

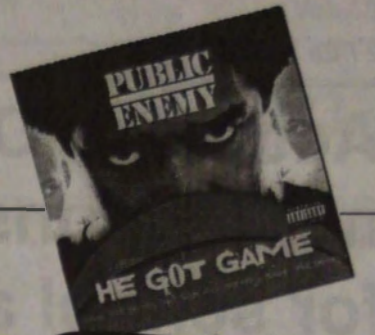


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"Freeway Flyers" fight for rights

Part time teachers continue to work towards job equality, benefits

By Jordan James Harris
Staff Writer

Part time faculty make up about two thirds of all community college teachers. In California, right now, there are about 44,000 instructors, of those, only 15,000 of those are full time.

In 1988, AB 1725 was passed by

the California Legislature, making it mandatory for community colleges to make 75 percent of all instruction taught by full time teachers. According to the Chancellor's Office the percentage of class time taught by full time instructors in the fall of 1997 was 60.8 percent.

In an effort to save money dis-

tricts will hire numerous part time teachers at a lower pay rate rather than hire a full time instructor.

"The administration is dependent on part timer's low salaries," said De Anza philosophy instructor Chris Storer, "However the additional costs don't show up for a couple of years."

According to the "60 percent law," no part time faculty can teach more than 60 percent of a full load in the same district, so while most of the teachers are part timers, most of the teaching is done by full time staff. The law makes it hard for part time teachers who travel between colleges to hold office hours, reduc-

ing student accessibility.

In the publication "Forum", a newsletter of the non tenure track faculty special interest group of the Conference on College Composition and Communication, a national organization of college English faculty, Karen Thompson says, "The literature already abounds with

detailed stories of freeway flyers piecing multiple jobs together into a livelihood; of award winning teachers worrying from semester to semester whether they are employed."

A new bill, SB 1848, titled Pro Rata Pay, will, "require community
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"We played excellently as a team, and we happened to peak at the right time."

—women's tennis coach Colleen Lee-Wheat

State Champions!

By Ali Abdollahi
Staff Writer

After a perfect season, the De Anza women's tennis team added a perfect ending.

They did so by capping their 14-0 record on the weekend of May 9 at the Claremont Country Club in Claremont, California by not only giving De Anza its first ever state title in women's tennis, but also by becoming the first Northern California team in history to win the championship.

"We played excellently as a team," said women's tennis coach Colleen Lee-Wheat, "and we happened to peak at the right time."

That right time was the week leading up to the state championship tournament at Claremont. After defeating Butte College during the week, the team traveled to Fresno on the weekend of May 2 for the NorCal Championships. After winning the team competitions there as well, they earned the right to travel to the State Championship.

Lee-Wheat also noted several individuals that performed well in Claremont. The doubles team of freshman Maka Clark and sophomore Losaline Mafieo impressed their coach by advancing all the way to the state semi-finals. "They performed great. Getting all the way to the final four in the state is really an accomplishment," said Lee-Wheat.

Another one of the doubles pairs, See TENNIS, page 7



FRONT ROW: Mona Yu Kobayashi, Olivia Swiley, Chisato Kaizuka. ROW 2: Tam Nguyen, Lisa Johnson, Makiko Ota, Hui Ming Kwan. ROW 3: Coach Colleen Lee-Wheat, Maka Clark, Losaline Mafieo, Danelle Scarbrough, Miho Kodata. Not Pictured: Assistant Coach Chuck Phillips. This is the first time a Northern California team has won the title.

Special to La Voz

Election woes continue

By Jordan James Harris
Staff Writer

Multiple "gross violations of the election code" were the words DASB president Tiffany Sommerlad used to describe the campaign methods of Patrick Okoh and Bashir Eghbali.

However it appears that the election committee is responsible for the most violations.

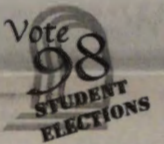
A grievance was filed against the two candidates who went before the election committee and were disqualified from running on Tuesday May 12 for: campaigning within fifty feet of the polls; using DASB resources; using a tree to hang a banner; and posting flyers on windows. The committee gave the candidates the option of running as senators but they decided to appeal the ruling directly to the senate on May 14. The senate board has the power to overturn the decision of any sub-committee.

Before there was any discussion about the election committee's verdict, The Senate was informed of numerous violations on the election code committed by the committee itself. When asked if the violations would be cause to hold a new election Vice President of Finance Julie Ramirez replied "Yes it would."

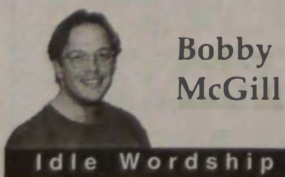
The DASB election code states that "by the first week of the winter quarter" the election committee will "develop the DASB election time line." Senator and member of the election council Kimia Rezvam admitted that they did not meet at the required time.

The first time the group met was on February 17 according to the election committee minutes pro-

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People magazine sinks to the bottom as #1



Bobby McGill

According to the Publishers Information Bureau, a group that monitors American reading trends, People magazine was the top grossing weekly publication last year with revenues of \$525,563,737. Trailing

close behind People was Sports Illustrated at a paltry \$522,173,037. The nearest competitors in categories other than entertainment or sports were Time magazine, which trailed People by over \$85 million, followed by Newsweek at \$141

million under par. What does this say about American reading habits? I believe it says that the American public has thrown in the towel on the subject matter that most profoundly effects them such as news of politics, the environ-

ment or the economy. Instead, people would rather read People, a magazine devoted to the absurd notion that money, beauty and fame are everything. What should we do? I don't
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Le Ly Hayslip shares her experiences, triumphs in Vietnam and the United States

By Geraldine L. Escalona
Staff Writer

"They cannot believe that one woman could do all those things. Therefore, they don't give me recognition. But that's OK. I don't ask for it. I do what needs to be done for both sides to heal the wounds of war, to have peace within myself. That's how I have survived all my life."

These were the words of Le Ly Hayslip, who lived through the Vietnam War, and, like others, is still trying to heal. She will be at De Anza College on Thursday, May 21 at

the Hinson Campus Center's Conference Rooms. She will be this year's final speaker for De Anza's Speakers Series.

John Swensson, a U.S. veteran and De Anza instructor who uses Hayslip's books in his teaching materials says Hayslip provides a perspective not often offered to U.S. citizens.

"I get a lot of American voices about the Vietnam War. She's been one of a few people who has been able to tell her side of the story," Swensson said.

Hayslip was born in a small village in

Vietnam where she lived to see the Vietnam War dramatically change her village. Before she was able to escape to America, the country that she grew up for the first few years of her life lay in ruins.

Hayslip is the author of "When Heaven and Earth Changed Places" and "Child of War, Woman of Peace." The first book is about the first twenty years of her life in Vietnam. The second book is about the next twenty years of her life in the U.S. In 1993, filmmaker Oliver Stone released "Heaven and Earth", based on both of Hayslip's

books. Hayslip, who was the movie's technical director, said, "The books and the movie give Vietnam some voices and faces."

Hayslip's life story during the war included losing siblings and her father, being interrogated and threatened by the South Vietnamese government for her relationship with the Viet Cong (a guerrilla movement that fought against the South Vietnamese government and the U.S.), being raped by a Viet Cong soldier, working in Vietnam's black market, giving birth to

three sons by two different fathers, and coming to America after marrying a U.S. soldier she met in Vietnam.

Hayslip has dedicated her life in helping make right the tragedy of the Vietnam War. For about ten years now, Hayslip has worked diligently trying to better the nightmare the Vietnam War brought. She established the East Meets West Foundation. Among its accomplishments has been the construction of medical clinics and schools in Vietnam. Hayslip is currently working on
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Activities Office not responsible for school apathy

As staff members of the Activities Office, we were very disappointed with the editorial appearing in the May 5, 1998 issue of La Voz. This editorial claims that the Activities Office has not shown enthusiasm for the current DASB election and is a cause for student apathy. It is obvious that one office of a college campus does not have the power to create enthusiasm nor be the total cause for student apathy. -It has never been, nor will it ever be, the Activities Office responsibility to run student government. We would be absolutely opposed to such an idea. As educators we see benefits in allowing students to gain knowledge and develop leadership skills through participation in student government (not to mention legal issues associated with staff conducting student government).

The Activities Office serves as advisors to student government, ICC, Club programs, and provides for college life activities. We have been working with the DASB Election Committee since winter quarter to assist student leaders to insure all necessary business is considered so that, (1) there are

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sufficient DASB candidates for office, and (2) a productive election is conducted.

Through no fault of the Activities Office, the Activities Office was never informed of La Voz's deadline schedule. Late Thursday, April 30, La Voz requested the candidates statements and informed us of their immediate deadline. It was impossible to meet this unrealistic demand so late in the day. Upon learning of this, it was decided La Voz would run the list of candidates and photos, (which were taken by the Activities Office) and that candidate statements would be available at each of the polling sites. It would have been helpful to know of La Voz's deadlines prior to their request.

There are many news worthy stories concerning positive actions and successful accomplishments of both the DASB Senate and club programs. The Activities Office invites the La Voz staff to work with us so that our students and staff may learn of these events and programs.

