Steve Jobs speaks at the 2007 Apple Worldwide Developers' Conference.

Photo courtesy of Ben Stanfield

Ohlone recalls Steve Jobs as Silicon Valley pioneer

By ASHLEY LAM
Staff writer

When Steve Jobs died Oct. 5, an echo rushed passed us as we lost a pioneer in pop culture.

Once he left us, the media went into overdrive, idolizing him and honoring his contributions just hours following his death.

Jobs was one of the most celebrated and successful business executives of his generation, creating a brand that was so innovative that no other company could compare.

Jobs showed the world his capacity to change the technology world.

He began with the Apple I, by today’s standards a caveman home computer and ending with the Mac Book Air, weighing 2.38 pounds.

He was always a bit of an underdog, as he had no past background in computer science but nonetheless he managed to break through and founded the iconic brand known as Apple.

More commercially speaking, Jobs became a part of pop culture when the much-loved iPod was released.

This gave consumers the ability to conveniently carry around over thousands of songs with them on the go.

Jobs is responsible for turning Apple into a mainstream brand, but more importantly, he reshaped the music and media industry as a whole.

Bruce Griffin, associate vice president of the Information Technology Department of Ohlone, offered insight about Steve Jobs as a businessman and his role in technology.

Griffin recalled that Jobs not only made a recent impact on our lives, but from the childhood of many students and staff.

“Growing up, my family’s first computer was an Apple IIe. It had two 5-1/4 inch floppy drives, no hard drive and you couldn’t pry my brother and me away from it. Steve Jobs, along with Steve Wozniak, made it possible for us to have a computer in our home. I don’t think I’ve lived in a house without one since,” said Griffin.

According to Griffin, Steve Jobs’ undeniable flair definitely made huge impact on both his career and society and set the par for the future.

“Under Jobs’ leadership, Apple set the standard among technology firms for high quality, exacting design standards and tight integration among hardware, operating systems and applications. As consumers we no longer tolerate stuff.

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Trustee deployed for second tour

By BEN ROSETE
Staff writer

Garrett Yee, a member of the Ohlone College Board of Trustees, committed member of the community and colonel in the United States Army Reserve, will be leaving for the Middle East on active duty at the end of October.

An officer in the 335th Signal Command, Yee will be working with different sectors of the armed forces throughout the next 12 months of his leave of the armed forces throughout working with different sectors of the armed forces.

Yee will be moving between a number of bases and cities.

During that time, he will be monitoring three personnel away from Ohlone.

During time, he will be maintaining the condition and quality of communications equipment and connections.

The work of the 335th in the Middle East is to provide a basic communications infrastructure for the armed forces Yee said.

Now on his second visit to the Middle East, Yee said he expects to be in active service for 12 months, during which he will be moving between a number of bases and cities.

“My one concern in a place like the Middle East more than anything security he said. There you don’t know what to expect; some of the things we think of as easy and take for granted become hard there.”

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Bookstore implements textbook rental system

By MONITOR STAFF

The Ohlone bookstore has endorsed the program Rent-A-Text, a website made to facilitate the loaning of college-grade textbooks to students.

Follett Corporation took over bookstore operations last December.

Elio DiStaola, director of public and campus relations with Follett said, “This system has saved students more than $200 million since 2010 and continues to be one of the most popular options in the stores we manage.”

The benefits of the program at Ohlone, DiStaola assures that the addition of the rental program has had been positive.

“More than anything, it

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DREAM Act provides new path to citizenship

By NAVIN KRISHNAN
Staff writer

The path less taken holds greater rewards. When a first-generation immigrant lands in America, his or her vision is somewhat parallel to what the colonials envisioned was the posh American Dream.

Over time, land erodes, water gets filtered and lives and opinions change, but that dream stays the same.

In this day and age, any group claiming to be a Christian organization picket a funeral, especially the funeral of a man who changed the computer world, created an estimated 50,000 jobs and helped others realize that their ambitions cannot be fathomed because they are not truly American.

The American dream sends a simple message: if one can work and dream and one can achieve.

Everyone knows that the American Dream cannot be owned or physically distorted, so why is it that it can be excluded from a certain group of Americans?

Perhaps it is because those illegal immigrants are not American, but what justice does advertising American Dream and then denying the right to be American? Senator Orrin Hatch (R-Ut) and Senator Richard Durbin (D-Il) are willing to push that misalignment to the virtual limit.

Together they are the senators behind the act, that would forge a six-year plan for every immigrant via college education and service in the American military to become an American citizen.

