Cliff McCormick reaches to the sky during a dress rehearsal for the Ohlone College production of 'Jesus Christ Superstar' on the Fremont campus on Monday.

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**Math team succeeds**

**MARISSA MARTIN**

**News editor**

Ohlone's math team has finished in the top 10 nationally three of the past four years, and they're hoping to extend that streak starting Friday.

Math Club members are preparing for the first round of this year's Student Mathematics League competition, scheduled from 11 a.m. to noon and from noon to 1 p.m. Friday in HH-218.

The second round will be held in the spring.

The nationwide math competition consists of 180 to 200 community colleges whose students figure out difficult math problems in order to place nationally and win cash prizes.

Math professor Geoff Hirsch is rooting for Ohlone's math team to have another top-10 finish this year.

Friday's exam is administered by the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges (AMATYC).

The highest level of math that will be on the exam is pre-calculus, and the test will consist of both multiple-

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**Latino Heritage Leadership Awards**

**SHANNON SORGE**

**Online editor**

Rick Arellano, professor of computer applications and occupational technology at Ohlone College, was one of five people honored last month at the inaugural Latino Heritage Leadership Awards Ceremony.

The event, held Oct. 11 in the Council Chambers at Newark City Hall, was started as a mark of respect toward National Hispanic Heritage Month, which is observed Sept. 15 though Oct. 15.

"These individuals being recognized have demonstrated a long-standing commitment to making our community a better place for everyone," Assemblymember Bob Wieckowski of Fremont said in a statement.

Wieckowski, along with Congressman Mike Honda, State Sen. Ellen Corbett and San Jose City Council member Kansen Ku, awarded Arellano a Latino Heritage Leadership Certificate of Recognition.

"Education is very important to Rick Arellano," Ohlone College Trustee Vivien Larsen said in her introduction speech. "He supports, promotes and advocates for the success of the Latino community, in particular the Latino students' success and advancement in education, especially in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. He is also an advocate for older adults."

Larsen praised Arellano for his past and present community leadership roles, in-

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ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF OHLONE COLLEGE

ASOC focuses efforts toward students

LOUIS LAVENTURE
Editor-in-chief

The Associated Students of Ohlone College outlined some of its primary goals at its meeting Nov. 1 at the Fremont campus. The three main areas that were laid out by the ASOC were advocacy, outreach and community events.

Each category came with a list of ideas on how to execute ASOC’s primary objectives. However, after all of the categories were filled up with ideas, there was some confusion concerning the advocacy portion of the goals.

“Keep in mind that advocating is speaking up and fighting for things that they want,” said Renee Wong Gonzales, student activities coordinator. “I think there may be a little confusion here.”

ASOC originally listed Club Fair and installing an ASOC television in the cafeteria as their two primary objectives under the advocating for students umbrella. Later in the meeting, some of these items were redistributed to other categories where they were more appropriately fitting, leaving a glaring hole in the advocacy column.

It was agreed upon by ASOC that while these are great ideas that they do not belong under advocacy and would be more appropriate for the outreach and community event categories.

Everybody pretty much has the same idea of what they want changed. The stairs, book and school prices, but we just don’t really have the ability to change those things.

—ASOC President Mat Weber

This idea met a lot of resistance from members, primarily because of the safety issue as well as the potential for equipment to be damaged or stolen if it isn’t monitored.

It was also pointed out that any physical projects that were going to be created needed to keep in mind the impending changes that Measure G will bring to Ohlone.

“Now remember, everything here is going to change physically in just about a year,” said Debbie Trigg, director of EOPS, Student Life and Ombudsperson.

“Anything you put up could be very temporary with all of the changes that will be happening here.”

Trigg was referring to the Measure G initiative which will completely change the Fremont campus beginning next year with the new parking structure.

One of the ideas under the community event category was a town hall style meeting of what they want changed. The stairs, book and school prices, but we just don’t really have the ability to change those things.

Also under the outreach category was the idea of creating brochures with information and upcoming events that could be handed out or possibly dispersed in classrooms.

The idea of bringing back the student identification discount program was brought up but there are several key issues that could prevent that from happening.

Pinterist parties, massage day, connecting clubs, and campus tours were also some of the key points brought up by ASOC.

The Speech and Debate team will perform some of their original works, which recently have garnered some awards. Admission is $5 at the door in Room 2133.

The Ohlone Pantry food drive

The Ohlone Pantry, or TOP, is having a food drive that ends Nov. 27. All canned foods and non-perishable items are being accepted. Items can be dropped in the donation bins located on the first and second floors of Building 7, the second floor of Building 8, Hyman Hall, the Library, the Cafeteria, Campus Security and Newark Center.

