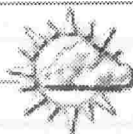




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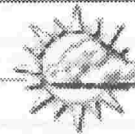
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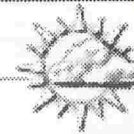
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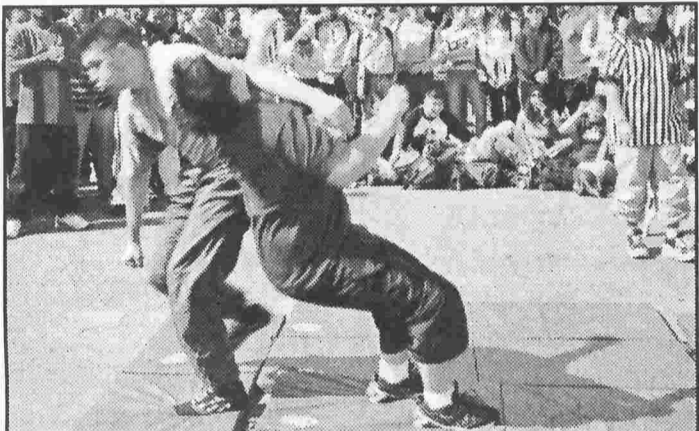
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### Transfer Day!

■ Representatives from 50 colleges and universities will be available to answer questions about transfer from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Main Quad area. Drop by and come prepared with questions. For more information, drop by M-3 or contact the Transfer Center at 408-864-8841.

The "Mission Madman" levels "Tony De Anza" during the Wrestling Appreciation Club demonstration on Thurs., Oct. 12 during Club Day. See the photo essay on the back page for more Club Day coverage.



Jason Gwynne / Special to La Voz

### CLUBS

## Phi Theta cleans up

by Jasmin Bodmer  
STAFF WRITER

Yuk Fai Lo, Wendy Thorman, Connie Jolly and Pamela Ryan, members of De Anza's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, went up to Dunes Beach at Half Moon Bay on Sep. 16 to take part in the California Coastal Commission's 16th Annual Coastal Cleanup.

The statewide event counts on thou-

sands of organizational and individual volunteers to help clean various California beaches, lakes, rivers, creeks and highways.

The beach-cleaners came across quite a collection of garbage, including everything from small cigarette butts, pieces of styrofoam, clothing, food containers, 50 foot rope, to construction materials, and

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## More money for California community colleges

by Annette Shussett  
STAFF WRITER

California community colleges will receive a budget increase of \$600 million for the 2000-2001 fiscal year, bringing the community college budget to over \$6 billion. According to Mike Brandy, vice president of Finance and College Services at De Anza College, this represents an increase in state funding of almost \$200 per student.

The state Assembly approved the new California State budget on June 15, 2000. Each year the state uses a formula combining enrollment numbers and the cost of living increase, which they have ordinarily awarded to the community college fund. However, Brandy said that this

year the assembly voted an increase in the budget of 4.17 percent, which is 1 percent more than the rate of increase in the cost of living, according to the consumer price index.

Other funding increases came from the Partnership For Excellence program, which is a program that was originated by the state Chancellor's Office to increase desired community college outcomes such as larger numbers of students transferring to four year colleges, improved access to education for the physically challenged and other performance based goals. The Partnership For Excellence program expanded its contribution to \$155 million this year.

In addition to these sources of money, the state awards

community colleges a Block Grant between \$500,000 and \$1 million. This one time allotment comes out of the state budget surplus and is earmarked for instructional equipment.

The De Anza/Foothill Community College District will receive approximately \$4 million combined from all of these allotments. The College Council, an elected body consisting of students, faculty and other college staff, will meet in December to decide exactly how to allocate the new funds.

According to the Aug. 30 issue of The Advocate, President of the state Board of Governors Rosemary Thakar said, "This funding will...move our funding per student closer to the national average."