John Cognaeta,
Director of Student Activities
Olivia Patlan
Staff Assistant, Activities Office
La Donna Yumori-Kaku
Activities Advisor

Criticism for dwelling on negative coverage

We feel that the student newspaper, La Voz, has consistently churned out biased and negatively slanted articles about student government, the college and the Board of Trustees. An example of this is in the editorial entitled "Apathy strikes all levels of student government" which states that the administration of the student government is apathetic and that they procrastinate. I, Tiffany Sommerlad, did state to Jordan Harris that I did procrastinate on the elections, but I did not say that this reflects on my entire student government career or on the entire Senate. I do not know if it was originally written in the article or if it came from the editing of Editor-in-Chief Dean Carrico but I feel that the statement is an example of the type bias that I have consistently read about.

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Our student government has on the contrary made significant achievements during this year that have received very minimal or no coverage by the newspaper. Our Student Rights and Services committee produced the Student Discount Booklet, which offers discounts throughout the community with just a DASB card. We also helped negotiate Meeting Room 1 and 2 so clubs and committees would have a place to meet. The Programs Committee has brought a variety of entertainment to the students during the year. Also never mentioned, was the time and energy spent on investigating the smart card technology which will start affecting students in Fall. Then there are the financial matters we tackled this year.

We finished the budget for next year which helps fund programs throughout the college. The Finance Committee and the entire senate worked diligently to formulate the 1998-99 DASB Budget. This budget includes new allocations of \$500 to the California History Center, \$5,000 for the Child Development Center and the Occupational Training Institute, \$400 to Women's Badminton, and \$2,000 for the Multicultural International Center, the Career Center, the International Student

Program, and Lap Swim. We also funded \$80,000 for Multicultural books for the students in the library from our reserve accounts.

Despite all of these accomplishments and many more we still press on despite the lack of pride that the school newspaper has displayed. We join student government so we can help students. We have never tried to keep the press out because we know and believe they are an important facet of this campus. Please, La Voz, show the students what is really going on at this campus.

Tiffany Sommerlad
DASB President

Important issues passed for headline stories

I am quite disappointed in the year-long negativity of La Voz articles directed towards Board matters. There has never been consistent coverage by any La Voz reporter at the Board of Trustees meetings. Instead, I have the impression that the La Voz staff is waiting for those "headline stories" to report. There was absolutely no mention of the two recipients of the Student Recognition Award given at the May 4 Board meeting. Stephen Hinz and Fatima Memon have given outstanding service to the De Anza College community and should be recognized.

Furthermore, there has been no mention of the fact that De Anza College has the top CSU transfer rate in the state or coverage of the multiple grants that we have received in partnerships with the community.

We are clearly aware of the numerous problems and challenges that face this district. These problems cannot be understated. However, in light of these challenges, we feel that there should be accurate reporting to reflect the progress and improvement of this district. Otherwise, you the readers will always receive a biased viewpoint and La Voz' part in propagating the apathy which is not part of any solution but only part of the problem.

Romi Bhatta,
Student Trustee

DASB elections are invalid

In London, back in the early seventies, an anonymous person painted on the side of a building these telling words: "It doesn't matter who you vote for, the government will always be elected."

Indeed, it matters little for whom you cast a vote. The government will go on unless of course the government is stopped. It was once said that if the government failed to represent the public, then it is time to tear the government down and start again.

We at La Voz, though far from encouraging tearing down the student government, feel strongly that the recent elections held for the De Anza Student Body should be declared invalid and held again. Period.

As reported in this issue, the recent elections were filled with errors of the highest degree. The flagrant disregard of election codes by the presidential candidates are completely unacceptable.

Sadly the most basic tenet of any campaign—speaking to the public—was ignored. Not only were there no speeches,

but there was an absence of public debate between the candidates altogether.

Students attempting to be part of the election process, whether for the free coffee, or a genuine desire to be involved with their student government, are forced to pick and choose by a photo and a scribbled message of intent by the candidate. A lack of information on the issues breeds a lack of knowledge about the important aspects that face our student government as a whole.

In addition to the election code demanding "at least two public speeches," it also states that "no campaign material may be affixed in any manner to trees, shrubs lights or signs."

A casual stroll around campus in the week leading up to the elections would lead most voters to consider the point that the candidates could have spent far less time plastering their pictures everywhere and considerably more time speaking or debating in a public forum.

Even more disturbing were the actions -

or rather inactions - of the election committee that is charged with overseeing the process. Sidestepping their responsibility to maintain certain standards, and a level of adherence to the election codes, places them in a position of even greater neglect. By choosing to let the elections, in their current state of disarray, stand as valid, the committee are doing the student body the greatest disservice.

Senators and others involved with the election process say that restaging the election would take too much time, and would be too much trouble.

This attitude would give one the impression these positions are not important. After all, it's certainly not important enough to do it according to stated bylaws.

In an age when Americans are struggling with the disdain that emanates from the federal and state governments toward the voters, fostering cynicism, we find it saddening that the close knit democracy of a student government can sink to such levels. We therefore must demand that this election be deemed completely invalid and held again. Period.

Editorial

The Opinion of La Voz

Point of activism is to build community

In reply to Bobby McGill's article in the last issue. So, you think that you've done your research on activism, huh? I think it would be difficult to have an opinion without any information.

I'm white. I can afford to ignore these problems. Is it wrong not to? Am I not valid?

Do I somehow lose my right to stand up for something I care about.

You're white. You have opinions all the time. Cracked or not, you make accusations (often invalid) all the time! Do you really completely believe in all the things you shoot your mouth off about? If not, aren't you the same hypocrite that you call us?

What's wrong with a high head count "swelling" our numbers? Research would tell you that this is actually our goal. Has it occurred to you that collective activism is much more powerful than a bum with a big mouth? If

we had to wait until everyone had Gandhi-esque purity, we'd never get anywhere. So we start with where we are and we struggle to get to where we aspire.

Do you think that people who aren't directly affected by something should ignore human misery? I don't know about you, but I'm human. I make a point of caring about my kind. Is that wrong?

Do me a favor and open your dictionary to oppression (a common enough vocab word). The people who are oppressed often don't hold enough power to help themselves without acting collectively, often with allies. The "activist yuppies" you yap about are allies (another vocabulary word you would have come across with your research) to the oppressed group. Without them, the world will continue to be the hole you wallow in.

You should also note that you really know nothing about the average activist. A lot of us recycle our clothes from Salvation Army and eat on stainless steel (nobody eats on silver anymore, dear).

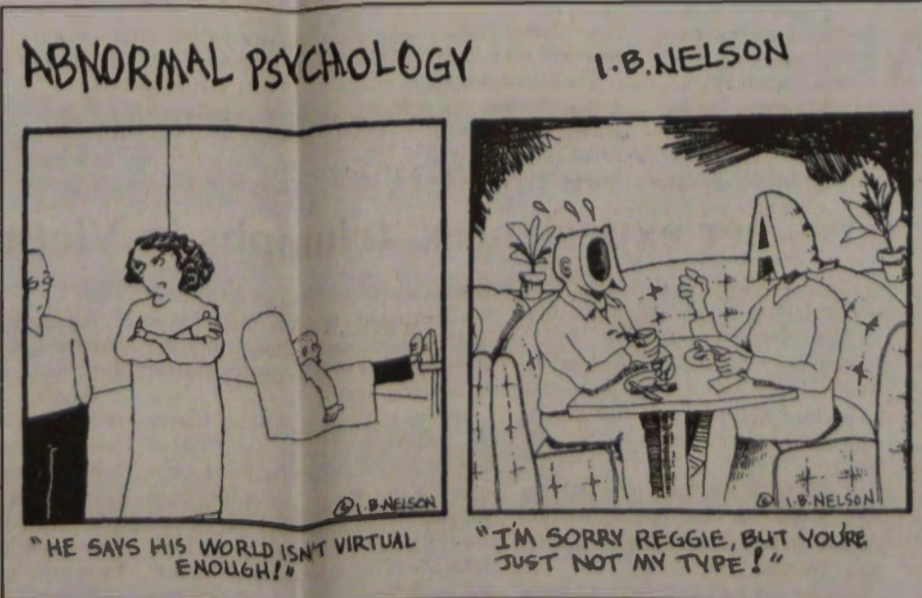
All of us are members of some of some oppressed group. Many of us are gay or bi-sexual. Many of us are women or non-white. At De Anza, we all and suffer from ageism classism and the tension from living in a racist society.

Notice that we care about each other. Notice our strength and our accomplishments. If you had looked into it, you would have understood why we're optimistic. The truth is, when we are united, we are the majority.

We are people from many backgrounds. Just because we don't wear our oppression on our sleeves, doesn't mean we don't carry its weight.

I think that it is ironic that your trashy column got published next to the lovely Earth Day portrait. E. James is a fantastic member of the activist groups you want to trash and we are proud of him. But, if you had done some research, you would have known that. Long live the activist.

Meridith Benton
student activist



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Diversity on campus supported by many

Large response stems from criticism of diversity issues and policies

Math Instructor Scott Peterson has joined the other "fairness" zealots with another typical affirmative action/diversity hit piece published May 5 in La Voz. It is important to zero in on the flaws of "his" arguments. Peterson trots out the typical complaint: "diversity" results in mediocrity. He complains that consideration of factors that increase diversity are "political" and seems to believe that considerations of race violate the constitution because of the passage of Proposition 209. Possibly Peterson's views of the law explain why he is teaching math and not law.

