



From the
basement

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Join da club

While looking for a staff writer gone missing the other day (The *Monitor* often sends its staff to dangerous war-torn parts of the school) I happened to pop into the weekly meeting of the ASOC (Associated Students of Ohlone College).

I was thoroughly impressed. As a staff writer who formerly covered the Ohlone Board of Trustees as well as the ASOC more than a year ago, I can definitely say for sure that the current student government is much less "High School Musical" and much more "Twelve Angry Men."

However, what I also noticed was an overwhelming amount of work and a smaller number of people at the tables.

As a community college, the majority of the school's students are retained for anywhere from two to three years. A university typically retains its students up to four and half years and some also have the presence of post-graduate students.

Thus there is a cyclical system where roughly every three years the school's student clubs and organizations experience a large drop in terms of numbers as well as experienced leaders.

This happened last year and currently as of now many of us remaining veterans are filling out our transfer applications and working on the last of our required classes (also known as the one's we cannot screw up on) so the ranks are thinning.

Yet the number of people having an interest in school activities is actually rising.

Two more clubs were formed in the last week, thus bringing the total to 28 and new committees are being made constantly.

Given the current situation with the economy, it's perfectly understandable why it would be more beneficial to be working than to be volunteer. Yet there are still rewarding experiences as well as useful knowledge to be learned.

If nothing else, it will look good on your transcript and whomever you served under can be used as a reference. So, spend a semester in an officer position if you're already involved and if not, sign up for a club and see if it interests you. Starting now means being experienced later and your student government could use the help.

Clubs as well as many different school departments could definitely use your help. Even our very own Ohlone *Monitor* is in dire need of your help. Everyone is understaffed.

Because frankly, us older folk are getting ready to leave and, as intimidating as it sounds to you and your stoner buddies, you are the future of this school.

Damnit.



Photos by Anna Biaritz Roldan

An Ohlone Flea Market vendor shows her wares, top; grapes in shoes, bottom.

Wide range of wares, all bargains

By ANNA BIARITZ ROLDAN
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Antique furniture and vintage books, sporting goods and holiday decor, from neglectable items to those useful, new and old; you'll find them all at the Ohlone College Super Flea Market. The flea market was packed with people last Saturday.

Among the many vendors, who each have a story to tell, there was Jim Gonzales at one of the corner stalls. Gonzales, of Santa Cruz, buys and sells different items of all kinds. Gonzales said, "I've been doing this for 32 years now and I've been at the Ohlone flea market since sometime around 1983 to 1985."

He said that the customers are very interesting and he likes meeting new people. Gonzales also added, "It's a great flea market, especially with the economy today. People want to stretch their dollar. Why buy something new when you can buy at the flea market?"

If you're looking for collectible comic books, cheap DVD's and used appliances, gold-plated utensils and other miscellaneous items, you might consider visiting Mary Lopez's stall. Lopez has been selling at the Ohlone flea market for eight years. She sells collectible DC comic books, DVD's for only \$3 and other items that she once used as well as many items she collected from neighbors and relatives, too.

Juliet Anderson, another long-time flea market stall owner who has been in the business for 17 years, sells beads of all kinds. The stones used to make the beads come from countries all over the world, such as Czech Republic. She is an occasional seller who is also involved in beads shows and bazaars.

Anderson sells beads of all shapes and sizes, for as low as two to three cents for most beads to \$20 for the more special and bigger stones/beads. Anderson said, "Busi-



ness has been down this year." She hopes it will get better, especially with this economy as the holiday season approaches, people might be interested in homemade gifts instead of ready-made ones, which cost much more.

At another stall filled with handcrafted home decor items and gift baskets, was Erlinda Cobb. It was Cobb's first time at the Ohlone Super Flea market. Cobb sells different kinds of sculptures made out of resin and paint that she made herself. Cobb is a designer for Just Bee-cauze, a business that sells silk floral arrangements, home decorations, gift baskets handcrafted items and various other similar products.

Hilda Sayedi, who once worked for Microsoft and Freddie Mac, is now in the flea market business. Sayedi said, "I decided that I never want to go back to working in an office again, so that's why I'm here. This is my business now." She sells items from Shanghai that she is able to get when she visits her sister who lives there. Sayedi also sells collectible stamps, bills, coins and plates that were once personal collections which she decided to let go of after visiting China and learning more about her spiritual wellness. Sayedi also buys fine items from Santa Fe and other ritzy neighborhood thrift stores and sells them at flea markets.

Barack Obama was also present at the flea market; well at least it seemed like it. Paul Samsotia is campaigning for Barack Obama by catching people's attention with his Obama mask. Paul dressed like Obama and wore a mask, which can really make heads turn. It was his first time at Ohlone selling what's left of his products.

Samsotia sells t-shirts he designed himself with Obama's full name and face printed on it for only \$15. He customizes shirts, sells them online where people can purchase wholesale, and 20 percent of the website sales are contributed to the Barack Obama campaign. Samsotia has been going all over the United States, including Philadelphia, North Carolina and Oregon. He even got the endorsement of Obama himself.

Sewing machines are also available at the flea market. Tom Trebutich has been selling and repairing sewing machines for 28 years now. He also extends his service to those who have antique sewing machines and those who collect them. Twice Nice Shoppe is the name of his business and his workshop is at home with his wife, Marge Trebutich. Tom Trebutich said, "It's my second time here in Ohlone. I basically come here to meet people and to let them know about us." They also host quilt shows all over Northern California

from January until October of next year.