### FOOTBALL

## Dons plan for conference

by Daniel Mart  
STAFF WRITER

The Dons' 0-4 start leaves room for improvement. Head Coach Mike Mitchell feels that the team will improve when conference games start on Oct. 27. Mitchell and his team have worked hard to correct their early season problems.

"We're treating this like an exhibition football season," said Mitchell. "We're developing. Getting better ... we have to build on the positive things and become a good program, which I feel we're going to do."

Mitchell emphasized that, during the past bye week, the three major areas of offense, defense and special teams have worked hard to patch up mistakes that occurred during the last game. The kicking game and secondary have been closely examined.

More than a few players have been instrumental in helping to put points on

the board for De Anza.

The Dons have played much better in the first half than the second half for much of the season. Offensive guard Cary Nagel, punter Jim Keil and quarterback Joey Stover are some of the players that have stepped up to lead the team.

Stover has done an exceptional job according to Mitchell.

First year offensive guard Cary Nagel has proven himself to be one of De Anza's top lineman.

When asked about the previous bye week and how well they thought their team would do in the long run this year, Stover and Nagel both said that they have to play smarter.

They also said that they have a good confidence level and plan to focus more on the second half of the season.

Punter Jim Keil, is third rated in the state. Averaging 42 yards per kick, the

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## Upcoming Sports

### Football

Saturday, Oct. 21. vs. Sierra at Sierra, 1:00 p.m.

### Men's Soccer

Wednesday, Oct. 18. vs. Evergreen at De Anza, 4:00 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20. vs. Cabrillo at Cabrillo, 4:00 p.m.

### Women's Soccer

Tuesday, Oct. 17. vs. Ohlone at De Anza, 1:00 p.m.

Thursday Oct. 19. vs. Chabot at Chabot, 4:00 p.m.

Saturday Oct. 21. vs. Canada at Canada, 2:00 p.m.

### Women's Volleyball

Wednesday Oct. 18. vs. West Valley at De Anza, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 20. vs. San Francisco at De Anza, 6:30 p.m.

### Water Polo

Friday Oct. 20. vs. Ohlone at Ohlone, 3:30 p.m.

\*bold denotes home games



“ A diverse student population is an essential component of a quality educational environment.  
- Carl Gutierrez-Jones,  
UCSB English Department

Opinion Section

# La voz de La Voz

## New diversity plan for University of California based on merit, not based on affirmative action

There is very little culture of achievement in low-income neighborhoods, especially a culture of academic achievement.

A new proposal by the University of California guarantees the state's top 12.5 percent of high school students admission so long as they spend their first two years at a California community college.

Some see this as an attempt to revive affirmative action.

While, yes, this proposal could result in a student body that is more representative of the state's diverse population, a laudable goal in itself, it remains a merit based proposal not a racially based one.

This is a plan for diversifying the student body through leveling the playing field, not through preferential treatment on the basis of race.

According to Carl Gutierrez-Jones from the Department of English at the University of California, Santa Barbara, "A diverse student population is an essential component of a quality educa-

tional environment."

Since 1998 when voters banned affirmative action, UC has guaranteed admission to the top four percent of high school students.

The four percent plan has been widely touted as solving, or at least addressing, the lack of diversity at UC Berkeley and other schools in the UC system.

The four percent proposal increases the number of UC eligible

African Americans and Latino students by less than one percent. It increases the overall pool of students eligible to attend UC by only 1.33 percent.

This cannot be considered a serious attempt to achieve diversity in the UC system.

The American Civil Liberties Union criticized the UC for failing to come up with a viable solution to the diversity problem in a March 1, 1998 letter to the editor of the San Francisco Chronicle.

"Within the University of California,

a 1988 Regental policy mandates that we enroll a student population that encompasses the cultural diversity of the state of California," said Gutierrez Jones.

"That policy has served the University and the state well, and we remain firmly committed to the principles it embodies."

