



Associated Collegiate Press /  
National Scholastic Press Association

All American		
1984	1985	1986
1987	1988	1989
1990	1991	1992
Regional Pacemaker 1988		
Journalism Association of Community Colleges General Excellence Fall 1994		
General Excellence Fall 2000		
General Excellence Fall 2004		
General Excellence Fall 2005		

**Editor-in-chief:** Anna Nemchuk  
**News editor:** Omer Ahmed  
**Opinion editor:** Matthew So  
**Features editor:** Eric Dorman  
**Sports editors:** Jeff Weisinger,  
Nick Zambrano  
**Photo editor:** Kevin Protz  
**Online editor:** TBA  
**Staff writers:** Sandeep Abrah-  
ham, Michael Aburas, Emily Burkett,  
Kanya Goldman, Destiny Harrison, Jack  
Husting, Margarita Kitova, Noah Levin,  
Cheyenne Martin, Tomas Ortega, Kyle  
Stephens  
**Ad manager:** Danelle Meyer  
**Ad staff:** TBA  
**Adviser:** Bill Parks  
**Printer:** F-P Press



Offices are located in Room 5310 on campus, 43600 Mission Blvd., Fremont 94539-5884. Call (510) 659-6075. Fax: (510) 659-6076. E-mail: monitor@ohlone.cc.ca.us

Opinions expressed in the *MONITOR* are those of the respective authors and are not necessarily those of the staff, the college or the Associated Students of Ohlone College. Unsigned editorials reflect the majority view of staff members. Advertising material is printed herein for informational purposes and is not to be construed as an expression of endorsement or verification of such commercial ventures by the staff or college.

The *MONITOR* is funded by the district, by the Associated Students of Ohlone College, and through advertising revenue.

The *MONITOR* is a member of the Associated Collegiate Press, Journalism Association of Community Colleges, Community College Journalism Association, California Newspaper Publishers Association, College Media Advisers and Society of Newspaper Design.



by Kevin Protz

LETTER

# Message from the new ASOC President

DEAR STUDENTS,

Welcome back! The spring semester is already off to a great start with the stellar sight of the freshly painted Building One and other remarkable renovations in progress. As your ASOC student government president, I am looking forward to an exciting semester filled with authentic, rich, interactive opportunities for Ohlone College students.

I'm ecstatic to share with you all that our school may be putting Fremont on the map. Ohlone College is the second fastest growing community college in California, as reported in the Signal (Santa Clara Valley News), Dec. 26, 2006. The

article states, "In fact, 20 California community colleges made the list of the 34 fastest growing community colleges with enrollments exceeding 10,000, with Ohlone College in Fremont placing second." How about that? That is definitely something to be proud of.

Before you look ahead, I'd like to re-cap on last semester's ASOC sponsored events and activities. Operating in the absence of any elected ASOC Executive Officers, a group of ASOC senators (most of which were new students) led the way into the new Fall semester taking on tasks of running a Fall election, coordinating Constitution Day and Club Days and following

through with the installation of new outdoor furniture for the campus. Their initiative, sense of urgency and commitment made all the difference in keeping the student government fully functioning.

As soon as a team of Executive Officers was elected and appointed, ASOC continued to forge ahead and held other events such as the Thanksgiving feast, a special lunch for renowned dancers and guests from the Shanghai Theater and Arts Academy and a holiday canned food drive. Though all of these events generated good attendance and interest, my hope is to raise the bar for student participation.

The ASOC remains focused on

serving the students. It's our purpose to make sure your community college experience is as fulfilling as possible. Our goals this semester are simple; organize events or activities based on student interests and needs; increase school spirit; and create more community service or charitable giving opportunities.

In addition, we pledge to better serve students by developing improved methods of advertising events, helping to promote Ohlone athletics and fine art departments (whom deserve full audiences due to their sublime performances), updating our student body constitution by proposing several amendments and building on the success of events

such as Club Days on Feb. 13 and 14 in Building 1, Lobby and other upcoming events such as Earth Day and Unity Week.

ASOC is built on serving the students. If you would like to get involved, ASOC is the place to embark on a journey that will impact your future greatly.

As a member of ASOC, you will gain strong leadership; decision-making and communication skills colleges and employers are seeking. ASOC provides a plethora of opportunities for you to experience interactive learning. You can get hands-on experience in event planning,

*Continued on Page 3*

OPINION

# The world is my oyster; my dirty, dirty oyster

By ANNA NEMCHUK  
Editor-in-chief

When was the last time you threw an apple core out of your car window? How about a coffee cup? Do you pick up your dog's daily deposits, clean up after forest picnics and shop local produce stands instead of Safeway or are you

more the type to spout soda cans and candy wrappers as you walk, scoff at anything labeled "vegan" and save your pennies for an SUV?

All right, people, let's make this simple: you. Are. Trapped.

The Earth is a big ball of stuff that oozes, barks, walks around and occasionally buys movie tickets. You're not getting off it anytime soon, as, for all of NASA's and science fiction lovers' everywhere

efforts, most people and therefore governments don't consider space travel a big priority. Most people alive on this planet today will die on it never, much as some would like, having breathed the air of an alien sun or tangled with vicious, slimy aliens in a poisonous jungle somewhere around the moons of Jupiter with requisite scantily-clad 36C warrior queen breathlessly looking on and never mind the ammonia content in the atmosphere.

This air will have to be good enough and Edgar Rice Burroughs a fitting substitute.

Having settled that, (though I would love to be proven wrong.) let's move on: it is a generally accepted idea that excreting where one consumes nourishment is a tad crass i.e. don't shit where you eat, genius.

This earth is our pigpen, pun intended. It is where we eat, if you can refer to the average diet of

cheeseburgers and sugar-free soda as "food" and it is where we have persistently, since having climbed out of the depths of rural England and off the pyramids, gone potty. Actually, we started much earlier than the industrial revolution - the whole Black Plague thing? Might have had something to do with the offal flowing picturesquely down the sides of city streets. I'm just saying.

*Continued on Page 3*

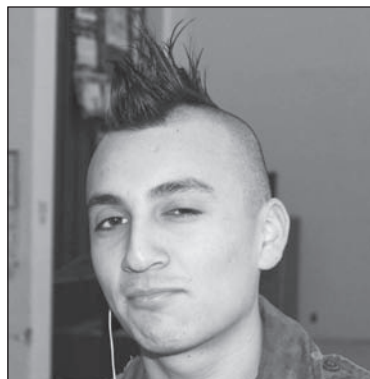
CAMPUS COMMENT >>

## How would you prevent global warming?



**ROBBIE DOCTOR**  
Undecided

"Plant a tree!"



**TONY MILLAN**  
Psychology

"Hitch rides with friends."



**LEXIE NELSON**  
Communications

"Stay indoors so my hotness doesn't heat the world."



**AMY WERY**  
Nursing

"Plant more trees."



**JEREMY PROZ**  
Liberal Arts

"Become a hippie mountain man and drive a vegetable-powered school bus."