

'Idol' entertains and informs with voice

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Frenchie Davis, of "American Idol" and Broadway renown, came to Ohlone last Thursday. Davis participated in a Financial Aid Seminar and then sang at Rock the Hill.

The seminar, organized and paid for by the ASOC, was hosted to educate students about raising money for higher education. Davis, along with members of Ohlone's financial aid department, shared stories of her own personal experiences with raising money for college.

Along with testimonials describing the difficulties of going back to college at a more advanced age and paying for college without parental support, members of Ohlone's financial aid department discussed the possibilities open to students who are seeking assistance in paying for college.

Currently, there is excess funding unused in Ohlone's financial aid department, due to a lack of student applications requesting free money. As a result, the speakers strongly encouraged students to apply for financial aid, noting that "applying for financial aid costs nothing, so

you have everything to gain and nothing to lose."

Contrasting the reports of Ohlone's excess unused financial aid was Davis' account of her freshman year at Brown University, an Ivy League college situated in Rhode Island. Davis, a child of two college-educated but less than affluent parents, described the difficulties she faced in trying to pay her own way through college.

By discussing the measures she took to pay for her college, such as working two part-time jobs, and hinting at some of the more extreme measures she took, including nude modeling, Davis gave students a perspective of the difficulties that people sometimes face when trying to pay for college.

On the Rock the Hill stage after the Financial Aid Seminar, was Ruptured, a "funky, punk, metal" band hailing from Fremont. Ruptured played very loudly, to an enthusiastic audience, who cheered them on almost as loudly. Influenced by bands such as Korn, Anti-Flag and the Casualties, the music was audible from all over campus.

After they finished playing,



Photo by Grant Boyer

Former American Idol contestant Frenchie Davis sings after delivering a seminar on financial aid.

Frenchie Davis took the stage and covered Motown classics and modern hits such as Gnarls Barkley's

"Crazy."

Davis said that she is a strong supporter of Barack Obama, is sup-

portive of gay rights, and is in talks to do a German production of the musical "Little Shop of Horrors."

ASOC discusses awards and approves funds

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While elections were held in front of Building 5, the Associated Students of Ohlone College (ASOC) met to conduct business and have a vote of their own for the upcoming ASOC awards.

Dan Zhou of the Cafeteria Committee announced that new microwaves had been purchased for the cafeteria. After the meeting, when Zhou was asked about a food steamer that the ASOC had spent \$1,500 to replace but has yet to show up, Zhou said that he was working with Mark Robbins, the director of purchasing, contracts and auxiliary services to locate the piece of machinery. ASOC Representative at Large Zuhul Bahaduri announced that all of the available spots for Parking Lot N have been distributed to the students for the rest of the semester.

ASOC Vice President Jackie McCulley announced that the Inter-Club Council will have one more meeting and that the ICC and the ASOC will have their own awards

as separate events. The decision to split the two groups' events, though it had been previously announced that they were to be held together, was due to confusion regarding how the event would be financed if the two entities joined in an end-of-the-year event.

ASOC Treasurer Kevin Feliciano announced that the Earth Week events had come in under budget, with \$2,821 allocated for the events and supplies needed for Earth Week, and only \$2,734.84 spent total.

ASOC Adviser Debbie Trigg spoke to the ASOC about the importance of establishing a presence with the new president of the College, Dr. Gari Browning. Trigg also mentioned the importance of the elections for those running for executive positions and stressed that the election process should not be tainted in any way by those running for positions.

Maria Louise Javier reported that the elections went over budget and made an announcement that the volunteers for the vote counting were expected to begin at 8 p.m.

English Instructor Robert Mitchell appeared before the ASOC to make a money request for \$500. The amount was to go to Poet Cathie Sandstrom, who appeared at Ohlone College and performed in the library. Mitchell explained that Sandstrom agreed to come to Ohlone with no promise of recompense and travel at her own expense to read her poems aloud; the requested amount was to reimburse her for the \$120 traveling expenses and the remainder was to be a courtesy for her appearance.

The money to pay Sandstrom would come out of the Speakers Committee budget and not that of the normal ASOC program expenses budget, which is currently at \$258.49. While deliberating this matter, the point that the money request was made after the event was brought up and was acknowledged to be a precedent that the ASOC had been avoiding. Feliciano suggested the amount of \$250 be allocated to the speaker. After some discussion regarding the amount, and the ASOC's past decisions on money requests made after the event, \$250

was approved.

The ASOC also voted on a money request for the Theater and Dance after party for the sum of \$300. Feliciano advised that this amount was already reflected in the ASOC program expenses budget. The money would be going toward food for the after party. ASOC President Tatyana Hamady announced that she was looking for volunteers for the upcoming Unity Week events and passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Unity Week is a multicultural study presented through lectures, comedy and movies to

highlight various cultures.

The ASOC concluded business by taking a moment to vote for the upcoming ASOC awards. The awards will be held in the Jackson Theater on May 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. The votes taken by the members of the ASOC will determine the Senator of the Fall, the Senator of the Spring and the Executive of the Year. While there was some confusion about the eligibility of new senators voting on senators of the previous semester, the votes were quickly completed and delivered to Trigg.

Browning plans ahead

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initiatives, institutional research and planning, grants, program planning for capital outlay, accreditation and instructional support services."

Browning is fluent in Spanish and has lived in both the Dominican Republic and Hawaii, as well as in California. She has a special interest in ESL students, and "she led a group of ESL experts to author 'California Pathways: The Second Language Student in Public High Schools, Colleges, and Universities.'"

According to the website, Browning "has participated on Statewide Academic Senate committees and many Chancellor's Office committees on topics such as the disciplines list for establishing minimum qualifications for faculty hiring, matriculation, assessment, high school graduation standards in English, remediation in CSU and immigrant education.

"[Browning also] served as president and other leadership positions for California Teachers of English

to Speakers of Other Languages (CATESOL)."

Treadway was appointed president in 2003. Since then he has championed many causes, including that of environmental awareness. His time at the college has seen many "green" advances, including the building of the Newark Campus and the formation of the sustainability committee.

Correction

The last edition of the *Monitor* featured an article entitled "Board selects Browning to lead Ohlone," which incorrectly stated the College Board of Trustees' proposed salary for Browning was \$270,000. The correct amount was \$207,000. The *Monitor* regrets the error.



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