24** - Women's Softball vs CCSF (Home) at 3 p.m.

**24** - Black History Month Film Screening and Book Giveaway in Room 1305 at 3 p.m.

**24** - GSA Meeting in SC-116 at 4 p.m.

**25** - Student Math League Pre-Cal exam practice in HH-218 at 11:15 a.m.

**26** - Women's Softball vs Siskiyous (Home) at 10 a.m.

**26** - Men's and Women's Swim/Dive Pentathlon (Home) at 10 a.m.

**26** - Men's Baseball vs Consumnes River (Home) at 1 p.m.

**26** - Women's Softball vs Solano (Home) at 2 p.m.

**28** - Campus Activities: Bingo! in the Newark Central Hub at 11:30 a.m.

**March 1** - HIV Testing Clinic in Room 7302 at 11 a.m.

**1** - Men's Baseball vs Gavilan College (Away) at 2 p.m.

**1** - LD/SOS Academic Support Informational Meeting in Room 7207 at 2 p.m.

**1** - ICC Meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**1** - Women's Softball vs Mission (Away) at 3 p.m.

**1** - ASOC Meeting in Room 7101 at 4 p.m.

**2** - Men's Basketball CCCAA Regional

**2** - Women's Basketball CCCAA Regional

**2** - Faculty Senate Meeting in Room NC-1222 (Newark) at 3:30 p.m.

**3** - Men's Baseball vs Cabrillo College (Away) at 2 p.m.

**3** - Women's Softball vs Chabot (Home) at 3 p.m.

**3** - GSA Meeting in Room SC-116 at 4 p.m.

**3** - Student Math League Pre-Cal exam practice in Room 8205 at 5:40 p.m.

**4** - Last day to apply for Graduation or Certificate for Achievement for Spring 2011.

**4** - Student Math League Pre-Cal Exam in HH-218 at 11:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**4** - Speech Speaker Seminar: "Beat" in Room 2133 at 1 p.m.

**4** - Men's and Women's Swim/Dive Meet with Cabrillo and San Mateo (Home) at 2 p.m.

**5** - Men's Basketball CCCAA Regional

**5** - Women's Basketball CCCAA Regional

**5** - Women's Softball vs Consumnes (Away) at 10 a.m.

**5** - Women's Softball vs Reedley (Away) at 12 p.m.

**5** - Smith Center Presents! San Francisco Scottish Fiddlers at 8 p.m.

**8** - HIV Testing Clinic in Room 7302 at 11 a.m.

**8** - Men's Baseball vs Mission (Home) at 2 p.m.

**8** - ICC Meeting at 2:30 p.m.

**8** - ASOC Meeting in Room 7101 at 4 p.m.

**9** - Informational Meeting: Sydney Australia, Fall 2011 Semester Abroad in the Cafeteria at 6 p.m.

**9** - Board of Trustees Business Meeting in NC-1100

**9** - Ohlone Community Band in the Jackson Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

**9** - Student Repertory Company Presents Bill I in the NUMMI Theatre (Smith Center) at 8 p.m.

**10** - Men's Baseball vs Canada (Home) at 2 p.m.

**10** - Women's Softball vs De Anza (Away) at 3 p.m.

**10** - GSA Meeting in SC-116 at 4 p.m.



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International Students Transfer Advising**  
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Photo by Kyle Nordeen

The team rushes Kainoa Crowell to celebrate the team's victory over the College of San Mateo. Crowell scored on a wild pitch in the bottom of the 9th to cap off Ohlone's fourth come-from-behind victory in as many games.

## Ohlone slides past San Mateo with wild finish

By **KYLE NORDEEN**  
Sports editor

After a rough 1-5 start to their 2011 season, the Renegade baseball team seem to have finally hit their stride.

Following a 3-2 come-from-behind victory against the College of San Mateo, the Renegades are now riding a four-game winning streak heading into a rematch away against Diablo Valley College, a team Ohlone beat 4-3 in 13 innings on Monday.