The new 12.5 percent proposal is a worthwhile attempt at upholding these principles.

It would also change the way graduates are ranked by putting less emphasis on standardized verbal and math exams and more weight on SAT II scores, which tests students' knowledge in the three subjects of their choice according to CNN.com news service.

Those high school students who have the patience, the heart and the determination to be in the top of their graduating class could help bolster a culture of achievement in lower income classrooms.

They would be a worthy addition to the UC system and should be encouraged, through programs like this, to attend.

### Editorial The opinion of La Voz

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## Opposing viewpoints

# UC proposal sparks debate among diversity proponents

### Writer questions how much good it will do



**Sandeep Bains**  
STAFF WRITER

The University of California's proposal to guarantee a spot for students who graduate in the top 12.5 percent in their high school class is supposed to diversify UC campuses by tripling the number of minority students eligible to attend. The number of black, Latino, and Native American students would increase to about 36 percent of all students who are eligible. It is also supposed to help out students who are poor and/or from rural areas.

That's absolutely terrific, but who's to say it'll work? For the last five years now, the number of community college students transferring to a UC campus has been going down, from about 10,900 to 10,100, according to the California Post-secondary Education Commission.

So how exactly will this proposal reverse the trend? Are these students promised admission to a university, but left without programs to help them transfer successfully?

There's also the question of whether this proposal is another form of affirmative action, which was overturned several years ago. The UC President Richard Atkinson doesn't think so. He says that the plan is in accordance with Proposition 209 since it is "not designed to admit by race."

So the fact that most of the students benefiting from this plan are minorities is just a coincidence? I'm all for racial diversity in schools, but I don't think trying to find a loophole to the ban on affirmative action is the way to do it.

Instead, they should focus on getting more of these students eligible to attend right out of high school. Community college is a great starting point, but it's not the only way to do it.

Otherwise, the UC proposal could overcrowd California's community colleges, and I'll probably end up losing my favorite space in the parking garage. I smell conspiracy.

### Program will help promote diversity at UC



**George Chikonavi**  
STAFF WRITER

The University of California's proposed program to offer guaranteed admission to the top 12.5 percent of students at each state public high school is a smart idea and a great way to get disadvantaged students, especially minorities, into the higher education system. Ever since Proposition 209 abolished affirmative action in 1995, the enrollment of black, Latino, and Native American students dropped dramatically, to a level where they are considered grossly under-represented by the UC system itself. The problem with the current system is that those three groups make up only 12 percent of eligible students. This program would increase that number to 36 percent.

What makes it different from the greatly flawed affirmative action programs, that we got rid of, is that it offers a better chance to all disadvantaged students regardless of race. It

gives bright kids at low-achieving high schools an opportunity to a great education if they strive to achieve. The main difference, however, is that it requires students to attend community colleges and then transfer into the UC system.

This eliminates two of the biggest problems with the old affirmative action.

It no longer takes away freshman spots from higher-achieving students at better high schools. It also gives the program participants a chance to adjust to the college environment.

Statistics prove that the community college system provides great preparation for the final two years of university; De Anza Transfers have a consistently higher GPA in their junior year at schools such as San Jose State University than its own freshman admits. Going to community college for two years will give disadvantaged students the intensive college preparation that their under-funded high schools so often fail to provide. These students will become well-prepared for a UC education.

## Instructor criticizes feminist viewpoint

Dear Sirs;

The recent editorial in *La Voz* about voting for more women candidates is just one more example of bad political discourse.

The basic premise of the editorial was that we should vote for candidates just because they are women. The premise itself is utterly sexist, suggesting that we should discriminate in our voting habits based solely on gender.

Now, the details backing up the basic premise also lacked a factual or reasoned component. I will illustrate just a few. First, Ms. Krauth claims that women are "the most under-represented 'minority' group in the United States." Where in either law or in reason is there a condition that says every group is entitled to specific numerical representation in the political arena? Women have achieved the numbers that they have because they have either run in insufficient numbers to change the overall percentages, or they have been unsuccessful in convincing the voters that they are the best candidates. Isn't that how the system is supposed to work?

