As dust settles from Nardollilo residency scandal questions rise about trustee Greg Bonaccorsi

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The Ohlone College Board of Trustees is under harsh scrutiny with the resignation of trustee Nick Nardollilo, which went into affect on Oct. 30 amid allegations of voter fraud.

During the Nov. 9 meeting, the Board unanimously voted in favor of appointing an individual to serve out the rest of Nardollilo’s term, which expires in December 2012 and the job posting will be listed on the Ohlone website effective Nov. 10.

According to Nardollilo’s attorney Leon Mezzetti Jr., the District Attorney’s office has yet to file formal charges against Nardollilo.

“There are ongoing discussions with the D.A.’s office,” Mezzetti said. The charges may be filed within the next month or so, according to Mezzetti and are related to Nardollilo’s residency domicile.

While the Nardollilo news broke on Oct. 26, the Board met for a workshop. At the same time, the residency of another board member was questioned.

Trustee Greg Bonaccorsi put his Fremont residence on Fairbrook Drive on the market in April and received an acceptable offer for it in September. Bonaccorsi then moved into a rental located at 572 Clamath Place, which is still within Fremont and said that he spends five nights a week there.

Bonaccorsi clarified that prior to Nardollilo’s departure he had consulted with Ohlone College President Gari Browning and the Registrar of Voters to make sure that he was in compliance with election law.

“This comes as the board considers redistricting options. The public was able to voice its views on the subject Wednesday.”

Former board member Bob Brunton said, “The board should go to five members elected at large.”

After the 2010 census data was received, the district was notified that it might be in violation of the 2002 California Voters Rights Act, according to Board Chair Rich Waters.

With Newark comprising 16 percent of the residents of the district, it is considered over-represented and redistricting plans were sought to remedy this problem.

“The changes have to be made by March 2012,” Waters said. Final approval for the redistricting is in the hands of the Board, he said.

Under the Voters Right Act, it makes special exceptions for school boards to accept or reject redistricting in-house, rather than holding a special election.
OPINIONS

Occupied Oakland protest becomes violent

By JAMIE LAM
Staff writer

Inspired by the larger movement Occupy Wall Street, Occupy Oakland has taken the Bay Area by storm. However, what once inspired change and citizens to take action has turned to violence.

The addition of a fringe society named “Black Bloc” has overwhelmed the media, turning Occupy Oakland intentions to seem aggressive and definitely not for the progress of the city.

I believe that what Occupy Oakland is fighting for is fair. At one point, with its peaceful protests, it was truly taking a stance for what it believed was its right – and eventually convinced the City Hall to listen to what it wanted.

However, blending in with the innocuous demonstrators is the Black Bloc, which has started vicious fires and bro-ken store windows.

In these actions alone, city officials have been angered and less willing to change policies. Masked by this violence as well as what the protest is fighting for: equality. Civilians cannot overlook this aggressive resort.

I think Black Bloc completely undermines the integrity of what Occupy Oakland is doing.

Thus far, many members of Occupy Oakland have done what they could to separate its cause from Black Bloc’s.

In previous years, Black Bloc has traveled around the world to join these protests, many of which began peaceful protests and take a stand. If the group activists resume their peaceful protests and take a stand, the group of activ-ists resume their peaceful protests and take a stand with their dignity intact.

Districts should close schools as last resort

By JOE NICHOLS
Opinion editor

With many school districts across California facing modest budget deficits, most are looking at how to deal with the budget shortfalls.

The answer for some districts is to consolidate and close schools. I believe this should only be used as a last resort. The amount of disruption it causes for the students staff and their families far outweigh the moderate savings made by the districts.

There are many other op-tions for school districts should explore before they consider closing schools.

The district should try to make cuts to other depart-ments such as maintenance, professional development and new equipment.

This option could, over time, yield a large savings. Another cost-cutting mea-sure that districts should investigate is cutting salaries of the district and school administrators. This should start at the top with the district superintendent and go all the way to the school principals.

This could save districts a large sum of money over time. Another savings method is for districts to sell excess equipment and other inven-tory.

Depending on the amount of excess inventory and equip-ment the district has it could bring the district good money.

The last option would be to cut the amount of admin-is-trators from the district level to the individual schools. I believe that if many of the middle schools and high schools with multiple principals would be wise to cut down their number of administrators.