—Compiled by Louis LaVenture
ASOC provides free cocoa and cookies to students

Members of the Associated Students of Ohlone College pass out free cocoa and cookies to students on the Fremont campus on Wednesday.

Veterans receive needed support from Ohlone

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A tour of duty lasts about three years, yet it can feel like a lifetime as military members face danger, intense combat, and the deaths of friends and civilians.

Still, returning veterans often miss the structure of military life. “In the military there is a structured chain of command, so if you’re having a problem, you know exactly who to go to,” said Ohlone student Delmonte Dennis, who served in the Army. Many find leaving that structure and returning to civilian life chaotic, he said.

Ohlone College Trustee Garrett Yee, a brigadier general in the Army Reserve, said veterans returning to civilian life may feel a letdown because senses are heightened in combat.

“Veterans returning to college may be older and “more mature than your average 18-year-old coming out of high school,” Director of Financial Aid Deborah Griffin said. They don’t have a lot of patience for students who disrespect the instructor – like people who are talking during the class, got cell phones ringing – because your job as a student is to pay attention to that instructor,” Griffin said.

“That’s a totally different type of behavioral mindset approach to school than most students do.”

Veterans may have problems telling family and friends what they’ve seen and experienced. That’s why they need to connect with fellow veterans, so they can relate to someone and rebuild the camaraderie they felt in the military.

Soldiers are trained to be independent and many feel that seeking help is a form of asking for pity. “It’s not within their culture to ask for help,” Griffin said. “They have been told that they are self-sufficient individuals and they have to stand on their own.”

However, not addressing these issues could make them unaware of mental and physical problems that need to be treated, and treating these conditions themselves could lead to serious trauma.

There are many services and programs both on and off campus to assist veterans returning home.

“A lot of veterans don’t know that there are programs or opportunities available to them, and you have to make the effort to research,” Dennis said.

At Ohlone, the VA office tries to be a “welcoming kind of community on campus, trying to see how we can bring our veterans together,” Griffin said of the office. The office helps Ohlone veterans obtain their GI benefits, and assists them with college services such as financial aid, priority registration, counseling and other programs.

“We’re the middle person helping veterans to collect benefits,” VA office staff member Trang Bahn said. The VA office plans to open a veterans’ center in the near future, and Griffin hopes the center will be “a place to come and connect with other veterans.”

For more information, call the Veterans Affairs Office at 510-659-6199 or go to www.ohlone.edu/org/veterans. The office is in Room 7249 on the second floor of the Fremont campus. Veterans can drop in from 1 to 2 p.m. Monday through Wednesday or schedule an appointment.

Awards for professor

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including his service as board member of Life ElderCare; president of the AARP Newark Chapter; secretary of Toastmasters Newark Chapter; City of Newark Senior Citizen Advisory Committee member; coordinator of STEM College for a Day at Ohlone College; Newark Rotary Club member; Ohlone College Foundation board director; and Avanzando board member.

He was named Ohlone College Outstanding Educator of the Year in 2010 and has been recognized by the U.S. House of Representatives and the state Legislature, among others.

Arellano holds a master’s degree in computer systems. In his acceptance speech, he thanked his parents for granting him permission to leave his home in Lima, Peru, at the age of 17 in order to pursue his future, along with his family for supporting him throughout his journey of accomplishments.

“I lived in the Mission district of San Francisco, where I met so many individuals dedicated to the advancement of the underrepresented and underrepresented,” he said. “I followed their footsteps. Later on, in Oakland, Stockton and the East Bay, I met other individuals with similar goals. They were also my mentors and role models.”
The fast lane to excitement

Hopped onto the fast lane this morning. Racing to work, praying and cursing the entire way.

The only thing on my mind was making it from Point A to Point B in the fastest possible way. Was that really my goal?

I’ve noticed the last couple times that the fast lane tends to be just as packed as the rest of the freeway.

I can’t comprehend going 65 in the fast lane, but that is what almost always happens.

There are so many people in the fast lane that it’s no surprise, but then why do we all hop into the far left lane if it’s not to go fast? I think we are a people of excitement.

Regardless of whether we’re actually going faster or not, the fast lane is exciting.

That lane on the outskirts is the American Dream incarnated in concrete.

The fast life, the city slicker on his way to make millions.

When we’re on that road, it feels like we’re going somewhere.

The crazy thing is that it doesn’t matter if we’re getting somewhere faster, we just want the most exciting way there.

We wanted cars, so we made them.

We wanted to fly, so we invented the plane.