Proposition 209 outlawed "preferences" based on race. Unfortunately, no court has ever ruled on what constitutes an illegal preference. The voters did not outlaw affirmative action because affirmative action was not included in the ballot initiative. Are we to believe that the proponents of Prop 209 really meant to eliminate affirmative action but didn't use such common language to fool the electorate? Intellectual honesty seems to be missing under that interpretation and isn't fairness what Peterson claims to be demanding?

What is a preference? Is it a preference to counteract the advantages white people enjoy in our society when evaluating merit or is it a preference to pretend those advantages don't exist? Is a preference given when standards are applied differently to members of different races or does the preference lie in maintaining a method of measuring ability which will favor members of one racial group over another. For example, girls were scoring higher than boys on IQ tests. The IQ tests were then changed to equalize the scores among the sexes. Of course, when there were disparities amongst races, no similar changes were made. It is time that the "standards" are challenged for what they are: rationalizations for maintaining power in the mediocre?

There are plenty of preferences that exist in our society because of race for white people. Isn't it a preference to have most of your teachers belong to your own race? Isn't it a preference to have the history of your ancestors taught as the "regular" history? Isn't it a preference that when your workplace is populated by your own race it is normal, and when it is populated with a few people not of your race it is "diversified"? Do I really need to go through all the laws that allowed only certain races to accumulate wealth and pass it on to their children?

Peterson's examples to prove that diversity has no place in education may explain why he can hold such a narrow minded view of education. Education is not limited to physics, math, and economics. However, all three have a seductive ability to eliminate the complications that every day life impose.

For example, it is very commonplace to disregard friction and air resistance when studying physics. One way to conceptualize gravity is to see that a feather and a stone will fall at the same rate. Of course this only works in a vacuum. At best, that is where Peterson's views on "diversity" function. I prefer social policies that work on planet Earth.

The diversity debate over admission to the law school at UC-Berkeley has garnered a lot of press. According to Peterson's view, a diverse class will be a mediocre one while ignoring "diversity" will allow for unpolitical selections of the most qualified. I wonder if Peterson realizes that in-state applicants are routinely accepted to the law school with lower scores than out of state applicants. Why does no one complain about all these mediocre in state white males who make that school mediocre? Does Peterson know how many times our white, male Governor failed the bar exam?

Finally, by equating the actions of the segregationists of the 50s and 60s with that of those attempting to create a diverse educational environment, Peterson shows how laughable his views should be if they weren't so disturbing. Please inform me if I have missed the news stories on the string of churches with white congregations being burned to the ground by diversity "zealots." I also missed the stories on the whites who

were literally (not even figuratively) lynched by those seeking diversity. Can Peterson now claim to know how those racial minorities felt in the face of state sponsored terrorism in the 50's and 60's because he was at an informational session where his view was not represented?

What explains Peterson's antagonism toward "diversity"? Could it be that when Peterson finds himself in an environment where diversity is valued, it is the first time he has encountered a place where his race will be noticed and it won't unquestionably work for his advantage? In our society this is not what usually occurs. To the person who has grown accustomed to gaining an advantage because of his race, it might feel unnatural and possibly wrong to lose that advantage. Hopefully, Peterson could learn from the many white individuals who prefer justice to illegitimate personal gain and have the courage to seek to succeed on a level playing field.

Peterson reminds me of the parent who has given his child every advantage that wealth and status could buy and then complains that it is a preference when a child isn't measured against the same exact yardstick as everyone else. Is this fairness or self interest?

Peterson could learn much from a history class that includes the struggles of racial minorities. I want to remind Peterson that the bus driver who refused to allow Rosa Parks to sit while a white passenger was standing on his bus was following the law. Do we hold this bus driver in high esteem for following the law? But of course that must be different because bus service back then wasn't intend to serve the "community" in the same way as a community college.

Walter R. Wells Alvarado

Peterson unclear on laws and policies

I must respond to Scott Peterson's May 5, 1998, letter to the editor, "Math instructor laughs in face of 'diversity' issues and policies." As a white female employed by this district and enrolled in classes on this campus, I cannot let this pass. There are a number of misrepresentations in Mr. Peterson's letter that cry out for clarification and rebuttal.

First, he speaks disparagingly about the survey commissioned last year. Everyone on this campus had numerous opportunities to provide comments on their experiences with discrimination and cultural diversity in this district. These experiences are valid and cannot be dismissed out of hand. They happened and we need to use this information to move forward. Mr. Peterson's highly emotional response to this survey demonstrates an appalling ignorance of the issues raised by the study. I have read the survey, and it is very complete and detailed with specific action plans that have been brought to the shared governance committees in this district, including the College Council at De Anza College. Copies of this survey are available to the public in many offices on campus. Students, please ask a staff member to see it. Judge for yourselves. Don't take the word of one frustrated and angry instructor.

Secondly, the US Supreme Court did not rule that Prop. 209 was constitutional. They refused to hear the case and will likely hear a more specific case involving affirmative action or Prop. 209 that is appealed to that level in the near future. As a district, we are not "flaunting the law" since the passage of Prop. 209. Mr. Peterson simply doesn't understand what affirmative action is about or the fact that state and federal statutes override state propositions. Affirmative action assures that all employment applicants are treated equally without regard to

their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. This program directs outreach and recruitment in areas that have been underutilized whenever the group is smaller in proportion to their actual representation in the qualified labor market (taken from the Connecticut newsletter published by the District).

Legally, Prop. 209 can neither overrule federal mandates, nor abrogate the constitutionality of relevant Education code and California Code of Regulations (Title 5) sections that govern affirmative action in the community colleges. According to a memo written by Ralph Black, General Counsel at the Chancellor's Office of California Community Colleges, dated December 1997, "... community college affirmative action employment and contracting programs must continue despite the implementation of Prop. 209." To summarize: "Districts should follow the guidance provided in the attached advisory unless and until this Office advises otherwise."

As stated in the Legal Opinion M 97-25 attached to the Black memo is the following mandate: "... we expect that districts will operate in accordance with this advisory. Failure to properly implement the affirmative action statutes and regulations can result in the withholding of funding provided pursuant to Education code Section 87107. In addition, certain Title 5 affirmative action regulations, including Sections 53021 and 53023, are minimum conditions for receipt of state aid. Failure to comply with those provisions can result in withholding or reduction of other state aid to a district." I have a copy of this legal opinion in my office and would be happy to share it with any students or staff on this campus.

Thirdly, although I've sat on numerous hiring committees, I have yet to hear a committee member say we need to hire more people of a particular race.

Committees are not shut down because the pool of applicants fails to meet some arbitrary (and illegal) measure of diversity, or shut down at final interviews due to lack of "race" applicants. Our pools are measured against the California state statistical data for jobs in that discipline or classification—it's definitely not arbitrary or illegal measures that are used! If someone isn't hired after final interviews, it usually means he or she wasn't a good match for the job and did not meet the needs of this college, district or division.

Fourthly, if you were taking a class on this campus and could choose between an instructor ready to deliver "tools to critically evaluate economic systems and their mechanizations", with no concern for the demographics of the class, learning styles and an instructor who offers a balance of teaching methods, offering multicultural perspectives and consider the demographics of the classroom important to student learning, gosh, who would you choose? Any instructor can "teach" the material, the question is, is the student "learning."

Finally, Dr. Martha Kanter is the affirmative action officer on this campus and Eugene Fujimoto's position on this campus is as the Diversity Coordinator. His responsibilities with affirmative action is just one of a number of job duties. Mr. Fujimoto coordinates not only the affirmative action representatives for hiring committees, whose function is not to involve granting a preference on the basis of race or gender to any individual or group but to assure there isn't a preference given to any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity or national origin; he coordinates the multicultural plan that currently provides numerous cultural activities and classes on this campus for staff and students; and implements through shared governance the District policies handed down by a Board of Trustees committed to diversity.

Cynthia Dowling
Special Education Staff and Student

Respect from both instructor and student

Math instructor Scott Peterson raises a number of points criticizing the district's diversity initiatives in his May 5 letter to La Voz. I would like to respond to just one of the points he raises. Peterson claims that instructors at De Anza "are supposed to

be here to help students learn. Newton's Second Law is not dependent upon the student's ethnicity or gender, and the political leanings of faculty members will not change the definition of a directional derivative." Peterson misunderstands the importance of doing diversity training and he misunderstands the ways that a lack of awareness impacts teaching in areas such as science and math.

Teaching is not just the transfer of information from one brain to another. Teaching is based on a relationship between teacher and student. Student perceptions about the beliefs instructors have about their ability to succeed have an enormous impact on student success.

The relationship between instructor and student is undermined when instructors speak to students on the assumption that they are all white or that they are all from western backgrounds. It is undermined when instructors tell racist, sexist, or homophobic jokes in class. Much of the curriculum and the texts that are used on this campus are deeply biased. Some math books are used that only mention the accomplishments of male Western mathematicians. Some history classes are taught that ignore the accomplishments of people of color and women. Many science classes are taught out of a framework that implies that only the West has engaged in careful systematic study of the natural world.

Fostering the success of all students at De Anza requires that all of the faculty work to become aware of the ways that their biases influence their teaching and negatively impact their students. This awareness requires an open mind and a willingness to challenge our most basic assumptions about the material we teach. It also requires the hard work of retraining ourselves. Members of our faculty and staff have spent countless hours doing this work, and it is paying off.