This could become a large savings in the long term. These measures would save the districts money and keep the money in the classroom. If schools do need to be closed it should be done in a way to avoid disruption for the students.

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Occupying the street

With serious problems facing the world and us, I find it difficult to be even the slightest bit concerned over trivial matters such as the demise of Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries’ 72-day marriage and whether or not Justin Bieber fathered a baby.

As it is I’m still trying to understand what the whole Occupy movement stands for. Is it the counter to the Tea Party movement?

Now the Tea Party ideology swiped into power last fall by solidifying its national rallying cries including one held by pundit Glenn Beck and featuring former Alaska Gov Sarah Palin and turning it into winning congressional seats.

Those Tea Party victories however, aren’t leading results. It makes me question that the Tea Party has lost the momentum that it once had. Clearly, it doesn’t have longevity.

I don’t see the Occupy Wall Street as any different, when it is roughly the same message that too much governmental involvement in free market capitalist democracy is essentially detrimental to our society.

The Tea Party argues in favor of lower taxes and governmental involvement such as computers, laptops and monitors at Ohlone College’s parking lot B.

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By JAMIE LAM
Staff writer

It’s hard to part with old school laptops and desktops, but with the holiday season coming up on us, it’s time to live the philosophy of “out with the old and in with the new.”

Donate used electronic goods on Nov. 12, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ohlone College will host an eWaste fundraiser to collect used electronic equipment such as computers, laptops and monitors at Ohlone College’s parking lot B.

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“The over the years, the Ohlone students can get involved by volunteering at the event, which involves running the help desk and working with SVS/RUT,” said Grotegut.

“Students will be on hand for the two recycling days coming up on Friday and Saturday,” said Grotegut.

“Remaining students can contribute by bringing their eWaste on Friday and Saturday. For those who do not attend Ohlone College, the fundraiser will be only be available on Saturday.”

There are various fees regarding what is donated – ranging from 50 cents to $30.

By SALLY HUO
Staff writer

Most Ohlone College students have had experiences borrowing books from a library.

Some students complain that the library is not electronic and question: “Are those steps old-fashioned in modern society?”

The most important reason for us to use card stamps is saving paper and keeping the campus green,” said Jamilah Gabrielle, lead library technician.

“Commonly, after students check out the books, they will receive a paper receipt. But we want to save the paper,” said Gabrielle.

Using the card stamp is not the old-fashioned way for a library, Gabrielle said.

“The library is an electronic library, according to Emily Grantz, learning resources technician.

Library card stamps not a thing of the past

E-Waste to be disposed of at fundraiser

Tattoo artist Kat von D has taken tattoo culture mainstream by appearing in the reality shows “Miami Ink” and “LA Ink.”

How to be smart about body art

By SALLY HUO
Staff writer

Since tattoos have become popular among teenagers, the question of how to prevent damage from the tattoo is rising.

The body art presentation will take place at Ohlone College to educate college students on how to get tattoos safely on Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Smith Center. It will be conducted by experts from Sacramento State University and U.C. Davis.

“I think it is a really good opportunity for students to realize how to get a tattoo harmlessly. Many community colleges did those kinds of presentations before. We have been handing information for three years referring them to a website,” said Sally Bratton, director of the Ohlone Health Center.

According to the website, be smart with body art.org, “Tattoos are a newly fashionable body art that inserts indelible ink into the dermis layer of the skin to change the pigment.”

The safety of tattoos depend on what kind of chemical or ink the artist uses. Because a tattoo requires breaking the layers of skin, it carries health risks such as allergic reactions or getting diseases as Hepatitis C.

Students need to be careful about where they go to get a tattoo. The presentation will focus on teaching students how to prevent body harm and get good tattoo at the same time.

The panel will also discuss the tattoo process in order to let students understand what the consequences are after they get a tattoo.

“It is really common for Ohlone students to get tattoos, but they do not recognize so many things they should pay attention if they want to get tattoo. Thus, the presentation is a good way to learn about details,” said Bratton.
William and Kate have nothing on Edward and Bella

By AMY SCOTT Features Editor

The end is nigh.
The end of the “Twilight Saga,” that is.
The seemingly long running franchise is beginning the end of its movie franchise. At least, hopefully it’s ending.

Books keep getting pitched, so let’s wish really hard there are no more movies at 11:11 a.m. on Nov. 11.

