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Change in drop policy affects cheaters

By Ekaterina N. Kashlinskaya
Staff Writer

Early in the 1997-98 academic school year, the De Anza administration noticed that students accused of cheating in a class could drop the class without being punished.

The De Anza Faculty Senate created a committee to offer a policy solution to this problem. The committee members, who established the new policy adopted on June 15, 1998, were Robert Griffin, Judy Miner, Paul Setziol, and Carole Wilson.

The De Anza Faculty Senate student is engaged in academic dishonesty or misbehavior, "He/she will not be allowed to drop that class unless, the instructor in consultation with the Dean assigned administrative responsibility for the class determines that the drop is unrelated to the cheating incident and/or that the offense does not, by itself, warrant a grade of F or NP."

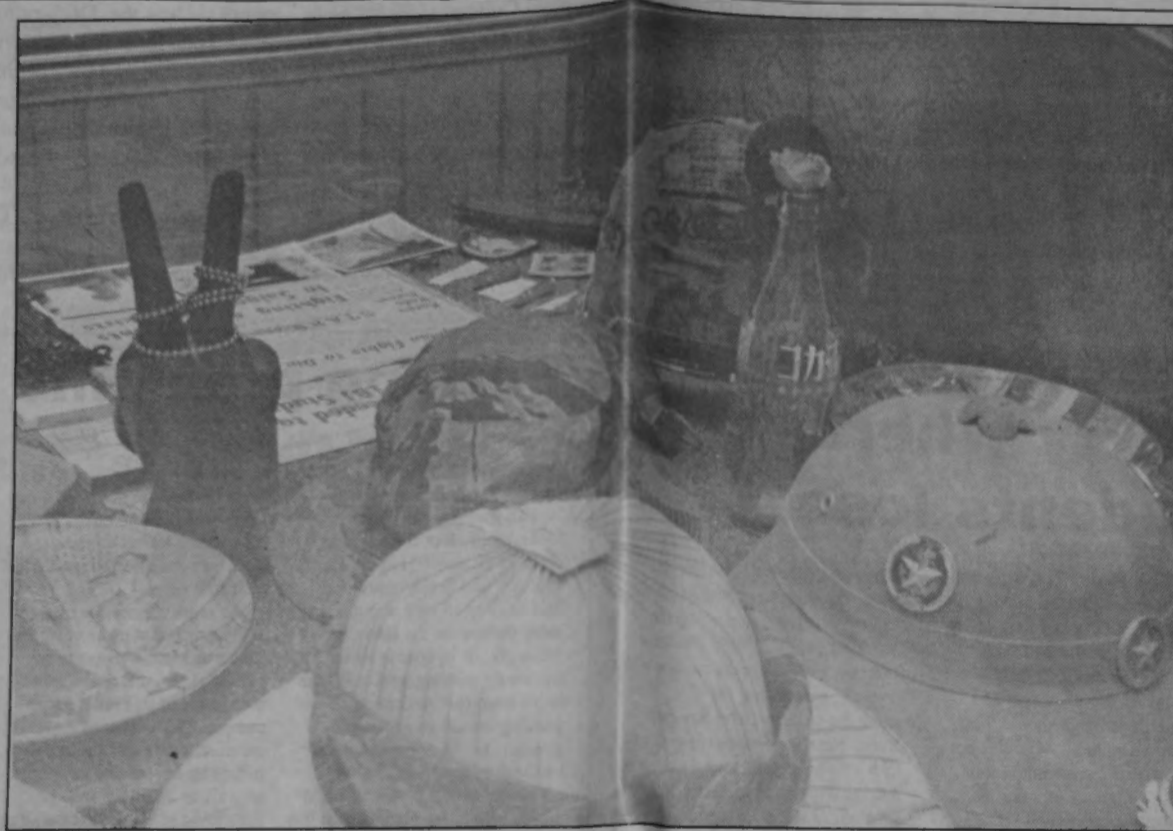
If you're wondering what kind of actions will be considered as cheating, here's a list of offenses which call for a minimum sanction of a grade of F or NP

Any tangible evidence of cheating on a test, or trying to get test questions or answers, plagiarism, or any tangible evidence of a second offense of cheating during the test after the first one was documented and discussed with the student are actions considered cheating and are reasons for giving a grade of F or no pass, according to the new policy.

Warnings will be given for first acts of plagiarism, cheating on a test where there is no evidence of premeditation, or suspicious behavior that captures the teachers attention, the new policy goes on to state.

Faculty memers observe and record all incidents of academic misbehavior. These incidents are reported by the teacher to the dean who is responsible for the class.

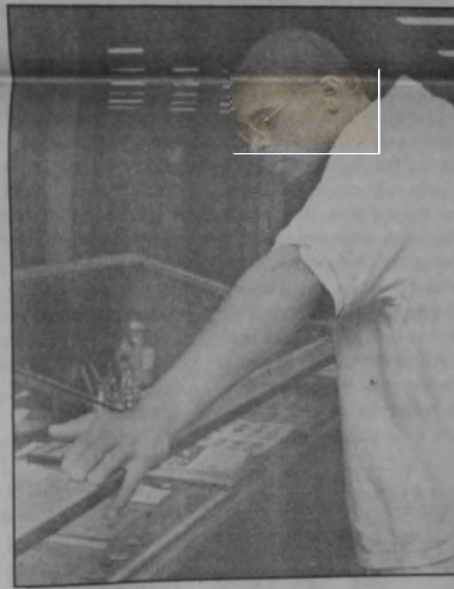
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War Memorial

A memorial to the Vietnam war, which is on display in the library, includes artifacts from the Vietnam war era as well as media that is a permanent part of the libraries collection of material. The collection includes videos, books, and paintings. Top: One of the displays which holds artifacts from the Vietnam War. Above: A drawing by Michael Kelley from 1978 that is being shown in the library. Right: JD Williams a first year transfer student studying business read about the Vietnam war and thought it would be interesting to look at.



Computer meltdown in ATC

Staff Reports

The Advanced Technology Center was evacuated on October 1, after a piece of equipment in the buildings computer network failed and started to smoke. Fire crews from Cupertino responded to the minor incident which occurred at 5:32pm.

"There was no fire," said one of the firefighters on the scene. "We

had to look through all the equipment to find out where the smoke was coming from. It was mainly a computer problem," said the firefighter. No one was treated for any injuries.

The incident caused an estimated \$1000 of heat damage to one of the network cards in the Cisco Systems Workgroup Stack 3200 Catalyst, a network switcher. The computer meltdown closed the computer labs

in the ATC for approximately two hours, as technicians repaired the network switcher. Classes that did not require use of the labs were able to return to lecture after approximately 40 minutes and after the rooms were aired out with fans by De Anza Campus Security. Equipment goes bad all the time. This time it started to smoke a little and caused some concern," said Ryan Anthony a network technician at De Anza.

"It was not due to improper installation. First of all, if the card were improperly installed, the card wouldn't work. Second of all, if the card didn't work the switcher wouldn't work. And Third of all, if the switcher didn't work, the network wouldn't work," said Hung Iran, a De Anza network technician.

The computer meltdown caused two classes to be cancelled.

DA ranked among top ten two-year colleges according to Rolling Stone

By Katasha Thompson
Staff Writer

Featured in the October issue of Rolling Stone magazine, De Anza is ranked as one of the ten best community colleges in the U.S.

The article, entitled, 'The Half Price Diploma', by freelance writer Liza Featherstone, praised De Anza's high transfer rate and reputable occupational programs.

"I commuted all the way from Morgan Hill my first year at De Anza because of De Anza's reputation as one of the best community colleges," states Michelle Grays, a student at De

Anza, who is planning to transfer to San Francisco State. "I made the right decision."

In addition to strong vocational programs, De Anza has guaranteed-transfer agreements with a number of four year universities, and was named the top transfer institution by the University of California at Los Angeles Center for the Study of Community Colleges.

De Anza's has a prime location in the Silicon Valley, which is home growing high tech companies such as Hewlett-Packard and Cisco Systems. Cupertino in particular, is home to Apple Computer which was founded by Cupertino high school students, Steve

Wozniak and Steve Jobs.

In conjunction with the numerous high technology firms that are in close vicinity to the college De Anza provides work force training for the educational and vocational success of its students. The programs target community-based industries, businesses and governments, and as stated in the article, contribute to De Anza's national success as a community institution.

