

ASOC has first deaf senator

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A student at Ohlone for four years, Tan previously worked for the campus' Bookstore, then later as a American Sign Language tutor for hearing students. Since this may be Tan's last semester at Ohlone, he said he feels that joining student government will benefit him as well as other students of the deaf population.

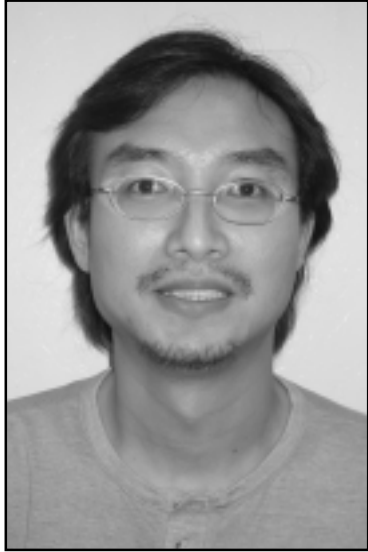


Photo by Inez Black

Ban-Jin Tan

ages all Ohlone students to join and participate in activities hosted by the student government.

"I am hoping my involvement will help ASOC and all students in college through my service, and hope students in ASOC will benefit from my involvement."

The term "Deaf" is a cultural term to describe both deaf and hard-of-hearing. The ASOC only has had a few Senators in the past who were hard-of-hearing, but Tan is the first fully deaf Senator in the government.

Tan said, "I hope to see other deaf students get involved in ASOC."

The ASOC is composed of a wide variety of students who represent many different cultures, and the council encour-



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Cast of 'Forbidden Hollywood' warm up for Ohlone performance

Whacky night at 'Forbidden' spoof

By BRITNEY BINDEL
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The Smith Center curtains opened to the one night performance of Gerard Alessandrini's "Forbidden Hollywood" on Monday, Feb. 14. The musical was preceded by a gourmet meal catered by Pearl's Restaurant in Irvington and served in the NUMMI Theatre.

The NUMMI was decorated in red and white, with bouquets of white flowers centered on the head table. Twenty Ohlone students served nearly 90 people, 10 of which were walk-ins. Fred Alim, who directed the dinner, said, "It was part of entertainment here at Ohlone. The kids are learning to do entertainment design."

Tickets for the meal were \$100 per couple or \$50 per person, with tickets to "Forbidden Hollywood" included in the price.

The lights dimmed in the Jackson Theatre 30 minutes after their scheduled time, due to the Valentine Dinner running late.

The wait for the show to begin was the only slow part of the evening. As soon as Matthew Ward began playing the grand piano, the show never stopped for a breath. From that point on, movie star characters, songs, jokes and costume changes came forth without pause.

The hilarious show featured some of Hollywood's most loved and abhorred faces, including J-Lo, complete with Bronx swinging "ass"ent and Kneau Reeves with his not-the-brightest-tool-in-the-shed personality. "Forbidden Hollywood" tore through an array of musicals. An overly zealous "Maria" led two of the Von Trapp children in song, with one of the children being mentally handicapped and of color.

That was not the only politically controversial vignette; the spoof from "Gone with the Wind" played on "Mammy," usurping Scarlett and spewing how the musical would never be able to be done in today's society.

The show stayed mainly on recent musicals such as "Chicago's" famous two starlets, Renee Zelwigger and Catherine Zeta Jones, who sang, "And All That Sucks."

A perfectly coned Madonna sang her ditty from "Evita" after a perfect rendition of unsupported notes were eiked out by a fabulous version of Nicole Kidman. Older faces were not forgotten, either.

Judy Garland belted her query as to why Todo never could die: "birds die under the rainbow, why or why can't you?"

Later, Marlene Dietrich fell to pieces (literally) while requesting "ze staple gun and scotch tape" in thick German slurr.

"Forbidden Hollywood" follows closely in the steps of its predecessor, "Forbidden Broadway" and promises to make a successfully long run, as well. With ever-changing Hollywood giving plenty of juicy material to work from, the show has no room to bore people.

Fraternity invited to showcase

Ohlone College's Sigma Chi Eta Chapter (Students in Communication with Honors) has been chosen by the National Communication Association and Western States Communication Association to showcase their charter club at the annual WSCA conference in San Francisco on Feb. 22.

Several students from Ohlone College are attending the conference to present a summary of their activities and events from this past year. The students presenting are: Andrea Adams, Clifton Der Bing, Eric Fernando, Nicole Imhoff, Tony Yang, and Wai Yin Yau.

Only one Sigma Chi Eta Chapter was chosen along with one Lambda Pi Eta Chapter from Southern Utah University. Sigma Chi Eta is a communication honor society for two-year colleges and Lambda Pi Eta is the communication honor society for four-year colleges and universities. To be eligible for Sigma Chi Eta, students need to have taken a minimum of nine units of Speech & Communication courses with at least a 3.25 GPA and have completed at least 20 units for Ohlone College with at least a cumulative GPA of 3.0, and demonstrate a commitment to the field of Communication Studies.

Ohlone has only had a Sigma Chi Eta Charter for one year and has now inducted 13 students over the past two semesters.

Students will talk about the guest speakers and special events they have planned and held this year including: Speech Night, Slam Poetry Night, the Careers in Communication Panel, and other events.

Spousal swap

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At the end of the shows the returning wives were severely missed by each member of the family. Proving that whatever problem you may have in your relationship the answer doesn't necessarily lay in getting a new wife or husband. For those of us that are married, this show really proves that the whole grass not being greener thing could actually be a fact.

Ohlone chimes

EDITOR:

I would like to thank Chris Booras for the new campus chimes, as they are a wonderful addition to an already beautiful campus.

The soothing tones enhance life on campus. They bring a smile to my face as I hike those one hundred stairs to get to Building 4.

Good job, Chris!

VALERIE FINTEL
OHLONE STUDENT

Monitor reporter wins journalism scholarship

From Staff Reports

Former Monitor editor-in-chief Tony C. Yang was recently selected as a recipient of the prestigious Chips Quinn Scholarship, for the Summer of 2005, where he will be an intern at The Oakland Tribune for 10 weeks.

Approximately 16 Chips Quinn Scholars are selected from college journalists across the country each semester.

They are given a \$1,000 stipend and an intensive week-long orientation in Arlington, VA, before their paid internships. "I'm honored," Yang said. "I'm looking forward to it."