

Asian/Pacific American Student Association auction



A member of the Asian/Pacific American Student Association (APASA) works at his club's silent auction Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the cafeteria. A snowboard and PS2 video games, left, were up for grabs, along with Samsung Helio phones, hip-hop dance lessons, a typewriter, Club Sport day passes, wineglasses and a graphic equalizer, among other offerings. Proceeds from the auction, which totaled just over \$200, went toward the APASA.

Photo by Kyle Stephens

Senate debates special student enrollment

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Math Instructor Bob Bradshaw addressed the Faculty Senate on concerns about limiting K-12 admission at the Faculty Senate meeting Wednesday. He reported on the issues raised by some of the Senate members on what needed to be worked on for the second presentation of the issue to the Board of Trustees.

There has been debate over the admittance of special students, those from the grade levels of K-

12, who can with permission from their parents and school administrators take college courses, which for K-12 students are free.

One of the major arguments for voting against this proposal was the fact that the Ohlone mission statement does not say anywhere that there should be limits on students who are eligible for college level courses, and who are unable to take them at their school. The Senate pointed out that the classes that are being filled up by K-12 students are English, high-level math courses and Chinese. Although

college students are given priority registration over special students, the latter group still vies for seats in crowded classes.

It is also becoming difficult for professors to design their courses for the wider age range. Some questions raised were about how sexuality may not pertain, be understood or be appropriate for a younger student audience.

Strong support for the proposal to limit enrollment came from some members of primary subject departments, as those classes are getting over crowded or are in high demand.

The younger students also ask for more time of their professors, which they may not be able to provide. Many feel this will be the tipping point for this proposal getting passed, because the extra amount of students, students who pay no course fees, that will be added will be taking up additional resources - and considering the state of the economy right now, with budget cuts it will be extra difficult.

Another point brought up was the potential psychological impact on college-age students taking classes with minors. This was not

deemed to be a substantial problem, however.

The Senate saw the importance of this proposal and how much it would affect the school and admissions. Further study will be done by looking at statistics provided by the resource center.

Besides the talk of revision to the special students admission proposal, the senate addressed another topic regarding the Emeritus Speaker Program, which will be further discussed and talked about in upcoming meetings, the next of which will be Dec. 3.

Live life your way

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give you something to do socially or make you look cool. If you find something that you realize you do just so people will accept you, think about this - is it really worth it? Do you really want to allow your behavior or activities, or the course of your life, to be determined by people you may never get to know?

There's another way to look at it. Think about how much money you spend on clothes, shoes, hair, nails, and accessories. Think about how many people spend about as much as you do, to look the way you do. When you dress to be like everyone else, that's exactly what happens - you become like everybody else, and can't be picked out of a crowd. So what's the point? In spending so much money on your wardrobe and so much time on hair and makeup in the morning? Or if you ever go a day without makeup or your hair is a little less than perfect, you walk around all day worrying what people must be thinking of you.

I'm not against dressing or behaving to impress, but there's a difference between wanting to impress a person or a group of people and trying to make that no

one ever thinks anything bad about you. Even when trying to impress, I believe that what should be exhibited is the best side of someone and not false appearances. That just leads to a pretense that has to be kept up for the sake of the job, relationship, etc.

It's not my place to tell anyone how to live their lives. I just know how much better I feel when I realize that I actually like and feel comfortable in what I'm wearing - whether it's from a popular brand or not. I feel better knowing that even if I don't look as good as other days, that's not going to drag the rest of my day down. My life is so much easier and stress-free because I'm not worrying about people's opinions when I'm getting ready in the morning.

If I'm walking on campus and trip over something, I'm not going to turn red because someone was around to see me. It seems like a small thing, and I'm sure not everyone can relate to constantly worrying about others' perceptions of them. For those of us that rely on others to feel good about ourselves, though, ask yourself if it's worth it. I can hold my head high no matter what I'm wearing, or doing, or saying. Can you?

ASOC mulls over free speech

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The cafeteria is in need of new refrigerators and freezers and other equipment that will cost over \$15,000. This is pertinent to the ASOC because 7 percent of the revenue that the cafeteria gets goes to the ASOC. Trigg said that this must be addressed (by the ASOC or otherwise), or the cafeteria cannot continue to do business - without freezers and other key pieces equipment, food simply cannot be prepared or stored.

Robbins said that the ASOC has been doing well these past few years because they don't spend money on maintenance but still get revenue. It seemingly came as a surprise to the ASOC - they have been unaware of this and have not been updated on the status of the cafeteria for a while. Robbins explained that as of now, the freezers, both the walk-in and regular, along with the grills, fume hoods and steamers are deteriorating, or even already broken down. Most of the facilities have been around 30 years already, and thus Robbins advised the ASOC to plan a budget to be set aside for the cafeteria for the next couple of years. Robbins said this may just be the "tip of the iceberg," as many of the facilities will slowly need to be replaced. ASOC Treasurer Kevin Feliciano voiced the opinion that everything that needs replacing be done now, as it would be more costly in the long run to slowly upgrade as equipment breaks down.

The ASOC opened a discussion on what to do about this and other prospective projects on

upgrading the cafeteria, such as making it more attractive by purchasing display racks, painting the walls and making new signage.

An analysis of paperwork will be done to see if the revenue is worth a financial intervention on their behalf. Robbins told the ASOC that if they put in more money the district may match their contribution, hopefully covering all expenses.

There have been additional advances for the campaign to reassess the free speech area at Ohlone. A committee has been formed to address the issue, headed by Zuhail Bahaduri. Two topics were addressed at the meeting: one, geography and two, policy. The free speech area is to be relocated to a courtyard near the under-construction Student Services Building. More details abound in policy: the free speech area is to be divided in half, one side for students and one for outside parties. This arrangement has been enacted at various other colleges, and was also suggested by Trustee John Weed. As is there are two, non-overlapping policies regarding the free speech area. The first, older policy from 1997 in the Interclub Council constitution is more vague than the more complete 2005 manifestation in the "Time Place and Manner Policy." The committee seeks to revise the latter policy, and include specific versus implied caveats for who is allowed use of the free speech area - students and non-students alike.

There will be a free speech committee meeting open to everyone today at 3 p.m. in the lobby of Building 1.