Programs such as the Center for Applied Competitive Technologies and the Career Development and Employment program offers training for De Anza's vocationally

geared student. Utilizing its Silicon Valley location, De Anza supports paid internships at NASA/Ames Research Center to students who are interested in the high tech area of study.

"I always knew that De Anza had a good, solid local reputation, but I am extremely surprised to see us in a national magazine listed as one of the best. It makes me feel proud to be a part of this school," said Sara Jacks, a first quarter student who plans to receive her AA degree, then transfer to UC Berkeley, which is one of the universities that De Anza has a

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De Anza begins reaccreditation process

DE ANZA'S MASTER PLAN

FIRST SEGMENT IN A FIVE PART SERIES

By David Arney
Opinions Co-Editor

De Anza Community College has recently released a draft of "De Anza 2005: Planning for the New Millennium" which is being called the Masterplan.

The document seeks to create a road map of all the activities and planning that De Anza wishes to complete for the next accreditation cycle.

As introduction the document offers the argument that "No single action or document could possibly coordinate an plan all that [thousands of man hours] activity. Rather, the educational masterplan attempts to identify critical elements of our past success and critical challenges we expect to face in the next seven years."

In that regard the document seeks to present the school's progress since the last accreditation in terms of self defined quality indicators. Over the next six issues each will be discussed in detail.

The first quality indicator is attractiveness to students. This indicator is defined by five parts and supported by statistics. Participation rates of the Adult population in comparison to the attendance at De Anza are used as the first definition.

The county has seen an increase in Adult population since 1995 and De Anza has statistically kept up with the same amount of increase in their draw rate from the population. As the population increased, the percentage of that population that attended De Anza increased by the same amount. Thus De Anza is able to report that they have consistently pulled the same percentage of population throughout the past seven years.

A key part of that population is high school graduates who attend a community college after graduation. De Anza saw a drop in draw in 1991 while the amount of students graduating from high school increased.

In following years that percentage has increased even in the face of an 800-student drop from 1995 to 1997. On a whole De Anza has not recovered yet to the 19.7 percent draw of 1990. It has come within one percentage point however.

The Masterplan comments that "Between 1995 and 1996 Santa Clara County increased their draw

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The actions and events of the nation come home to all of us

We are allowing the media to conduct trials of public figures, and if left as such we will be leaving a legacy that will hurt our future generations. Recent weeks have had a tremendous negative effect on the justice system of America. These changes will have their effect on everyone, even college students, just becoming a part of the world.

We are allowing the media to encroach more and more upon the lives of our public figures. Even now into grand jury testimony, never before released before a trial in the history of this country. In

essence we have let the media get their foot in a door which we can never close again.

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As Americans we are all affected as a whole by actions taken against any one of us. Every national issue has its impact right down to the last person, and yet we stand by and watch in approval. The media will continue these tri-

als until we stop them, until the American public declares that enough is enough. Never has there been such an outrageous overstepping of bounds without a public outcry. America seems to be entirely apathetic to the entire situation. Yet it does effect ever last one of us.

Every single American voter needs to deal with the issues that are rising out of this scandal. We can not allow the rights of any one citizen, no matter the circumstance, to be undermined by the media's thirst for sensational headlines. This trend will not stop with high ranking officials,

instead it will shake the very foundation of the country, until no citizen is left unaffected. The harder the media pushes, the more our system will collapse.

Do not allow such unthinkable events to occur. Stop this frenzy and flurry before it becomes our defining characteristic. College students have already seen the effect of this new breed of media trial in the recent events at UC Berkeley. A college student, not convicted or charged of any crime is being subjected to moral censure and threats of violence. This could happen to any of us now that the news

media has begun to increase its ability to conduct these moral trials. A situation like this says much more about us as nation than can be seen now, while the implications are still in the future. It will say to others that we no longer believe in that freedom we so vehemently defended in documents such as the Declaration of Independence. Others will see this nation and the ensuing generations to be hypocrites, who claim justice for all while supporting societal punishment of innocent citizens.

As representatives of De Anza's News media, we too have suffered, and will suffer

from the recent actions that have so engulfed our nation. A free press should not have restraints of censorship, yet the fear that these actions have instilled in lesser governmental bodies has found its way into our own investigative reporting. In concurrence with these views, even we must look hard at how we handle those issues of privacy and public right. We believe that a balance can exist, and pledge to uphold the ideals of this nation, including the right to a free press.

Is De Anza becoming a two year university where working students lose?



David Arney

He Said

De Anza university is on a very precarious path toward becoming a two year university. In the recently released De Anza Masterplan there is a statistic which shows "college age" students to be the overwhelming majority. To define "two year university" I will use some general concepts for common ground. De Anza offers general education classes which can be transferred to universities. These classes take the place of the first two years at these universities. Therefore a "two year university" is a community college that is attended solely by students intent on transferring after two years instead of going the the university. "Why go to a four-year school when you can get your general education out of the way at De Anza?" This question is echoed on the lips of many parents of high school students confronted with the reality of university costs. De Anza is becoming, in the mind of many people, a replacement for the first two years of university education. De Anza is complying with this increased load of students seeking general education, while almost excluding the possibility of other student's needs. Take for example the amount of hour-long classes offered during the day, compared to those offered at night. Some variation should be expected, as most professors would prefer not to teach nights, however, almost every single class is condensed into two

or three nights a week. This drastically increased the amount of time needed to get the same education at night as you would by taking classes during the day.

If De Anza were to act as a community college should, being open to all students, would it not try to offer the same amount of classes to students of any time schedule? In every high school graduating class there are a number of students who have no financial support and must work eight hour days in order to go to college. These student should not suffer through more years than necessary just because there is a higher demand for a university environment during the day. De Anza is not entirely to blame, the universities also deserve a bit of censure as well. Increases in tuition caused the massive influx of students seeking a cheaper alternative to university caliber general education. As a community college, De Anza needs to reconsider the manner in which they handle students with very diverse schedules, so they may properly serve the community.



Jolynn Masuhr

She Said

De Anza College is a community college where students and faculty participate as a society for the same common interest, which in this setting is education. De Anza is not becoming a university nor should it be compared with one.

The age group of De Anza fluctuates. The flexible schedule of courses makes it appealing for working people. First, De Anza offers a wide range of classes in the evening and during the day. This is great for students who have active lives. Smaller classes make it easier for those students who are just getting back to school after a long stint out of the classroom. The class sizes at De Anza are generally small compared to a university and its campus is small enough where you won't be late for class if you're next one to class.

Another benefit for a community college is better availability to computer equipment, and film equipment. At the University level students often have to wait in line to use a computer or check out film equipment. One student recommends a community college because parking at Universities are terrible and classes are in an auditorium setting where the professor has to use a microphone so the students in the back of the lecture hall can hear. For this reason, De Anza is a better alternative to a university.

The second reason a Community College is appealing is because the classes and tuition are affordable without risking the quality of education. The teachers at De Anza have a lot of credentials and experience. Several teachers at De Anza also teach at the university level. In addition the teachers seem to genuinely care about the student's educational path. A student on a budget can easily afford an education at De Anza, and so can a large family. A community college is a smart choice economically. Its smaller class size makes it a great choice for students who aren't ready for the big campus university life, but yet don't want to suffer from obtaining a great education.

Parking problems

By Jolynn Masuhr
Opinions Co-Editor

The first day of school looked more like the opening night of an opera. However, students and faculty members had nothing to sing about. Cars were parked on the lawn, the sidewalk, or in spaces which are not really parking spaces. There were even cars parked in no parking zones. In another words, cars were parked in any space they could fit.

Because of the lack of parking, teachers were angry that the faculty parking lots were filled. Cursing was heard after students had patiently waited for a parking space only to have someone else take the spot. Students were seen waiting in their cars for parking spaces. The stress was seen on car owners faces as they realized 45 minutes had elapsed and they were still waiting. Most people probably

wished they lived closer to De Anza so they did not need a car. There was definite chaos in all the parking lots as student and teachers scrambled to get to their first class.

