

Forensics team wins against larger colleges



Photo by Kyle Stephens

At a debate after the showing of 'An Inconvenient Truth' on Feb. 1, David Taube argues in favor of a policy to reduce global warming.

By NOAH LEVIN
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Ohlone's Forensics (Speech & Debate) team made a notable mark at Chabot College this past weekend. Ohlone's relatively small team of four debaters was the underdog to forensics giants like University of the Pacific's mammoth team of around 30.

Emily Burkett dominated in the impromptu speaking competition and took third place in the Extemporaneous competition. Burkett and David Taube went on to make it as far as the quarterfinals in the parliamentary debate. Taube was also a finalist in extemporaneous speaking and the team took fifth place overall.

This is the team's third competition and the one they felt most prepared for.

What do all these events entail? Impromptu competitors are given three quotes and then must pick one. They are then given two minutes

to prepare a speech based around backing or rejecting the quote. With these two minutes of preparation, contestants must be able to make a coherent and logical five-minute speech. And though it may seem intense, Burkett noted that it is "lighter and more free form" than the other events.

The extemporaneous event is longer but just as extreme. Students are given three questions, must pick one, and give a definite answer. Contestants are then given a half hour to research the issue and memorize sources. This information is then presented to judges as speeches in a round.

The parliamentary debate is the largest event, drawing the most competitors. All the teams are given resolutions that can be run as policy, fact, or value cases. Teams are then given 20 minutes to prepare their case.

The Northern California Forensics Association's annual tournament is this weekend.

Sex ed. and club week coming up

By OMER AHMED
News editor

Next week, Ohlone students will have the opportunity to check out clubs on campus and learn about sexual health during the overlapping Club Days and Sexual Responsibility Week 2007.

Sponsored by the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC), Club Days are an opportunity for students to meet with club leaders and members to find out what the various clubs are all about and whether they would like to join. Asian and Pacific American Student Association (APASA), Liberated Individuals For the Environment (LIFE) and many of the other 25 student clubs at Ohlone will have booths in front of Building 1 on Tuesday and Wednesday from 11

a.m. to 1 p.m. ASOC will also have a booth with information on how to become a member of the student senate.

Next week is also Sexual Responsibility Week and various events will be hosted by the ASOC and the Student Health Center. On Monday, an event titled Sex in the Quad occur in the quad from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Condom Café will take place on Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. and from 4 to 5 p.m. in Room 5209. Ending the events, Kiss and Tell will take place on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the quad. Kiss and Tell will present ten questions to ask one's partner in order to find out how serious a relationship is.

Additionally, free HIV testing will be offered on Tuesday in Building 16 from 11 a.m to 2 p.m.

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legislative work, networking, social activism, marketing, accounting, managing teams and so much more. Drop by the Campus Activities window (Room 1140) and pick up an application to become the next student senator to make a difference. The deadline to apply is Feb. 12. We are looking for hard working, focused, enthusiastic individuals

who want to leave a legacy of leadership at Ohlone College.

Your opinions and concerns matter to me. If you would like to contact me, please email: asoc-president@ohlone.edu. Good luck to everyone this semester and watch for positive changes to come, here at Ohlone College.

Candice Kirk,
ASOC President

Nah, logic's no fun

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Oil spills, destroyed rain forests and wildlife habitats, the stratospherical upswing of asthma, allergies and cancer in people and animals, frantic produce recalls due to pesticides, more mutations than you can shake a stick at - still we surge courageously forth, valiantly searching for a higher-grade plastic

for our iPods and cars that literally will take up a city block, undeterred as the human race has historically been by such petty obstacles as logic, reason and scientific proof.

After all, if god hadn't wanted us to eat meat and use asbestos he'd have given animals the means to run away and humans fragile lungs.

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- David Renfro, RN, MS
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