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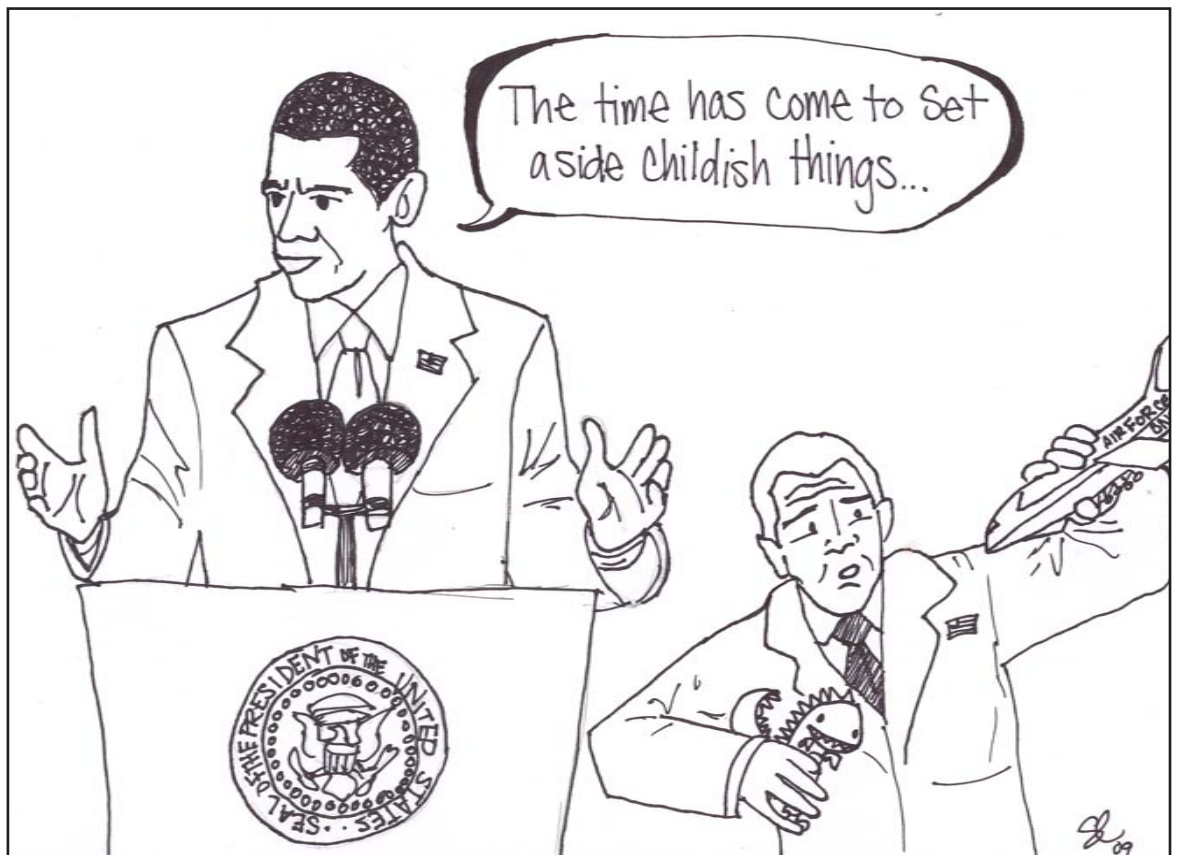


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OPINION

Sitting on the cusp of a new year, new decade

By NOAH LEVIN
Opinion editor

Decades are often defined by a particular look, attitude and sound. The political and social environment of the era helps to largely define peoples' moods and creative output, further lending to the identity associated with a particular decade or era.

The Roaring Twenties was a time of great economic hardship characterized by the violence surrounding Prohibition. The 1940's was defined by World War II and punctuated by swing music. The Fifties was a time of economic prosperity that is often thought of as a time of abject conformity. The Sixties saw the Hippies and the beginning of the Civil Rights Movement, and the Vietnam War that carried over into the Seventies; the decade of disco, Watergate and Led Zeppelin.

The Eighties had Reagan, cocaine, the Iran-Contra scandal, and New-Wave music, while the Nineties touted grunge music, Bill Clinton's sex scandal and closed

with the ushering in of a new millennium, and a new decade.

So now we sit on the verge of another decade, and I wonder, looking back at the Aughties, as the first decade of the 21st century is so affectionately dubbed, how will we define this first and very important part of the millennium? Will this decade be marked as one of strife or great success? Shall it be characterized by the massive leaps in consumer technologies, or by the fact that now both the global climate and the global economy are in ruins? With a new president who fosters feelings of hope and newfound purpose in Americans from all walks of life, how will new leadership and ideas shape the end of this decade, taking us into a new era? And looking forward to that next decade, what will define the era and that generation?

The future is always uncertain at best, and totally unknowable at worst, but there are always catalyzing factors that define the times. If I were to try and capture the zeitgeist, or "spirit of the times,"



for the Aughties I would say that technology, more than anything, defines these past 10 years.

Where in 2000, I had a CD player to listen to my favorite CD's, four years later almost everyone I know has an MP3 player of one kind or another, and now, in 2009, nearly everyone has an iPod, which not only plays music, but also plays video, displays photos and stores personal information. The introduction of the iPhone last year compounded this technology, practically turn-

ing a cell phone into a handheld Macintosh computer.

Fuel efficient, hybrid and electric cars are now starting to take the roads in record numbers, as the floundering auto industry puts aside the oversized SUV's. The internet has gone from the crawl of dial-up modems to instant access with cable, DSL and now wireless connections. Prosthetic limbs that were once clunky and ungainly are now being made with BlueTooth receivers, allowing for fluid, natural

movement.

Once we lived in an age where we could only dream up the technologies we've integrated into our society, and now our lives are filled with new technological wonders, and the future holds untold miracle of science and human ingenuity. And so, to quote our newly inaugurated president, I wield his campaign catch phrase, "Yes we can." This, to me, means that anything we can dream, we can build. The future is bright indeed.

ASOC welcomes you to the spring semester

By JACKIE McCULLEY
ASOC President

WELCOME to the Spring 2009 semester!!
The mission of the Associated Students of

Ohlone College (ASOC) is "To represent the students' NEEDS, WANTS, and CONCERNS." We want to hear from you!

During the break, the ASOC council has been working hard on various projects to benefit YOU the student. These projects include: furnishing the Hyman Hall lobbies,

furnishing the ASOC room at Newark, coordinating Club Days 2009, and our yearly ASOC student government elections that will happen in late April.

We want to see more students get involved to represent our diverse population. If you want to get involved, pick up a senator packet

and join our council by becoming an ASOC Senator. Applications are at the EOPS/Campus Activities window Building 1, Room 1140. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at asocpresident@ohlone.edu or stop in at one of our meetings, Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. in Room 8112.

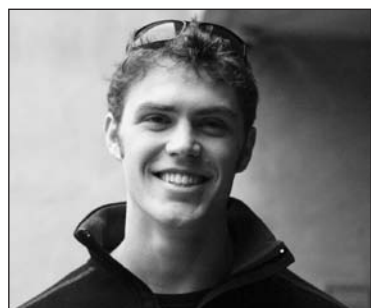
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Mellissa Thompson
INTERIOR DESIGN
"I got more sleep."



Jamie Flaherty
UNDECIDED
"Traveling."



Stephen Guerguy
BUSINESS & COMMUNICATIONS
"Snowboarding at Squaw."



Jennifer Lawson
MEDICINE
"I didn't have a break, I had classes at Foothill."



Vivian Lorraine Mejia
NURSING
"I had a 'stay-cation.'"