

The Associated Student Informant



Student Leaders at Work

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Have you ever wondered who is running our student government? What is the Associated Student Council (ASC), what do they do for me as a student, and why are they important? Well I sat down with Ray Porras, Associated Student Body President, and he took a brief moment to explain who makes up the Associated Student Council (ASC) and how it functions. He explained, "The ASC council is comprised of six elected officers, President, Vice President, Secretary, Director of Finance, Director of Activities, Region IV rep, and Student Trustee." Porras also mentioned that there are other officer

positions required to enhance the ASC like Commissioner of Publicity, Commissioner of Evening Affairs, and Chief-in-Editor. Apparently, many of these ASB officers "also sit on and have input to many of the college committees" such as the hiring committee which helped to find our current School President, Barbara Kavalier.

He goes on to describe that the ASC also consists of several student clubs on campus such as M.E.Ch.A., Muslim Student Association (MSA), Media club, and several others. With the exception of the President, all of these officers and club representatives vote on issues and action items like funding activities that are said to be in the best interest of the students.

"Our number one objective is to support students on a campus-wide level with the purpose of voicing their opinions, concerns, and activities to administration and faculty" says Porras.

In fact, it was the voice and the actions of the ASC that kept Intersession alive prior to the 2011 Spring semester. Porras credits to his colleagues saying that "the reason the ASC works so well is because I have a great team of officers who inspire me every day with their hard work and dedication, and the support of our advisor, faculty and staff."

So why is it important for students to become more involved ASC activities? Well, that's simple; it's because you the students are paying for it. To clarify, Porras states that,

"we are funded by the \$5 'Student Activity Fee' assessed to every student each semester." Porras goes on to explain how this budget is then reinvested for the students to provide student resources and activities such as book grants, scholarships, welcome week activities, and March in March.

Porras closed our interview with expressing his desire for students to attend ASC meetings every Wednesday at 2:00 P.M. room SC204 and voice their thoughts and comments during the public comments portion of the meeting.

"We definitely want students who attend San Jose City College to fully experience campus life."

One Day Without Shoes

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On April, 5th the Associated Student Council helped by endorsing the Muslim Student Association (MSA) in bringing an international event to the SJCC Campus for the first time in school history.

Started by an online shoe retailer, TOMS sponsored an event called "One Day Without Shoes" all over the world, and thanks to the MSA, SJCC students got to participate.

The MSA club president, Maimona Afzal, says that "One Day Without Shoes is taking a small act, inciting curiosity, and raising awareness to the daily struggle millions face every day. It also reminds us how simple things, like shoes, can be so impactful in changing lives. For a child halfway across the world, a pair of shoes might be what determines whether that child goes to school or contracts incapacitating diseases. It is inspiring us, as students and the future, to realize that our actions make a difference no matter how trivial they may seem." With the help of the ASC officers and club members, the MSA was highly successful in collecting over \$500 and over 20 pairs of shoes. Good Job MSA!!



MSA club members feet

Changes are coming to Financial Aid

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In April, the Board of Trustees approved a new process for the distribution of the SJCC's financial aid. Instead of issuing funds by check, the board approved *HigherOne* to issue funds by debit card. SJCC's Financial Aid Director, Takeo Kubo, says "this new debit card system will give the student immediate access to their funds rather than waiting for the deposited paper checks to clear the bank." So update your addresses on *MyWeb*. YEAH!! This is a win-win for us all!!

Red Tape Unraveling for Cyber-Café Upgrades

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The Associated Student Council has approved funds to buy new computers and furniture for the Cyber-Café in the Student Center. There will be new couches, tables and chairs, and approximately 7 new computers for the benefit of the students that hang-out there. There is still "red tape" tangled up with in committees, policies and procedures, but we as students should see the upgrades by the start of the 2011 Fall semester.

Meet the ASC Officers

President Raymond Porras		Vice-President Jeff Berta		Secretary Hanh Vu		Director of Finance Jeremiah Horn		Region IV Rep. Kelli Melocik	
Director of Activities Mike Casas		Co-Editors-in-Chief Larry Harris & Patrick Loera	 	Commissioner of Elections Chuck Stevens		Commissioner of Publicity Daniel Ho		Director of Student Life AS Advisor Jennifer Niel	

Chili & Ribs for Hands Across California

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On April 9th, the Associated Student Council helped in endorsing the "Rock N' Roll Chili & Rib Cook Off." With over 400 tickets sold and roughly 530 people who attended throughout the day, this event was masterminded by Chuck Stevens, Commissioner of Elections and Recommendations, and Mike Casas, Director of Activities, to benefit Hands Across California. According to www.handsacrosscalifornia.org, "this one day event created a human line stretching down the state— calling attention to the nation's largest system of higher education, illustrating the

impact of community colleges, and creating a permanent scholarship fund for students for generations to come."

Although there were not many contestants for the cook off, the event still managed to raise a substantial amount of money that will eventually be put back into community colleges like SJCC through the California Community Colleges Scholarship Endowment.

Students and community members, including workers from UPS, all joined hands on April 17th to form the line stretching the length of California.



Chuck Stevens, Luis Marquez, Ryan Keenan, Tucky Howard, Mike Casas

Calendar of Coming Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4/25	4/26	4/27 2:00PM – 4:00PM Associated Student Council Meeting Room SC-204	4/28	4/29 All Day Track-Coast Conference	4/30 Super Saturday - Orientation from High School to College

5/2 ASC Officer Pole Elections	5/3 ASC Officer Pole Elections	5/4 2:00PM – 4:00PM Associated Student Council Meeting Room SC-204	5/5	5/6 8:30AM – 11AM Soccer Club Practice on the football field	5/7
5/9 Registration begins for new and returning students	5/10	5/11 2:00PM – 4:00PM Associated Student Council Meeting Room SC-204	5/12	5/13 8:30AM – 11AM Soccer Club Practice on the football field	5/14
5/16	5/17	5/18 2:00PM – 4:00PM Associated Student Council Meeting Room SC-204	5/19	5/20 8:30AM – 11AM Soccer Club Practice on the football field	5/21