"It's sweet," said head coach Julian Russell on the win Tuesday. "It's a young team. They had to find themselves, find their identity. Our team confidence is at its highest it's been all season."

Despite being a rematch of

last season's state championship game, the first seven innings provided very few noteworthy moments. It took only an hour to blow through the first six innings of the game as both sides were struggling to put anything together offensively.

Matt Fontaine started for Ohlone and went eight strong innings, allowing no earned runs. He cruised through the first 6.2 innings, but things seemed to fall apart in the seventh.

A pair of errors that would've ended the inning eventually led to a loaded bases situation before Bulldogs infielder Riley Goulding shot a single into right-center giving San Mateo a 2-0 lead.

Ohlone finally got one back in the bottom of the eighth inning. Infielder Christian Weeber led off

the inning with a double and was driven in by a Richard Bermudez ground out.

Jordan Camacho was brought in by Russell to throw the ninth and he got out of the inning with Ohlone needing one run to send the game to extra innings.

The bottom half of the ninth inning is when things took off. Matt Chaidez started off the inning with a single before stealing second.

After a Ryan Tella groundout, Kainoa Crowell stepped up and came through with a clutch single to the tie game at 2-2.

Infielder Pete Quigley followed with another single, giving the Renegades runners on first and second with only one out.

Coach Russell then called a double-steal, and while Crowell

moved to third safely, Quigley was caught halfway between first and second before being thrown out diving back into first.

The momentum appeared to have shifted back to San Mateo's favor, but two pitches later in catcher Joel Thys' at bat, a wild pitch passed through the San Mateo catcher's legs, allowing Crowell to score the winning run from third.

The Renegades then rushed the field, celebrating again as they did last season against San Mateo. Needless to say, a rivalry has spawned between these clubs.

While some timely hitting gave Ohlone the victory against San Mateo, its pitching is what has been carrying the team over its four-game winning streak.

"Our pitchers have now thrown 22 straight shutout innings," said Russell. "Our bullpen is deep. It's definitely gonna be something that's going to be a big for us down the stretch here when we get into conference."

The Renegades have won their last four in come-from-behind fashion, and Coach Russell feels the team is finally starting to find their identity.

"We're scrappy, hard-nosed. We don't quit. We play all nine innings, and the last few games that's how we won... 'Find a way on.' That's what we tell the guys. It's a team effort, and when the whole team starts believing, that's when you start winning."

Ohlone plays away at Diablo Valley today

## Softball team continues winning tradition

By **KYLE NORDEEN**  
Sports editor

While the Renegade baseball team has been getting the headlines as of late with its state championship last season, the Renegade softball team has been quietly going about its business.

Game after game, season after season, the team just keep winning.

The lady Renegades are the current eight-time defending

Coast Conference champions, and Head Coach Donna Runyon has no plans of stopping that anytime soon.

This year's squad isn't overly experienced or consisting of primarily underclassmen, but they are a much deeper team than usual.

"It's a bigger team," said Coach Runyon. "We have 18 players on this year's roster. We normally have 13-15, but now we have a lot more depth off the

bench. We have four pitchers, three catchers, just a lot more quality."

It is that sort of depth that helps prepare you for a deep playoff run, something that Runyon knows all about.

In only one season out of Runyon's 25 years at Ohlone have the Renegades not made the regional round of the state tournament.

Such experience and success comes only with great prepara-

tion and consistency, which Runyon emphasizes every season.

"We never talk about past success. You have to prove yourself again and can never take what we have for granted. I just tell them, 'This is the way it is.'"

The softball team has definitely begun to assert themselves early this season. They currently sit at 6-1 overall, and opened league play with a 7-3 victory against Foothill on Tuesday.

They won their first three

games by a combined total of 28-5, and entering the College of the Sequoias Tournament, had a team ERA of just 0.91.

The Lady Renegades as a team were also batting .408 entering their weekend tournament.

"My number seven hitter is one of my best, and she will not move out of that spot," said Runyon. "My number nine hitter can turn on an inside pitch

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