

tarted by the De Anza Student Body Senate's Environmental Sustainability committee, the Bike program's goal is to give student steady transport to their classes. It also should alleviate students' worries about increasing gas costs and give them a

The success of the program was "thrilling," chair of the Environmental Sustainability committee Anaruth Hernandez said.

She was surprised by the popularity of the program considering there was no print advertising and information about it was spread by word of mouth among students.

"We had 10 bikes, and they are all gone," Hernandez said. "And we still keep getting applications for them. It shows the student demand."

Sri Paruchuri, another member of the senate, also expressed satisfaction with the program.

'We're excited to be assisting students with what they need," he said. "This was the Environmental Sustainability committee's first major project, and it's a huge success."

Hernandez and Paruchuri said that even though all 10 rental bikes are taken, they still want interested students to submit applications.

"The more applications we get, the more bikes we can get for students in the coming quarters," Hernandez said.

Submitting an application is easy, they said. Applications are available in the senate office downstairs from the cafeteria, or online from the DASB senate's home page. To be eligible for the program, students need to be enrolled in six units.

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Friends, teams, coaches reunite at second De Anza Hall of Fame

RACQUEL THOMPSON STAFF WRITER

The De Anza College Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held April 16 at the Three Flames Restaurant in

The first induction ceremony was in 1992, and nearly 20 years later the Hall of Fame welcomed over 11 new members who showed excellence during time spent at De Anza.

"I'm here to honor [the inductees], " De Anza alum and current assemblyman from California's 22nd State Assembly district Paul Fong said. "I fessional football player for remember them. This is a great event and a great idea."

Fong played Football for the season as a running back.

"It's always exciting to see people again," said fellow alum and teammate Paul Arias of reuniting with his old teammates.

"You wanna' see if they still have hair, you know it's going to be grey though."

Arias hadn't seen Fong since 1973 when he played alongside him as a middle-line backer. Now, nearly 40 years later, they've reunited to celebrate 88-year-old Bob Pifferini, their former football coach, as he was inducted into the De Anza Athletics Hall Of Fame.

"I have to thank Coach Pifferini for instituting that leadership in me," Fong said of how his time at De Anza helped him develop life skills.

Pifferini was a former prothe Detriot Lions, drafted in 1949. He was also De Anza's first football coach in 1967. Don's during the 1971-1972 At De Anza, Pifferini served as the head football coach for nine years holding an overall football record of 55 wins and 51 losses. As the head football

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WATER POLO - The 1971 Water Polo team together, after receiving medals and being inducted into the De Anza Athletic Hall of Fame

De Anza makes strong showing at annual Journalism convention

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GOALS

De Anza made the annual trek to the the Journalism Association of Community Colleges 56th state brought home numerous mail-in convention was held in Sacra- awards, including General Excelmento on April 7-9 at the Double Tree Hotel. In attendance were La Voz Weekly members: editor in chief Michael Mannina, features editor William Ferguson, deputy editor Aliyah Mohammed, staff writer Racquel Thompson, photography editor Nick Gonzalez, freelancer Nadia Banchik, production manager and design editor Israel Gutierrez and journalism professor Cecilia Deck.

JACC offers four annual conventions and conferences for students and faculty to challenge and teach aspects of journalism and media through sets of workshops, on-the-spot competitions and mail-in competitions.

Journalism students from community college newspapers around the state are given the opportunity to mail in, prior to the

convention, samples of past issues to be evaluated and awarded. De Anza, along with winning prizes in on-the spot contests, also lence for La Voz Weekly.

Representing De Anza College, Mannina placed third in the copy editing on-the-spot competition beating out other colleges in their knowledge of current events and AP style.

Ferguson placed for De Anza in the feature story on-the-spot competition, which involved taking a tour through the Sacramento History Museum. Taking fourth in this competition Ferguson beat out approximately 100 other par-

Israel Gutierrez proved his skills in design layout by placing first in the broadsheet news judgement and layout on-the-spot competition.