Ms. Krauth claims that "common wisdom" tells us that "persistent cultural sexism" causes the "under-representation." The problem with "common wisdom" is

that it is often neither common nor wise. She provides no evidence to support such a claim, and opinions are just beliefs unless they are backed up by facts.

Anecdotes prove nothing, and often distort the true statistical information. If you are going to make a claim about a widespread practice, in this case national, then provide evidence on a national basis to support the claim. This had none.

Ms. Krauth also claims that "because women are not equally represented in policy making positions, our concerns are not adequately addressed in the political process." This claim is lacking in three major areas. First, such a claim assumes a homogeneity amongst women, that somehow all women think alike. What nonsense. Women, like men, have beliefs among their membership that span the gamut of political ideas. People like Hillary Clinton and Margaret Thatcher are both women, but they couldn't be farther apart on the political spectrum. To claim that electing a woman will guarantee a particular viewpoint is simply not rational.

Second, her claim has inherent in it the belief that men have no capability of representing what a woman wants or believes. This belief is again ultimately sexist, assuming that there is nothing in

the common experience of human beings that allows people that aren't exactly like you to understand intellectually what you would want or need.

The last issue that I want to address was the claim of gender discrimination in pay that was made in the article. While women outnumber men in graduate schools, women tend to major in lower paying "humanities" fields rather than in higher paying disciplines such as engineering, science, and technology. This is by choice, not because of discrimination.

In mathematics for example, men outnumber women 8 to 1 in graduate degrees. Therefore, since jobs that require mathematics are higher paying than other types of jobs, when aggregated, men are much more likely to earn more than women.

A 1993 U.S. Census Bureau study shows that women who work at full time jobs and have never married earn \$1005 for every \$1000 earned by their male counterparts. Another study published in the *Journal of Labor Economics* in 1995 showed that after controlling for demographic and job characteristics, women ages 18-29 in 1993 earned about 93 percent of their male counterparts. One study shows slightly more, another shows slightly less.

Surveys show that women's choices are far more influential on earnings differentials than Ms. Krauth's perceived discrimination. Surveys of women with MBAs find that 10 years after receiving their degree, 20 percent don't work at all, most having opted out of the workplace in favor of family life. Now Ms. Krauth may not like the choice that those women made. This is their choice, and is not necessarily a bad thing.

While Ms. Krauth is mobilizing the Women's Awareness and Allies club, one hopes she also joins the Fact and Reason Awareness club. Ms. Krauth suggests that we adopt a sexist approach to voting, "furthering women in politics over men, because they are more likely to see the big picture and not be sidetracked by control and dominance." Again, no evidence was given to support such a sexist allegation. It is sad to see political ideology supplant rational discourse.

One of the goals of the educational process is to teach our students to reason, to think critically about issues and ideas across a range of disciplines. One can argue that nowhere is this skill more needed than in political debate, and nowhere is it used less

-Scott Petterson, Math instructor



## Phi Theta Kappa members take part in coastal cleanup excursion

### CLEANUP

From front page  
 even a huge log that was still smoldering in an alcove near a pond.

Every year, cleanup volunteers are asked to keep a record of all the types of items collected. The data will be entered into the Center for Marine Conservation's international database to identify the source of the debris, such as foreign-source plastic shipping straps. Why would anyone voluntarily dig in all the dirt? According to Pamela Ryan, a Phi

Theta Kappa member, community service is one of the credos of Phi Theta Kappa and done on an annual, monthly and sometimes weekly basis.

"I have learned so much about being concerned about the life and environment around me. I hope others will see that we care and want our outings to the beaches to be free of litter," said Connie Jolly, another member of Phi Theta Kappa. "You see that you can really make a difference. The beaches were actually clearer than the year before!"