We had sailboats, but decided to put motors on them to go even faster.

Nothing can hold us back when we decide to go someplace.

From Lewis and Clark searching the West to my commute to Pleasanton, nothing can hold us back.

YAHYA BURHANI
Staff writer

An exhibition of student still-life artwork is on display in the president’s office at Ohlone College’s Fremont campus.

Instructor Christian Fagerlund said the artwork portrays the shape of objects and how dark and light relate to each other.

The exhibition showcases two different types of painting techniques: grisaille and imprimatura.

Grisaille is where you have white paint and black paint and you mix all the grays in between and you paint your subject with opaque paint,” Fagerlund said.

Imprimatura is an under-painting layer that gained popularity during the Renaissance.

Painting—Color and Composition (Art 111A and Art 111B) are painting courses for beginner and intermediate artists.

Descriptive Drawing is the prerequisite.

The classes cover the basics of value, color and shape that students need to create the images they want, Fagerlund said.

Students’ art on display in president’s office

OHLINE POEMS

Poetry competition inspires staffer

YAHYA BURHANI
Staff writer

In April I joined a poetry competition at the City College of San Francisco with my friend and his cousin.

They had four judges on the panel. Boonaa Mohammed was one them.

Mohammed is a well-known spoken-word poet and writer who received the CBC “Best New Artist” award in 2007.

I wrote “War Child” to tell the story of a Middle Eastern kid who lost everything, including his mother, when his village was invaded.

This piece was intended to vent my frustration of what is happening and educate people on the problem that every war child faces.

Before they took my family, my mother said she loved me, she said she cared, but it’s true they say life is hardly ever fair, life wears and tears at your heart and soul, and it hardly ever grows old.

Why do my eyes shed so many tears?

Is it to hide all of my fears?

As the pain takes hold, my heart suddenly starts to fold, my eyes grow dry and cold.

How dare they come into my village, kill my people, take my mother, take my brother, and all I ask is how much can I be supposed to move further?

Why do my feelings mean so little?

Who are you to tell me who I should be, you’re nobody yourself don’t you see, all of those lies, what they did to me, the pain so unbearable, it caused me to break within, and I let you again and again, break me down, take me under, you watch my heart plunder, fall to pieces, underneath with no power to speak, I’ve let you make me so damn weak?

I stumble and I fall, and you sit there as if nothing is happening at all!

The wall I built can hardly withstand, it cracks, it screeches, it wails in pain, as it tries to stay up, in your hands there is no luck, you huff and you puff, and you suck it all in, you’re a damn fool, living in sin, you lie over and over, do I dare ask you why?

I have to be bold, speak my mind, even as the road begins to wind, I have to be strong, hope I’m not wrong, hope for happiness, hope for truth, please faith take me in, give me love, as I sit here and stumble, I pray to God, that my heart will not crumble, and if I stumble and fall, I will still rebuild my wall! I will not fall, I will not crawl, I will continue to stand tall.
‘Jesus Christ Superstar’ set to debut

Cliff McCormick, playing the lead role of Jesus Christ, is carried by other cast members during rehearsals for the upcoming production of Ohlone’s ‘Jesus Christ Superstar.’

Photos by Tam Duong Jr.
Story by Louis LaVenture

The rock opera made famous by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber in the 1970s will be played out in the Smith Center on the Ohlone College Fremont campus.

Cliff McCormick is playing the role of Jesus while his counterpart of Judas will be played by Adam Fresquez.

With choreography by Janel Tomblin-Brown and direction from Michael Navarra the production is sure to be a crowd-pleaser.

The musical will run at 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday, and Nov. 14 to 16 and Nov. 21 to 23, in the Smith Center on the Ohlone College Fremont campus.

Admission prices are $20 for general and $15 for students and seniors.

Above: Paul Heijn makes his entrance to the production playing Caiaphas in his fourth production of ‘Jesus Christ Superstar’ at Ohlone. Below: Heijn, Yvonne West, Sabrina Strand and Tanya Benitez belt out some notes during a dress rehearsal of the production on Monday at the Fremont campus. Left: McCormick, the title character of the musical, emotionally conveys his lyrical message to the crowd.
Midterm exams a necessary evil

LOUIS LAVENTURE
Editor-in-chief

That time of year is finally here that any sane student dreads. Midterms. While these are evil diabolical exams I also understand their importance and how they keep students accountable for information. While I am definitely not a fan of any type of midterm, they are necessary and there are a variety of ways to prepare for them.

For many this will sound like an absurd idea but for me it works. After my class I will do the homework or assignment for that class immediately while it is fresh in my brain. This helps me reinforce the ideas of the day before they have a chance to leak out of my brain.