Perhaps it is a new path being cleared for a new generation of Americans.

This is a huge opportunity to balance the scale of the fierce tension between the rich and the needy. Perhaps it is a chance for minorities to make the impact they were destined to make when they set foot in this country.

For those immigrants, this is the American Dream. Students should support this act because it encourages the growth of the immigrant community. This is why the act should be passed.

The Westboro Baptist Church strikes again

By JOE NICHOLS
Opinion editor

I believe that the recent actions of the Westboro Baptist Church, and bear in mind I use the term church loosely is nothing short of deplorable.

How can any group claiming to be a Christian organization picket a funeral, especially the funeral of Apple Co-founder and CEO Steve Jobs? When the death of the man who changed the world was announced, Jobs had hurt so many people and it needs to stop. The members need to be more tolerant of other people.

People need to wake up and realize that hateful speech in any form is wrong. Groups like this are sadly protected under the First Amendment. People who spread hate should never be taken seriously. They need to realize that they hurt others and respect people’s privacy. The public should realize that hateful speech should not be taken seriously, and see the need to stop the spread of hate.

The Westboro Baptist Church needs to wake up and realize that its hateful speech has hurt so many people and it needs to stop.
Second tour of duty for trustee Yee

Sitting on the dock of the bay: Parks receives professor emeritus

By MANIKA CASTERLINE
Editor-in-Chief

Journalism professor Bill Parks received an honor as a professor emeritus during Wednesday’s Board of Trustees meeting.

While the majority of Ohlone faculty and staff know Bill Parks as the adviser of the Ohlone College Monitor for seventeen years, his last newspaper staff in Spring 2010 affectionately has nicknamed Parks, “Dude Steve.”

According to Parks, who started working at Ohlone in 1995 and whose previous publication experience includes working at the sailing magazine Latitude 38, teaching and sailing have many things in common with one another. Parks said, “You have to put together a good team and sometimes there will be waves that come along.”

In terms of the Monitor, those waves normally were technology related or came when individuals didn’t meet their deadlines.

Parks shys away from any discussion that he leaves behind a legacy and said that his biggest accomplishment at Ohlone was his students. “It is great to see students seeing things for the first time or from a whole different perspective,” Parks said.

Former Monitor editor Jillian Sanchez said, “You don’t have to say anything, it’s about being a presence.”

Wednesday nights have always been crunch time for Monitor editors as the 8-to-12 page publication is being assembled.

Parks recalled that the most memorable deadline night was one where he got home at 6 on Thursday morning as his alarm was going off to wake him off to start the day.

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While away from Ohlone, there will be work I will be unable to participate in and conclude,” Yee said, “including construction and renovation projects, as well as work with community funding.”

As the longest serving member of the Board of Trustees, Yee was elected in 2002 and reelected in 2006.

“Experience and insight will be missed during his leave,” said President Gari Browning.

“Yee’s absence will also mean the number of the board will be reduced to six, potentially contributing to a divided vote,” Browning said. “However, this should not be a significant problem.”

Yee is also an active figure in the local Ohlone and Fremont communities participating in a number of organizations and holding important positions in boards and councils outside the college.

He is also a member of the Ohlone College Foundation and Finance and Facilities Committee for the college.

“Yee is very involved in the institution of the college and in the board,” Yee said. “I feel comfortable everything will be able to move forward well.”

Left: Parks had a tradition of leading a group of Monitor staffers on a sailing trip to Angel Island.

Right: Parks with the Spring 2010 Monitor staff, which was his last semester serving as the newspaper’s adviser.
‘Order from Chaos’ displayed in president’s office

Fifteen student drawings from instructor Denise Owen’s Descriptive Drawing class will be on display throughout the month of October in President Gari Browning’s office, room 1216. The drawings are separated into five panels of three drawings each.
In Silicon Valley an icon is remembered

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that doesn’t work and we expect aesthetics in addition to functionality in our devices,” said Griffin.

Looking toward a new direction in the technology field, Griffin said, “Steve Jobs is absolutely an inspi-
ration. He was pushed out of Apple in the mid-80s and founded NeXT computer, which flopped. From those two failures he later went on to revitalize Apple and revolutionize animated films

“Without Steve Jobs, the world would not be anywhere close to where it is today.”

—Rohit Vinjamuri

with Pixar. Despite Apple’s failure with a small comput-
ing device called the Newton, Jobs started down a path that led us to the iPad. Jobs had an incredible ability to turn huge setbacks into brilliant successes.”

