

Speaker addresses Ohlone culture at World Forum

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crafts, which they then returned to the sea by navigating the water. Rather than claim ownership to the land itself, they opted instead to assert ownership of rights to the land, such as the right to gather acorns in a certain area.

Margolin, a recipient of the Fred Cody Award for Lifetime Achievement from the San Francisco Bay Area Book Reviewers Association, is also the founder and publisher of Heyday Books. Heyday Books is a non-profit organization that publishes 25 books and sponsors 250 events a year and “foster(s)

an understanding of the history, literature, art, environment, social issues and culture of California and the West.”

When asked to summarize what the lecture was about, Margolin said “the variety of human experience” and that “there’s more than one way of being human and we were made to adapt; if we don’t hold onto what we have, we’ll lose our humanity.”

Margolin’s Forum was the last scheduled for the semester. World Forums, which began in 2005, are designed to stimulate discussions concerning global issues.



Photo by Pei Ju Chen

Author and Historian Malcom Margolin addresses a sparse crowd in the Jackson Theater during the World Forum Wednesday.

Forensics team takes closer look at constitution

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would seek the position only for financial gain, Steadman discussed the removal proceedings available to the senators under the new constitution. Steadman defined the roles of the executives as being that of leadership, and explained that senators perform the day-to-day operations.

The reason for the stipend, Steadman argued, was to allow those who are unable to join the ASOC due to financial restrictions to do so. He also said that certain segments of students are not being represented in the ASOC because of students who need to work and don’t have time for a position. The forensics team challenged Steadman on this by asking, “If they really care, won’t they make it?” This was based on the phrasing Steadman used when it came to the legislative meetings.

When it came to money for the executives, the team raised questions concerning how many hours an executive would be expected to work per month for the money, and whether \$200 was actually enough. Also discussed was Steadman’s plan for allocating revenue earned from fundraisers, where executives could earn a possible 30 percent of the money raised.

One concern the forensics team raised about the money for the ASOC officers was the possibility that the money needed to pay their stipends would not be there.

ASOC Senator Gurlene Kocher and ASOC Vice President Jackie McCulley both stated that they didn’t want money for their services to the students of Ohlone College, but McCulley did mention that having a gas card as compensation would be a welcome perk to her position. Steadman argued that the money would create greater competition for the elections and reinforce a stronger work ethic for the executives who would in turn save money through fundraising and greater scrutiny of money requests.

Steadman said that at one time the constitution was adequate but, as of now, he compared it to an old and broken down car. Steadman also said that the new constitution could bring out the potential he saw within Ohlone College.

While there was much the forensics team wished to discuss concerning the proposed constitution,

Hamady adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m. In order for the new constitution to pass it would first have to be approved by the ASOC, then by the Ohlone College Board of Trustees.

ASOC Representative-at-Large Zuhul Bahaduri announced that she would be holding a table event from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 8 in front of Building 1, where snacks will be offered to students who complete surveys. Bahaduri also announced that she and a small group of students found a free speech area in front of the Newark Campus and that she plans to make that area permanent.

Debbie Trigg announced that she and Hamady have attended the first round of interviews for the new president of the college.

ASOC Senator Maria Louise Javier announced that the “CHOOSE Your Voice!” will meet in the amphitheatre (cafeteria if raining) Wednesday, April 9, 2008 from 1 to 2 p.m. The meeting will give the student body a chance to meet the people running for ASOC executive positions.

Steadman announced that there will be another Rock the Hill event today from 1 to 4 p.m. in the outdoor amphitheater. The event will feature performances by break dancers along with several other musical performances.

Senator Dan Zhou spoke on behalf of the cafeteria committee, stating that the prices are higher at the Newark Center. Zhou also said that he’s looking to have the lunch menu prices decrease by 50 cents, but commented that the prices for breakfast are reasonable.

ASOC Treasurer Kevin Feliciano announced that Earth week will be coming later this month and that Frenchie Davis will be performing at Rock the Hill and there will be a sustainability debate moderated by George Rodgers. Feliciano made a money request for \$325 for Earth Week, which will be spent on food and advertising for the event. The ASOC approved the amount.

The International Students Team made a money request to the ASOC for the sum of \$450 for the upcoming Chinese singing contest which will be held at the Newark Ohlone Campus.

This money is coming out of a portion of the ASOC budget that was decided at the beginning of the

year. Auditions for the upcoming singing contest will be held in the Fremont Bank Room at the NOC from 1 to 5 p.m. this Saturday and Sunday.

Zhejiang Vocational Academy of Art made a money request to the ASOC for a welcome party for Zhejiang students to meet with Ohlone College students. The visit-

ing Chinese students will be coming here for a three-day performance, including dance, music and local opera, from April 8 to 11. A vote for the sum of \$500 will be decided next week.

The ASOC student awards will take place on April 17 at the Smith Center. A reception will start at 5 p.m., and the awards ceremony

will begin at 6 p.m. in the Jackson Theater. Two students from each department will be nominated for awards from participating departments. Nominations start with faculty, who then submit their choices to the deans of the departments, who then submit their choices to the Director of Campus Activities and EOPS Debbie Trigg.

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