Then once it comes time for the midterm I take out all of my notes, assignments and amassed random worksheets the night before and read as much as possible. For me this works. I have never been able to study a little bit here and there and retain the information.

But, I am learning that this is not the right way to study and I am slowly trying to convert to a more conventional and proven studying method. Especially in science and math classes cramming can be a true death sentence. With so many equations and terms to memorize in those courses, cramming is not a good method of studying. These subjects require spreading out the study time and you can't get away with some of the things you might be able to in an English or art class.

It is not like I choose to do this but between work, school and my barely existent social life it is hard to squeeze in the time you should to be prepared for the mid-semester examination. While I understand the error in my ways, the more difficult part of this is fixing it.

In order to be successful on midterm exams you must put in the study time and do it over the course of the semester, not the night before.
Lady Renegades spiked at home by Seahawks

Sophomore Emily Marden tried to keep her team encouraged, shouting positive comments throughout the set.

“We’re OK guys, we’re OK,” Marden said to her teammates. “Hey, we’re fine, shake it off.”

Despite playing a lot better and keeping the score closer the Lady Renegades could not muster up enough points to win the set and fell 25-14.

The second set was more of a back-and-forth scoring affair until Cabrillo pulled away for good.

“ar hard hitting made us change and move up a little bit but other than that it didn’t change much of what we wanted to do,” Brittany Creel said. “I just do the best I can on every play. The outcome comes second, I am more worried about hitting everything hard and working together.”

The third set was a lot more competitive and Ohlone even had a lead at one point in the set.

It was a lot of back-and-forth again in the final set sparked by a few nice plays by Newark native Shelby Bolduc.

Bolduc made a couple impressive plays in the final set providing a spark off the bench for Ohlone.

“ar last few weeks we have been really working with Shelby to try and widen her offensive repertoire, which has been coming along really well,” Penaflor said.

“She’s really come along.”

Yet once again the size and hitting power of the Seahawks proved just too much to handle for Ohlone and they fell in the third set by a final of 25-16.

“They are one of the top teams in California so it is easier said than done to contain a team of their caliber.”

Sophomore night will be the final home game of the year for Ohlone at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Epler Gymnasium on the Fremont campus.

This could be the final home game for several key contributors including Creel and Marden.

Sophomore outside hitter Brittany Creel delivers a vicious spike in a home loss to Cabrillo College on Monday at Epler Gymnasium in Fremont.

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**Giant Bullying**

When you think of bullying victims as 6-foot-5-inch 330-pound 24-year-old isn’t the first image that comes to mind.

Yet that is exactly what is unfolding in the Miami Dolphins organization within the National Football League.

Over the weekend several reports surfaced of offensive lineman Jonathan Martin leaving the team due to harassment by his Dolphin teammates.

After an NFL investigation it was determined that several teammates were guilty of excessively hazing Martin, something that has become all too familiar in sports today.

Fellow lineman Richie Incognito, who has a history of questionable offenses, was deemed the worst offender of the hazing by the NFL and has been suspended indefinitely by the league.

It is unclear if Martin plans on returning to the team and what action they will consider regarding his status.

Bullying has yet again reared its ugly head in a place where most people do not even know it exists. Martin is a huge man and bullying victims are usually perceived as small and weak.

This incident just shows that bullying is a worldwide epidemic that can affect every culture, not just the schoolyard playground.

While it is well known that hazing does occur it is usually kept to a dinner bill or some funny haircut, not degradation and humiliation.

Incognito also has been accused of sending Martin several inappropriate text messages and other electronic communications.

In a world of giants who are more than able to defend themselves at the drop of a hat this story is really shocking. To know that a professional athlete can be the victim of bullying is really eye-opening to the general public.

I am just not sure what is sadder here: the actual bullying that took place or the fact that nobody noticed or stood up for someone who was unable to stand up for himself.

**MEN’S SOCCER**

**Cabrillo College too much for Ohlone volleyball**

Sophomore forward Dominic Hertz wins the battle for a header against Hartnell College on Nov. 1 at Central Park in Fremont. The Renegades lost to the Panthers 5-0, bringing their overall record to 1-11-3 and 0-9-1 in Coast Conference South play. The last regular season home game for Ohlone is at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Central Park when they take on Skyline College who is 2-11-2 overall and 1-8-1 in conference play.

**LADY RENEGADES**

** Cabrillo College too much for Ohlone volleyball**

Lady Renegade Jovita Nuñez gets some air as she spikes a ball in a losing effort against Cabrillo College at Epler Gymnasium on Monday.