



ASOC year in review

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From the very start of the semester, the Associated Students of Ohlone College's administration, led by President Candice Kirk, had to deal with several issues.

ASOC persevered through constitutional challenges by taking a series of votes. Kirk said, "We had to figure out ways around the problems by deciding certain things that were outside of it. And later on figuring out that we do need to revise/revamp the constitution. So that was definitely a struggle for all of us, not just me."

This year's administration has so far utilized their resources to conduct several ASOC-sponsored events.

"I feel like we have accomplished quite a lot for the short amount of time that we have been working. We did the election. We did Thanksgiving. We did a little bit of the charity and we are still working on that," Kirk commented.

The ASOC attended a leadership conference earlier this semester at UC Berkeley in order to bond with each other and start off with a strong foundation. Kirk stated, "I think the retreat really helped us to get to know each other and figure out our leadership styles because we all have really specific leadership styles. Some people lead with their hearts. Some people lead analytically. Some people lead by spontaneity. And all of them are



Photo by Christa Meier

Current ASOC President Candice Kirk

great; we just had to figure out how to work with each other."

Kirk's agenda for next semester is already quite full. She intends to have an ASOC garden created for Earth Day and has promised to up the standards as well as the turnout for the 2007 Unity Week. "We have a really good group planning that. We've got Tatyana Hamady. She is really, really intricate with her details. And she is very creative when it comes to ideas of what to do," Kirk said.

The legislative committee is also requiring all ASOC members to deliver three suggestions of possible changes that can be made to the ASOC constitution, due before winter break. It will also take into consideration the constitutional problems that arose during the fall semester election and try to generally amend the constitution.

Photo community forms online

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Aspiring Ohlone photographers can now post their favorite work online for all to see as photography instructor Paul Mueller has created a wiki, or an online community, for photography enthusiasts. The wiki, which has been active since roughly the beginning of the semester, was originally comprised of just a handful of Mueller's photography students, who joined the site and then made their own pages where they could post their photos. Members of the wiki can comment and share their work for anyone to see.

"The wiki is open to anyone in the Ohlone community," said Mueller. "Students, alumni, people who can just say the word 'Ohlone.'" And though the wiki was first populated primarily by photo students, it is independent of Mueller's classes, intended to be a "nice place for people to share and communicate." Currently, there are nine members

in the wiki, contributing new photos regularly, and displaying a wide range of style and talent. "It's like MySpace for people with brains (and cameras)," said wiki member Wilson Ramsdorff.

Though in reality, the wiki isn't elite in the slightest. The number of members hasn't yet climbed, but their work is beginning to pile up, as members of the wiki continually add more photos and give constant feedback to one another. But this isn't the rampant, and often times chaotic, open forum of MySpace or Xanga. On the wiki there is a page with conduct and sign-up guidelines. Emphasizing the focus on photography as well as member participation, the guidelines also demand courtesy and respect for other people's work. Tying in to the ideas of mutual respect for one another within the group, Mueller has also granted members the ability to edit any part of the wiki. The guidelines stating a member can edit any part of the wiki with the exception of

other members' photos and words. Plagiarism is also discouraged as an obvious rule. Members are also encouraged to direct new people interested in joining the wiki to the site itself. Mueller's distinct and slightly sarcastic sense of humor also shines through on the guidelines, giving the wiki subtle character all its own.

Work posted on the personal pages of members ranges from amateur to profession and from black and white to color or sepia. Members can freely comment and discuss one another's work on the discussions portion of each member page. Comments range from the whimsical and casual to the professional and critical. Members can post as many photos as they like.

Several members were student that traveled to Australia the previous semester, with some simple, travel pictures intermixed on pages with breath taking landscape and cityscape photos, recalling a National Geographic-esque feel.

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Have you been naughty or nice this year?



STACY BELL
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◆ "I've been naughty and I'll give no comment as to why."



JASON CALIBO
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◆ "Naughty because I'm a very NAUGHTY boy!"



SHAWN DANIEL
Mechanical Engineering

◆ "I'm the juggernaut so I've been both."



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Graphic Design

◆ "Nice, because if you're nice then good things happen to you."



FABIEN MANSOUBI
Electrical Engineering

◆ "Nice I guess, because I just arrived, so I'm trying to integrate."



ANDY MORIMOTO
Undecided

◆ "I'm a good girl!"



MYMA PADILLA
Biochemistry

◆ "I haven't been too bad or too good."



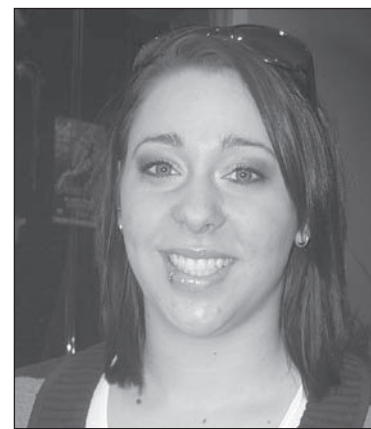
HUNN RASOOL
Electrical Engineering

◆ "I think I've been nice; I've stayed out of trouble."



JOEL ROMAN
Undecided

◆ "Pretty nice this year; I've been fighting the battle against evil."



JESSICA STANLEY
Theatre

◆ "I've been naughty because I stole your heart."