God forbid if the minor side character, Bree Tanner, once again gets any more limelight.

So let’s wish for fans to catch “Eclipse” on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in local theaters.

Photo courtesy of Summit Entertainment
Because, somehow when you’re pregnant with a child who is a half blood-sucker, it’s going to have no negative consequences at all – except maybe Jacob “imprinting” on a newborn vampire.

That was a bit of a curve ball, even for Stephanie Meyer. I didn’t think she’d go down that road, but she sort of sprinted the 5k down it.

Due to its apparent length, the movie version of the book has been split into two parts. But chances are, it’s to reap even more revenue from the already highly profitable franchise.

Photo by Simon Tang and Joe Nichols
Friday, Nov. 18 marks the premiere of the first part of “Breaking Dawn.”
I’m dripping with sarcasm, if you haven’t been able to tell already.
The first two movie dates have already passed. “Twilight” was shown Nov. 1 and “New Moon” was shown on Nov. 8.
However, there is still time for fans to catch “Eclipse” on Nov. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in local theaters.

By NAVIN KRISHNAN Staff writer

A couple of successful Ohlone alumni visited the campus Nov. 4 and participated in a lecture class taught by Journalism Professor Bill Parks.

Chris Marshall and Mike Peaslee walked in to Parks’ classroom bearing a serious attitude to inform Ohlone students that the existence of the college posed an opportunity for them.

The two business partners pumped up an everyday lecture into an anecdotal powerhouse.

Peaslee took Parks’ lecture class more than 10 years ago, and recalled his story of going from an Ohlone student to a relatively successful sound producer.

He grew up in Fremont and currently lives in Alameda. “From what I learned from Professor Parks, the world is accessible if you learn how to improve,” said Peaslee.

“I got my first job a month after graduating,” said Peaslee.

He then went on to work for a video game company, where he separated himself from his competition. Earning the Mix Foundation TEC award in 2007, while working for the “Tomb Raider” video game franchise, he won the award while working on “Tomb Raider: Legend.”

According to his website, Peaslee “specializes in high end virtual instrument and instrument sample library production, design and programming, field and studio productions, recording and engineering, sound design and Foley, cinematic audio and mixing, soundtrack composition, voice directing and acting, and audio post production for film and animation.”

Peaslee did most of the talking and his lecture was studded with anecdotes and advice for the Ohlone students’ future. Rather than suggest being a good student, he explained that being a good worker, listener, and independent thinker can provide enough support for a great career.

He advocated that community colleges offer something four-year universities don’t: hands-on experience and flexibility in courses.

Everything is done by the book, theoretically, in four-year colleges. “You have to approach the problem from a practical but creative perspective,” Peaslee said.

According to him, that’s the advantage of going to a community college versus a university.

However, he says the best skill to learn is how to improvise.

“One thing that you may need to do is improvise,” Peaslee said. “Be flexible. Be able to roll with the punches.”

Peaslee, despite being a prodigal-like success in his craft, still labels himself as a high school dropout. However, his tenure shows the value of education, especially at a school like Ohlone.

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Helms is November Faculty of the Month

By ASHLEY LAM  Staff writer

Professor Sheldon Helms has earned the Faculty of the Month title for November.

He is a well-loved psychology teacher and in his 11 years of teaching at Ohlone, he has created three courses, including Experimental Psychology, Social Psychology and Abnormal Psychology, not to mention his active role as the faculty adviser of the Ohlone Psychology Club.

Outside of Ohlone, Helms is on the board of numerous science and skepticisms groups.

Wayne Yuen, faculty of the Psychology Department, praised Helms as an educator.

He’s most concerned about teaching and the student experience, his leadership of the psychology club and what he laver from his students speaking about him, he truly is a fantastic educator,” said Yuen.

Specifically, Yuen talked about Helms’ contributions to the Psychology Club.

“I think one of the greatest contributions he’s given the college is the psychology speaker series that he’s held for the past few years. It has truly been a fantastic series and Ohlone is really lucky to have him start that up,” said Yuen.

Helms is also responsible for organizing the psychology seminar featuring Anthony Pratkin, a former professor of the past year.

Helms said he was especially grateful for being a part of the Ohlone community as the assistant manager at the campus bookstore.

