When in Rome...do as the Romans do

Students study abroad in the European nations of Greece and Italy

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Ohlone students and two professors, Kay Harrisson and Brenda Antholz, ventured to Greece and Italy during winter break as part of Ohlone’s study abroad program. At left: the group of 25 students visited tourist destinations such as Vatican City and the Trevi Fountain, both pictured above, and the Coliseum in the ancient city of Rome. They also sampled delicacies such as Italian gelato at a shop that caters to the Pope.

Crosbie beats Morrison 12-3 for Board seat

By MANIKA CASTERLINE
Editor-in-Chief

The Ohlone Board of Trustees appointed newcomer Ann Crosbie to the seat on Dec. 14 after three rounds of voting and a question and answer session with the 11 applicants, who included a nun, a former mayor of Fremont and a controversial former Ohlone Board of Trustees member.

Crosbie was appointed to the Area 2 seat that was vacated by former trustee Nick Nardolillo Oct. 30.

During the question and answer period, candidates gave their pitches to why they would be the best fit for the Ohlone board.

Bob Brunton who previously served on the board, said, “I would be ready on Day One,” while former Fremont Mayor Gus Morrison said that he has plenty of experience in regards to meetings.

In the final round of rank choice voting, Crosbie beat Morrison 12-3.

In her application for the board seat, Crosbie said, “I believe my own varied college experience makes me uniquely qualified to understand where our community colleges fit in to our educational system and all that a school like Ohlone College has to offer our students and our community.

Crosbie served as a substitute teacher in the Fremont Unified School District over the past 10 years and has done public service such as being

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Anti-piracy bill is bad for the net

By JOE NICHOLS

Opinion editor

The Stop Online Piracy Act (SOPA) and the Protect Intellectual Property Act (PIPA) are two bills that should not become law.

If approved by Congress, SOPA and PIPA would end the Safe Harbor Provisions of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) of 1998, which included the Online Copyright Infringement Liability Limitation Act (OCILLA).

Under the DMCA and OCILLA the burden of proof was put on the copyright holder.

The copyright holder would also have to send a formal statement to the offending site asking for it to remove the media in a certain timeframe.

Under SOPA and PIPA the burden of proof would be on the web site owner.

These bills put sites such as YouTube, Facebook and any other site that hosts user-generated content at risk of being shutdown and blocked by Internet Service Providers (ISP).

The IP address then can be traced back to the individual site that has been blocked.

PIPA would require that ISPs log all Internet Protocol (IP) security protocols.

The American people cannot let this happen.

For example, it could force many web-hosting, VPN-hosting companies as well as websites such as YouTube and Flickr to move out of the United States, thus costing many American jobs.

This bill not only would kill innovation, but would also create a delay in implementing the new advanced Internet jobs would be created.

President Obama and several members of Congress have said that this would effectively kill Internet innovation.

As citizens of the United States, we need keep the Internet free and open.

The Internet was started as a way to freely exchange ideas and information.

This bill not only would kill jobs it would incite citizens right to privacy. SOPA and PIPA would require that ISPs log all Internet Protocol (IP) addresses of any computer attempting to access a web site that has been blocked.

The IP address then can be traced back to the individual user or group of users.

This would also be in violation of the Fourth Amendment which grants citizens protection against unjust searches.

PIPA and SOPA will also negative affect the implementation of next generation of Internet security.

Sandia National Labs released a study that said that the method used to block web sites in both bills would not be effective in blocking the sites and cause a delay in implementing the new advanced security protocols.

The American people cannot afford a bill that could potentially inhibit job creation and prevent the free exchange of information and ideas over the Internet.

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Trustee Yee reports from the frontlines

By GARRETT YEE
Contributing writer

As I sit down to write my second letter home, it’s the last day of 2011.

A few days after Thanksgiving, we traveled to Bagram Air Field where I have a team stationed in support of the 1st Cavalry Division out of Fort Hood, Texas. I remember arriving in Bagram the first time in November 2006. It’s November again but this time, although it still had Disney Avenue, I couldn’t have foreseen all of the growth.

In fact, Disney Avenue is now paved and an I-beam from the World Trade Center now stands as a memorial to those lost in their lives on September 11, 2001. In 2006, Afghanistan had become the “other” war while Iraq captured all of the attention in the news.

If not for all of the land mines in Afghanistan from the 1980s, Bagram would make a great ski resort. No kidding. If you drive around the perimeter of the air base, you can see where the mines have been cleared as well as where they are identified awaiting clearing. This is one job I wouldn’t want to have.

