

Over \$3,000 raised for Japan relief



Photo by Kyoungsu Cho

Wai Yan Tu, Dianna Lin, Ann Hsu and Mandy Yip sold paper cranes in order to raise money in the wake of the earthquake and tsunami that caused widespread damage throughout Japan. The 9.0 magnitude earthquake was one of the most powerful since 1900, even surpassing the one that struck Haiti last winter.

By TINA KARIMI
News editor

The International Club's fundraising effort for Japanese earthquake and tsunami relief has raised \$3,343.54, which will be donated to the American Red Cross.

According to the club's adviser, Mandy Yip, the club

raised \$500 the first day of the event, and originally hoped to raise about \$1,000, although there was never a set monetary goal.

The effort spanned about a week, with International Club students setting up tables at the Fremont and Newark campuses in order to sell paper cranes. The club has

sold over 1,000 of the paper cranes, which are symbols of good luck in Japanese culture. In addition, according to Japanese legend, folding a thousand paper cranes means that one will receive one's heart's desire.

The 9.0 magnitude earthquake, which occurred on March 11, triggered tsunami

waves that reached up to 98 feet. Tsunami warnings were issued to about 20 other countries, including the United States (along the Pacific coast). The earthquake was one of the top five most powerful since 1900, more powerful even than the earthquake that devastated Haiti last year.

Program gives students opportunity

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Ohlone College is offering concurrent enrollment, a program allowing students to take classes concurrently at Ohlone and at their choice of UC Berkeley or CSU East Bay.

Transfer Center Specialist Frances Fon said that the purpose of this program is, "to give Ohlone College students an opportunity to progress through or further their education and better refine their transfer options through the taking of university level courses and/or experiencing a university level education."

She said that the benefits of participating in the concurrent enrollment programs are that, "[UC Berkeley and CSU East Bay programs] include access to courses that Ohlone College may not offer, studying with renowned faculty and gaining experience taking courses in a university environment."

Fon said that it is important to note that participation in the program does not necessarily guarantee admission to UC Berkeley or CSU East Bay, or, "somehow make it easier for one to gain admissions to the university."

Nevertheless, Fon did say

that just like any other college course, "how one performs in the course just like any other course will speak to the strength and fit of the student for the program to which [they are] applying."

However, both UC Berkeley and CSU East Bay have separate specific requirements any hopeful applicants must meet before applying for the program.

UC Berkeley, which only offers this program during the Fall and Spring semesters, has requirements that range from being a full-time student at Ohlone College (during the semester you would be par-

ticipating in the concurrent enrollment program) to having a 2.4 grade point average.

CSU East Bay (which offers the program during the Fall, Winter and Spring quarters) has requirements ranging from being enrolled in at least six units at Ohlone to maintaining a 2.0 grade point average.

Both UC Berkeley and CSU East Bay limit participants to two courses per academic period. Concurrent enrollment students are given last priority to enroll and participate in the program at the instructor's discretion.

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The "B" Side

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White Crane

One quotation, "home is where the heart is," can easily be applied to the failures in supposed leadership that we are experiencing here at Ohlone.

On Friday, The Argus reported that Ohlone College board trustee Nick Nardolillo has been living at his Livermore vineyard where he co-owns and operates White Crane Winery, despite being elected to serve in the city of Fremont.

This allegation would be a violation of state election law although Nardolillo rents a room in Fremont located on Oak Street.

The District Attorney's office confirmed yesterday that they are investigating the matter and it has been suggested that the Ohlone board investigate if Nardolillo has violated board ethics policies.

While Nardolillo claims that he is a Fremont resident since he votes here and attends board meetings here, it is well documented that his home and his heart is where the grapes are.

The hustle and bustle of having to actually face things such as budget problems is such a taxing concept to imagine. Except isn't that is what he was elected to do?

I don't necessarily blame him for venturing off to the vineyard and it is not as if he isn't carrying out his duties as a member of the board of trustees.

However, I do consider the picturesque lifestyle that he must live when metaphorically flying away to White Crane.

It must be a place of respite to rest his weary head down on a feather filled goose down pillow or the preferable option, which is to sit around and have countless glasses of wine at your disposal.

The problem doesn't derive from his owning the Livermore residence, but rather the fact that according to almost every piece of documentation from Nardolillo's drivers license to his entry in the White Pages, he is by and large a Livermore resident who seems to rent a room in Fremont for the sake of keeping up appearances.

So, maybe that's the type of guy Nardolillo is. The type that can't man up to where his loyalty is since he clearly prefers to dwell outside of the district boundaries.

Or maybe in terms of being a part of the Ohlone community, he likes to duck that responsibility.

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