As more classes are offered at De Anza, that means more students. Maybe a shuttle service could be offered or more awareness of this problem on campus. De Anza staff should increase awareness though such means as advertising car pools, as well as issuing warnings informing students that parking may be difficult the first few weeks of school. So accordingly students can take precautions and ride their bike or walk to school. I believe the parking situation here at De Anza has gotten worse as more students flock to De Anza, therefore, the parking plan at De Anza needs to be revised, to handle the increased population.

Masterplan described through a counselor's perspective

By Elise Johnson
De Anza Counselor

This year De Anza is going through a self-study leading to re-accreditation. I was asked by La Voz to comment on De Anza's Educational Masterplan from a counseling perspective. While I can not speak for all counselors (we are a very diverse group). I will speak for myself.

First De Anza is one of the best community colleges in California. Without a doubt we will continue to be fully accredited. We provide so many wonderful opportunities for education for such a wide variety of individuals. Unlike other systems of higher education, we have probably the widest audience and the greatest array of opportunities. With that diversity comes a need for assistance in interpreting our programs and assisting students. That is where counseling comes in, and it is here that De Anza is lacking. The American Psychological Association recommends one counselor per 1,200 students; De Anza currently has 3,000 plus students per counselor. A quote from our last accreditation report in 1993 stated: "The steady decline, however in the number of full-time counselors has caused problems in the (counseling) operation."

This summer students were at times waiting one to two hours to have counseling questions answered. Many got tired of waiting and left. We currently employ

eight full time counselors and as many as 40 part-time counselors. The supervision, training, and scheduling of part-timers has become a full-time position in itself. Many of the full-time counselor's loads include teaching and various administrative responsibilities to special programs. According to AB 1725, departments should have 75percent full-time to 25percent part time ratio. Unfortunately the reverse is now true in counseling, making continuity of services a concern.

We do have some programs that focus on particular populations where the counselor/student ratios are much smaller. These programs have high retention rates. What seems to be evident is that personal time with a counselor in education planning and counseling helps students to attain their goals. I wish we could provide this service to all students.

For now, a note of advice to students: Please consider seeing a counselor by appointment after the second week of school and before that last two weeks at the end of each quarter. These are our least busy times. Remember, appointments are made a week in advance and you can request you choice of counselor. Stop by and see the counseling receptionist or call 864-5400.

Next week counselor Don Nickel will discuss strategies in writing the UC personal essay and answer questions relating to both the UC and CSU application.

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Regresando: A return from paradise

I have just returned from a summer abroad through the Environmental Studies Costa Rica Internship Program, and have some thoughts on Global Issues to share. Too often we get distracted by the media, and issues that really aren't important as long term ideals for the human race such as the Clinton scandal. Often the important issues get hidden by profit-seeking corporations, or people scared of looking at the truth of their dealings. One of the best ways to combat the problem of pretending not to care, because if you're human, on some level you care, is to experience first hand exactly what is going on. Sometimes that means travel, or simply opening your eyes to what is going on in the world around us.



Sarah Doty

Mental Floss

Tropical Exploitations

This summer while working on my internship in Costa Rica, I witnessed many events that were deeply upsetting. Each day many trucks drove by, the rented room in which I stayed. Some carrying enormous tropical trees, and others carrying bananas from the Dole and Chiquita corporations. One man showed me the shipping reports of pesticides, including DDT, claiming that he sold them to the local plantations. I also saw first hand human exploitation. There were many people who worked for low wages, harder and longer than was physically good for them. During my visit the company policy changed so that all workers have to now pay for lunch, which was formally provided by the company. The reasoning behind his was that it was not businesslike to give out things for free.

Continued Inhumanity

I followed up that trip with a tour of the southwest where I happened

to notice the large number of Native Americans who were given reserve land that contains neither water, nor trees, or food sources. It is the most uninhabitable land in the United States. In California, there is a ballot measure concerning restrictions on gambling on the Native American reserves. I thought the whole concept behind a "reservation" was that it would be a small amount of land the native americans could use as they saw fit, because we stole the rest of the land by force. If any of you have seen the reservation lands just south of here, then you know by looking, that there is almost no way imaginable to make a living off of that land. It also did not surprise me that the legislation was fully backed by the Las Vegas casinos who feel that the billions of dollars they rake in is somehow not enough. The native peoples, whose world has been destroyed, at the very least deserve to exploit us for barely enough funding to survive. We owe them that much.

I begin to question the nature of our human race.

Other Life On Earth

The next leg of our journey took us to Cabela's, an outdoor adventure store the size of Costco with a focus on hunting, and displayed carcasses. They prided themselves on having one of each endangered mammal, bird, or fish from around the world stuffed and hanging on the wall. The family of grizzlies and their cubs were a special attraction, as was the elephant, and the white buffalo. I no longer wonder why there are so many animals in peril of extinction. I also visited a rare bird shop where the woman claimed to have bred the blue and red macaws herself. Even if she had truly bred them, the question still remains; were they not, in terms of ancestors, linked to the endangered populations of Central and South America? Do the birds that are normally social, travel in flocks, and mate for life, and fly long distances to feed their young, have just as

wonderful a life living in a cage, alone, like a piece of art?

Enough Already

How much is enough? How much do we need to have for it to be enough? How many cars, houses, and stuff do we actually need in order to have a happy life, and when are we going to realize that there are things that money can not buy. At this point, I begin to question the nature of our human race. I begin to feel lost, powerless, and horribly saddened by the things I have seen. I begin to feel like there is no hope for us, or the world as a whole. Then I remembered De Anza. I remembered all of the good people here that are working so hard to make their dreams a reality. You may not even be aware of the amazing and exciting things that are taking place behind the scenes in the buildings that you pass every day. There are students working to transform the senate into a efficient and productive organization that will bring you services that even the major universities don't provide. There are people who are working to bring students to the front lines of the environmental and social movements, so that the students can have first-hand knowledge of the world. There are valuable opportunities that you couldn't get anywhere else for only \$8 a unit. As well there are people working to create a community that is truly educational, and motivating. If this is not the De Anza that you have experienced, try getting involved with some of the social or environmental movements on campus. There are a number of clubs, classes, and organizations that are working to make the world and the campus a better place for humankind. You will find this work to be rewarding beyond what you could ever imagine. Think of it this way: there are people that are making money off of society's apathy every day -- you're too valuable to be taken advantage of!

Here is a list of some ways to get involved with global issues while at De Anza: G.R.O.W. the environmental club. Contact Lena Demarco (510) 515-2073 (voice mail); Students for Justice. Contact Rich Wood (408) 864-8805; Amnesty International. Contact Scott Heffner (408) 864-8805; There are a number of different diversity of Clubs as well.

Starr and congress make improper judgement impeachable offense

Recent weeks have seen many climactic moments. Staunch Democrat's support for Clinton has wavered in recent weeks in light of up coming elections, and most Democrats deserve the title of "Fair Weather Friends" at best. Sitting atop the mess, amidst the whirlwind flurries of accusation and defense sites our president. Americans have a split judgement on President Clinton's work. While voters despise the fact that the President lied to them, they give him an exceptionally high Job Approval Rating. In all this seemingly overwhelming and inexplicable chaos, there are still real issues that should be gripping the nation but are not. The Starr Report and Congress's recent actions have demeaned the efforts of two hundred and twenty two years of criminal justice.



David Arney

Overly Opinionated

departed from the style of the Watergate Report. Jawarsky delivered a report of which detailed the location of that evidence which could be considered impeachable offenses. His report did not make a case for impeachment. In addition to this road map, it contained a short section listed the pros and cons of each impeachable offense. The Starr report in contrast resorts to small side bar comments interposed in the text of President Clinton's highlighted testimony, which attacks the President in an almost childish manner. Nothing at all like what should be expected from a former Judge and practicing attorney. Had this report been introduced in court, the Judge would have had a choice between

simply rolling on the ground in hysteria, or having the bailiff throw Starr out of court and watching him bounce as he hit the pavement. This might be a little harsh, but it is merely for metaphoric comedy.

The report is nothing more than a one sided debate over highly questionable evidence, and nothing close to impeachable offenses. In the section on cover stories, the Special Prosecutor fabricates a charge that hiding the true nature of the visits by Lewinsky is in fact a conspiracy to obstruct justice. Also note that President Clinton never stated what Ms. Lewinsky should testify, but rather she "knew what he meant" by his silence. Does the American public want to impeach the President because makes inferences instead of real facts? Back that drumhead up; Mr. Starr go back to being a Judge, and leave the Job of the Special Prosecutor to someone who can tell the difference between legal guilt and improper behavior.