Ohlone students gave their input about Steve Jobs impact on the technology world and society in general.

“Without Steve Jobs, the world would not be anywhere close to where it is today. One of the greatest overlooked creations by Steve Jobs is the concept of fonts. Different types of fonts are used almost everywhere in the world today, all thanks to the great Steve Jobs,” said Rohit Vinjamuri, Ohlone student.

Some students said that not only was Jobs a hugely important part of the computer world, but he also served as a legendary figure in the business world.

“Jobs’ perseverance was legendary and can only be compared to the revolutionary greats in history, including Albert Einstein and Henry Ford,” said Vinjamuri.

Jobs’ contributions to the business world were immeasurable and he is clearly popular among younger generations.

“Steve Jobs showed that everything in our world is connected and dependent upon each other, and that building an ecosystem around this concept will only lead to the betterment of our existence,” said Vinjamuri.

Some students and staff had a question which direction the technology world will turn.

Perhaps the greatest tribute about Steve Jobs was his ability to see where the technology world was going in the future,” said Vinjamuri.

Steve Jobs died in high repute within the computer world.

As Griffin said, “He trans-

formed the mobile phone industry with the iPhone and he created a product, the iPad, that no one knew they needed until they saw one. He was as close to a Renaissance man as our generation has had.”

Steve Jobs demonstrated QuickLook in MacOS X Leopard in June 11, 2007 at the Yerba Buena Arts Center in San Francisco.

In Silicon Valley an icon is remembered

Ohlone student creating club for foster students

By AMY SCOTT
Features Editor

Zonnisha White is founder of the Foster, Orphaned and Adopted (FOA), an organization that is going through the process of being approved as a non-profit.
The goal of the club is to create an outreach for foster, orphaned, and adopted students at Ohlone College who feel isolated.

“I thought I was the only (former) foster child in school. I wasn’t really aware until other people started emailing, saying ’they’re interested,” said White.

She said she hopes to bring together those foster kids who do feel isolated together. White wants to give them a better chance for a better future.

One of the ways she would like accomplish this by turning the club into a resource and an advocate for the foster care system.

Some of the information that is available for discussion is resources, housing and grants.

“There are lots of statistics against us. Only 3 percent of foster kids get a high school degree. I want to help as much as I can and give back,” White said.

White was in foster care since she was 2. She was one of seven of her mother’s children who were put into foster care. Her brother got her through the process of being placed in foster care. She said the day she was taken away from her parents, her mother was screaming.

Her brother took on a paren-
tal role, and taught her how to ride her bike, her ABCs, and how to tie her shoes. While in foster care, White was bounced from school to school. Being in eight different high schools and count-
less elementary schools put a strain on her education and set her at a disadvantage against the other students, she said.

“I’m really behind in math. I did not get multiplication. I had to learn on my own. Every time I was moved everyone had already done that.”

In foster care, she experi-
cenced many different living situations. She said some families she lived with were only in foster care for the money. She remembers someone would forget to feed the chil-
dren, or neglect them.

White remembered one woman named Peggy who left an impact on her. She taught her that education was the most important thing to gain.

After leaving the foster care system, White bounced around trying to find housing. She rented a room for a while, but due to problems with her roommates, she left the apart-
ment. For a while after that, she would sleep on the floors and couches of her friends. She now has her own place, she said.

Currently, she’s going to school at Ohlone and works in the Financial Aid department. She wants to go into advertising and working for Google after college.

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Steve Jobs demonstrated QuickLook in MacOS X Leopard in June 11, 2007 at the Yerba Buena Arts Center in San Francisco.

Photo by Ben Stanfield

Far left: The San Francisco Apple store on Stockton Street. Customers can be seen entering and exiting the store.

Center and above: Examples of Steve Jobs work cemented his status as a hi-tech genius. His legacy set a standard for advances in technology for tech companies everywhere, and left a huge impact that changed consumers modern day lives.
Fountains won’t be under construction soon

By ASHLEY LAM
Staff writer

The unused fountains in front of Building 1 have raised many questions from the faculty and students. The fountains are currently not running, but their vibrant blue color still holds as a prominent visual characteristic of Ohlone.

“The fountains were built as a part of the original structure of the Ohlone campus,” said Patrice Birkedahl, Ohlone campus public information officer.

“The fountains are meant to have water to run down, because Ohlone is on a hill,” Birkedahl said.

“The fountains were originally inspired by the fountains at the Alhambra, a palace and citadel in Granada, Spain.”

