Navarra stars as head of the class

The Monitor sat down with new theater department faculty member Michael Navarra.

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Monitor: When did you decide to teach? Why?
Michael Navarra: In 1998 I decided to go back to school for my MFA. I knew then that I wanted to teach and work in regional theater. I find that people who pursue acting are following their dreams.

My goal as a teacher is to encourage students to find their passion whether it is acting or something else.

M: What do you like most about your job?
MN: The students. Every student has a different reason for taking an acting class. I like to find that reason and remind them of why they are here.

M: What do you like least?
MN: Lack of commitment. Some student’s take the class for what they believe will be an easy A. That’s a shame.

Why waste your time when it is all we have? I believe that whatever someone decides to spend their time on should be important to them.

M: What was your favorite subject in school?
MN: Theater, And history. I almost went back to school for a Ph.D in Cultural Anthropology. I love learning about people, different cultures, histories and religions.

M: Where did you go to college?
MN: I went to U.C. Irvine for undergrad and the University of Washington for grad.

M: What did you major in?
MN: Drama and acting.

M: Did you enjoy being a college student? If so, what did you like about it? If not, why?
MN: I loved being a college student. It is a place where people from all walks of life come together to learn.

M: What advice would you give a college student about the ins and outs of college life?
MN: Commit 100 percent to your classes. It’s the only way to know if you will truly enjoy that work. Also, it’s the only way to get the most out of life. Life is short. Don’t waste it.

M: What kinds of hobbies do you enjoy?
MN: I love reading, watching movies and a few TV shows like “Deadwood”.

eWaste fundraiser generates money

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Ohlone College claimed an eWaste successful fundraising event on the weekends of Nov. 11 and 12.

The eWaste fundraiser, held in conjunction with C&T received support on both days from the community and student population.

The event gave people within the Ohlone community and the Fremont area the opportunity to recycle computer, electronic waste, and other items to receive tickets.

As both a community project and fundraising opportunity for the college.

“This was the first time we tried such an event,” said Richard Grotegut, a member of the faculty in Computer Science involved with the project.

But overall, we had good participation by Ohlone students, staff and faculty on both days.

While primarily an event to motivate more environmental practices, the collection also generated money for Ohlone from fees paid to C&T Recycling is planning to host another collection fundraiser in the spring semestet.

Some of the items awarded included new laptop computers, color printers, internet routers and mass storage flash drives.

“The event gave us the opportunity to learn some things which will help to make future events better,” said Grotegut.

C&T Recycling is planning to host another collection fundraiser in the spring semester.

A tentative date for the event has been set for March 24.