Members of the U.S. House of Representatives also aided in the hype and hysteria surrounding the Starr Report. They have been a driving force in release of these base-

less charges. Beneath the spin on their reasons for the release is a simple cop out from dealing with hard issues. The House then can state that they followed the public's wishes, and never have to make a decision based on the facts. Again us, the Watergate report by the Independent Counsel, the recent events are a complete reversal of all legal principals. To this day the

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actual report by Watergate's special prosecutor has not been released to the public in its entirety. Drastically different to that two days after it took before it was released by this Congress. It is not illegal to take these actions, as Congress makes the laws, but it is contrary to the long held views of due process. While this report could not com-

pletely ruin the Presidents chances for a impartial trial in the Senate, the release of his grand jury testimony almost certainly guarantees that his jury of senators will have already formed their opinions after having watched this testimony. America was built on ideals of law and justice for all, and due process of those laws. These recent actions go against those ideals, and does so to the extent of condoning the media trial of an accused person. By allowing the media to exploit every piece of evidence, The House reverts our legal ideals to those, which caused us to rebel against England in the first place. To top of this already overflowing cup of criticism comes the final blow to our for fathers. Not only did the Starr Report end up in print across the nation and on the Internet, but the grand jury testimony has been produced on video cassette and is now on sale for you at your local video store. If you missed getting the Starr report in your local papers, you can still get your hands on the book just recently published.

With no other words to explain this situation, it is just appalling. Every action that has been taken

over the last few weeks has led us farther and farther away from the real issues at hand. Clinton committed acts against his marriage, and then morally misled the country in the insuing investigation. He did not however, commit impeachable offenses and did not commit perjury in any legal way. Starr has taken fact and replaced it with inference, formulating a report of nothing more than questionable acts by the President during his affair with Lewinsky. The House has taken these inferences and broadcast them to the nation, before any formal articles of impeachment have been voted on. The hype was fed by the public's outrage with Clinton's actions. No where in the process has a voice of sanity been heard. The American public seems to be asleep or completely apathetic. Wake Up and stop the drumhead searches through Clinton's past and move on with the real issues of state. Most of all we should on to become a nation that does not care about sensational news, and does not allow our government to commit such grievous actions against the systems we hold dear.

La Voz explains recent political events

Paying Back College Loans May Be Easier

From The New York Times, 9/30/98, by John H. Cushman

A bill that just recently passed the Senate looks to have good news for De Anza students looking to transfer to a four-year university. The bill was backed unanimously except for four abstentions in the senate. This bill will lower the interest rates from just under 8.25 percent to 7.2 percent as well as increase the total amount a student can receive under the Pell Grant from \$3,000 to a little over \$4,000. For De Anza students who will transfer, these benefits allow them to go to a college that is now just outside their budget. Congress however, aware that increased federal aid can lead to increased cost of college, also made avail-

able to students and parents the reason behind college tuition hikes. Over all the next few years, transfer students will reap the benefits of this bill.

California Joining Early-Bird States For Campaign 2000

From The New York Times, 9/29/80, by Todd S. Purdum

A trend of moving up primaries to early March has been witnessed over the past few years, and California was left in the lurch, even with the 1996 jump to May from June. Governor Wilson fixed the problem for the conceivable future when he signed a bill moving the California Primary to the Second week of March, creating another Super Tuesday. Along with California, New York and four

to five more states will hold their primaries on this date. Critics are opposed to the move since it limits the amount of time that candidates, especially Dark Horses, have to campaign across the country. Some critics agree that many candidates will

selection. However, Wilson signed a bill putting the issue before the public on the next ballot. The initiative will alter the primary requirements to have presidential candidates selected again by party members only.

Wave Of Laws Aimed At People With HIV

From The New York Times, 9/25/98, by Lynda Richardson

Recent laws around the country are moving towards an encroachment of the lives of AIDS patients. According to the Times "at least 29 states now make it a crime to transmit or expose others knowingly to HIV" Some laws are giving rights to the HIV status to people who help others when they are exposed to their blood, such as in the case of care accidents. In New York

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focus on a specific area, and then have to win the vote during the convention. Overall Wilson claims that this is good for California The Primary in California also faced another problem when they passed the open primary last year, because it violated both parties' rules for presidential

Message from The Editor

La Voz is excited to introduce this new section of the paper which will explain recent political events to our readers. We will be taking the research and publication of other papers and authors as a background for our explanations. The Names of the paper, and author are listed before each summary. The summary will quote and or attribute certain facts to the paper when they are used directly as a source for that fact. Any opinion given is the opinion of La Voz and is no way connected with the original author or paper. The Headlines used for the articles are copied exactly so that readers can read the original articles if they want. All facts presented are to be attributed to the original paper and author, but the opinions are that of La Voz.

Dons' football winless in four



Chris Anderson / La Voz

Despite a rough start, De Anza's defense was still a strong point for the Dons during their game against Yuba College. De Anza players, Number 27 and Scott Leisler tackle their Yuba College opponent during the Dons' 15-12 loss at home on Sept. 26. The loss put the team at 0-3.

By Bryan Fields
Staff Writer

The De Anza football teams success this season will have to consist of two words; defense and running game.

Well maybe that's three words, but nevertheless, where the offense lacks in a passing and kicking game, the defense and running game will have to make it up.

The De Anza football season is just under way, but already the assessment seems to be that, this season will be more of a defensive showing and less of an offensive showing by the Dons.

Saturday's 15-12 loss versus Yuba College on September 26th was a game of good defense and minimal offense.

Second year coach Ian Mackenzie said of the game, "offensively we didn't move the ball as much as we should, defensively we did a great job".

The Dons offense committed some costly penalties in the game, which led to some less than comfortable situations.

Coach Mackenzie stated, "Offensively, we had penalties, and it moved us back, which put us in first and long situations."

Several times in the second half of the game, the Dons had penalties that put them in long situations, which prevented them from scoring.

If any of you have gone out to the games this season, you might have noticed that there isn't much of an air attack by the offense. Don't expect to see an airshow by the Dons this season either.

When asked about the passing game, the coach said, "we don't have one, and I don't see it changing too much."

The offense has thrown only about two dozen passes this season and have already committed about seven turnovers.

Due to the lack of passing, the focus will be on the running game. Jerome Holloway of the Dons

said, "we need to run the ball down their (opponents) throats, to open up the passing game".

There hadn't been much of a run attack up to the point of the Yuba College game, however, the running game improved from prior weeks, when the Dons were able to run the ball consistently versus Yuba.

With several starting offensive linemen getting hit by the flu bug in the past week, the running game may struggle for a couple weeks, which puts more pressure on the defense to keep playing well.

This shouldn't be a problem, since the defense has been doing a good job up to this point. With the running game slowly improving and when the front line gets healthy, the offense will emphasize more on the running game to move the ball up and down the field.

You won't hear the coaching staff say the words, "let's kick it", too many times this season.

The kicking game is struggling right now due to injuries. The Dons starting kicker, who was state player of the week a couple weeks ago, broke his foot in practice.

More bad luck struck the Dons when their backup kicker also got hurt during the September 26th game. The coaching staff has brought in some people to try out for the kicking position, however, when faced with fourth down situations, expect to see the Don's go for it on occasion when the ball is placed outside the twenty or twenty five yard line.

There are many positive things that the football team can focus on this season, such as the slow improvement of the running game, the defense is playing well and the team is playing with more intensity week in and week out.

Even though the team hasn't started off how they would like to, (0-3), (0-1) in conference, and yeah the ball won't get much air time this season, the team can work on the positive aspects of their game to make this a successful season.

New head baseball coach replaces O'brien

Scott Hertler is the new coach of the optimistic DeAnza baseball team. This is a coach who is ready to take his team all the way and who is working with a team that is anxious to go.



"We kept a lot of players on after the coaching change. We have a good nucleus to start with," Hertler said. He believes this stick-with-it attitude is a sign of loyalty and dedication to the team.

Although it's great to be working with experienced and motivated players, Hertler said the team is "not nearly where we want to be." Improvement will occur through hard work and commitment.