Courtesy of Pamela Ryan

From Left: Yuk Fai Lo, Wendy Thorman, Connie Jolly, Pamela Ryan

## Gente Del Quinto Sol club information

by **Tabitha Paturi**  
 STAFF WRITER

In spirit of September's Latino Heritage Month, *La Voz* is featuring the club profile of De Anza's Gente Del Quinto Sol.

*Advisors:* Lilian Zamora, Gerry Parker  
*Club Leaders:* Vito Varghas, David Granados, Alejandra Moreno

*Mission Statement:* To promote students' cultural awareness; aggressively address issues pertaining to social, artistic, economic, educational conditions of Chicano and American Indian people; and to provide a forum where an individual can voice his or her opinion or concerns and be regarded with utmost respect.

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### Club Goals:

- Supporting and mentoring each other
- Reaching out to the Community and helping those in need.
- Cultural activities throughout the school year.

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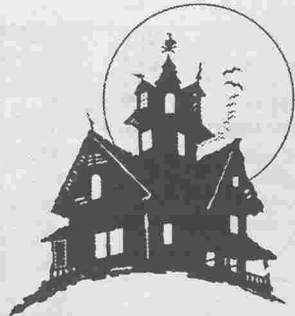
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# Director missed the mark with 'Dancer in the Dark'

by Sandeep Bains  
STAFF WRITER

Well, at least the theater was nice ... that's gotta count for something, I guess. The movie itself, on the other hand, makes you want to do things to the

spare time, Selma goes to see musicals at a local movie theater because "nothing dreadful ever happens in them."

Apparently the writers have never seen "Grease 2", which I still have nightmares about to this day.

Her landlord Bill, a policeman,



Photo Courtesy of Fine Line Features

Bjork and Cara Seymour in "Dancer in the Dark"

is going broke and contemplating suicide ... but wait, it gets more depressing. Bill steals money that Selma was saving so her son Gene could have an operation and not go blind.

Selma confronts Bill about

her cash and the movie starts on such a slow, dull, painful, nauseating downward spiral that leaving the theater was an experience comparable to reaching the bathroom door after a long family trip ... to Calcutta.

One of my main problems with this film is that looking at it made me seasick. The picture kept moving up and down and shaking so much that I prayed the cameraman's day job doesn't involve handling surgical equipment.

The musical sequences were pretty good, but thanks to the pointless dialogue most of the movie seemed like a bunch of talking between Bjork's music videos. I spent most of the time trying to figure out if there was a point to this mess of a movie, but after two and a half hours I concluded there was not.

But as I said before, the theater was nice. I'd never been to the Camera One theater on South First Street before I was put through what seemed like eons and eons of torture in the form of "Dancer in the Dark."

The theater itself is a great place to watch movies ... other than the one being reviewed in this article. I thought the screen looked a little small, but that was probably just in my head.

Another cool thing about the Camera One was the music. Usually when you go to a movie and the previews haven't started yet, you're put through N'Sync and 98 Degree hell. This place was playing The Doors' "20th Century Fox" and "Light My Fire."

You can get four dollars off tickets on Camera's "Metro Movie Tuesdays" if you clip the coupons found in the free weekly magazine Metro, so check out the theater ... but watch something more interesting than "Dancer in the Dark."

"The Complete, Unabridged History of Gingivitis" comes to mind.