Sometimes I wonder if people like Peterson are simply afraid that there will be no place for them on a campus that celebrates diversity. One of the things I have always liked about the way multicultural work is done at De Anza is how inviting and nonjudgmental it is. There is a place in the diversity agenda for Peterson and anyone else who wants to develop more respectful relationships with all of their students.

Cynthia Kaufman
Instructor of Women's Studies and
Philosophy

Ethnicity and gender are important

I love teaching at De Anza College. But, sometimes I worry about De Anza too. Sometimes I worry that the views of the less tolerant parts of our community are so hurtful that they do damage to our students. I was worried when I read Scott Peterson's letter to the editor in your last issue. Scott Peterson is right about one thing. We could, in fact, improve our collective intellectual understanding of diversity work and thereby elevate our dialogue. We could have better trained staff and leadership which understood even more clearly why this work is so important to the success of our students and the success of our institution.

But I worry because Scott Peterson's piece did nothing to improve our collective understanding of this set of hard issues. I worry because his editorial seemingly equates the diversity we have at De Anza with "mediocrity" and the pervasive theme of his message was that "diversity" is not welcome. I worry that views like his act as a "keep out" sign to the vast majority of our students who will feel invalidated and judged simply because they don't fit into his picture of what is normal and therefore "excellent."

I worry because Scott Peterson supposedly wants us to act as if a student's ethnicity and gender do not matter. He says that actions for diversity taken throughout the district lack "a logical foundation." He argues that it is "stupid" even to consider a faculty member's understanding of diversity issues as a useful criterion in a performance evaluation. I worry because he wants us to teach and learn from some universal and neutral position from which we can understand value-free "knowledge." And I worry because the pervasive, though unstated, assumption in his editorial is that this neutral and universal position just happens to be

the same position that someone of his gender, class, race and political view has. I worry because while his position supposedly is one in which race and gender don't matter, this is really only the case if one's race and gender (and class) are the same as his.

I worry when I hear people profess a "color blind" support for everyone's civil rights in the same breath that they complain about so-called "reverse discrimination" because all too often what they really mean is "I'll pretend to be color-blind (gender blind, class blind, etc.) if you'll just pretend to be white (male, middle class, etc.)." And this is a game which, when those of us who are not those things refuse to go along, almost always turns into a tirade of "Why can't you crybabies just fit in, dammit!"

I worry when these so-called supporters of civil rights don't have to think about diversity, don't want to think about diversity, because it would force them out of their comfortable world views where everyone supposedly learns the same way, thinks the same way, sees the same way, and holds the same values as they do about what is important.

I worry when a vocal instructor with influence over his students holds out supposedly universal principles of intellectual quality where anyone who doesn't fit in threatens to lead us "down the path towards mediocrity." I worry for the students who have to learn from an instructor with a one-size-fits-all perspective about learning and teaching to a student population as diverse as is ours. I worry that this inflexible model of interacting with diverse people will be emulated by students who will become insular and scared.

I would really worry if his position were the dominant position of this district. Fortunately, it's not. I find it reassuring that the leadership of this district recognizes the importance of valuing diversity, of incorporating diverse points of view, diverse values, diverse learning and teaching styles into the educational model to which we aspire. While we still have a ways to go before our actions of our match our words, I for one am proud to be part of a community college district where the value of diversity is a leading principle of educational excellence.

I love teaching at De Anza College. I love the educational atmosphere created by the diverse and engaging mix of views, personalities, cultures, and political views.

I love that we have classes in which some faculty in the social sciences get to teach about the virtues of corporate business principles and in which others get to teach about the horrors of capitalist alienation and global economic exploitation. I also love the many informal parts of a diverse De Anza College that contribute to students' educations outside of the classroom — programs that are a direct result of the hard work of many people supporting what we call "diversity work." I think of De Anza College as a rich learning environment and I think of those of us who foster this plurality of expressions as competent educators preparing students to participate in a thriving and diverse community.

I don't think that I value diversity simply because I'm a person of color. In fact, I think the vast majority of people at De Anza, including the vast majority of European Americans, cherish the diversity efforts at De Anza too. We like these efforts because we recognize that the way diversity has flourished at De Anza is good for us as an institution and good for us as individuals. It adds richness to our lives, depth to our intellectual experiences, and closeness with a range of people that makes the Bay Area the envy of the rest of the nation. In other words, diversity is good for all of us at every level of our lives.

Nicky González Yuen
Instructor, Political Science
Coordinator, De Anza College Diversity
Leadership Training Project

"I want to remind Peterson that the bus driver who refused to allow Rosa Parks to sit while a white passenger was standing on his bus was following the law."

"Any instructor can 'teach' the material, the question is, is the student 'learning.'"

"Peterson's examples to prove that diversity has no place in education may explain why he can hold such a narrow minded view of education."

"These experiences are valid and cannot be dismissed out of hand."

Another movie without impact

By David Rigel Brooks
Film Writer

With the first wave of summer movies starting to hit theaters, "Deep Impact" turns out to be relatively shallow in its apocalyptic dreams of being a smash hit.

The main problem stems from the fact that the plot does not focus on any one thing. It loosely ties three stories together using a comet headed straight towards earth as the tenuous thread.

This makes it hard to discern who is in the leading role.

Book-ending the film is the story of a fourteen year-old astronomer, Leo Beiderman (Elijah Wood). In the beginning he photographs the comet with a very small telescope, then later it is discovered to be on a crash course with Earth.

Meanwhile, newswoman Jenny Lerner (Téa Leoni) tries to uncover a sex scandal circling a senator when she stumbles onto something bigger, the government is trying to cover up the forbidding presence of the comet.

The government finally lets the story out and announces that Earth has one year until impact. The solution is to send out a group of astronauts in a spaceship to blow up the comet. Heading this mission is Spurgeon Tanner (Robert Duvall), a retired astronaut who had been established as a household hero.

Deep Impact jumps around between these three main story lines without focusing on any one person leaving us with an apathy for all of the characters.

Stepping away from the dramatic element of the movie, the special effects were brief and boring and all packed into the last 15 minutes of the movie.

Being the first in the wave of blockbusters that will flood the screens in the sea of summer, Deep Impact leaves us dry without much to look forward to in the department of worthwhile action-packed yet thoughtful summer movies

Deep Impact

★★

Director: Mimi Leder

Cast: Robert Duvall, Téa Leoni, Elijah Wood



A scene from the disaster film to end all other disaster films

art by Ami Davis

and the winner is...

This year's San Francisco International Film Festival finished with 78,000 filmgoers making 2.5 percent increase in attendance over last year.

Not only were the filmmakers from all across the world but this time the festival hosted an international jury that awarded the four Grand Prizes, and one special mention in the Golden Gate Awards competition.

German film "Off Season" won the for Best Documentary.

"The Fetish" won the jury prize for Best Short.

Best Bay Area Documentary went to "Paulina", the story of a Mexican woman's life-long struggle.

"Return to Grace" was named

as the Best Bay Area Short "In my father's house" was given Special Mention for its "courageous and deeply personal reflection on coming of age within the constraints of traditional Moroccan society."

The winners of the festival's Audience Awards went to "Surrogate Mother" for Best Feature Film and to "Black Tears" for Best Documentary.

The Turkish drama, "Somersault in a Coffin," won the second Annual Sky Vodka Prize of \$10,000.

For more information call: SFIFF: (415) 931-FILM or check the website at: <http://www.sfiiff.org/fest98>

The Enemy goes mainstream

By Jeremiah J. Pansarasa

Guest Writer

In reviewing the new album produced by DEF JAM recordings, "He Got Game", I found several things that disappointed me.



"He Got Game" was recorded as the soundtrack for the highly anticipated new Spike Lee Joint, of the same name. It consists of 13 all new cuts by the controversial, hard core rap revolutionaries of the late 80's and 90's, Public Enemy.

Having listened to all of the old Public Enemy during my coming of age period, and loving and believing every minute of it, I would definitely consider myself a fan.

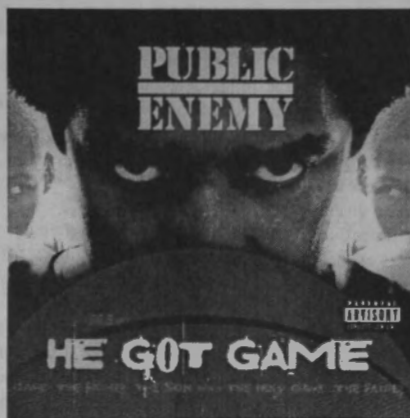
I had always admired the group's

approach to trying to teach a young confused hip hop society the values of non-violence and non-drug usage.

Any one who knows about how the earlier Public Enemy albums affected the way that people act would never believe the group would ever "sell out" to the suction cup of a modern hip hop industry.

The rawest element of the group's effect was always exposing the stupidity of our every day ignorance through a hostile and militant delivery, starting a whole new wave in rap music, labeled "Hard Core."

I found the new album lacking this. Several of the cuts contained a more new school, bouncing type of beats. Although tracks 1 and 3, each featuring a popular activist/lyricist, had hard, bass heavy instrumentals, it seemed as if P.E. was relying on the help of Masta Killa, of Wu Tang



fact that this album is considered a sound track, and the group had outside words from producers about what the album needs to be.