MonaVie's premier açai blends, a juice-like product made to help people fight free radicals in their bodies' systems, is also available at the flea market. Independent Distributor Arcenio Martinez Jr., a former student at Ohlone tried to introduce to everyone what MonaVie is all about.

Martinez said, "MonaVie is actually like a juice. Since many people do not eat fruits, this product helps people have a good daily dose of fruit supplement. A shot of this must be taken twice, in the morning and at night." Martinez said that one could also make money out of MonaVie through networking. One has to try the product first and then try to sell it to different people with slightly increased price.

Everything mentioned and much more are available at the Ohlone Super Flea market, including rings, brand new import overrun linens and comforters, plants, watches, incense oils, paintings, clothes, bags, Hollywood-inspired paraphernalia, and items printed with Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe and Audrey Hepburn pictures.

The flea market is held on the second Saturday of every month. Parking is available throughout the year at parking lots E and H. The parking fee is \$3.

Pianist to perform the classics

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Pianist Richard Glazier will be performing “The Arts Come Alive” at the Smith Center on Saturday night.

Glazier was trained in classical piano and earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree in piano performance from Indiana University School of Music, as well as a doctorate of Musical Arts from the Cleveland Institute of Music.

Glazier made several classic debuts in New York, Boston, Los Angeles and Rome. Glazier won multiple major international piano competitions including the Pro Musicis Award and National Federation of Music Clubs Grand Prize.

According to his website, “Glazier is one of today’s foremost interpreters of the American Popular Songbook and probably has close associations with the music of George and Ira Gershwin.” In 1996, in celebration of George and Ira Gershwin’s Centennial, he began performing a one-man, multimedia concert program entitled “Gershwin – Remembrance and Discovery.” He added two more programs, “Ragtime and Romance” – “The Music of Joplin and Gershwin and A Salute to the Hollywood Musical,” to that performance as well.

For the 2004-’05 season, Glazier premiered Hooray for Love – The Music of Harold Arlen in celebration of Arlen’s Centennial. Glazier has more upcoming shows in various parts of California.

Tickets for “The Arts Come Alive” will be available at the Smith Center box office Tuesday to Thursday from noon to 7, Friday to Saturday noon to 5, and one hour before the performance. The price for adults is \$25, for seniors it is \$20 and for children the cost is \$15. For more information on Glazier you can visit www.richardglazier.com.

New face at Ohlone

By **SUCHI GUPTA**
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Ohlone College has a new operations system manager at the Smith Center, Julie Collins.

Collins also manages the box office for the theater, music and art gallery-related performances at the center. Collins started out in 2005 at the Smith Center after taking Janel’s Tomblin-Brown dance lessons and did a couple of performances with the group at the center.

Collins enjoys working in the ever-changing theatrical environment as she feels that there is always a new show or an event to handle. There is a lot of detail and organization that goes into managing these events, right from getting the flyers to communicating and setting up the theatre for the artist takes an experienced and organized person like Collins to work like a pro. Collins’ love for performing arts is evident through her charming, easy-going and relaxed personality.



Photo courtesy of Richard Glazier

Richard Glazier will perform on the piano this Saturday.

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Weighing Anchor

By **ERIC DORMAN**
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Keep U.S. healthy

As the nation turns its attention to bailing out financial firms, we’re hearing relatively little about plans to bail out health care. Which is a shame, because the system is desperately in need of rescue.

Though your own experiences dealing with health care—or lack thereof—have probably already convinced you of this fact, allow me to present some further numerical evidence. Forty-six million Americans (about 15 percent of the population) remained uninsured last year, a number that continues to grow. America’s current employer-based health care system is a morass of skyrocketing premiums that is putting the squeeze on companies, businesses and families alike. The health insurance companies are getting richer, plans are growing narrower, and there’s no end in sight.

We’re not going to fix this problem by issuing tax credits or shopping for health insurance across state lines. These “fixes” are really only a band-aid slapped over the gaping sore that lies at the heart of the problem: health insurance companies. Currently, up to 25 percent of your health care premiums go to covering administrative costs and profit for health care companies. And interestingly enough, as your premiums have steadily risen, so have the profits.

The solution to the problem isn’t simple, but we can’t begin to reach it without minimizing the power of private health insurance companies and implementing a national health care insurance system. The advantages of nationalized health care are clear and proven—a governmentally run system can operate with reduced overhead costs (because of the unified system) and is free of much of the need for increased profit that drives up the cost of health insurance today.

Nationalized health care’s detractors like to argue that this is a socialist scheme that will result in the government choosing a doctor for them. This is not the case. At the present, most universal health care proposals (including Obama’s plan) support only the nationalizing of the health care insurance system, not the medical system itself. As for the charge of socialism, it’s true that universal health care is a socialist idea—but so are police and fire. Those services both function smoothly, as would nationalized health care.

As our emergency rooms fill up with uninsured patients and businesses struggle to make a profit in the face of rising health care costs, we must realize that we cannot afford financially, economically or morally to turn a blind eye to the problem. Until a national health care system is put in place, Americans will continue to feel the pain.