“Work with Follett made an agreement with Follett to supply Ohlone with shipments of the Green Books. Roaring Spring made it easier for the bookstore to acquire these books, as they are specialized in finding and obtaining these products,” she said.

“Our ultimate goal for this project is to phase out the use of the Blue Books by students and teachers and instead replace them with the Green Books,”

Already, we have started to sell more environmental products in the store. Over time, we hope Ohlone will become a ‘green’ college,” Scobel said.

Green books to replace the traditional blue books

By BEN ROSETE  Staff writer

Ohlone College’s bookstore has begun selling a new edition of the standard Blue Books that are green.

The new Green Books are another environmental version of the composition booklets with the same content.

In terms of composition, length, and purpose, they are the same as the Blue Books,” said Jaime Scobel, who serves as the assistant manager at the Campus Bookstore.

Scobel is one of the people responsible for bringing the books to the college.

“However, the main and most important difference between the new books and the old is the fact that the Green Books are made with more than 30 percent recycled paper.”

Previously, Scobel worked at Sacramento State University, where she first encountered the Green Books on sale at the campus.

When she transferred to Ohlone College and began working with the bookstore, she decided that the project she first saw at Sacramento State would be worthwhile to implement at Ohlone College.

“The main idea behind applying this idea at Ohlone is to push for the school to become more environmentally aware,” said Scobel.

“There is no difference in cost for production or cost to the student with the Green Books,”

This is really the one defining quality of the product; at no additional fee, we are able to create a more environmentally conscious version of a traditional material,” said Scobel.

Roaring Spring, a stationary and paper products company, is the main distributor and producer of the Green Books.

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Campus Security beefed up since kidnapping attempt

By BEN ROSETE  Staff writer

Some students and faculty at Ohlone College may still remember the kidnapping attempt on campus which occurred on Sept. 13, 2010.

Steven Tekam, a former student at Ohlone, was arrested under five criminal charges under five criminal charges including attempted kidnaping, false imprisonment and theft of a vehicle two days after having committed the offense.

Since then, Campus Police Services have made a number of modifications and improvements to the present safety measures and services.

“The incident last fall semester helped alert the campus to the presence of crime and reminded people to remain aware,” said Steve Osawa, chief of Campus Police Services.

Since that event, the campus has hired one additional trained officer, a decision made with the approval and direction of College President Gari Browning.

“The addition of one more individual to Campus Police brings our number of officers to what it should be by law,” said Osawa.

This is one of several modifications made over the past year to improve campus security.

The expansion of these systems has been gradual and not necessarily caused by the incident he said.

For example, the escort service available to Ohlone staff and students has been in place since 2000.

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Ohlone journalism alums pass knowledge on to students

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selves in giving real-world experience,” said Peaslee.

“Ohlone over-delivers in a way. You get way more than your money’s worth. You get a real education.”

Chris Marshall graduated from UC Berkeley, a contrast to Peaslee being a dropout and learning from, according to him, gut-wrenching work

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“More than anything came from the Monitor; we were all in together. You made your own rules. You start to realize how serious it all is. I became features editor. It was kind of a thrill,” said Peaslee.

Peaslee advised that for those in office fields or any workforce in general, the key is not to shut oneself out, but to “shut up and listen.”
Boxing world mourns loss of Joe Frazier

By KYLE NORDEEN
Sports editor

The boxing world — and sports world, for that matter — lost an all-time great Tuesday when Smokin’ Joe Frazier died at the age of 67 after a short battle with liver cancer.

Perhaps best known for always living in the shadow of the charismatic Muhammad Ali, Frazier finished his career with a record of 32-4-1; his four losses coming only to Ali and the great George Foreman.

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While slightly undersized in physical stature, few could match the pressure and ferocity which he brought to the ring.

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Photos courtesy of Geoffrey Hirsch


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**SPORTS**

**Women’s soccer breaks even against CCSF**

By NAVIN KRISHNAN  
Staff writer

A hopeful Ohlone team on the ropes and desperate for a win marched into Tuesday’s game looking for an opportunity to separate its season from the norm and ended up with a tie on sophomore night.

The field stands were packed as the Renegades clashed with a feisty City College of San Francisco (CCSF) team. What started as a reason for Ohlone to hang its head (2-0 at the half) ended up being a contest filled with drama and tension.

As the Renegades took on CCSF in the first half, things started to look gloomy.