I can't tell whether or not the religious views and attitudes of Chuck D, Flava Flav, and Terminator X, on this album are a result of a change in P.E. or the fact that it was for the movie. Nevertheless

I and many other hip hop analysts are disappointed in the image portrayed by Public Enemy this time around. Hopefully our guys will come back sometime soon and correct my wrong assumptions.

Clan, and Krs One for a lyrical punch they lacked. The poetry of Chuck D, I'm sorry to say, will still be missed by the true hip hop ear.

I must however, acknowledge the

Questions and answers on-line from counselor

Question: I find it frustrating that some of the articulation agreements offered through De Anza are really out of date, for example, the Art one for UCSC hasn't been updated since, like, 1993. Who's responsibility is it to keep them updated: De Anza's or the other schools?

Answer: Where were you looking? We have copies of the 97-98 Santa Cruz articulation for the Art major in the counseling office, and you can also get it off the Internet.

However, I know that a lot of the other articulation agreements are old. This is the way it works. De Anza requests articulation, whether or not the school engages in developing an agreement with De Anza has a lot to do with how many students we transfer to that particular school in a particular major.

Unfortunately some majors like Art are not highly subscribed. Some schools like Irvine just wait every 3-4 years to redo their agreements. Other schools like SJSU and UCB that are our big feeder schools update almost each year. You have to keep up with any new changes in your major, so what can you do if there is no current articulation? Use the school's most recent catalog, look under your major, and get help from a counselor when in doubt. Good news! We just hired a new articulation officer, Renee Terrayu. She should help a lot in getting questions answered concerning articulation with the various schools.

Question: Are club memberships and extracurricular activities (Honors Club, Phi Theta Kappa, etc.) really paid attention to by the people up on high when transferring to four year institutions? Or is it all just pointless busywork?

Answer: Nothing in life is pointless busywork when you get something out of it. I cannot say enough good things about the Honor Club at De Anza, where you can take classes from the best teachers, surrounded by other smart students, and also get early registration. One study done among college students concluded that students involved in extracurricular activities were much more likely to matriculate (a fancy word for graduate). Whether or not school use it to make decisions on admittance depends on lots of things. If the school and or major is not impacted or you have a guaranteed transfer agreement

they probably do not consider extracurricular activities. However nearly any school or major that is impacted looks at everything, including those activities, and if you are going to a UC which requires an essay, extracurricular activities give you something interesting to write about. On a personal note, it was my extracurricular activities in college that helped get me scholarships for graduate school and my first jobs out of graduate school. In addition they gave me important information about what I wanted to do in my life.

Question: I want to major in literature. My father is paying for my schooling and refuses to help unless I major in business. Suggestions?


Answer: This is one of those complicated questions that begs for a visit to the counseling department for a little one on one discussion. However, I will attempt to make some suggestions that may or may not be useful for your individual situation. Students tend to do well in majors that they have a keen interest in. Are you doing well in your literature classes? Point this out to Dear Dad. Are you responsible in other areas of your life, leading your father to believe you can make good decisions? Point this out to Dad. Literature majors have excellent writing and reading skills, which will pay off in any profession. You can go into business with a literature major, or into teaching, which currently has a lot of openings. If Dad won't budge you can major in business at some schools and still take a lot of literature classes as electives, or pay for college yourself (lots of De Anza students do).

Question: I've been warned about taking too many classes on a Pass/No Pass basis, but these courses are unrelated to my major. Should I be concerned?

Answer: You can take up to 21 units of courses not in your major for the State and UC systems. Some private schools like Santa Clara do not accept P/NP, and some schools may convert them to "C"'s for GPA purposes.

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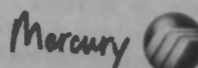
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Student suicide brings discussion on subject

By Jolly Bimbachi
Staff Writer

Michael Bowen was a musician with his second album almost completed, a second year college student who excelled in his classes, a talented writer with many people in his life who loved and adored his company. Bowen committed suicide on May 1.

What many people didn't know was that Michael also had a mental illness called bipolar disorder, which was triggered six years ago when his father passed away.

Bipolar disorder, also known as manic-depression, is a chemical imbalance in the brain causing frequent mood swings, feelings of loneliness, unexplained prolonging of sadness, loss of energy, lack of concentration and recurring thoughts of death and suicide. It affects an estimated 2-3 million people in the U.S. and 15 percent of manic depressives take their own lives. Until fall of last year, insurance companies (depending on their policies and the company) did not provide half as much compensation for mental disabilities as for physical disabilities.

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill helped pass a bill by Congress and the Senate to make insurance companies provide equal coverage for both forms of disabilities.

"There's a shame attached to mental illness and it shouldn't be

Symptoms of Depression

- You feel sad a lot, and it doesn't go away.
- You feel guilty; you think that you're no good; you have no confidence.
- You lose interest in ordinary pleasures like music, sports, friends, or having fun. Most of the time you'd rather be left alone.
- You feel restless or tired most of the time.
- You're full of energy, constantly moving around
- You get unrealistic ideas about the great things you're going to do...things you never really could do.
- Thoughts just go racing through your head.
- You think about death a lot, or thoughts about suicide pop into your head.
- You seem to take pleasure in extremely dangerous activities.

"Just a Mood Or Real Depression", by National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association

there. The shame needs to stop. It must stop. We lose too many of our brilliant children to mental illness," said Susan Bowen, Michael's mother, who is also a student at De Anza.

Throughout history people have misunderstood and feared mental illness. Although recent research in this area has led to more effective treatments and medications, we still lack understanding and information about this disease. Many groups such as Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Santa Clara County, the California Alliance for the Mentally

Ill and National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association and authors such as William Styron and Psychologist Kay Redfield Jamison, who also happens to be manic depressive, are trying to raise more awareness about the disease.

"Of all the diseases in the world, mental illness is still something no one wants to talk about," Bowen said. "People don't judge you if you have diabetes or cancer or heart disease and take medication for that but society has historically judged those who have a mental disorder. Mental

illness has a physical cause. It's a chemical imbalance."

Michael was greatly loved by his family. Meeting with them, one can feel the closeness they share as a family. Nothing bad was said about Michael, but you could feel their pain, grief and distress.

"Michael went to Nepal in October of 1997 and seemed to adapt to the Buddhist lifestyle so well," claimed his grandfather. "He cared a lot about his friends. Michael didn't want his friends to worry about him so he would isolate himself during these times. He didn't want to trouble anybody," Bowen said.

The times Bowen refers to were the saddest times in Michael's life which she said was every spring. Bowen figures spring was the most depressing time for Michael because his father had died in spring.

Bowen would like people to know that this disease is greater than people think and the public should be aware of the disease because anyone is susceptible to this disorder.

"The message I want to get across is that this disease is more common than we realize. A lot of young people don't realize that they are suffering from it and don't realize they should be treated. They don't realize they are at risk," said Bowen.

Experts in the field of depression stress that if you, or someone you

know have any of these symptoms, they should not hesitate to talk to someone. There are numerous services around that are willing to help.

De Anza has numerous areas to assist those who might be afflicted with depression, including the Health Center and the counseling office.

"When we are here, you can

come to us," said De Anza counselor Roxana Rugliancich. "Everything is confidential. We usually do referrals. We talk to them and make sure they are stable and then we do the referrals. We try to do our best."

There are also brochures available for the public to help warn you if someone you know may be fighting bouts of depression.

Numbers to call for information

- National Depressive and Manic-Depressive Association
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- Social Work Department
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- Teenline
(408)993-TEEN
- General and Afro-American family education and support groups, plus Spanish and Asian speaking groups. San Jose
(408)261-7777, Ext. 241
- Parental Stress Hotline
(408)993-8336 - Santa Clara
- Family Service Mid-Peninsula
(415)326-6576 - San Francisco
- De Anza College Student Health Services
(408)864-8732 - Cupertino
- Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Santa Clara County
(408)280-7264 - Santa Clara

Students for Justice - a club trying to build awareness

By Jaclyn Winn
Staff Writer

Imagine, working over eight hours a day, five days a week and when it's time for payday, your check is no more than \$1.25.

The Students for Justice club at De Anza recently hosted a discussion on this issue, specifically over what many claim occurs to women and children in overseas factories working for Nike Corporation.

Nike, the footwear and sport accessory giant, has come under fire from Congress and labor activists in recent years for allegedly exploiting workers in their Asian factories. Accusations have included the use of child labor, low wages and other near-sweatshop conditions.

The Students for Justice club at De Anza College has been boycotting Nike for the past year. The hot point is the seemingly low wages, but Nike contends that it is in compliance with the average wage for Southeast Asian workers. Their hope is to pressure Nike into paying its workers equivalent wages.

Nike's Code of Conduct states that they are to do whatever possible to alleviate business stress and treat their employees well.

John Clarke, a member of SFJ claims Nike is not following their code. "People are living in poverty, having to work over one hundred hours a week, just to make enough money to bring home food for their families," he said.

Approximately 25 students attended the open mike on April 19. Protesters were able to express their feelings on the Nike situation.

Clarke feels that an organized effort is essential. "We're working in solidarity with the nationwide boycott. The groups Public Exchange and the De Anza campus have been very supportive of the boycott," Clarke added.

