



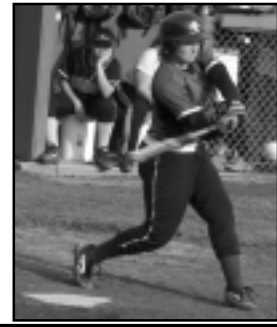
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## Speaker set for World Forum next Thursday

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The World Forum, scheduled for Thursday Feb. 24 at noon in the Epler gymnasium, will be hosted by Ohlone President Douglas Treadway.

Dr. Steven Zunes, professor of politics and chair of the Peace &

justice studies Program at the University of San Francisco will be the keynote speaker. The topic of discussion is Afghanistan, Iraq and the U.S. War on Terrorism Present and Future Perspectives.

Dr. Treadway has encouraged teachers to cancel classes Thursday afternoon so students can attend the forum.

In these times of terrorism, religious extremism, fear over the spread of nuclear weapons and threats of world economic collapse, The forum is intended to expand our knowledge and further our understanding of what's taking place between our nations from the perspective of someone who has experienced both sides first-hand.

Dr. Zunes, who specializes in this field, has been invited to share his view of what is current in politics.

Dr. Zunes has a Ph.D. from Cornell University, an M.A. from Temple University and a B.S. from Oberlin College.

He is affiliated with the Institute for a New Middle East Policy, the

Institute for Global Security Studies and the Center for Global, international and regional studies at UC Santa Cruz.

Dr. Zunes has visited the Middle East on several occasions. There, he has met with academics, government officials, journalists and opposition leaders. He is a frequent

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## Robotics program planned at Ohlone

By AMAN MEHRZAI  
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In an effort to raise interest in the technology department, Ohlone College will begin a robotics course starting in fall, designed to teach students everything about robots, from building to programming them.

The new course will most likely start out in Building 6, but will move to the new Newark campus after construction is complete. Groundbreaking of the new campus is expected this year, with classes to start in 2007. Health sciences and technology will be the featured subjects taught at the new campus, with robotics acting as a technology "flagship class," according to George Wong, instructor of computer studies, who is helping to develop the course.

Although the course description has not been detailed yet, four goals have been set: to serve as accreditation for general education, to achieve a certificate of completion or an Associates degree, to attain a certificate of achievement for transfer students, and to create a partnership with industries for outreach to children from grades K-12.

"Research has found that a disconnect occurs from [grades] 9-12," said Wong. Ohlone will specifically target Newark Memorial High School, focusing on a comprehensive program with their math and science departments to let students know that "robots can be fun."

Wong said that "the concepts learned in the class could be used for any physical system," not just robotics, and could help students realize the process of how any complex system from mechanics to the human body works.

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*Photo by Inez Black*

**Instructor George Wong tinkers with a small robot called a boe-bot.**

## Students attend conference in Washington D.C.

From Staff Reports

Three editors from Ohlone College were invited to Washington, DC this past weekend, for a conference on political journalism. Before this journey could begin, however, Andrea Adams, Tony Yang and Aman Mehrzai were able to persuade the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC)

to support them. A "Washington Conference Panel" on

What was initially a last-minute trip turned out to be a very worthwhile experience. "Personally, I wasn't focused on what I would learn from the conference," admitted Adams. "But I was impressed by the access journalists had to politicians." The trio of student jour-

nalists spent two days and two nights in the nation's capital attending panels and meeting fellow reporters from across the nation, and some even from as far away as China and Benin. The conference was attended by approximately 80 students, with a diverse range of undergraduates from Harvard University to Colorado College.

The panelists, on the whole, were

very well respected and accomplished in their fields, whether it was broadcast journalism in the case of NBC anchor David Gregory or print journalism in USA Today's Richard Benedetto's case. Each speaker gave his or her own unique perspective on how politics shaped journalism, and vice versa, and many spoke about their personal path to success.

"It was great to see and hear the people behind the headlines, and actually ask them questions," said Yang.

In one of the panels, "Washington Post" columnist Jeff Birnbaum said, "Context is important." What he meant was for reporters and readers alike, knowing the full situation and reading the whole story is

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### Interpreter won't be deported

In an unprecedented move Wednesday morning, the San Francisco Immigration Court decided to rule in favor of Ohlone interpreter Gerry Dulalia, allowing him to stay in the United States for humanitarian reasons.

No longer under the threat of deportation by United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Dulalia said, "I was anxious, but the government read my files for two weeks."

He said he believes that the judge chose to give him a rare reprieve because he was a deaf interpreter for deaf-blind students.

## ASOC has first deaf senator

By CLIFTON M. DER BING  
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The Associated Students of Ohlone College swore in the council's first deaf student Senator, Ban-Jin Tan, during last Tuesday's meeting.

ASOC President Saad Siddiqui initially asked Tan to serve as a student representative of the Ohlone

College Council Committee, which embodies all task force groups on campus.

Accepting the responsibility, Tan expressed further interest in participating with the student government, and decided that he wanted to become an official Senator.

Members of the student council welcomed Tan into the organiza-

tion, agreeing that the deaf population is an important part of this campus.

Sen. Marilou Alejo said, "I think it's great to have Jin as a part of the council because it brings a new perspective to its members. It's wonderful that we have someone representing not only the students but the deaf community as well."

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