Students Publish ‘East Bay Politica’ Journal

“East Bay Politica,” (EBP) the second annual political science student journal, containing essays on topics as diverse as changes to the California State University system and the Iranian threat, has been released. The Journal will be on sale for $5 per issue.

Created by the editorial team of Andrea Lynn Arnold, of San Leandro; Amanda Rose Knockaert, Concord; Carolynne Komata, Newark; all political science majors, and Lisa Alonso, an English major from San Carlos, and Cairin Roberson, a biology major from Stockton, the journal includes eight articles.

"It's hard to imagine a more hard-working and dedicated board of editors. I was on leave from teaching most of this academic year, and so the students had to take on a lot more responsibility than last year. Several times, it seemed like the issue would have to be canceled, but they were always ready to work harder to make sure that didn't happen," said Melissa Michelson, political science associate professor and project advisor.

"The articles in this year's issue are really inspiring in terms of what students at Cal State East Bay can accomplish with their writing. The authors and editors worked for months to transform what were already pretty good pieces written for class assignments into really excellent articles ready for mass consumption. It's really an impressive collection," she said.

Articles included are from Arnold, Andrew Buhrmann, Millbrae; Jennifer Calbonero, Union City; Bilal Ahmed Homran, San Francisco; Komata; Ahmad R. Salim, Milpitas; Danielle Throop, Walnut Creek; and Sam Tokhi, Hayward.

Roberson observed, “EBP is important to CSUEB because it gives students an opportunity not only to publish their work, but to document their college years. I think the journal can serve as a link between students and politicians, which is valuable in these changing times.”

Alonso added, “I consider it to be an honor to have such a unique experience as the one I have found in editing for the journal. As an English major, I have found that expressing political stance and concern is highly efficient given the power of language.”

“We are very proud of East Bay Politica and I encourage anyone interested to get involved,” said Arnold.