

NOTICE TO READERS: Due to police action which vacated the campus at 10 p.m. Wednesday, during our deadline period, this issue of the *Monitor* is four pages instead of its usual eight.



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Rappers ready to break out



Photo Daniel Kuan

Ivy Brawner and Maurice Brackett make up the rap group "I Jama, Human Percussionists." The Ohlone-based duo made an impression in a Hayward showcase last week. See story next week.

China's future is forum topic

By **TAHSIN KHAN**
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The last of two world forums this semester was held Wednesday afternoon at Epler Gym. Two speakers portrayed China as a rapidly-expanding world power that could soon challenge the U.S. for economic dominance.

Wednesday's speakers were Kenneth Fong, owner of numerous Biotech companies and Nancy Mangold, director of the China America Business and Education Association at CSU East Bay.

The first forum, Feb. 24, concerned the situation in Iraq, Afghanistan and terrorism.

Fong spoke of business, in both China and U.S., and how it compares to the other countries. "Business is much more competitive in China, than it is in the U.S.," said Fong. "You can lose a lot of money

just starting your business in China, rather than the U.S." Fong told the audience of about 700 that if he started one of his biotech companies in China, he would have lost money because of the intense competition.

The second speaker, Nancy Mangold, listed all the top importers and exporters in China; as well what are the top products. She said in the last 20 years China has moved from rank 20 to the top five in both imports and exports.

They have become the largest source of cheap labor, but the Istanbul Declaration will put a halt to child labor by end of 2005 when it takes effect. Also, the World Trade Organization is due to reduce China's high tariffs. For instance, the current automobile import fee of 80 to 100 percent is to be lowered to 25 percent. Mangold concluded by saying China is thriving to become one of the top five, on both imports and exports. Right now the number one in exports to the U.S. is Canada, followed by Mexico.

Classified senate inactive

By **TONY C. YANG**
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In a speech to staff and faculty during the mid-semester forum last Thursday, President Doug Treadway announced that Ohlone's classified senate has been put on inactive status. Dr. Treadway also discussed the possibility of expanding Ohlone's collaboration with Alliant University, to include offering bachelor's degrees.

The growing controversy between Ohlone College and the California School Employees Association (CSEA) has cul-

minated in the president's suspension of the classified senate's ability to "hold meetings" or "represent the school as an official organization." More than 200 people are considered as classified staff.

"It's workable," said Dr. Treadway. "It's not permanent... and I remain hopeful that cooler heads will prevail." But not everyone is calm regarding the situation.

"I'm sorry that classified staff no longer have a voice in shared governance," said Liz Crisp, a desktop support tech and six-year member of CSEA. Patrick Lane, President of the classified senate, could not be reached for comment.

Unity Week draws crowds to big tent

By **CLIFTON M. DER BING**
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Unity Week 2005 has been packed with guest speakers, cultural presentations and performances in a celebration of diversity and peace in the big white tent in Parking Lot A. The annual four-day long celebration has gathered many people from different cultures.

The grand opening Monday featured dance performances by Desi Corner and Mexica dancer Ocelocoatl, followed by opening remarks by President Doug Treadway and Josephine Ong-Hawkins, executive director of the Ohlone College Foundation and Saad Saddiqui, president of Associated Students of Ohlone College.

Other highlights included Chinese Lion Dancers; Lasite Luke, President of the African American Student Alliance, presented "Killing Democracy - An Exclusive Documentary on the War in Sierra Leone;" and "Color of Fear II," a documentary on racism; "Roll with the Asian Pacific American Student Association," a workshop on how to make Asian delicacies, and a Performing Arts Cultural Showcase.



Photo by Inez Black

Unity Week Bollywood dancers were, from left, Shivani Raina, Jasraman Dhillon, Anaheta Dadnam, Anibha Chopra, Megha Beri and Manav Pandher.