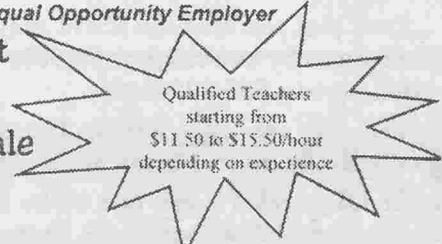


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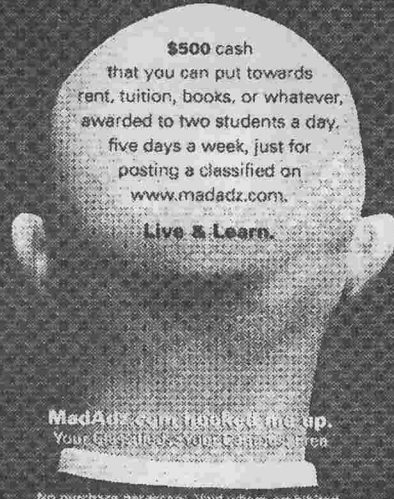
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# Athletics distributes funding

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The most recent athletic department budget reports that the De Anza football program receives more than 12 times as much of the district's money as its golf program. The De Anza athletics budget reveals exactly how its money, including some received from the student government's budget, is allocated.

Athletics programs receive money from both the De Anza Student Body and the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. The DASB provides money for athlete lodging, meals and entry fees into tournaments, an equal amount for each program.

The district assigns a specific sum of money to De Anza for spending on ath-

letics.

This money is then divided among the 10 men's and nine women's programs based on their needs in nine categories: supplies, gasoline and oil, membership dues, officials, assistant coaches, van rentals, equipment repair and maintenance, coaches' conference and travel needs, and team transportation.

Inequalities between the money allotted to the programs football and golf, for example is due to disparity in the cost of supplies and equipment maintenance. Football helmets, for example, cost \$150 each, according to Athletic Director Al Vacio.

The athletic department will tackle many projects in the future which are aimed at benefiting De Anza athletes. In 2002, a renovation of the athletic fields, a product of the Measure E bonds

funds, will result in separate fields for soccer and softball, which currently overlap.

The tennis courts expect to be relocated from their current location facing McClellan Road to the area between parking lot C and the baseball diamond.

In 2003, a complete renovation of the locker facilities is planned. Vacio hopes to also add a tenth women's sport within the next few years, possibly a women's water polo program.

A Title IX report, a government-mandated self-evaluation of the equality between men's and women's sports programs and facilities is currently being prepared by a committee of De Anza staff members.

The report is expected to be completed by the end of the quarter, when it will be available to the public.



Infographic by Chris Pommier/ La Voz

# Men's soccer: soaring high

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The De Anza Dons men's soccer team is on a roll after last Tuesday's 1-0 home win over division rival Foothill.

Freshman Tomi Mateoc scored the only goal, assisted by sophomore Jared Ramsey, who made a long run through midfield to create the scoring chance.

"Jared did all the work; all I had to do was slot it home," said Mateoc, crediting his teammate.

After the first hour of the game, things opened up as De Anza had several breakaway chances to extend their lead.

The failure to convert on scoring

opportunities almost cost them, when a late Foothill free kick forced goalie Garret Lenox to make a game-saving play.

Lenox says he was fooled by the spin and twist of the ball, but managed to reverse direction and deflect the ball from harm's way.

After earlier wins over Chabot and a 2-0 win at rival West Valley, the Dons are 10-1-3, with eight games left in the schedule, playoff hopes abound.

Assistant coach Tom Vician was happy to be sitting at the top of the division with a 6-0 record.

With three of the next games at home, the Dons have the perennial advantage ending out the season leading the conference.

## Mitchell says team will improve

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first year student has contributed more than his fair share during each game.

Why is DeAnza 0 and 4?

"Mistakes, penalties, interceptions and turnovers are not going to win the game.

"We have to learn how to finish our teams off in the second half," said Mitchell.

