

Civil rights activists of the '60s debate at Ohlone

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rural section of land between urban areas set aside for Puerto Rican and Mexican families to live in. All through high school Ramirez was told she would be lucky to graduate. After high school, she defiantly made her way out of Decoto and to Chabot College.

To start off his answer, Seale related an anecdote about how he first became interested in civil rights. Seal grew up learning many skills, including building, woodworking, hunting and fishing. It was a Martin

Luther King, Jr. rally in Oakland where the charismatic Rev. King captivated the young Seale. Soon afterward, Seale and friend Huey P. Newton wrote up the 10-point charter of the Black Panther Party. Seale stressed that much of the negative propaganda about the Panthers was false and exaggerated, proclaiming that, "We knew the law, and we knew our history!"

Martinez told her tales of growing up and going to school on the east coast in Washington D.C. Hers was one of the few Mexican

families residing in the D.C area at the time. Martinez went on to indict the educational system by saying, "We must correct the lack of awareness and education that is part of the oppression we are trying to fight!"

Saragoza's defining moment came when he was with his combat unit, about to receive its orders, when he realized that 37 of the 54-man unit were "colored;" all he had studied about ethnicity came to him. "Those who had the least were asked to do the most for this

country," he stated.

Garcia told of the troubles he faced at the University of California at Santa Barbara. Many people in authority told him he would never succeed at the school, where he was one of the few Latino students in attendance. As more Latinos enrolled at the school, they organized and demanded Chicano studies at UCSB. His parting note on the topic was to, "Demand justice for whatever your cause is!"

The members of the panel continued to offer various opinions

of the state of civil rights today, specifically on the local level. Saragoza was particularly vocal about the state of higher education in relation to ethnic minorities. "What happened in the '50s and the '60s and into the '70s was in many ways a war, with casualties on all sides," he said, then laid into the educational system in California, saying that, "Prison guards make more than community college instructors... We should be paying you [students] to go to school, not the other way around!"

Students honored

By BRIAN CHU
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With barely over a week of instruction left, students are getting their rewards from their school.

The holder of the Valedictorian position for the graduating/transfer class is Claire Dorman, who had been attending Ohlone since the age of 13. Now, at 17, she has accumulated 104 units, all A grades. After graduation, she plans to transfer to U.C. Berkeley as a physics major. She wants to become a college instructor.

Aside from being a successful student, Dorman helps create lesson plans for and helps teach a chemistry class. She dances ballet for 12 hours a week, and tutors students in the assistance labs for 14 hours a week.

"People always ask me if a class is hard, but I don't know how to answer. If you push yourself and be hard on yourself, you can succeed"

At the May 4 student award ceremony, more students were given

awards in categories from journalism, graphic design, the sciences, language and performing arts.

Paul Cheng was the only student to win two awards, one in biology and the other in organic chemistry. He was the first person to win both awards in one year.

Students chosen for the award were said to go "above and beyond the call of duty" and share their knowledge with fellow classmates.

Ohlone's Forensics' team spent eight days in Houston, Texas, for the National Community College Forensic Association debate tournament, in which the team won eight awards. Over 95 teams attended.

Sammy Obeid won a gold and is now ranked nationally as first in community college debates for "speaking to entertain." Athena Bringhurst won a bronze in parliamentary debate, David Taube won a gold in parliamentary team debate with his partner Emily Burkett, who also won a silver for extemporaneous speaking. Their trophies are on display in Building 1.

The other side of the sports page

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hours figuring out the best possible way to rephrase my words.

The pressure is bigger than anything you can believe. With as many interviews that I've done over the years, I still get that uneasy stutter. I remember an interview with John Peterson, perhaps one of the easiest people to chat with, and I probably asked him, "how he was doing?" about three times.

It doesn't stop there. Sports writers aren't from Krypton, we can't be in all the places everyone wants us to be. I wish like hell I could get every game, match or meet covered but it hard to do when the resources

are so thin and limited. I can only do so much with just one page of space and at most, I've only had two writers under me. If I had space like the *Mercury*, I'd be talking about how I don't have enough stories. And please don't think your letters haven't gotten through to us, they have.

Why am I writing about this? Well, after four semesters of beating my brain for writing glory, I'm finally shutting down the shop. Hate me or love me, this is my "thank you" and my "sorry," and my look into the journalistic spectrum. Don't worry, I'm not Roger Clemens, I'm done and staying that way.



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Math team wins in Monterey




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Members of the Ohlone math club relax before a concert in Monterey in April. The group took first place among the three colleges it faced in the Monterey tournament. Ohlone's team is ranked eighth nationally among community colleges. In back, from left: Katsu Sugano, Hor Ka Fung, Chi Wing Li, Professor Geoffrey Hirsch. In front, from left: Vasishta Jayanti, Alekh Jha and Ian Subasa.

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