By Nov. 23, we were able to make our way to Kabul by flying into the North Kabul International Airport, referred to as North KIA. A drive team picked us up in an up-armored SUV and drove us through the streets of Kabul to Combined Joint Task Force Phoenix (Camp Phoenix) where we have another team stationed. Camp Phoenix would become my new home away from home. Over the next several days, we would travel to various locations in Kabul known as the Greater Kabul Metropolitan Area. We traveled to the New Kabul Complex where I have a team stationed, Camp Eggers where we have projects under way and the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) headquarters.

On Dec. 4, our drive team picked us up at Camp Phoenix and took us to North KIA to catch an Australian Air Force C-130 flight back down to Kandahar. I was just walking out of the German store near the flight terminal where I had purchased some Cuban cigars (for a friend) when I ran into Maj. Tuminero and Specialist Drake.

Maj. Tuminero had previously served as my administrative officer when I was the 650th Regional Support Group commander in Las Vegas and Specialist Drake served in one of my subordinate battalions.

We spent a couple days with my team down in Kandahar then we departed for Kuwait on a C-17 on Dec. 5. As always, our colleagues from Camp Arifjan met us at Ali Al Saleem Air Base ready to take us on the two-hour trek back to Ali Al Saleem. It’s not very fancy; in fact, it’s in an old trailer but it serves big shrimp.

Cpt. Singhaseni has been my traveling partner for the past several weeks and is a big food fan. He can give you a food rating for most of the major military dining facilities in Iraq, Kuwait and Afghanistan.

After spending about four days down in Camp Arifjan, Dec. 11, ready to head back to Afghanistan.

We had a 2100 (9 p.m.) report time to the airfield, which meant it was going to be another long night without sleep. Our C-17 flight delivered us to Kandahar at 0430 (4:30 a.m.) where our Kandahar team picked us up from the air field and took us to lodging where we rested for a few hours before getting ready to take a C-130 flight up to Kabul.

We arrived late that same evening and prepared to stay the night. However, while on the flight, I met Col. Kim, who had previously served with the 335th Signal Command and happened to be stationed at Camp Phoenix as well.

We rode with his drive team back to Camp Phoenix and arrived around midnight. It was a strange feeling, but the feeling was that it was good to be home.

We spent the next few days at Camp Phoenix getting settled in and doing laundry. I’m staying at a place called “Legoland” where the stacked shipping containers converted to temporary lodging look like a lot of large Legos snapped together. I get half of a container or “half can.”

The last time I flew into Mazar-e-Sharif, it was November 2006, and it was getting cold. This time, it was December and it was already cold. Sfc. Hall, one of my team members stationed at Marmal, a German-run base in Mazar-e-Sharif, met us at the air terminal and took us to our tents where we would spend the night.

That evening, we had dinner at a German restaurant called the Oasis where we had German schnitzel. It felt strange to be eating German schnitzel in Afghanistan; then again, nothing is normal here in Afghanistan, especially during a war.

Back to our home base at Camp Phoenix, it felt good to dawn a fresh set of uniforms. On Christmas Day, my colleagues arrived on a Blackhawk helicopter on our base. Although Dec. 25 is a work day just like any other day in Afghanistan, we did take some time out of the day to enjoy and celebrate a little.

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Browning paints vision of rose-colored future

By MANIKA CASTERLINE Editor-in-Chief

In her Spring State of the College address on Jan. 20, President Gari Browning said, “The trend is upward from now on. As we work through a double dip recession behind us...” She said, “The downturn was much more dramatic and long lasting than the others, but the pattern is the same.”

Dawn Dan, who will be named chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Buildings 1 and 8 to be removed from the campus. There will be a new science center and construction of a replacement for Building 1 will be underway.

Browning said that the college will be restructuring administrative positions in order to shift workloads by streamlining.

Some personnel will take on extra responsibilities in addition to their daily tasks and not be compensated extra for doing so.

This will maintain the quality of services that need to be provided to the Ohlone students and faculty, she said.

The first set of these changes will be implemented on Feb. 15 and the changes to academic divisions will occur on July 1.

The college plans to hire two deans to replace Mike Stacey and Ron Quinna, who have retired in the past year. Ohlone will hire a dean of language and communication as well as a dean of science, engineering and math.

Ohlone is still looking to hire a new executive director for the foundation and a vice president of administrative services to replace Mike Calveri, who retired last year.

“Stating a vision for the future is exciting, but it can be a risky business because external forces can always thwart our efforts,” she said.