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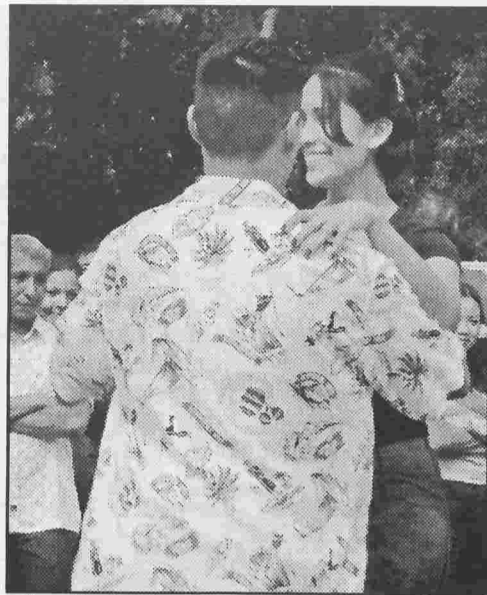
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# De Anza Fall 2000 Club Day



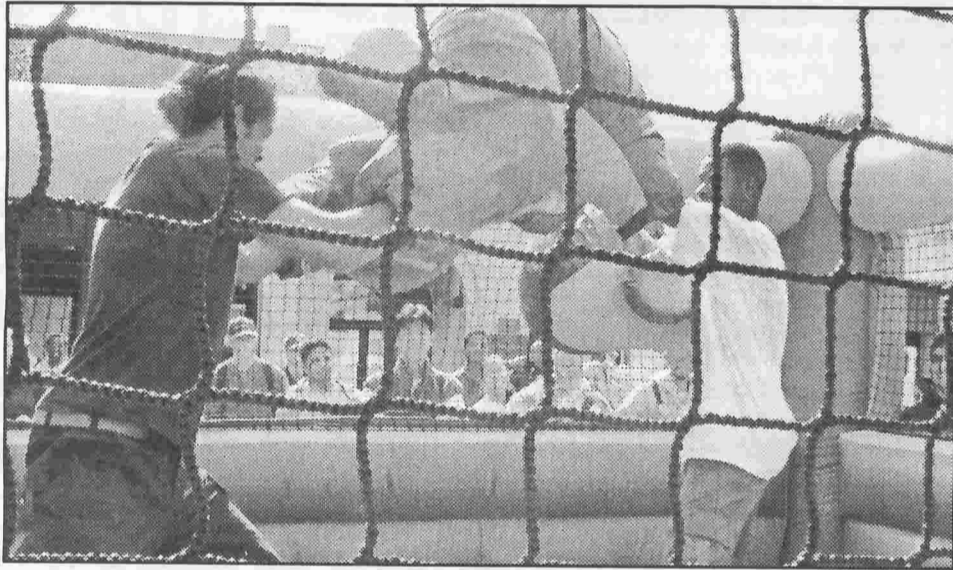
A DJ entertains the crowd between club performances.



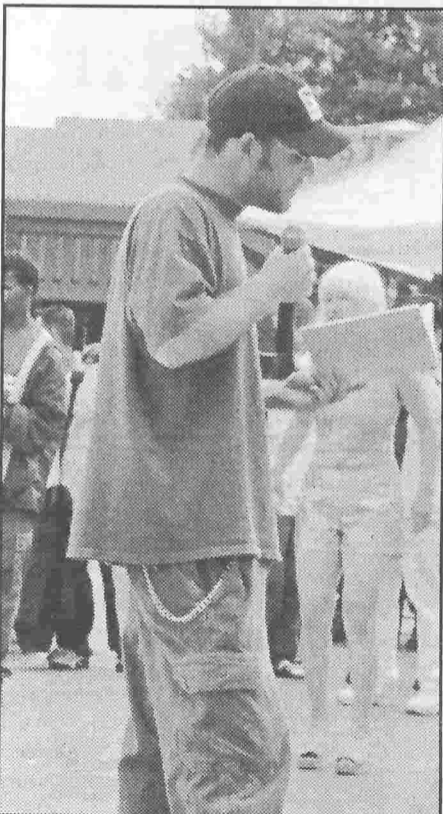
Claudia Andrade shows off her salsa skills to the crowd with a friend.