As far as depth in position players is concerned, the Dons are "too deep" if anything. With five good catchers and a "solid" infield and outfield, only pitching remains to be worried about. Hertler said, "The pitching is a little thin...and we don't have a big bullpen, but we have a quality staff."

Speaking of quality, this years team has three players representing DeAnza as Nor Cal All-Stars. Brandon Hill (second base), Brent Del Chiaro (catcher), and Jesse Mena (pitcher) are returning in the spring after receiving this honor.

Coach Hertler is expecting these three All-Stars to be essential to the success of the team. "Right now those three are the standouts," Hertler said. As far as new players taking on any leadership roles, Hertler is unsure about their abilities, it being only the second week of practice.

The main focus for the team right now, as it will be all year long, is to strive for the play-offs. This shouldn't be too tough for any of the sophomores who will finally be able to

participate in post season play.

After sitting out for three seasons because of expulsion, they are eager to get a taste of a championship run.

"For the last few years the team knew when the season was going to end. This year they have the opportunity to finish first," Assistant Coach Brian Thomas.

With their coaches showing such optimism it will be difficult for the players to not think about the many possibilities for a successful year.

Assistant Coach Thomas also had good things to say about his new boss. "He's good. He has basically the same philosophies [as last years' coach] Mark O'Brian and he demands discipline and hard work [as O'Brian did]," said Thomas.

Although the opportunities for this team are endless, they still have to work on team unity. With twenty-eight prospects enrolled in the fall class, some "gelling" needs to occur. As both Hertler and Thomas said, these guys need to keep learning and getting a feel for each other to establish some team camaraderie.

Hopefully by the end of fall, the team will be prepared and stable. Coach Hertler is shooting for right after Christmas break to have the team roster set up. Once they get their philosophies straight and conditioning and skill work mastered, Coach Hertler and this years' Dons should be ready to play ball.

Look for the Dons spring schedule in January. The season starts in the first week of February.

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Sports Schedule

Football

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time
Oct 17	Sat	Mendocino	De Anza	1:00pm

Women's Soccer

Oct 6	Tues	Skyline	Skyline	2:00pm
Oct 9	Fri	Cabrillo	Cabrillo	4:00pm
Oct 13	Tues	Cañada	De Anza	2:00pm
Oct 16	Fri	West Valley	West Valley	4:00pm
Oct 20	Tues	Hartnell	Hartnell	4:00pm

Men's Soccer

Oct 6	Tues	Cañada	De Anza	4:00pm
Oct 9	Fri	Foothill	Foothill	4:00pm
Oct 13	Tues	Ohlone	De Anza	4:00pm
Oct 16	Fri	Cabrillo	De Anza	4:00pm
Oct 19	Mon	Chabot	De Anza	4:00pm
Oct 6	Tues	Hartnell	Hartnell	3:30pm

Water Polo

Oct 9	Fri	Foothill	De Anza	3:30pm
Oct 16	Fri	Marin	De Anza	3:30pm
Oct 7	Wed	CC of SF	CC of SF	7:00pm

Women's Volleyball

Oct 9	Fri	Chabot	Hayward	7:00pm
Oct 14	Wed	San Jose CC	De Anza	7:00pm
Oct 16	Fri	Cabrillo	De Anza	7:00pm
Oct 17/18	Sat/Sun	Santa Barbara Tourn	Santa Barbara	All Day
Oct 10	Sat	Crystal Springs Invt	Belmont	10:00am

Cross Country

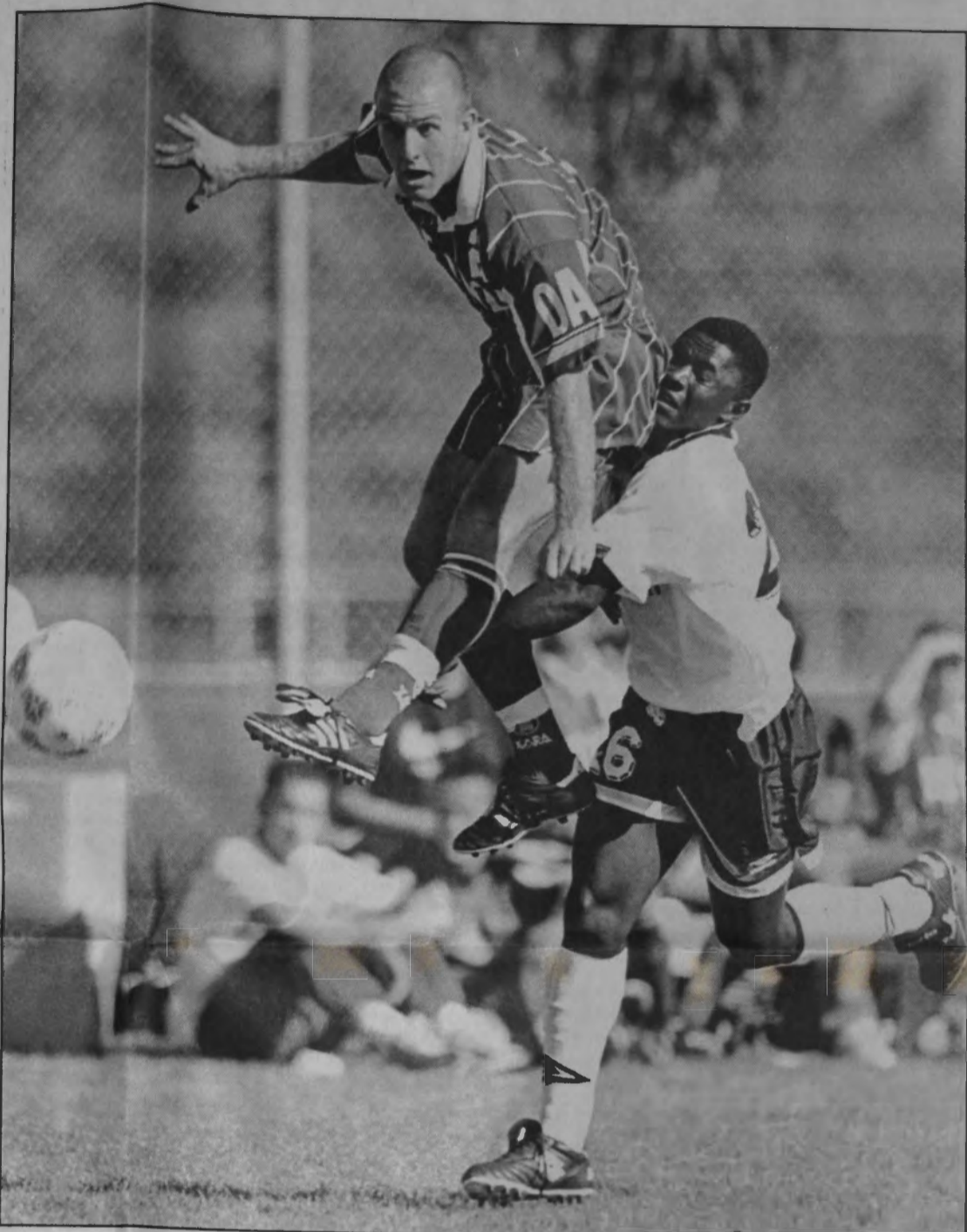
Oct 14	Wed	Hartnell/Cabrillo/CCSF	Mt. Madona	3:00pm
Oct 16	Fri	Mt Sac Invitational	Walnut	8:00am
Oct 17	Sat	Santa Barbara	SBCC	10:00am

De Anza men's and women's soccer review in photos

The past two weeks of soccer action as seen by the photographers at La Voz



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"A Night at the Roxbury", funny, but wait for video release

By Anthony Raymer
Staff Writer

Steve and Doug Butabi do their best to answer the burning question posed by Hadaway's hit dance single "What is Love?" in "A Night at the Roxbury," a new movie based on Will Ferrell and Chris Kattan's popular "Saturday Night Live" comedy sketch.

Anybody who's ever laughed at "SNL" veterans Ferrell (Steve) and Kattan's (Doug) parody of two underdeveloped, over-sexed, leisure suit-wearing cornballs will enjoy moments in this expanded version, directed by John Fortenberry (Jury Duty), and produced by Lorne Michaels ("Wayne's World") and Amy Heckerling ("Clueless"). However, the film's scarcity of surprises make this eighty-four minute movie feel seventy minutes too long.