Students for Justice say the open mike was a big success. Instead of people having lunch as usual, they were able to engage in something social and political. Different people came to the stage, grabbing the mike and expressing how they felt.

Clarke says the event started to become very controversial, "which was a good thing."

"It was beautiful out there. The campus showed democracy. There were very intelligent people out there who had a lot to say," said SFJ member Jamiel Danesh.

When asked how he would want people address the situation, Clarke simply stated, "We would hope for people to think along the lines of how we think and hopefully follow in our direction."

"The hope is to bring out information that is normally left out and allow people to form their own opinion," Clarke said.

It's hard to find other shoe companies that don't manufacture in sweat shops, but Nike is the biggest, most advertised, most respected amongst people who are unfamiliar with their labor practices, so their sales are very vulnerable, according to Students for Justice.

In a recent interview on the Jim Lehrer news hour, Nike CEO and founder Phillip Knight tacitly acknowledged the problem: "We

have always tried to do the right thing... but, it is true, I think, that the criticism probably sped up some of our efforts," Knight said.

Saying he wanted to address the "the cloud that has been over Nike's head over the last couple years," Knight announced the company would implement a series of reforms

to improve the working conditions for 530,000 employees in Southeast Asian factories. These include increasing the minimum age of footwear factory workers to 18, and the minimum age for all other light-manufacturing worker apparel accessories equipment to 16, adopting U.S. Occupational Safety for all

footwear factories, and expanding education programs.

Clarke and Danesh say Nike is concerned with promoting its image of empowering people of color here in America, while possibly exploiting people of color all over the world.

"Nike is the leader. If Nike

changes its policies then the rest will follow, and that's who we go after, the leader," said Danesh.

Asked if he thought the announcement would satisfy his company's critics, Knight told reporters, "Not in the near term. I think it's a 10-year process of proving ourselves."

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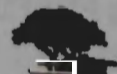
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Hayslip talks about experience in Vietnam

■ HAYSLIP, from front page another organization called The House of Vietnam Foundation, which she hopes to promote Vietnamese culture and literature

Hayslip has continually traveled back and forth to Vietnam and has also traveled around the world to mostly third world countries. "The people all want the same things—love, compassion, food, schools, and medical clinics," he said.

Despite her humanitarian work, some people question her position.

"In America, some people

think I work for the communists. In Vietnam, communists think I work for the CIA."

Swensson provided a possible explanation for some of the resentment towards Hayslip. "Some people think that if you were a Viet Cong at one time, you're a Viet Cong forever. If you read her book, you'll understand why she was a Viet Cong. She didn't have a lot of choices in the matter."

"I walk in between all my life for me to survive, for me to do my job, for me to help my country, both Vietnam and the U.S.," said Hayslip.

Peggy Hale's pink car part of duel tradition

By Mercedes Adams
Staff Writer

Pretty fast in pink, Peggy Hale is a weekend warrior who spent Sunday at the Duel at De Anza pursuing her hobby as a race car driver in her 1972 bright pink Datsun 510 in the Ladies E-Prepared class.

Mrs. Hale, who has spent almost two decades involved with racing, was initially introduced to the sport by her husband. The couple joined the Datsun 510 Club of northern California, and she felt the need to be involved with what was mainly her husband's interest.

"When we started doing things with the club, I wanted to be doing something, I just didn't want to come and sit," she said. Sitting in the driver's seat apparently doesn't count.

Dennis Hale says that he wasn't the main driver in his wife's interest, and attributes her intrigue to some of her friends and instructors, as well as her own nature. "Little red-headed girls are kind of wild anyway," he said.

"Our first autocross was at De Anza many years ago," said Mrs. Hale. "We didn't really know what we were doing, we just drove and had a good time."

Since then, she and her husband have also participated in many other forms of racing, including hill climbing, autocrossing, enduro racing, and road racing.

In 1989, Mrs. Hale bought her own car to race, the '72 Datsun she ran in Sunday's Duel. Initially a tomato red, the car was damaged two years later when a rookie at the starting line went into reverse at the green flag. After the resulting repairs, she needed to paint the car.

"The guys gave me a real hard time," speaking of her racing friends. "Whatever you do, don't paint it pink," they told her.

"So enough guys gave me enough of a hard time that I finally went down to the paint store and I had some nail polish and I said, can you match this?" Mrs. Hale recalls.

"I think it's great that Peggy has a pink car and I think it's great that it's her car," says Charlie Davis, who is a member of the Sports Car Club of America.

Dennis Hale says that Davis was one of the guys who teased her about her color choice, but Davis clearly appreciates her car. "The pink car is a very nice car, it handles great, it does everything you ask it to, and I would drive it anytime," said Davis.

Mrs. Hale's description of her interest in the sport is as vivid as her choice of paint.

"Autocrossing in particular is a body rush. You put all of your focus, all of your energy, all of your intensity into that one minute of time. When you get out of the car, your knees are shaking, you're winded, you're sweating. Your adrenaline is up. It's a feeling that is close to sex. People who do



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Peggy Hale stands next to her Pink Datsun 510. Hale has been involved with the Duel at De Anza for almost 20 years.

autocross know what I'm talking about," says Mrs. Hale.

In Sunday's race Mrs. Hale took second in her class with a 63.831, just a few tenths of a second behind the only other driver in her class, Nadine Camicia, who ran a 63.020.

The class is small because the type of car

Mrs. Hale runs is a dedicated race car, and not many women race in the Prepared class. "Usually in the women's classes I don't have anybody to run against because the cars are difficult, they're costly, and they're kind of hard to drive," said Mrs. Hale.

Her husband raced the pink car in the men's E-Prepared and placed fifth with a

time just under half a second higher than his wife.

"De Anza's always fun," said Mrs. Hale. "Regardless of how you do, it's a blast." She finds excitement in the sport, but also finds rewards in teaching students how to race.

After the first event the Hales coordinated with the Datsun club, they were disturbed by three accidents suffered by their fellow Datsun club members. After that, they decided to dedicate some energy to helping teach drivers the fundamentals of driving in a autocross.

Over the years the pair has spent a considerable effort on teaching the sport in conjunction with their involvement in the Datsun club, the Sports Car Club of America, and the National Autosport Association. Mrs. Hale usually focuses more on driving techniques, while her husband works with the engineering.

Last month the Hales, along with several other driving enthusiasts, came to De Anza to work the the Auto Tech Club on their driving skills and to help them prepare for Sunday's event.

"I can get people in the course of a day to get their car up on its tippy toes like a ballerina," said Mrs. Hale of the teaching aspect of her participation in racing, "and its like a symphony. It's so sweet and so smooth. That's really rewarding."



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Los Altos Police Officer Brent Butler navigates the Auto Cross course. He often lectures to elementary students about safe driving practices and habits.

Keeping races in their proper place

By Mercedes Adams
Sports Writer

Telling De Anza students to slow down and stop driving like maniacs is hard to do when the college hosts the Duel at De Anza every year, but Brent Butler of the Los Altos Police Department sent his message loud and clear on Sunday.

Butler, a School Resource Officer, spoke to the crowd at the Duel about keeping their racing off the streets, buckling up, and not drinking and driving.

Especially pertinent to the event was Butler's message for the race drivers "not taking it to the streets." Butler wants to ensure that eager drivers are "Not taking it on Foothill Expressway, 280, or 101, which is now where some of the races are occurring at."

Butler, who has three years with the Los Altos Police, was invited to run the course, and took his 1994 Ford Crowne Victoria around the cones and ended up with a time of just over 81.445 seconds.

The car was retired from the LAPD and has been customized for Butler, who visits schools with his safety messages.

"I do all the education in schools in regards to traffic safety, drugs, alcohol, and the D.A.R.E. program at the elementary schools," said Butler. "Its got a full stereo system in it for the students at the high schools. It's neat to see and hear, and it's not the usual police car at all."

Fully donated by several local businesses, the car helps Butler get his message across, even at a motor cross.

The mechanics of today no longer fit greasy stereotype

By Jay Cairns
Special to La Voz

There are people that spend five hours each day, five days per week in classrooms and laboratories with one teacher simply to become qualified for their careers.

They pour over diagrams and technical reference books. They work with computers that are more powerful than those that helped guide men to the moon.

To be successful they must have fundamental knowledge of thermodynamics, Newtonian physics, chemistry, fluid mechanics, trigonometry, electricity and magnetism, and material science. They also have to use their head to avoid potentially dangerous mistakes, because people's lives depend on their work.

Who are these people? Some Silicon Valley professionals fit this description partially. Many engineers, fresh from the lecture halls of Stanford would fit this description quite well. But there are members of a group that fit this description being trained right here at De Anza. They are automobile mechanics.

Simple auto mechanics really isn't so simple any more. In fact, you

can't even call a mechanic a "mechanic" anymore, since they spend half their time analyzing computer readouts. The days of the grease-soaked dropout making good in the back of the shop are long over.

Today's automotive technicians must be highly trained and constantly updated to stay abreast with one of the most omnipresent industries in the world — the modern automobile industry. Any good automobile repair business in the area will tell you that the auto programs at De Anza are invaluable assets for shops that want to stay at the leading edge of this field.

But can I really get away with comparing the technicians-to-be at De Anza with engineers from Stanford? You bet I can, because I fall into both categories.