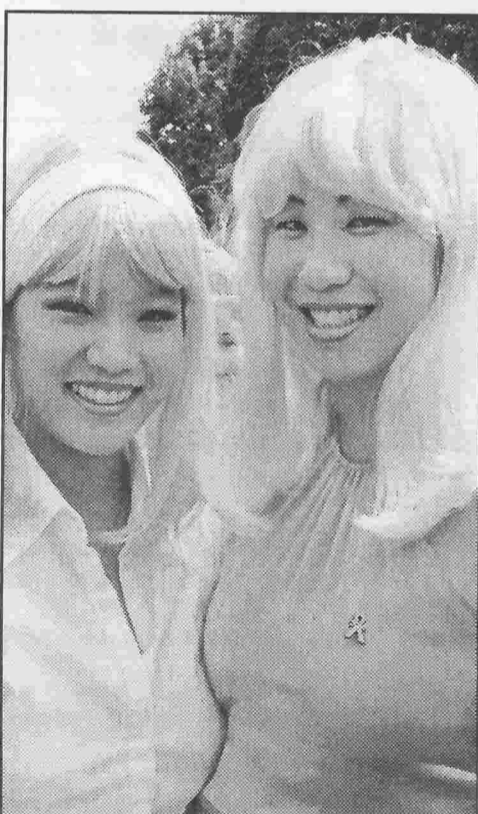
A group of Vietnamese Student Association members entertain the crowd with a dance.



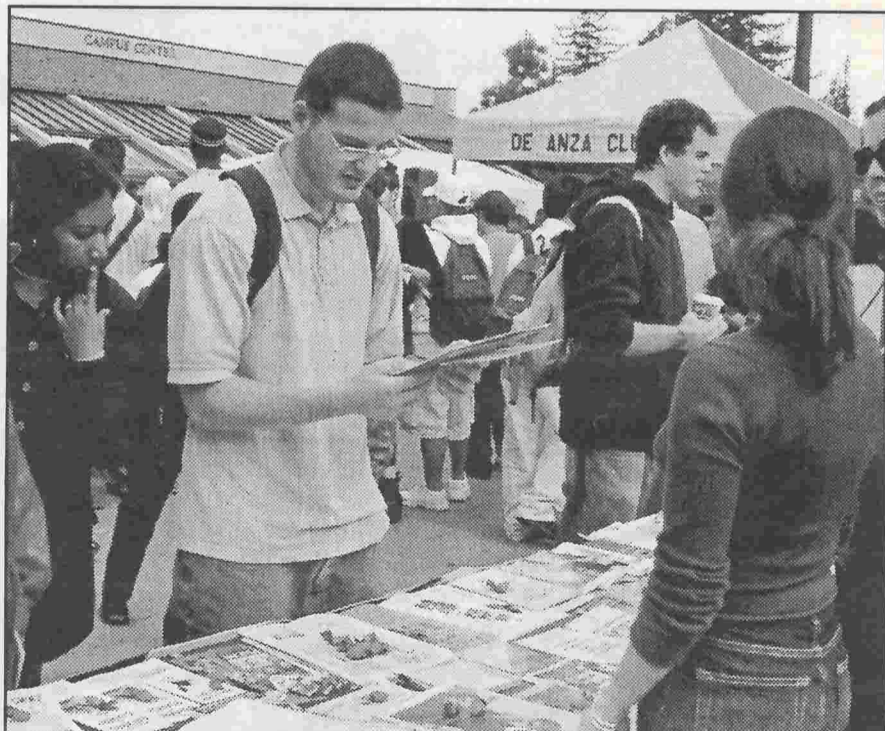
ICC Chairperson James Harris-Williams battles a friend inside the Astro jump.



A Bottomfish club member reads a passage of the literary magazine to the audience.



Betty Duong and Shirley Yeh, members of APASL, wander club day dressed in raver gear.



A student looks through information at the Students for Justice table.