The Butabi brothers are a pair of over-eager, club-hoppers who have but one goal in life: to become movers and shakers in Los Angeles' ultra-trendy nightclub scene.

If Doug and Steve had been born Siamese twins joined at one buttock, they could not have been closer companions. They synchronize everything from their Rico Suave attire, to their awful pick up lines, to their unique thrusting style of team dancing. They sleep as brothers in the same room at night and awake every morning to each other's smiling face. Although they are both virgins, they share an unhealthy, codependent love for each other that is far greater than that of most married couples.

They don't need money; their father, played by Dan Hedaya ("Alien Resurrection," "The Extreme Adventures of Super



Dave"), is the owner of a prosperous plastic flowers shop in Beverly Hills. All Doug and Steve need to do to become successful is to SCORE! with the right people.

To this end, they make it their mission to gain entrance to the prestigious Roxbury club. Despite their nightly attempts to be admitted quickly into the club by claiming to be on the VIP list, the bouncer always sends them to the back of the line to wait their turn. By the time they get to the front of the line, the club has sadly stopped letting in people for the night. Doug and Steve are forced to dance at other, lesser clubs. This has been their pattern and would probably have continued to be, if they hadn't had the good fortune to have their van rear-ended by Richard Grieco. Mr. Suave (Grieco), wanting to avoid a possible lawsuit, agrees to get the Butabi brothers admittance to the Roxbury. Acting as a fair imitation fairy godmother, Grieco introduces the star-struck pair to the owner of the Roxbury.

With a combination of dim-witted charm straight out of "Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure," and their impressive grab-ass dancing with two bodacious babes, the

brothers persuade the club owner to set up a meeting to discuss their ideas for a new club. Before the night was over, those hottie chicks would turn these boys into men. Their night at the Roxbury had turned into best time of their lives. Unfortunately for the audience, the laughs and giggles in "Roxbury" don't last forever; the middle of the movie drags like a dog with two broken legs. Indeed, the brothers' souls are broken the next day when a heated dispute causes Steve to move out of their shared room and into the cabana across from the pool.

Without Steve's protective influence, Doug is quickly seduced by the evil girl next door ("SNL's" Molly Shannon) and is tricked into asking her to marry him. At this point in the movie, Doug is depressed about marrying somebody he secretly loathes, Steve is slowly going crackers in the cabana, and the audience is twisting one toe while thoughtfully eyeing the exits.

However, the movie's stylish ending almost makes the long wait through the middle worthwhile. All things considered, I would wait for this one to go to video.

Where to hang

Local hot spots

By Kelly Matlock
Staff Writer

Well, it's that time of year again. As we prepare for another quarter, we are faced with the task of adapting to new classes, schedules and professors. Our time is undoubtedly on a limited supply, and as we attempt to juggle our classes and personal lives, many of us feel overwhelmed. In addition, a majority of us must also deal with the pressures of work and family lives, and we may feel that our social lives are all but extinct. When we do manage to have a night free, we contemplate where to go, what to do and who to go with.

That's where this column comes in handy. Contrary to belief, there are several cool places to spend our time (and our money) in fairly close proximity to school. Since I'm a giving person (and who could refuse an assignment that required you to go out and have fun) I've taken the time to review a few local nightspots, and give you the low-down on cost, hours, crowds, music and food. These spots range from places you can dance all night to a relaxing lounge for unwinding after a week of school. Hopefully there's something in here for everyone, and keep in mind this is in no way a complete listing of all the local hotspots.

The Palace Restaurant and Nightclub

146 South Murphy

(408) 739-179

During the week, The Palace is a restaurant, with seating on two levels. The interior is beautifully decorated with plush carpeting and elegant lighting, but the menu is fairly affordable, ranging from

about \$8.95 to \$16.00. Although I haven't eaten at the restaurant, I have heard excellent reviews.

Friday and Saturday nights, however, is when the Palace comes alive. From 10 p.m. to 2 a.m., it transforms into a great nightclub. The music is mostly disco, 70's and 80's, with some more recent dance tracks mixed in here and there. You will definitely not be able to sit still for long; soon the music will lure you out onto the spacious two-story wood dance floor.

When you're thirsty, the four convenient bars will be available to serve great cocktails, beer, wine and non-alcoholic treats for the drivers. There is a dress code, and they enforce it rigidly. No jeans or athletic wear, baseball caps or tee-shirts with printed logos. There is a \$9.00 cover charge, but it's well worth it. The restaurant is open Tuesday through Sunday from 6 to 10, and the nightclub is on Friday and Saturday nights only. 21 and up only.

Cheers Bar and Grill

685 East El Camino

(408) 749-1288

Cheers offers a variety of music for a couple of different crowds. Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays are sponsored by 95.3 KRTY (yes it's country) with live broadcasting, contests, drawings and excellent drink specials. Need I say more than \$1.00 drinks nights? On country nights, the admission is 18 and up, and is \$5.00. If you like country music, you'll appreciate the DJ and the line dances, and there are lessons every country night at 7pm. Casual attire is appropriate, but be aware that many people will be wearing cow-

boy hats, boots, and wranglers. You will not, however, stand out if you choose to dress un-country. On Wednesday and Sunday nights, KOME 98.5 is the sponsor, with similar drink specials; however you must be 21 and up on these nights. You must also be 21 on Saturday nights, when the DJ plays a mixture of dance and country music. There is a grill that's open from 6-11 p.m., and Monday night football hosts a free buffet from 6-10.

Fireside Lounge (inside Peppermill Restaurant)

10690 N. DeAnza

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This is definitely a place to go when you're ready to relax and unwind. Unlike the other two places, this is strictly a lounge with no dancing or DJ. The lounge is open every night until 2 am, and serves appetizers until 11 p.m.. Happy hour is Monday-Thursday from 4-7, with drink specials and discounted appetizers.

The plush interior and luxurious seats make this a great place to chill out and actually talk to the people you're with, instead of the usual bar scream. There is a warm and cozy fire in the middle of the room, which is great to keep warm when the temperature drops outside. 21 and up only. Well, there you have it. These are just a few of the local spots, and in future issues I will attempt to review a broad variety of clubs, bars, nightspots and similar. If you have any suggestions, or somewhere special you would like to see featured, you can e-mail me at Kiolaol.com. Please remember to drink responsibly. Please have a designated driver, or call (408) 293-1234 for yellow cab service.

New CD for Lauryn Hill, a new look at R&B

By Cynthia Van Zile
Lifestyle Editor

The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill. (Ruffhouse/Columbia House Records)

Lauryn Hill, the third of hip-hop trio "The Fugees", is being called the "Aretha Franklin" of the new millennium. Her first solo album "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill", skyrocketed her star status onto the billboard charts in less than a month.

The album sold 422,624 copies in its first week, and was number 1 for three weeks straight. This week the album dropped to number 2 due to Marilyn Manson's Mechanical Animals. The album combines old-school soul, reggae, hip-hop, gospel, and doo-wop, and redefines R&B for the new millennium. The album is 77 minutes long and includes two bonus tracks at the end.

Songs on the album include: "Doo Wop," "Everything is Everything," and "Every Ghetto, Every City." The recurrent theme is self-discovery. Lauryn Hill makes rap appealing to both rap listeners and non-rap listeners. I asked a co-worker what she thought of the album and she said, "The CD is great," and my brother says Lauryn Hill is "All the live at five, film at eleven fine." I too recommend the album to anyone who enjoys great lyrics and a great voice.

Hip-hop vs. mainstream rap

Commercial emcees protect ya' necks

By Christopher Hill
Staff Writer

Hip-hop is an art form, musically and poetically weaving crafted, high-minded verse with voluptuously hypnotic rhythms and entrancing melodies. On the other hand mainstream rap can be defined as a big, fat, sweaty, bloated commercial for an excessively hedonistic lifestyle.

The unsigned emcee is gaining clout through well produced and inexpensive recordings made possible through the advances in home recording technology. This is allowing the artist to gain the audience once reserved for only industry rappers. Finally the underground is competing and gaining popularity through their music as opposed to the well-funded distribution/hype campaigns of major labels.