The Renegades fought and battled for an edge that seemed impossible to attain, whether it was from out-of-bounds plays or penalty kicks, no matter what they tried, the ball didn’t roll their way. But they didn’t quit.

They came back in the second half with a ferocity that was able to push back CCSF to the edge, evening the score at 2-2.

The second goal of the game for the Renegades was a shocker. Jessica Hernandez fired a shot on goal from the edge of the box. The (%) kick landed in a pile of bodies, but a lucky bounce hit a little rut in our field, popped up over our goalie, and put us right back into the game.

That emphatic play ignited Ohlone, and their girl reacted, putting us back to where we need to be,” said Peñaflor.

Ohlone head coach Larry Peñaflor acknowledged that effort, Peñaflor acknowledged that the team really needed to be a vocal leader and keeping the team really needed to sharpened sense one would only expect from a veteran.

“She'll say something that the team really needed to hear, and that'll kind of bring us back to where we need to be,” said Peñaflor.

Not only did she show her experience with her effort on the court, but with her words in the huddles. “She’ll say something that the team really needed to hear, and that’ll kind of bring us back to where we need to be,” said Peñaflor.

“Anna’s been that person all year, being older than most of her teammates,” said Peñaflor.

Not only does she contribute really well. It’s not so much the individuals that thrive in our system. “I think we played really good as a team, and defensively, we felt the offense.”

Though it was totally a team effort, Peñaflor acknowledged Ohlone’s Anna Ottavis as the glue, showing up just enough at the right times to seal the deal.

In other words, she brought a brand of killer instinct.

“Anna has developed into a complete package,” said Peñaflor.

And staying consistent. “The hardest thing in this situation, according to Peñaflor, is keeping one’s head up and staying consistent.”

“All of the CCSF player got sent off for doing something she shouldn’t have done.”

Heslin stated having one less opposing player was good, but he also said, “You never want to see [a red card being handed out].”

Nevertheless, it was an tie against a team with a solid record.

“The girls were excited about it. It was important for us, for the playoffs,” Heslin said. “Getting that result from CCSF is huge. It was emotional and we fought to the last second. I thought our girls deserved at least a tie out of that. Just the effort they put in, the desire that they had. I couldn’t be happier.”

“We had that late chance, last minute in the first half, kind of adjusted, so we got [a goal] the last minute in the second half. It was tough to give up that goal.

The Renegades play their final regular season game against Skyline tomorrow before beginning their playoff schedule on Nov. 19.

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**Ohlone volleyball tramples over tricky SJCC**

By NAVIN KRISHNAN  
Staff writer

Ohlone treaded a unique but necessary path as it looked to knock off San Jose City College.

It trampled SJCC 3-0 in what was a fantastic display of old-fashioned teamwork.

It wasn’t an easy win, to say the least.

“San Jose City College can be a tricky opponent,” said Ohlone head coach Jeremy Peñaflor.

Anybody attending the game would notice its trademark trait.

“They’re loud.”

This auditory orchestrated distraction, Peñaflor explained, “can get to our girls if they pay attention to it.”

Peñaflor also pointed out the scrappy defense and good individual play are key elements to have watched out for as the Renegades tangled with another opponent en route to the playoffs.

To counter [their play] we have to set a standard of staying consistent within our system,” said Peñaflor.

It took teamwork, acknowledged Peñaflor.

“Truly believe that. Everybody contributed really well. It’s not so much the individuals that thrive in our system. “I thought we played really good as a team, and defensively, we felt the offense.”

“Anna’s been that person all year, being older than most of her teammates,” said Peñaflor.

Since she is slightly older than her teammates, she brings experience and that sharpened sense one would only expect from a veteran.

Not only did she show her experience with her effort on the court, but with her words in the huddles.

“Anna has developed into a complete package.”

Now with most of the season under the Renegades’ belt, the only thing standing between them and their goal—a playoff seeding—is a series of games.

The hardest thing in this situation, according to Peñaflor, is keeping one’s head up and staying consistent.

“Preparing for the end of the season is hard,” he said.

“It’s a constant battle of working to get better without getting stagnant and doing the same things over and over.”

As the season edges to its end, the team is constantly at a standstill but is always working to get better.

Motivation is key when playing late in the season, as Peñaflor described.

However, this unique opportunity—being able to have