

# Talk is cheap, and useful for Ohlone alumni

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Last Thursday the Speech and Communication Studies Department held a Careers in Communication Panel. The presentation was an overview for prospective students who were interested in jobs that involve speech.

Six Bay Area professionals were present for this Panel. The presenters, who discussed their careers in communications, and served as advice links for the students who came to the panel. Among the six was a former Ohlone Monitor editor, Tony

Yang who is currently working with the Silicon Valley Business Journal as a journalist. Working at the Silicon Valley Journal, Yang stated that he realized that you tackle every job as a big project. Yang talked about his history at Ohlone and how it led to working at publications such as the Oakland Tribune, the Chicago Tribune, and presently the aforementioned Silicon Valley Business Journal.

Another featured speaker was Nicole Imhoff, an event planner native to the Bay Area. Imhoff is another alumni of Ohlone and was a member of the Sigma Chi Eta

Chapter Communications Honors program. As an event planner now, she talked about the importance of presentation of self and how speech helped her through a lot of hurdles and difficult passages and got her where she is at today. She emphasized the matter of knowing how without speech skills, one's presentation can lack personality.

Other guest speakers talked about the benefit taking speech courses at Ohlone, courses that have helped them throughout their lives with the skills and experiences offered therein. The speech classes offered at Ohlone prepare students

for transfer to four-year institutions and entry into careers in which effective communication skills are important, such as teaching, public relations, etc.

After the panel was dismissed, students were free to obtain information about the guest speakers for more advice and more information and how to further their studies in the field of speech and communication.

Coordinator of the event, Speech Instructor Brenda Ahnholz said, "It was great to have former students come back and talk to current student about the out reach of the

importance of speech".

The Panel was an overall success and offered a great opportunity for the students that made it to the event as they not only walked out of the room with more knowledge but also with guidance and reassurance that speech will take you far.

For more information on future Speech Panels or events visit the Ohlone website for Speech Communications Studies and for those who are interested in more events such as this can look forward to more Panelists coming in and talking about their careers in the future".

## Senate stays the course

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Wednesday night's Faculty Senate meeting began with the Curriculum Calendar, and staying on track with it. Some important dates to look out for are the following: Nov. 11 is Veterans Day, therefore the school will not be session. Nov. 11 is also the last day to drop a full term class with a W grade. Lastly, Thanksgiving break will begin Nov. 27.

Bob Bradshaw talked about the

flex minutes, which teachers have completed twice as much as done previously, for faculty and concluded with the academic calendar of 2010-'11. Rachel Sherman talked about the curriculum proposals bought up by the committee, who has been successfully been working on their promotion with the use of CurricUNET to construct new courses and programs and to review and revise.

Also, Kay Harrison was proposed to be an Emeritus Speaker.

Harrison has previously been honored by Ohlone for helping the speech department grow and her contributions as a professor at Ohlone.

Finally, the Senate debated whether they should bring back the "Star of the Month" program. It was felt that the program singled out single faculty members for their excellence, while in fact all staff were equally admirable in their duties. For this reason, the program will remain inactive.

## Brown Bag is on dead people

The investigations of science and the thrill of mystery collide in this Friday's Brown Bag Science Seminar, on the topic of Forensic Anthropology.

Instructor Mark Dobbs will be explaining forensic anthropology as a career. Forensic anthropologists often make contributions to court cases, uncovering facts about individuals long deceased and beyond recognition by ordinary means. Details such as the age, sex, and cause of death can all be uncovered using forensic techniques. The seminar will be held at 1 p.m. in Room 3201.

## Local take on election

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received only 29 percent of the vote. When asked for a statement Wednesday, Sheen, an attorney at JD Global Law firm and longtime area resident, said, "I congratulate Mr. Bonaccorsi on his win and I look forward to seeing what he accomplishes."

He expressed his gratitude for the support he received from voters and from volunteers for his campaign. "We ran a good campaign...we were well organized and focused, but the Bonaccorsi campaign had an edge and won."

Not every student had been following the Board elections closely. "Honestly, I've been so pre-occupied with the nation- and state-wide races that I haven't paid much attention to this one," said Alex Roberts, a technology major attending Ohlone College part-time.

"I mean, I'm glad to hear that [Cox is] concerned with restoring to the college its reputation, but I've just been more concerned about the direction of the country."

## Correction

The article "Being a 'mad scientist' pays off" in the Oct. 30 edition of the *Monitor* had several inaccuracies. The article quoted Amanda Morrison as calling Mad Science "an over-glorified day care," while Morrison real intent was that it was not. The caption also declared that Morrison was holding a rubber glove in the picture; she was actually holding slime. The *Monitor* regrets the errors.

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