“But not having a vision is even riskier because without one we could become mired in the difficulties of the moment,” she said.

Browning’s vision of Ohlone at the time of its golden anniversary in 2017 is shaped by the rose-colored perception of what can be achieved through innovation and resourcefulness.

“Despite the continuing onslaught to our funding and our mission, Ohlone has sustained its optimism and its values. This college is special.”

Task force recommendations move to state Legislature

By MANIKA CASTERLINE Editor-in-Chief

Despite statewide objections regarding specific recommendations made by the California Community College Success Task Force or STF, the California Community College Student Senate representatives of the Governors unanimously voted in favor of sending all 22 recommendations to the state Legislature on Jan 9.

The board vote was disrupted by several students from City College of San Francisco and the Occupy movement “mike check” invoked and outcries that they will be back to continue the fight.

At least 60 comment cards were submitted to the board for public comment on the task force recommendations and discussion grew contentious during the four-hour-long meeting.

The majority of speakers spoke of their own personal success stories and said that the way the STF defines success would exclude students from within the system instead of broadening opportunities for greater success.

Ohlone student Kevin Febriscoe, who serves as president of the California Community College Student Senate and as the student representative to the STF, told the board that while the recommendations do not address everything that student success, they are the beginning of a larger discussion.

The most vocal opposition regarding the STF came from City College of San Francisco faculty and students. Board of Governors President Henry A.J. Ramos said that speakers would be allowed two minutes each so as to hear as many public comments as possible.

However, Himelstein warned the audience multiple times that the level of clapping was brought up by critics of the STF and went on to assert that “there wasn’t a presentation that was derogatory or demeaning of the task force,” as a reference to the STF being partially funded by the Lumina Foundation.

Board of Governors members Henry A.J. Ramos and Juretic Storm both addressed the passionate response of those who came out to Sacramento to “mike check” at the Capitol.

“With this vision for the future, coupled with the support from the citizens of our district and an institutional spirit of community and collaboration, Ohlone will emerge from this current economic downturn stronger than ever,” Browning said.

Women’s basketball in top form

By THOMAS PHY Staff writer

The Ohlone Women’s basketball team is off to a solid start on their road to a 2011-2012 state title. The Renegades currently sit atop the CCC-South Division with a 15-5 overall record, including a 4-0 record within their division.

Head Coach Julia Allender is confident going into her third season with the Renegades, a result of a strong belief in her team as well as the competition.

“The way the state is this year, we have a decent opportunity to engage in the process of opposing the STF,” Allender said.

“...to players like starting guard Chereese Thomas, who was completely dominating in the [Coast-North Division]. I think we’ve got a little bit smarter and tougher than a majority of the teams.”

That toughness is a credit to players such as starting guard Cherese Thomas, who has verbally committed to San Jose State.

“She’s the heart and soul of what we do and how we play... Haven’t met a tougher, more competitive kid,” said Allender.

The Renegades are ranked fifth in the most recent CCC-WBCA State Poll, a result of the work the team has put in throughout the season.

“Our work ethic reflects the rankings and where we’re at... We need to continue to get better and expect everyone’s best when we play them,” said Allender.

The Renegades’ solid start is just that, a start on their quest for a state title, the ultimate goal for Allender’s team.

“Anyone without the state championship goal in mind is just coaching to lose in a sense. We’d love to get there.”

The Renegades have eight games remaining until the CCCAA Regionals begin on Feb. 22.

Garrett Yee reports

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Some of us helped out and served meals to our fellow military members at the dining facility and later in afternoon, we raised flags over our new building.

In preparation for holidays, Alma Chiesa’s third grade class sent letters to soldiers that were used to decorate our building. Between Christmas and the New Year, we remained mostly at Camp Photon. But the Captains trip around the Greater Kabul Metropolitan Area.

Over the past week, we have been incredibly busy with activity all around the Southwest area, more than I had imagined. Some day, I may be able to talk about it. Thank goodness for the technology of secure video teleconferencing, I am able to remain plugged into key actions in Iraqi and Kuwait.

At the same time, it seems like this that we all miss our families the most. For me, it’s my wife Maria, and our children Gilbert, Michael, ALESSA.

It’s my parents Gilbert and Michel, my sister Grace and her family, my brother Ben dan and his family and my extended family on my side and Maria’s side.

While we huddle together as a family overseas, it does not replace the love and affecti on those closest to who miss my family but I am glad that I do have my comrades in arms to share the holidays.

As we close out 2011, we all look forward to 2012 when we will be returning home. Happy New Year!