Birkedahl said that the fountains serve as a piece of Ohlone history.

“I think the fountains are a thing that old-time people enjoy,” said Birkedahl.

“There are no plans to do anything with the fountains now.”

However, because there are other immediate projects that require construction, they will receive attention before the fountains.

Birkedahl said the Measure G project saying that there will be construction within the next three to five years. Some of these projects are still on the drawing board.

“The Measure G Bond funds have given Ohlone $65 million for immediate projects.”

Before talk of repairing the fountains, the funds are meant to go to immediate projects such as safety programs, architectural construction planning and long-term projects, said Birkedahl.

These actions are scheduled to take place this month.

“Oohlone’s bond issue requires that the school spends about 75 percent within the first three to five years of construction,” said Birkedahl.

As for a more immediate project, it has been projected that there will be construction within Building 1.

“Ohlone plans to refurbish Building 1’s library,” said Birkedahl. The date for construction is still uncertain.

A project planned for the next three to five years is a solar panel field.

Ohlone will investigate and write an EIR (Environmental Impact Report).

This is a project that is meant to assess whether a project has a significant effect on the environment and to protect local species.

The solar fields are projected to be built near the soccer field opposite of the child development center.

“The solar panel field will generate 1 megawatt of energy within three to five years. It will save about $1.6 million for the school,” said Birkedahl.

Rent-A-Text a part of changing campus bookstore

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The added value that comes with it that makes this option so convenient. The store is the only entity that guarantees the right course materials that are validated by the faculty,” DiStaola said.

The program is not universally popular, Stephen Ball, chemistry major, is one student at Ohlone who decided against renting his course material.

“Apart from offering this service and ability. In terms of the effect large-scale impact on affordability, was another factor many consumers were not aware of. Kirshner said, “There is an outrageous mark-up to about 40 percent, but it’s the gross margin that really deceives students and the faculty.”

According to Kikyakakis, educating faculty on the choices they make drive costs.

In related business, the bookstore will be closed on Friday, Oct. 21 for inventory and will be reopen on Monday, Oct. 24, Farley said.

The Ohlone bookstore for inventory is normal, according to an email to faculty from Farley.

She advised customers to just pay attention and buy items for class before the one-day closure.

There is also a vending machine on the second floor of Hyman Hall.

Looking ahead to the end of the semester, Farley said, “We will go from six cash registers to eight this Christmas for a small renovation.”

Sandhu said, “I know about complaints from students who went into the bookstore, saw the line and then left.”

Scobel and Farley said that the plan is to cut the wait time to 15 minutes in the spring rush, with more queues and registers assisting the process.

The next Bookstore Advisory Committee meeting will be Nov. 9.

Members plan to discuss how they can reduce the unit purchase factor for new instructors and add art supplies to the bookstore.

Monitor Editor-in-Chief
Monika Castillone and Monitor staff writers Jamie Lom, Ben Rosette and Sally Hendrix contributed to this report.

The Ohlone bookstore has been under Follett management since December 2010 and is still undergoing transitions in how it provides services to Ohlone.
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By KYLE NORDEEN
Sports editor

Al Davis, the principal owner of the Oakland Raiders, died in his home early Saturday morning at the age of 82.

Davis, a polarizing character and goldmine for scrutiny from both the media and his peers, had been with Oakland for more than 50 years and had been the managing general partner since 1972.

While known primarily for his exploits with the Raiders as an NFL franchise, Davis was the commissioner for the American Football League (AFL) in 1966.

Also, while initially opposed to it, Davis played a major role in the merger of the AFL with the National Football League (NFL) and was inducted in the NFL Hall of Fame in 1992.

Not afraid to push the boundaries or be controversial, Davis helped define the modern game of football, as well as the dynamics of front office personnel and coaching staffs.

Davis made the Raiders the first team in the modern era to hire a Latino head coach in Tom Flores, a black head coach in Art Shell and a female chief executive in Amy Trask.

Where many owners and managing partners earned their millions through companies they own outside of the NFL, Davis’ focus was always on running the Raiders.

Under the “gipper,” as he was known among Raiders personnel, the team won five AFC Championship games and two Super Bowl titles.

As a lifetime 49er fan, I didn’t really know what to make of Davis and his impact on the league until he was no longer with us.

I, along with a majority of NFL fans, always viewed the Raiders as a team to make fun of with a fan base composed primarily of rowdy, obnoxious — and often times — arrogant people.

I was truly unaware of how innovative a person he was and how the decisions that he made would leave a lasting impact on the league and game of football.