While the whack emcees have to take responsibility for the degradation of rap music, I most readily blame money driven operations like commercial radio and music television, for giving this abomination a venue.

The industry's form of rap music is becoming so much of an insult to the art that it serves only to hurt hip-hop itself, and the great divide between the mainstream and true hip-hop is becoming evident daily. From where I stand that's great and I couldn't care less. If anything it will elevate the real and depreciate the fake.

Like any form of music you need to tear through all of the garbage that is placed in front of you and search for the artist that's hiding from the spotlight. By getting out and going to shows you'll find hip-hop. By skipping the major music stores and going to record shops, you'll find hip-hop. You have to keep your eyes and ears open at all times. "Turn off your fucking radio cause if all you listen to is commercial radio then don't consider yourself a hip-hop fan," said a disgruntled hip-hop fan.

If you want to feel the pure art form you have to get to an underground show. There are no suckers, merely there for the spectacle. Everybody feels it.

Highlighted Events:

You guys are gonna miss "Haiku-De-Tat" if you did-

n't already know they were coming to San Jose on the third of October. I'll tell you guys all about it in the next issue.

On October 15, Hieroglyphics and the Living Legends will supposedly be in San Francisco at the Maritime hall. Don't miss this show. I saw the Legends at the Cactus Club in San Jose last month and they were solid. They also released their "Broke Ass Summer Jam III Sampler" and if you can find it get it. Mix Master Mike will also be on hand. He was amazing with the rest of his Skratz Picklz crew minus Q-Bert at the Beasties show. The Invisible Skratz Picklz are elevating turntablism, the art of using a turntable as an instrument, and establishing the 1's and 2's as an instrument. Mix Master Mike is worth seeing alone so don't miss him with this all-star cast. They will also be in Santa Cruz at Palookaville on the 14th and, if you can, go there strictly to see them in such a small venue.

If you Like the Legends (and I know you do) then go see the Grouch at the Velvet Lounge In San Francisco on the 22nd. Rumor has it that the show is 21 and over, but I'm a little skeptical. I will however, get in at all costs. I think the Grouch is an emcee to keep an eye on. His latest release "F-ck the Dumb" is a solid expression with honest and even humble verse. Well worth the ten dollars you'll pay. If anything else it shows that this Legend can stand alone. I'll tell you how all these shows went and hopefully more in the next issue.

Out on Vinyl:

Next issue I'll come at you with some new vinyl selections, but for this issue your assignment is to check out things on the Fat Beats label, especially if produced by the infamous Necro.

If you want to get in touch:

Come by L-41 and leave a message, or Hit me a Disforic@hotmail.com, or Catch me on campus. I'll probably be beat boxin'. I'm out. Next issue Christopher Hill will give you his take on the Bobby Digital/Wu-tang dilemma. Stay tuned.

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-Dennis Dermody, THE PAPER

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AT THEATRES THIS OCTOBER



Pichetti Winery offers much more than wine for everyone

By Cynthia Van Zile
Lifestyles Editor

Nestled in the foothills above Cupertino, is the Picchetti Ranch Area. Part of the 372 acre Open Space Preserve, the ranch is filled with turn-of-the-century history. Vicenzo Picchetti founded the area after emigrating from Italy in the 1870s and winemaking quickly became the number one commerce in the valley.

Prohibition soon ended the early attempts at building the Santa Clara Valley into a wine empire. All but 3 acres of vineyards were removed and replaced with prunes and apricots. Although producing excellent wines, they could not compete with the larger wineries after prohibition failed. The winery passed through many hands over the years and was recently purchased by Leslie Pantling. She is renovating the winery and ranch area. With the help of the De Anza history center and the Cupertino historical society, (the entire site has been listed with the "National Register of Historic Places" and "The Santa Clara County Heritage Resource Inventory") she is striving to maintain the original look and feel of the winery.

It is currently harvest time at the ranch. Pantling will be bottling the grapes from the original 3 acres saved for the sacramental wine during prohibition. She is filling about 100 barrels with these vines. She hopes to increase that number to 500 within the next five to seven years by planting another 40 acres. Pantling offers tours through the winery and ranch area. In one building is the original winepress where the grapes were delivered on horseback in the 1890s. Peacocks strut the trails surrounding the

winery during the day. They return to their roosts on near-by Peacock Lane at night. Twin one hundred year-old redwood trees tower near the entrance of the tasting room. Vicenzo Picchetti was advised by the Jesuit priests to plant them as doorway for God to winery. Entering the century old tasting room, you will find low lights, soft music and a friendly staff ready to help with your tasting experience. This is a great time for the novice as well as the seasoned wine drinker.

After the tour and tasting, there is still plenty to do in the Open Space Preserve. Four miles of trails wind through the site leading to a hilltop view above Stevens Creek Reservoir.

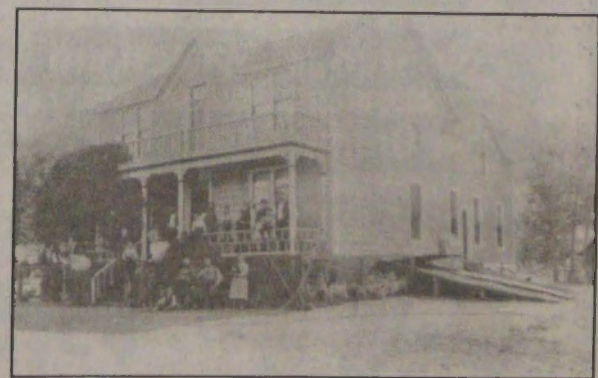
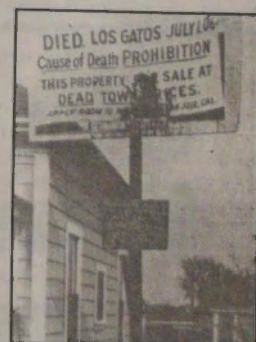
Hiking, horseback riding and biking is allowed on most of the trails. The bear Mountain Trail is an easy walk or ride to a small pond and picnic area. From there the trail winds to a summit with a beautiful view. The 1.9-mile long Zinfandel Trail provides easy hiking through lush, shaded areas and a view of the Stevens Creek Reservoir. There are picnic tables and bathrooms conveniently located around the area.

While visiting the area, artisans from Brigitte Curt's "Plein Air" art class might be spotted dotting the hillside above the winery. The group paints many landscapes but Brigitte claims this to be one of the most beautiful fall locations in the area.

The winery is open for wine tasting on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. except holidays and is wheelchair accessible. For more information contact the Picchetti Winery at (408) 741-1310. For further information about the open space preserves contact the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District at (415) 691-1200.



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Public relations tops list for newly elected DASB president

By Kelly Abell
Staff Writer

Nicholas Pisca is drawing upon his past experiences in student government to lead the De Anza Student Body as the newly elected president for the 98-99 school year.

Pisca began his political career at Oak Grove High School where he volunteered when needed rather than holding office. Last year, Pisca served as DASB Vice President of Student Rights and Services.

As president, at least twenty-five hours per week are spent fulfilling responsibilities.

"Sometime I stay a little extra. Even if that means doing my homework here. I want to try to put in more hours than anyone else." He spoke of his feeling that last year's president, Tiffany Sommerlad, wasn't working enough hours. "I saw a lot of people that didn't put in enough hours, and I'm trying to avoid that," said Pisca.

Some of Pisca's responsibilities are chairing the student senate meetings and the executive council meetings. He also attends the academic senate meetings and the curriculum meetings for the school. Additionally, he is a member of the chancellor's advisory committee.

Pisca says that having good conduct and a good image is an important part of the position. When he attends some meetings, he may be the only student there. He says, "I'm representing the students. If I go there and I'm not dressed properly or I have a bad attitude, a lot of people will hold the students accountable for that."

One of Pisca's goals as President is to increase public relations with the students. Pisca feels that last year "people really acted like politicians" and forgot that they too, were students.