After graduating from Stanford with a degree in civil engineering I came here to the Auto Tech program and found subjects just as challenging, problems that are equally complicated, instructors who are as intelligent, knowledgeable, and dedicated, and opportunities just as numerous as those I came across during my earlier university education.

So next time you walk by the Auto

Tech center, take a peek inside and see what we're doing. You may see some of us in the machine area, rebuilding a small block engine. You may see some of us disassembling an automatic transmission that we've just pulled from a Dodge truck. And there's a good chance that you will see some of us staring at a digital read-out or an oscilloscope trying to diagnose problems in a fuel injected engine.

As you exit our lab and slip into your car in the parking lot, consider how many times you will trust your car (and the lives of you and your family) to a mechanic in the future. With your continued support of the program's efforts, De Anza's Auto Tech Program can continue to put qualified, conscientious technicians out into the Bay Area and eventually under your car's hood.

By the way, while you are visiting our lab, don't forget to congratulate instructor Les Schwoob for his efforts, which once again produced Northern California's champion high school ROP automotive troubleshooting technicians.

Jay Cairns is a student in De Anza's Auto Tech program.



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Doubles team Tam Nguyen and Chisato Kaizuka reached the quarter-finals before being eliminated. Nguyen also competed in the singles competitions.

Tennis champions

First time Northern California takes title

■ **TENNIS**, from front page
The team of freshman Tam Nguyen and sophomore Chisato Kaizuka reached the quarter-finals before being eliminated. "Other than (winning the championship), one of our goals was, since our singles were already strong, to become better at doubles," said Lee-Wheat, "and we clearly did that. When we went against the number one doubles team in the state, our girls took them to three sets, so we definitely accomplished that goal."

Both Mafileo and Nguyen also participated in the state champi-

onship's singles competitions as well, with Nguyen lasting until the quarter-final round.

Lee-Wheat expects approximately half of this year's team to return for the 1999 season, including many of their key performers.

"Tam (Nguyen) was ranked as a freshman which is really good, and I'm sure that she will be better next year because she'll be stronger after seeing all the competition she has to face," Lee-Wheat said. "We play at a very high level here and it's important to be fit."

Lee-Wheat also mentioned

Clark's return as a positive factor. "Maka is a volleyball player, but I believe tennis will be her number one sport next year, which is good because she's very talented," she said.

Another encouraging sign towards success for next year, according to Lee-Wheat, is the increased role for some of this year's freshmen.

"In any other year Mona Kobayashi and Makiko Ota would have been in the middle of my ladder. So it looks good for next year," she said.

NBA has skill to replace loss of Michael Jordan

By Ali Abdollahi
Column Name?

Don't panic, basketball fans, all is not lost. There has been much speculation, discussion, and analyzing on the subject of what appears to be Michael Jordan's impending retirement. After five championships (six after next month), ten scoring titles, and basically becoming the most famous man on the planet, "his Airmess" has apparently decided to hang them up. Last time he retired he said that he did so because he had nothing else to prove. Then he realized that, by retiring early, he still had to prove that he could come back and still dominate the league, which he did. But now, there is really nothing left for him to prove. And even though everyone is pleading with him to keep playing, think how Michael has changed. He now lays-up alley-oop passes instead of dunking them with two hands and the fade-away has become his signature, replacing the double-pump, hanging, tongue-wagging finishes of the past.

Besides, the situation is not nearly as grim this time. The NBA, possibly because of how pathetic the league was the first year after his last retirement, has prepared themselves much better for the second "Post-Jordanic" Era. Stay with me on this one. Think about how many young players had established themselves in the league the last time Jordan retired.....other than Shaquille O'Neal. I didn't think you could.

In contrast, look at the league

Not only are there several individuals in their early-to-mid twenties who are capable of carrying the sport into the next millennium- Grant Hill, Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson, Anfernee Hardaway- but there are also a number of quality teams with their core of talent

today. Not only are there several individuals in their early-to-mid twenties who are capable of carrying the sport into the next millennium- Grant Hill, Tim Duncan, Allen Iverson, Anfernee Hardaway- but there are also a number of quality teams with their core of talent made up entirely of young players. The Minnesota Timberwolves, the NBA's equivalent of a doormat for their first decade in the league, now have possibly the two most talented young players in the league in Stephon Marbury and Kevin Garnett, along with youngster Tom Gugliotta. In New Jersey who spent the last 22 years trying to convince people that they were not the "New York" Nets, now have a starting five made up entirely of young players, descending in age from Jayson Williams all the way down to 21-year old Keith Van Horn, the league's next "Great White Hope".

Out west, however, the next decade seems as if it will be owned by the same franchise that owned the last decade. The Los Angeles Lakers, who after winning five championships in the 1980's have gone on a ten-year drought, appear to be the hand reaching highest for the torch Michael's Bulls seem

ready to pass. They are the epitome of generation-X basketball. They are talented, cocky, famous and of course they're stationed in L.A. You could make an argument that Shaq is not only the best young player, but perhaps the best player in the game today, and yet he is almost overshadowed on this team of the future. The Lakers have four all-stars on their roster, and two of them don't even start. Nick Van-Exel and "the next Michael Jordan", 19-year old superstar Kobe Bryant, come off of the bench for the Lake-show.

The coaching ranks also have a lot fewer members nearing the old-folks home than they did a few years ago. Many young coaches, like Rick Pitino, John Callipari and Jeff van Gundy have given a younger face to head coaches. On top of that, three Celtics from the eighties, Larry Bird, Kevin Mchale, and Danny Ainge have taken power positions around the league.

So I like I said, there's no need to panic because the future is bright for the NBA, with or without Jordan, because today's pro's come from the first generation of hoopsters that grew up trying to "Be like Mike".

Prices reduced for quick sale

I must admit, whenever I'm channel surfing in my armchair late at night, I always have to stop and watch that home shopping channel where the crazy eyed host with scars on his arms is selling a male audience a carefully crafted set of thirty stainless steel hunting knives for only \$199.99.

Last night, though, something was different. His eyes were just as bloodshot, his voice was still tense, but he wasn't holding any sharp objects. There were no buck knives or machetes. He was marketing a whole new item.

On the show tonight he had a blonde two week old baby with her daddy's blue eyes, item #708-921, with no money down and easy pay terms.

After a couple of minutes I thought, what has the world become, when children are for sale on the TV shopping channel with E-Z monthly payments?

This must be some black market deal, right? Or, are these are children up for adoption? Maybe I'm talking about a fertilization clinic?

No. This is just the way kids are sold today in an open market where moms bear the children and dads pay them off in monthly installments.

Obviously everything in life, even life, has a price. Kids are a great buy because there's no credit check. They come in different colors, sizes, and styles. They can be delivered. And this form of fathering children with a monthly check is a habit that many professional athletes own the power boy con-

Mercedes Adams

Armchair Umpire

tracts for

There seem to be quite a few athletes who have recently purchased children. Shawn Kemp of the Cleveland Cavaliers reportedly is paying off seven. Larry Johnson of the Charlotte Hornets may have as many as five.

Besides the fact that these pro athletes are making millions in salary from their employers, what makes a child so affordable?

Well, it used to be that a child was an expensive item. A lot of planning, effort, and savings went into children in the past. They required huge investments of time and love.

Now buying has been streamlined, and owning a kid can be as simple as a 20 percent cut of your monthly wages, depending on your state of residence. If you happen to be in the elite income bracket that professional athletes usually are, it can be as little as \$2- \$10 K per month.

For one of his purchases, Phoenix Sun forward Dennis Scott is paying just \$5K a month! While wages may be garnished - time, love and interest in the children are not taxed at all.

This seems to be a reasonable price for athletes like New England's Dave Meggett, who has

four children out of wedlock that ate paid for by his monthly welfare contribution.

Recent buyer's guides price the total 18 year ownership of a child to be just over \$1.4 million. No time, love, or energy needed. All it will cost you is a little cash.

Athletes seem to have a great deal going for them in this market. Many athletes travel often, have high salaries, and egos as big as their male instincts. When these elements are combined, the result is an amazingly simple contract for the buying of children across the US. No up front hassle. The lawyers and paperwork will come a few months later. Ease of doing business is critical, that's what's making this a buyer's market.

After a few minutes of item #708-921, I realized that I must already be in the hole \$3 million. I turned it off and went to bed.

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Campus Notes

New student trustee

The students of De Anza will have a new vice representing their concerns to the Board of Trustees. Gagan Bhatt will begin his tenure as Student Trustee on June 1. Leaving the position after a year of service is Romi Bhatia, who will be transferring to Berkeley in the Fall.



Gagan Bhatt
New Student Trustee

His office is located in the bottom floor of the Campus Center in the Student Government offices.

Bhatt is no stranger to school government, as he served as student body president at Chabot college through the 1996-97 year. He says he will continue to overlook the budget for the district, put efforts into student outcomes and provide student input into the diversity issue, which will be a main focus at the district.

A Molecular Biology major who transferred to De Anza last Summer, Bhatt says he would like to go into medicine. In the mean time, he encourages students to come to his office with their concerns, so he can ensure they may be expressed in district meetings.

Smoking restriction

The Campus Center has adopted a new smoking policy for the Hinson Campus Center. Smoking around the center is now only permitted in the front patio center, near the bookstore. Affected areas under the new policy include the rear patio, and all alcoves and stairwells surrounding the center. Hardest hit is the outside entrance next to Le Cafe, an area often frequented by smokers. Smoking areas elsewhere on campus remain unaffected by this new policy.

