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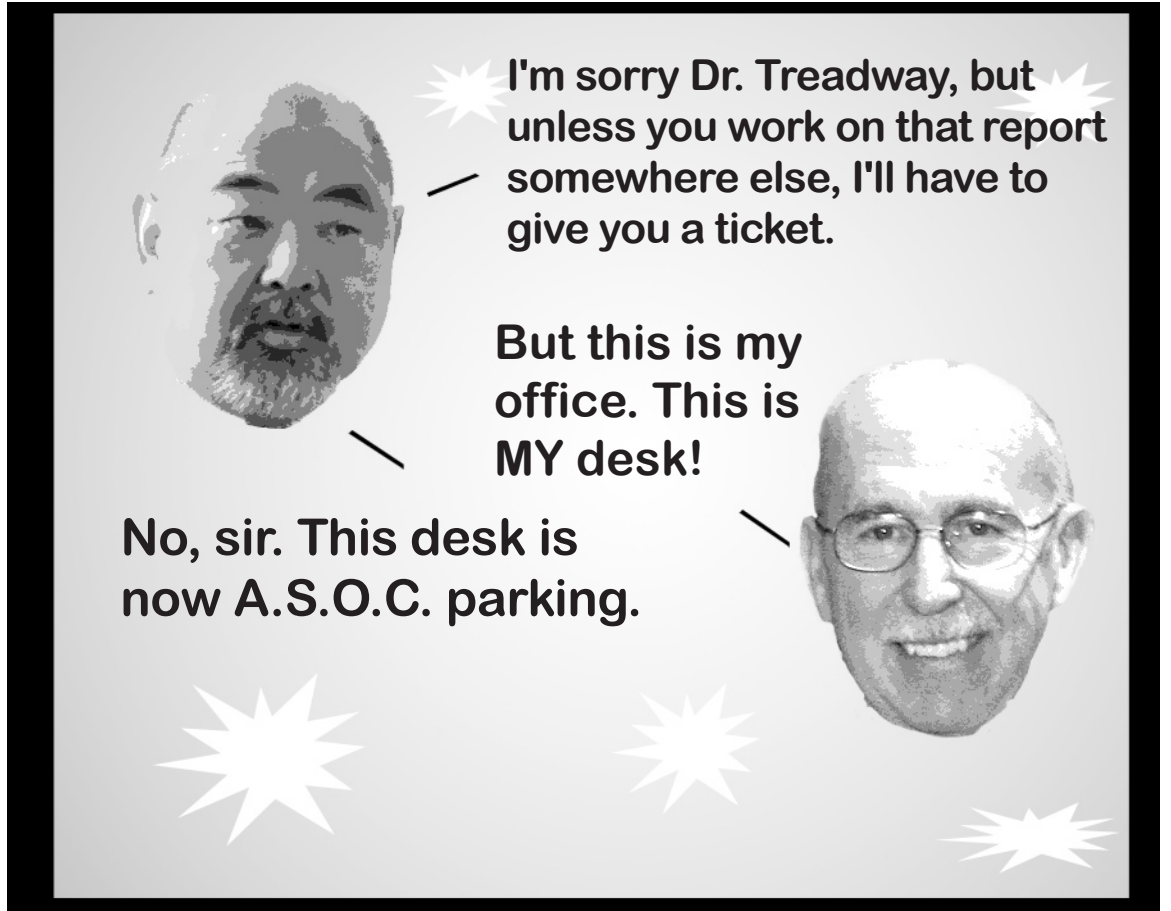


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OPINION

ASOC parking power play will benefit students

By **BRIAN CHU**
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You may have come across the vast emptiness that is parking Lot N. There is no student parking allowed there. If you look closely, you will notice the crisp, white paint of some freshly reassigned spaces, each labeled "ASOC."

The Associated Students of Ohlone College represent the interests of the student body of Ohlone.

Due to the construction of the student services building, Lots O and P are closed. After construction

began, several ASOC members got tickets when parking in Lot N. Following these incidences, Student Member of the Ohlone Board of Trustees Ken Steadman tried to present a resolution to the board, asking that the administration give ASOC assigned parking in Lot N. His resolution was not board-ready. Steadman then met with VP of Student Development Ron Travenick and VP of Administrative Services Mike Calegari. After disagreements and struggles, the administration eventually handed over 20 spots in an effort to resolve the issue.