All of the underachieving, embarrassing seasons coupled with their poor draft strategies constantly left the Raiders a step behind, making it easy for them to become a laughingstock of the league.

But for Davis, running this team was the one thing he wanted to do in life.

He lived and breathed Raiders football and there is no way you can have anything but respect to that type of commitment and dedication.

He was the type of owner and presence that every player and every team desires to have.

While not popular among other owners around the league, he developed the kind of loyalty from his team that every player wants to be a part of.

Very few figures in the entire sporting world had the kind of impact on their franchise and sport that Davis had.

“Just win, baby.” That’s the franchise’s motto, coined by the “gipper” himself.

Davis wanted to make the Raiders the most feared team in football and that desire is embraced by not only the team, but all of Raider Nation as well.

October

13 - Admission Application Session
Transfer Center
3 p.m.

13 - San Francisco State University Fall 2011 Information Sessions for Undergraduate Nursing Programs at San Francisco State University
5 p.m.

14 - Cal Poly Agriculture Preview Day at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo
8:30 a.m.

14 - Mission Peak Brass Band
Jackson Theatre
Smith Center at Ohlone College
8 p.m.

15 - CSU Stanislaus Preview Day at CSU Stanislaus campus
8 a.m.

15 - UC Santa Cruz Preview Day at UC Santa Cruz
10 a.m.

15 - CSU Monterey Bay Open House at CSU Monterey Bay
10 a.m.

15 - UCLA Theater, Film & Television Information Sessions
Hyatt Summerfield Suites in Emeryville
10 a.m.

15 - Smith Center Presents!
Spanish Brass, Lurin Metalls
Jackson Theatre, Smith Center at Ohlone College
8 p.m.

17 - Curriculum Committee Screening Meeting
5 p.m.

17 - Inter Club Council (ICC) Meeting
Room 7101
4:30 p.m.

18 - Admission Application Session
Transfer Center
10 a.m.

18 - Facilities Committee Meeting
Room 7101
10:30 a.m.

18 - Sushi Day Cafeteria
3:30 p.m.

18 - Technology Committee Meeting
Room 7104
3:30 p.m.

18 - ASOC Meeting Room 7101
4 p.m.

19 - Faculty Senate Meeting
Room 7101
3:30 p.m.

20 - CSU East Bay University Rep. Visit Transfer Center
9 a.m.

20 - SLOA Committee Meeting
Room 7101
1 p.m.

20 - Exploring and Choosing Your Major
Room HH-114
2:30 p.m.

20 - Safety Committee Meeting
Room 5209
3 p.m.

21 - UCLA College of Environmental Design Transfer Info Session at University of California, Berkeley
10 a.m.

21 - Ohlone College and Tri-Cities One-Stop Fall Job Fair at Ohlone College Newark Center
10 a.m.

21 - Science Seminar: Stuff by Jeff O’Connell
Room 3201
Noon

22 - CSU Chico Preview Day at CSU Chico
9 a.m.

24 - College Council Meeting
Room 7101
3 p.m.

24 - ASOC Meeting
Room 7101
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25 - ASOC Meeting
Room 7101
4 p.m.

26 - Board of Trustees Workshop
Room 7101
6:30 p.m.

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Women’s soccer romp over West Valley

By KYLIE NORDEN
Sports editor

The dampened field and less than desirable playing conditions weren’t enough to prevent the women’s soccer team from walking away with a 6-0 demolition of visiting West Valley College on Tuesday.

Two goals in the opening 10 minutes of play were enough to settle the Renegade nerves and a 5-0 halftime lead definitively put the game to rest.

“We’re happy to get a win,” said head coach Larry Heslin.

“We’re looking to make sure that we are keeping our shape, both defensively and offensively so we can start stretching the field wide.”

Second-year center back Sarah Welker got the scoring started immediately, heading in a shot from the left-hand touchline inside the opening five minutes.

The Renegades’ free kicks and corner kicks proved extremely effective to the undersized West Valley defense, constantly exploiting mismatches and producing good goal-scoring opportunities Ohlone used to their advantage.

Freshman midfielder Jessica Hernandez provided a moment of brilliance when she laced a free kick from approximately 25 yards out in the upper corner of the near post, the West Valley keeper only able to get her finger tips to the ball, hopelessly pushing it into the net and the Ohlone advantage to 2-0.

“We try to work on our set pieces; we got four goals off of set pieces, so that was nice,” said Heslin.

