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## Getting their kicks on campus



Photo by Inez Black

**Marcelo Solis, a cast member from the production of 'Someone Like Me,' kicks up his heels outside the Smith Center with Bahar Ghadri and Ellie Graff from the Delphi Academy. Several hundred elementary and junior high students were on campus to see the traveling production on Wednesday.**

## Surplus land deal hits snag in vote

By **FRANKIE ADDIEGO**  
Staff writer

Ohlone trustees want to raise some cash from 36 acres of hillside land the college can't use, but the question of whether to lease it or sell it deadlocked the board Wednesday night.

The focus was on a 17-acre tract. Trustee Garrett Yee and most other board members wanted Ohlone to retain the option of buying or selling the surplus property. However, Trustee Bill McMillin did not want Ohlone to sell any of the land.

Instead, he was adamant that the district clearly will state that Ohlone intended to only engage in long-term-leasing. Trustee Dan Archer disagreed. He said, "If we can get a decent price, let's sell it."

On a motion to amend the language to rule out a sale, Archer and Yee voted no. Student Trustee

Rosmary Cordova abstained, and Trustee Nick Nardolillo was absent. Then the board moved on to the amended bill. Again, Cordova abstained, Archer and Yee voted no. It needed a two-thirds vote, so it lost.

The Board also moved discussion of another 18 acres, plus an additional one-acre plot, to the next meeting, which will be on March 9.

Board members discussed whether to build a cafeteria in the new Student Support Services Building on the Fremont campus, or to use the bond money to improve the present cafeteria.

Trustee Bob Brunton said the board minutes didn't contain enough information about which board members voted on what measures. Ohlone President Doug Treadway argued that while the board should sometimes include this information, the minutes were not meant to be a platform for political discussion.

## World Forum today

Ohlone College will host a forum to discuss world events today featuring University of San Francisco Political Science Instructor Steven Zunes. The forum is being used to promote a greater understanding of international affairs.

It will take place in Epler Gymnasium at noon and will be hosted by Ohlone President Douglas Treadway. The forum will emphasize U.S. international relations with Iraq and Afghanistan. There will be a question-and-answer session included in the forum.

The speaker, Zunes, authored "Tinderbox: U.S. Middle East Policy and the Roots of Terrorism" and has done extensive work in the field of Middle Eastern policy analysis.

This will be the first Ohlone World Forum, creating the groundwork for the second one that will take place in late April dealing with the changing global economy.

## Deportation battle ends after waves of support

By **TONY C. YANG**  
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Gerry Dulalia fought the law, and he just might have won.

His immigration case sitting before U.S. Immigration, Customs and Enforcement has not been completely adjudicated, but for now, he is on his way to securing his right to stay in the United States.

This is a quiet victory for Dulalia, a 39-year-old Ohlone deaf interpreter, who is ecstatic about the possibility of staying.

"The government has demonstrated a willingness to let Gerry stay," said his lawyer, Marcia Perez, of Allen and Associates. "I can say that Gerry and I are very pleased with the direction this

case is taking."

The government had a status conference with Dulalia on Feb. 16, where an informal decision was made to allow him to stay and work in the United States under a special non-citizen, non-resident status. A final and formal decision will be made at an April 1, court hearing.

Initially, Dulalia was supposed to become an American citizen by virtue of his father's American citizenship. But due to a technicality stemming from his father's naturalization, he was unable to apply. Then the U.S. began deportation proceedings against him.

The case for Dulalia to stay is an appeal for asylum on humanitarian grounds, as he is one of only 10 or

so interpreters in the Bay Area who is able to translate for those who are both deaf and blind.

Then the government dropped its case against Dulalia.

This unexpected decision was due in no small part to the waves of support for Dulalia from his Ohlone and deaf community.

"Gerry and I are very thankful for everyone's support," Perez said. "I believe your letters on his behalf and calls to Congressman (Pete) Stark made a difference and tipped the scales in Gerry's favor."

For Dulalia, politics has played a part in his ability to stay, but he will be able to thank some of his supporters: "I am grateful to be able to stay and continue to teach my students."



Photo by Shari Wargo

**Gerry Dulalia**

## Dominos tournament March 3-4

Prizes will be \$200 for 1st place, \$150 for 2nd and \$100 to 3rd in the student government domino tournament March 3.

ASOC members were trained in the rules of dominos at Tuesday's meeting. The tournament will run 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the Building 1 Lobby.

Interested students must sign up at the ASOC office, Room 1130, by Friday. Space is limited to the first 128 sign-ups.

For information, call (510) 659-6000 ext. 6063.