Dean of College Services Greg Druehl said that while they recognized the inconvenience to smokers, the Campus Center Board felt the health of non-smokers was paramount.

Important dates

MAY 19

Just when you thought it was too late, you can still petition to graduate. Due to a computer breakdown in the Counseling office, the deadline for petitioning has been extended until May 19. Counseling offices are located in the left wing Administration building and will be open until 8:00.

MAY 20

The Inter Club Council and Health Services are sponsoring a blood drive on May 20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Student Council Chambers, located in the lower level of the Campus Center.

The English Department and the Asian Pacific American Staff Association will host a special free screening of the Oliver Stone film "Heaven and Earth" in the Forum Building, room 3 at 1:30 on May 20. A second showing will be held in Conference room B at 6:30 p.m. The 1993 film is based on the writings and life story of Le Ly Hayslip. Hayslip will visit the campus on May 21 as part of the Visitor Speaker Series.

MAY 21

Students have an opportunity to speak and meet with with President Martha Kanter on Thursday, May 21 from 1-2 p.m.

MAY 26

International Students are encouraged to attend a workshop to learn about the upcoming fee hike slated to begin in July. Students can also voice concerns and join discussions on any issue affecting International Students. More information is available by calling Mark Fu at (408) 864-8813

MAY 27

As if you didn't have enough deadlines already, the deadline for submission of applications for the Faculty Association scholarship is May 27 at 3 p.m. Forms are available at the scholarship application tower outside the Financial Aid office. FA will award two \$500 scholarships to one Foothill and one De Anza student. Applicants must have completed at least 45 units at De Anza, have at least a 3.25 GPA, and be planning to transfer in the Fall.

MAY 28

An analysis of Proposition 227, commonly known as the "Unz initiative", will be discussed in Conference Room A and B from 11:30 to 1:30. The lecture, titled "Why Bilingual Education?" is free and open to the public.

Internationally-known professor of theoretical nuclear physics Dr. Michio Kaku will lecture on science, technology and politics on May 28. The lecture will take place in Conference Room A and B in the Hinson Campus Center from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Kaku will also be available for a book signing immediately after the lecture.

Hard road for part-time faculty

■ PART TIME. *from front page* college part time faculty teaching on campuses that have not reached a 75 percent full time faculty teaching ratio by the year 2004 to be compensated at a salary or hourly rate directly proportional to the salary of a full time member with comparable training and experience."

This means that colleges in violation of the 75/25 ratio will have to pay their part time faculty on a level scale with full timers.

A newsletter from David Hawkins, legislative advocate for the Faculty Association of California Community Colleges, a nonprofit, professional organization

that lobbies on behalf of community colleges and their faculty, contained information on several new bills concerning part timers. One of the bills, SB 877 will appropriate \$15 million to hire additional full time faculty for 1998-99 and AB 1714 establishes a framework to reach the 75 percent ratio within five years.

Another issue with FACCC is to get community colleges to compensate part time faculty for office hours. The recently passed AB 301 provides a state funding incentive for community college districts to compensate part time teachers who teach at least a 40 percent load for one office hour a week but local districts must also pay part of the cost. The Foothill-De Anza district has not exercised this option.

With a budget of about \$4.6 billion, California community colleges receive less government support than any other community college system in the United States. Last week governor Pete Wilson proposed an additional \$69 million for community college funding. In the revised budget "Partnership in Excellence," a community college system program, is to receive an additional \$50 million, for a total of \$100 million, \$12.8 million for economic development.

Most part time faculty don't have basic health care coverage. "The health care system is poorly structured," says Storer, a part time instructor. "It states that you have to teach 50 percent in one district to receive health benefits."

Another major concern with part timers is the difference in salaries. A full time teacher's beginning salary is about \$35,551, a part timer about \$24,886. The most a full time teacher can make is about \$65,574, a part time teacher with the same experience makes about \$36,116. "The main factor is money," Storer said. "If they really want to improve education they have to increase funding."

Code violations plague election

■ DASB. *from front page* vided by President Sommerlad.

The next provision of the election code the panel appears to have violated was to "insure that at least five full sets of completed application forms... are made available for student review in the DASB office, the Student Activities office, the Learning Center, and the Campus Information Booth beginning on the first day of the eighth week of the... time line."

The eighth week requirement indicated postings should be available April 13, but candidates statements were not made available to La Voz until May 4, eleven weeks after the first meeting.

The election code also states the committee must "coordinate at least two candidate open forums... in the seventh and eighth week of the deadline." One scheduled for May 6 was never held because, according to Senator Rezvani,

"they (the Activities Office) said we couldn't.

The reason the forums could not be held when scheduled was because the M.E.Ch.A. sponsored "Flor y Canto" celebration had already been booked for that day. Any attempt to reschedule the forum is unknown. The code also reads that the election committee will hold two candidate speech events in the ninth week of the deadline, in which each candidate would deliver a fifteen minute speech. Neither event happened.

The election code also states "prior to the opening of each poll site the pollwatchers shall remove all campaign materials and all student publications containing endorsements with within fifty feet of the polling sites." Pollwatchers, trained through the Activities Office, were never informed of this rule and no campaign material was removed from poll sites. The Activities Office argues they didn't stress that rule because due to rain the sites were moved unexpectedly.

While the senate was discussing whether or not to overturn the judgement, Senator Amanda Holt, candidate for VP of Finance, expressed to the group that the elections should be reheld in the interest of fairness, which elicited groans and protests by other members of senate.

"I originally supported the idea to rehold the elections," said Holt after the senate meeting, "but after talking with the other senators, I realized that would only cost the students more."

The senate, after finishing discussion, took a ballot vote and the results came back in favor of the appeal. Okoh and Eghbali were allowed to continue in the election race for Student Body President and Executive Vice President.

Okoh was pleased with the results, saying they had "put a lot of hard work into this election."

"It would not have been fair to end it this way."

New meaning to the meaningless

■ MCGILL. *from front page* know about you, but I am joining the bandwagon.

The reality is, I really do care about you the reader. From now on I am going to cover all of the important issues that America holds dear. As far as the news, well, I know you want fluff, so I'm going to give it to you!

This column will now delve into the important topics such as Leonardo DiCaprio's sex life. It will entertain conspiracy theories surrounding Tupac Shakur's "death." In effect, it will indulge in racy rhetoric revolving around the rich, the raucous and the ridiculous!

It will examine at length, the intricacies of Pamela Anderson's rise to fame on the laurels of hard work, determination and fake breasts. It will painstakingly attempt to decipher the artistic aspects of films such as "Boozy Call" or the entire works of the late Chris Farley. That's just the beginning!

I'll have my scientific team looking into your favorite episodes of the X-Files to help pacify any



Bobby McGill

Idle Wordship

belief in their legitimacy. I'll have a psychic network set up to answer such questions as "why is my phone bill so high?" or "will I find love?" or the perplexing question of why a lovely and talented woman such as Dionne Warwick would stoop so low? But wait, there's more!

On the scholastic front, I will have a 24 hour hotline set up in case I print any words you don't understand. Additionally, I will consult the top literary minds as to the profound meanings locked deep within the troubled lyrics that now grace the lips of the youth. In fact, I plan on holding special workshops helping young songwriters who are not willing to learn about music or instrumentation yet are willing to steal from other's hard work.

You love sports? Well, I'll have

sports. Loads of it! Blood, gore and violence. And that's just the chess coverage! Mike Tyson? Hah! Too wimpy for this space!

I know you hate politics, but I think you should check this out!

My column will be bold enough to ask the nation's leaders the real tough questions that you yearn to have answered like, "couldn't you be even less discreet with your sexual affairs so we can read and hear even more about them?"

Additionally, I promise to never bring up those boring words such as "policy," "agenda" or "platform." No way! And forget about journalistic integrity folks, I'll even make Rush Limbaugh look somewhat factual.

In short, I give in. The numbers show that we just can't get enough meaningless news, so I'm doing something about it. I will bring you more sex, more vacuity (oops, sorry, the 24 hour hot line isn't up yet. "Vacuity" means "total absence of ideas") and more nonsense to help you get through the day. In fact, you could say that I will be bringing you more of less for more or less the rest of your lives! I love you!!

On second thought, maybe not... go call this number: 1-800-444-4653, Subscribe. Read. Grow.

Idle Babble

-With great sadness, I read that India has entered further into the nuclear arms race. Are you scared yet? If not I have one word for you: BOOM!

-For the De Anza elections next year how about going easy on the campaign flyers? I know they grow on trees but, well... that's my point.

-Thanks for the letters about my last column, but seriously, talk about some people missing the point. Saying that I am against protesters and against movements is profoundly misguided and just plain wrong. Are you sure that was me you read? The ability for some people to so profoundly miss a point is nothing new, but it is getting old. I am holding a protest this Friday. Peace.

-No offense to the DASB election committee, but I will not give you a hot dog and a coke for reading my column.

-Hearty congratulations to the girls state champion tennis team. A sport that is remarkable if for nothing else than its use of the word "love" for scoring.

-Lastly, do you want this "job"? I'm actually graduating this quarter. The requirements are simple: low I.Q. and an open mind. I was a shoo-in.

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