



Governor's cuts to affect School for the Deaf

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The California School for the Deaf (CSD) would see a 10 percent budget cut this year under Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposed spending plan, a move that could affect the number of deaf students continuing on to Ohlone after their graduation from CSD, said Superintendent of the School for the Deaf and Blind Hank Kloppling. However, he thought that reductions would not be that severe.

The cut comes as part of Schwarzenegger's proposed budget, which suggests cutting \$4.3 billion from school funding in the East Bay. CSD's anticipated 10 percent budget cut would amount to roughly \$3.2 million for the budget the school will be receiving beginning July 1, 2008. Although there have been no cuts as of present, the proposed cuts would have a major effect on CSD.

CSD would end up having to increase class sizes and the number of students per counselor.

Along with this problem, staff development, travel, equipment and supplies might be cut from Ohlone. The staff, parents, deaf adults and alumni at CSD are working hard to convince the legislature and governor that the budget should not be cut. As a whole, the community is banding together to address the issue.

According to Kloppling, "We are working hard with the legislature to get them to support CSD by not cutting our budget and if they must cut it to only minimally cut it. We

are hopeful that the legislature will support deaf kids."

Kloppling insisted that despite furious gossip, "It is purely a rumor that the school will close down. Speculation has run rampant and, naturally, since our students, alumni, parents and staff love CSD, they want to make sure that we survive and that is fully our intent. I do not believe that CSD is in danger of closing."

Kloppling's wife, Ohlone ASL/Deaf Studies Professor Sandra Kloppling, said that Ohlone "[has]

a big volunteer association with [CSD]." Many students come to Ohlone to learn ASL so that they can volunteer at CSD.

Deaf/Drama Studies Professor Tom Holcomb noted that he "moved from New York to here for the School for the Deaf."

Over half of the students who go to CSD live on campus. If the school were to close down, all those students would have to go back home.

"I think it's a tragedy for all parents and students," Holcomb said.

Smith led Fine Arts Department, founded Center

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the Smith Center, which began as a project in 1988 and was opened with a GALA celebration in October 1995. He then created Charitable Remainder Trust, which gave the center the name of its benefactor. It has since stood as a haven for Ohlone's music students, a group

that has never been the biggest on campus. Smith retired from Ohlone in 1993, going back to Healdsburg to be with his family.

Smith is survived by his wife, Faye, several cousins, and their Boston Terriers, Lucy, Winnie and Clementine. His caregivers, Charlotte, Patty, Nancy and his

nurse Carol were invaluable in their service to him.

Smith was an immensely positive force at Ohlone and the college would not be what it is today without his help. Although most of us here today never got to meet him personally, we do enjoy the fruits of his labor as will future generations,

a most fitting legacy.

The Ohlone Chamber Singers will perform a memorial concert on March 15. The concert will take place in the most fitting venue, the Smith Center in the Craig Jackson Theatre, and will feature the Requiems of Gabriel Faure and Maurice Durufle. The concert will be free

and will begin at 8 p.m.

There will be a memorial service for Smith at 10 a.m. for friends and family at St. Paul Episcopal Church at 209 Matheson St., Healdsburg, on Saturday, Feb. 9.

Instead of flowers, his family requests donations be made in his memory to the Smith Center.

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\$15 if the measure had passed), and current community college and public school funding methods will stay in place.

Ohlone Republican Club Member Emily Burkett said that, "With the state already \$14 billion in deficit - the \$70 million lost from the reduced fee rates - if 92 had passed, it would not have helped the budget any more."

Ohlone Political Awareness Club President Gurlene Kocher said in an email in regard to 92, "One of the major problems we are facing today is the misuse of money; the question we have to ask as a society is 'is education a misuse of our money?'"

Marcus Silva of the Ohlone Democrats Club said in a statement about Proposition 92, "California Democratic voters are smart and care about educational equality. These voters clearly communicated to Sacramento that ambiguous legislation won't pass, and that Proposition 92 was too vague."

Kocher further said of the Democratic party presidential candidates, that while foremost candidates Clinton and Obama both stood on very similar platforms, the "major argument is a matter of experience. Clinton has a great amount of experience under her belt...[but on] the other hand, Obama comes with a strong forefront of taking this country along a new path."

Brown Bags continue

By ANNA NEMCHUK
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Looking for a career in the sciences? Learn how to apply for an internship at Lawrence Berkeley Labs this summer at Ohlone's first Brown Bag of the semester.

Laurel Egenberger of the Berkeley Lab's CSEE (Center for Science and Engineering Education) will discuss the "nuts and bolts" of the application.

"It's an experience like no other - a real hands-on opportunity. I think that science, engineering, technology and math students would really benefit," said Egenberger.

The CSEE Community College Initiative (CCI) "is the only program [like this] I know of offered specifically for community college students."

To be eligible, students need a certain GPA and to meet other criteria, which will be discussed at the Brown Bag.

Though the CCI focuses on California community colleges, "we have students coming in from all over the country. It's competitive, but not impossible, obviously. Ohlone students shouldn't have a problem."

The Brown Bag will be hosted Friday, Feb. 8 in Room 3201 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Ohlone's Brown Bag seminars are presented by the Science, Technology and Academic Affairs Division and the ASOC. The series is free and open to all. Refreshments are served at the start of the event. Audience members are welcome to meet the speaker afterward.

The next Brown Bag's topic will be "Industrial Engineering" and it will be held Friday, Feb. 29 from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. in Room 3201.

Upcoming Brown Bags will explore the human larynx, stem cell research, cyber crime and the Hubble Space Telescope.



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