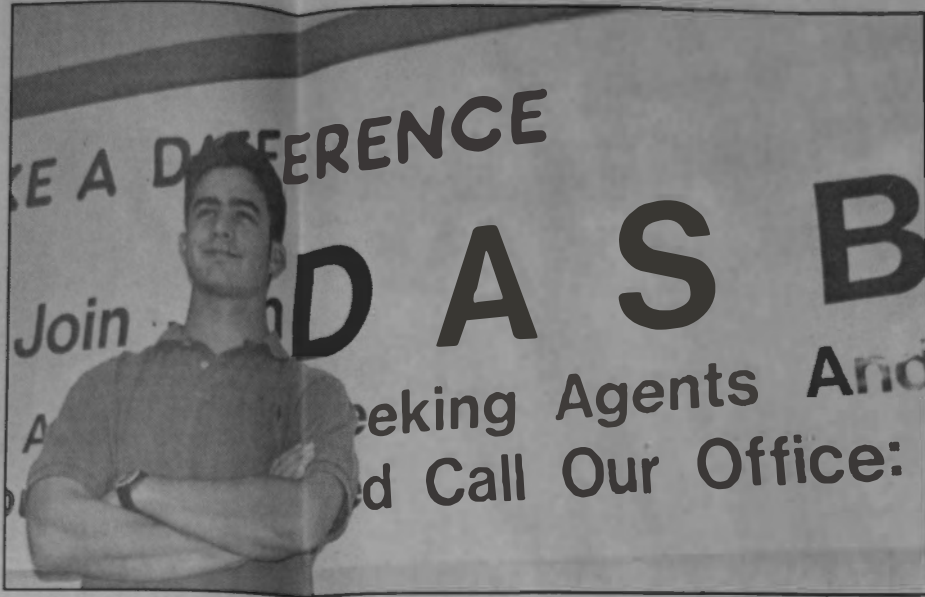
"If you forget that you're a student, then the students aren't going to relate with you anymore," said Pisca.

Pisca says that he learned from their mistakes. "The senate was building their knowledge of campus issues and forgetting to relay the information to students."

"You can't be secluded in your own little world and expect people to come to meetings and know what you are talking about if you don't keep them informed," said Pisca.

"We're going to make an effort to let students know what's going on," Pisca said.

When asked how he planned to increase student awareness, Pisca



Kelly Abell / La Voz

Newly elected DASB president Nicholas Pisca plans to increase student awareness of the DASB senate by encouraging senators to make more public appearances throughout the 98-99 school year.

cited future public appearances by senators throughout the campus. He said previous senators did their work in the offices and not much in terms of public relations. This year he encourages senators to be seen throughout the campus so that students will be able to know those

who represent them on the political level.

Pisca also cited soon to be ready business cards with officer names and telephone numbers.

He adds that an effort is being made so that any student can contact someone in the senate whether by

telephone or e-mail. He says that one of the best ways to contact an officer would be to "come to the office and discuss issues" at the student government offices, which are located on the lower level of the campus center, near the student activities office. Senate meeting

times and office hours are posted next to the student government doors.

Attitudes are different this year as well. Pisca says, "Last year, business and friendship were separate...you didn't have to be friends with people you were on the senate with. This year the atmosphere is much friendlier and pleasant. I really like coming and hanging around because there will always be someone here."

In addition to being president of the DASB, Pisca is involved in local politics. For example, he is helping a candidate from the district to run for the position of Board of Trustee Member. Pisca's purpose is to get more students involved in district governing of their campus. Prior to attending De Anza, Pisca was a student at West Valley College.

When asked why he changed schools, he replied, "I had a lot of friends who went to West Valley and I went there just for that reason. But, I found De Anza to be more of my crowd—a little more serious. Here, I saw my goals a little more clear." Pisca has been a student at De Anza since spring of 1997.

He plans on transferring to UC Santa Cruz to major in community studies.

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De Anza ranks in top 10

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Tanisha Wright, also a first quarter student, stated "I came here to De Anza because it was inexpensive. I never dreamed that it had so much to offer. I know a lot of people who are in a hurry to transfer, but I want to pursue a paralegal career, and this is definitely the place to get started."

As stated in the Rolling Stones article, De Anza was chosen as one of the most respected schools in the country because of its inexpensive tuition, small class sizes, prime location, low student-teacher ratio, and a high number of students transferring to four-year educational institutions, therefore deserving its reputation as a respectable community college.

Internet Crash at DA

By Daniella Martin
Staff Writer

Many students encountered difficulties using the Internet during the first week of school this quarter.

"Basically, for two days we were down to next to nothing for Internet access," said Open Media Lab Computer Supervisor David Garrido. "We had a lot of students dropping by to check their e-mail and leaving disappointed because they couldn't."

The failure was compounded by three factors, said Network Systems Fortunato Stinson. On Tuesday, September 22, he said the problem was because of the numbers of people downloading the three-hour Clinton grand jury testimony broadcast on the Internet, which "clogged up the Internet countrywide."

The next problem, on Tuesday

and Wednesday, was due to the large influx of students this quarter.

Much as De Anza has problems handling crowding in the parking lot, the computer systems are affected as well. With the number of students sitting in the computer classes during the first week of fall quarter (when the most students are enrolled), and all of them using the computers at once, it creates "surges."

"Traditionally, in the first two weeks we have these bottleneck slowdowns," said Stinson. On Wednesday and Thursday, there was a routing problem between De Anza's computers, and the college's Internet service provider's computers. The router, a piece of networking hardware, acts like a "traffic cop" that sends computer traffic in the right directions, said Garrido.

The exact nature of the prob-

lem is still unknown. "We still have to investigate what happened," Stinson said.

The rumors that wires were cut are untrue, he said, and were probably based on the presence of RFI workers on campus, who are installing copper wiring throughout the school.

"There have been rumors floating around that they did something," said Stinson. That such a rumor would circulate is "classic," Stinson said. "(People) see somebody in the building, things happen, they immediately blame somebody that's up in the attics, climbing around... that's par for the course."

"There was some dropout in the Internet classes, but I don't think it was outside of usual," he said. "Most of the students waited it out."

The problems stopped on Thursday, Sept. 24, at 5:30 p.m.

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New drop policy deters cheating

■ CHEATING, from front page

Teachers are accountable for the consequences of offenses that don't warrant an F or NP grade.

They should not indicate final sanctions for offenses but possible sanctions may be mentioned. A panel such as the Student Grievance Review Board will handle multiple or serious offenses.

An Academic Integrity Good Practices document, which accompanies this policy, presents the guidelines for teachers on what does not constitute cheating and which situations require action. Also, the document contains suggestions as to how you can prevent yourself from being accused of cheating.

Some suggestions include,

always naming the source of quoted or paraphrased phrases, sentences, etc and listening carefully to the comments your teacher makes about plagiarism.

The policy also has addresses when collaboration with students is and isn't cheating, and how to take a test in a way that does not encourage or look like students are cheating.

"Masterplanning" begins at De Anza

■ MASTERPLAN, from front page

rate [of high school student] while neighboring San Mateo County saw a constant draw rate."

Along with participation rates and the percentage of high school students attending De Anza, the Masterplan also quotes a number of statistics on access by different criteria. Gender and Ethnicity show that the major percentage of the population comes from whites but Asian/Pacific Islanders follow only two percentage points behind.

Overall De Anza has more students of ethnic diversity in the population, percentage wise, than the community at large. Only in the white and Latino population does the County have a larger overall percentage. The amount of women attending De Anza in the fall of 1998 was about 54 percent, putting them in the majority of the student population. An unsurprising increase in the number of students under 25 was shown over the past seven years.

However, the populations of all other age groups have steadily declined since the fall of 1993. In the fall of 1997 the percentage of population of students under 25 was over 70percent, followed by students 25-44 at

just over 20percent. These statistics reveal a startling gap in students of differing age groups. As a final definition of the first quality indicator, the Masterplan sites the increase of Distance learning classes. Over the last eleven years since the inception of the Distance Learning program, the program has increased the amount of classes offered consistently.

As well the students enrolled in the program have soared from 2007 in 1985-86 to over 8000 in 1997-98. "Today, over one-third of the student body registers for classes through the Internet." Comments the Masterplan "Students taking courses at a distance have soared dramatically in the last decade." The distance learning program also indicates De Anza's continuing move to make the school ready for the new innovations to come.

As a quality indicator of De Anza, Attractiveness to students most notably proves its case. De Anza has continued to draw a good amount of the adult population, and an overwhelming amount of high school graduates. However, the age disparity between students under 25 and the rest of the population is startling and troubling. With increased University costs, a complete lack of other age groups could become the norm for De Anza, and other community colleges.

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