I believe this land grab of sorts

done by the ASOC is a positive thing; more than that, it's a bold move forward on the part of student government. Although the 20 spaces were handed over without conditions, (effectively giving ASOC full reign over their use) ASOC did not claim these spaces solely for their own members (ASOC has parking placards for Staff Lot B). Currently, the ASOC spaces in Lot N are divided up amongst the many clubs, athletes and other extracurricular departments for this semester. Next semester ASOC has tentative plans to accept petitions and applications for the spaces.

One might argue that ASOC acquiring a mere 20 spaces for the student body does little to free up the parking congestion. Until the Student Services Center building is finally completed in 2009 and lots O and P are freed up, many of us will still park next to Mission Boulevard.

But the issue of the ASOC parking spaces in Lot N has less to do with asphalt, paint and convenience than it does with power. In the long term, this action sets a precedent for the ASOC. This successful power play shows that the student body does indeed have a real voice in

the discussion of what affects the students. This tactic by Steadman and other ASOC members will benefit the students as a whole. This has never been done before. ASOC could have easily taken the spaces for themselves, but they decided not to. For that, they deserve our support. Although we may not individually have one of the coveted 20 spots, this first step toward students taking a stand on what affects them without allowing the administration to simply run amok is beneficial to all of us. After all, we the students are the reason that the administration can exist.

Cause of Ledger's death not drugs but final role

By **JACQUE ORVIS**
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On Wednesday, autopsy reports concluded that Heath Ledger died of an accidental drug overdose. Later this year, film critics across the country will write their own, more accurate report on his cause of death when they review the film role that killed him.

Ledger plays the Joker in Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight." It was his final completed role. Ledger succeeds Jack Nicholson, who played

the Joker in Tim Burton's 1989 "Batman." In Nolan's film, however, Ledger creates an entirely different Joker.

Ledger got deep inside the dark, villainous mindset of the clown. His take on the Joker is said to make Jack Nicholson's role look more like a clown at a child's birthday party than a true Gothamite archnemesis.

Ledger didn't sleep much while filming. He fell so deeply into the Joker's role, exhausting himself, literally becoming the Joker. I think Ledger outacted himself for this role. He started to think, eat and behave like his role at home. These habits, such

as insomnia, began to take over his life outside of work.

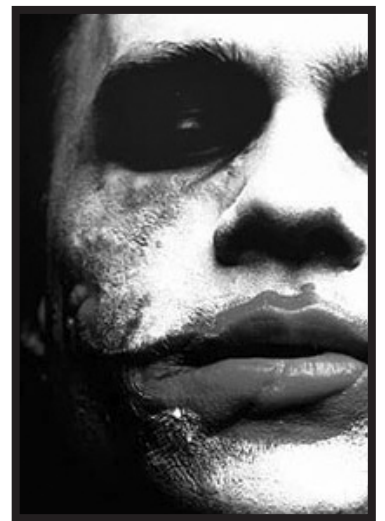
Perhaps Ledger got in too deep. When learning of Ledger's death, Jack Nicholson had four words: "I told him so."

Among the drugs alongside Ledger's body was Ambien - a sleep aid reported to have caused several life-threatening situations. As it turns out, one of those situations involved Jack Nicholson, who reportedly almost drove his car off of a 50-foot cliff after taking Ambien.

Ledger was ingesting a cocktail mix of sleep aids, both prescribed and not. He was also suffering from depression,

dealing with a break-up with Michelle Williams. But we mustn't forget that he was also getting under the skin of one of the most notoriously unhinged villains in American comic book fiction.

The exact cause of death will not be found in the autopsy report, as it originates from his mental state. Like many, I could not understand why Ledger would gamble with a dangerous sleeping pill while going through such personal heartbreak. But I wasn't thinking like a psychopathic Gotham villain. Nicholson wasn't warning Ledger about the pills, he was warning him about the Joker.



Heath Ledger plays the Joker this summer.

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