



Dancers to kick off exchange program with China

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More international student exchange events, including a performance by dancers from the Shanghai Theatre Academy in Smith Center this November, can be expected to come next year, according to Ohlone President Doug Treadway.

The Shanghai dance troupe was invited to perform at Ohlone during an exchange visit last summer by a combined student and staff delegation of 12. Their visit included stays at three Chinese colleges and several popular tourist destinations.

Widely recognized as one of China's most prestigious schools of dance and theater, The Shanghai Theatre Academy was the Ohlone delegation's first destination last summer. There, the delegation was treated to an exclusive performance by the Shanghai Theatre Academy's

dance students.

A mixture of classical and modern Chinese dance, the performance impressed student assistant Renee Gonzales.

"There was a couple of us almost moved to tears watching them perform," she said.

Members of the delegation invited the Shanghai Theatre Academy to perform on the Ohlone campus. The dancers accepted.

As many as 26 dancers are expected to perform a variety of Chinese classical and folk dance.

Originally scheduled for Oct., the Shanghai Theater delegation's performance was delayed tentatively until Nov. 16, due largely to complications in applying for American visas.

In reply to the Shanghai Theater Academy's visit, an Ohlone dance troupe of 20 led by instructor Janel Tomblin-Brown will perform in Shanghai next May.

"We are all very excited about

touring to China," said Tomblin-Brown.

Tomblin-Brown has not completed recruitment of dancers for next year's trip. However, members of the troupe can be expected to present a variety of different styles of dance.

"I think it is important to represent Ohlone's diverse dance population, which would include styles ranging from tap to break dance," she said.

Among other exchange programs under negotiation include a plan to contract DeVry University dorms for rent to students from China.

When negotiations for it are completed, students in this program will study at Ohlone until they can transfer to a four-year university and complete their education, said Xisheng Fang, a coordinator for the China exchange program. As many as 20 students from China are expected to participate, tentatively beginning next January.

As part of a separate delegation last summer, Director of Television Operations Gary Kauf visited China to help establish contract education programs with schools there.

When negotiations are completed, Fine Arts and Broadcasting instructor Pilar Lewis will teach U.S. certified courses in Multimedia and Television at Shanghai Arts and Crafts College. Her stay is scheduled tentatively to begin at the end of May and end one month later. Meanwhile, her courses will be supplemented by distance learning provided online by Ohlone.

Additional staff exchange programs with sister universities in China have completed negotiation, but no teachers have been assigned yet to the program, according to Treadway. When the program becomes operational, Ohlone instructors in China will offer courses in English as a Second Language (ESL) and international trade.

In addition, Ohlone is working

to establish exchange and study-abroad programs with schools in Mexico and India.

In January, a delegation will visit India to help form partnerships with schools there, according to Treadway. He did not state what campuses exactly will be approached.

Discussion is currently in place with a campus in Mexico City to teach Ohlone-sponsored courses there. The campus is operated by the U.S. accredited Alliant International University.

Treadway hopes to eventually integrate Ohlone's exchange programs with Fremont's sister cities program. Of Fremont's five sister cities, the two most likely to be approached by Ohlone are Jaipur, India and Puerto Penasco, Mexico.

"In the long term, I'd like to have ... at least one college in each of the three countries. [China, India and Mexico,] and tie that in with the Fremont sister cities program."

Macintosh computers

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4104B, which are on a lease from Apple. \$160,000 is going toward the purchase of the 104 other computers.

The Hyman Hall computers are being paid for by the Hyman Hall Endowment Fund and the others are financed by bonds.

The new Macs are part of a larger push forward for Ohlone to become a more tech-savvy university, said Associate Vice President of Information Technology Ralph Kindred. He pointed out that now the entire upper campus is rigged for free wireless access, and that the college is moving toward becoming an iTunes University, meaning that students may soon be able to download lectures onto their iPods. In addition, Rooms 1402 and 1406 have been completely renovated, with both rooms now featuring wireless Internet access, three presentation screens, three-inch plasma multimedia stations, new smart classroom equipment, and furniture designed for student comfort and mobility, not to mention the 80 new MacBooks the rooms are receiving.

"There have been a lot of technological advances at Ohlone this summer," said Birkedahl.

Those students eager to see a replacement for the SunRays in the library and in the English Learning Center of Hyman Hall may have to wait a little longer. None of the new Macs is headed to either place, said Kindred.

"We're looking into it, though," he noted.

Kindred also commented that any further computers the college buys would not necessarily be Macs; he said that if Windows computers better fit their needs, they would use those.

"We want to use the appropriate technology in the appropriate areas," he added.

Overall, Birkedahl said, the future looks bright for Ohlone tech-lovers.

"It's the start of a lot of great new changes for Ohlone College, in terms of technology," said Birkedahl.

World Forum Sept. 26 to be on immigration

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On Tuesday, Sept. 26, Ohlone College will hold its first World Forum of the Fall 2006 semester.

El Lic. Maria y Campos, the Consul General of Mexico in San Francisco will speak. The event will be held in the Jackson theatre between noon and 2 p.m.

The main topic of discussion will be relations between the U.S. and Mexico, with a focus on immigration. According to Ohlone President and Superintendent Doug Treadway, "He's going to talk about [the immigration issue] from the Mexican perspective."

Asked whether the discussion about immigration would key in on legal or illegal immigration, Treadway said, "I think it'll be both... the better Mexico does with its wages...the less incentive people will have to come here illegally."

The issue of immigration is one of much debate right now. Over the weekend, protests and "shows of force" took place in San Francisco, Oakland and San José. Some marchers were there to voice their support for open immigration, while others pressed Congress to enforce border laws. These topics are likely to come up in the World Forum, especially during the questions and answers period.

El Lic. Maria y Campos has been working in government services in Mexico since 1985. According to his biography, available on Ohlone's website, he served as Commissioner of the National Council on arts and Culture from 1994-2000. Following that, he acted as Director General of North America before he was appointed to his current post by Mexico's president Vicente Fox.

The event will be held on from noon until 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 26 in the Jackson Theatre, located within the Gary Soren Smith Center. The decision to hold the affair in the Jackson Theatre moves the World Forum away from its usual home in Building 9.

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ASOC sets elections

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ing activities on campus.

Candidates for Senators also must attend a Senator Information Meeting before turning in their application. The meeting is on Sept. 7 at 2 p.m. in Room 8112.

Along with attending the meeting, all candidates must be enrolled in at least six units, have a minimum 2.25 GPA and obtain at least 50 signatures from eligible students.

The candidate speeches will be on Wednesday, Sept. 27 from noon to 1 p.m. in the Quad. The ASOC Elections will be Oct. 3 and 4; winners will be announced late Oct. 4.

The ASOC also arranges activities and events throughout the year like the Transfer Day on Sept. 19 and the Constitution Day on Sept. 20, where the ASOC celebrates the creation of the Constitution in an

effort to inform students of what it means to the United States.

The first ASOC meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 10, 4-6 p.m. in Room 5301.

Ruthe Foster

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bond - \$100 million was specifically set aside for the construction of the Newark campus. "My final dream is for the campus in Newark, having taught here (in Newark) for many, many years," said Foster.

Since the age of 4, Foster knew she wanted to become a teacher. She was raised by her father, a science teacher of 30 years. She attended Auburn Junior College and finished her education at San Jose State. Foster taught seventh and eighth grades at MD Silva and has spent 30 years in education.

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