Another goal from an Ohlone corner furthered their stronghold on the match with the score now at 3-0.

Minutes later, a left-footed strike from freshman forward Elizabeth Mooney struck the near post and bounced in, past the outstretched arms of the helpless West Valley keeper, making it 4-0.

A West Valley own goal on yet another Renegade free kick essentially put the match to rest with another 15 minutes yet to be played.

“There wasn’t much that we needed to change,” Heslin said at the intermission.

“We were going at them. We just kind of took our foot off the gas to respect the opponent.”

Aside from the keeper, the Renegade starting 11 took the field to start the second half.

Feeling comfortable with the five-goal lead, Heslin made eight substitutions just minutes into the second half to get the other girls some playing time with the match in hand.

Second-year forward Cheyenne Kisthardt tapped in a cross from Celia Ochoa to finish the scoring, a fitting way to celebrate her birthday.

“It’s awesome,” she said.

“It’s a nice feeling.”

Many players and coaches don’t enjoy partaking in games this one-sided because they feel the team doesn’t get tested to their full potential, but Kisthardt knows that this victory is still a big one.

“It’s a strong win,” she said. “Games like this are good for our team confidence and help us get comfortable with each other.”

“They help us build forward for the harder games we have in the future…”

The Renegades now stand with an overall record of 9-3 with a Coast Conference record of 6-1. They are still undefeated at home, having won all eight matches they have played here.

“Returning to the heart of our field,” said Heslin when asked what makes his team such a hard team to play at home.

“We know what it’s like, we know where the bumps are…” Also, there are a lot of teams that don’t play grass. Most of the teams in our conference are all on turf.

Kisthardt said the work rate of the team is a big difference maker.

“It’s just hard work,” said Kisthardt.

“We’ve really bonded this year, working as a team at home.”

“It’s always good to protect our own house. It helps when we all pull together.”

The Renegades are really rolling now, having won seven of their last eight games.

Ohlone is now gearing up for a big showdown with De Anza in Cupertino Oct. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Cabrillo edges out men’s soccer in low-scoring affair

By NAVIN KRISHNAN
Staff writer

The Renegades went into Friday’s game with a sharpened mentality while missing two key players and having to rely on indoor practices following a rainy week.

Ohlone ended up on the short end of a 1-0 loss to visiting Cabrillo College.

That discipline and focus came up just short, with Ohlone’s lone flame of hope dousing into a pile of ash.

They aimed for a 4-4-2 record but went slipping into defeat.

“Discipline and focus are our mantra right now,” said head coach Jan Nordmo before the game.

The only goal came after a failed Ohlone barrage ended up with Ohlone getting the blunt end of the hammer, smashing them into their eventual defeat.

But Ohlone would not let this loss be a reason to lose hope.

“This has been the story of the season,” said Nordmo.

“The first two to three minutes of the half, our focus isn’t there. The first half, we were focused; [during] the second half, guys are still kind of excited, they still think they are going to be playing great, but one little let-down, a few minutes into the second half, ball bounces, the left midfielder gets stumped for a moment, fails to throw the ball out, and they come in and knock it in.”

Perhaps the best move to make from this standpoint would be to look forward with a positive attitude and try to retain the elements of “discipline and focus.”

But to Ohlone, failure is only another reason to have more confidence.

“That’s been our challenge,” said Nordmo.

“How do you respond to the adversity? How does that impact your confidence?

Today, we just failed. We did well. We understood what we needed to do. We lost focus.”

Perhaps it wasn’t simply the lack of the draw that allowed Cabrillo to beat Ohlone, but Nordmo had a distinct view as to how it happened.

“Any team can do anything to anybody in community college soccer, and we know that.”

Looking forward with a positive mentality, Nordmo said that Mission College, Ohlone’s foe in their next bout, poses a team that should be relatively easy to compete with.

“Cabrillo put together [good] games against Foot-hill,” said Nordmo.

“This goes back to what Nordmo said about any team being able to do anything to anybody in a community college league.”

“I’m looking at this team, you know what? I’m thinking they’re a little more dangerous than we think they are.”

Coach Nordmo has a simple remedy for losses. Practice harder and stay sharper mentally.

“We’ve got to get back to the focus and we’ve got to get back our confidence. We’ve got to have a good, solid training session Monday.”

“We know how to play against Mission. We need to go out and dominate Mission. We have to outplay them on defense [and offense].”

Take it out on Mission is the mission.

Here’s hoping it was just the rain.

Kickoff was at 4 p.m. The result of the match was unknown at the time of printing.