In addition to the competitions, students also participated in workshops led by industry |See JACC : Page 3|

Campus Events

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MONDAY, APRIL 25

UC DAVIS TRANSFER ADVISING

9:30-11:30 a.m. & noon-2 p.m. Transfer Center, 2nd Floor, SCSB

AUC Davis representative will meet with students by appointment for 30-minute sessions. Students should come prepared with questions, transcripts and AP or IB Exam reports. To make an appoint ment, call the Transfer Center at 408-864-8841

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

SJUS TRANSFER ADVISING

9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Transfer Center, 2nd Floor & Room 202, SCSB An SJSU admissions representative will provide transfer advising. Student appointments will be held from 9:30-10:45 a.m. and 12:15-2 p.m. Students should come prepared with questions and transcripts. A Next Steps Drop-in Workshop (for fall 2011 admitted students) will be held from 11 a.m.-noon.

UC TRANSFER PARTNERSHIPS

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Info Table, Campus Center A representative for the Transfer Partnerships Program (UC Santa Cruz Educational Partnership Center), will be available to provide general University of California transfer advising.

UC BERKELEY TRANSFER VISIT

10 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Transfer Center, 2nd Floor, SCSB

A UC Berkeley Transfer Alliance Project Coordinator will provide drop-in transfer advising First come, first serve. Students should come

prepared with questions and transcripts

SJSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENT **ADMISSION ADVISING**

10 a.m.-3 p.m.

International Student Office, LCW-102

A SJSU International Admissions representative will provide transfer information to prospective international students. Students should come prepared with questions and transcripts.

'PASSAGES: FOR LEE PING TO'

12:30-2:30 p.m., Campus Ctr., Rooms A&B Francis Wong will perform an excerpt of their interdisciplinary performance piece "Passages: For Lee Ping To," which commemorates the Centennial of the Angel Island Immigration Station. Lee will also speak about the project.

OTI OPEN HOUSE

1-2 p.m., Seminar Building

Stop by the Occupational Training Institute for an open House and visit their new office Come meet community partners who serve and refer students to De Anza and Foothill Colleges. Snacks and drinks will be served. For information contact Daniel Dishno at 408-864-8307

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

UC SAN DIEGO TRANSFER VISIT

10 a.m.-1 p.m. Transfer Center, 2nd Floor, SCSB

Erica Quintor, Regional Admissions Officer for UC San Diego will be available to provide transfer admission advising. Come prepared with questions and copies of transcripts from all colleges

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

SFSU INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADMISSION ADVISING

10 a.m.-2 p.m.

International Student Office, LCW-102

A SFSU international admissions representative will provide transfer information to international students. Students should come prepared with questions and transcripts.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

LAST DAY: PASS/NO PASS

The last day to request a Pass/No Pass grade. A paper form must be submitted to the Admissions and Records office by students requesting P/NP after the start of the class. http://www.deanza.edu/registration/ passnopass.html for information

MONDAY, MAY 2

BUDGET TOWN HALL

Noon-1 p.m., Campus Center Rms. A&B Join Chancellor Linda Thor, Vice Chancellors Kevin McElrov and Dorene Novotny for a Budget Town Hall meeting with a De Anza campus overview by Vice President Letha Jeanpierre.

CELEBRITY FORUM: BEN ZANDER

8 p.m., Flint Center

Ben Zander, the conductor of the Boston Philharmonic Orchestra will speak. For information and cost visit http://www. celebrityforum.net. Flint Center does not

sell individual tickets for the Celebrity Forum Speaker Series. This event will be repeated May 3 and May 4.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Main Quad

Transfer Center, 2nd Floor, SCSB Celebrate "International Workers Day: A Radical Celebration for Simple People" with the Students for Justice Club. Event will feature speakers, free food, live art, music and a drum circle.

FIRST THURSDAY OPEN MIC

5-7 p.m., Euphrat Museum, VPAC Join De Anza students, faculty and staff for the Open Mic Series and participate in the fusion of spoken word poetry and hip hop. Sponsored by the De Anza Black Student Union.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

8 a.m.-4 p.m., Campus Parking Lots A & B The Flea Market is held on the first Saturday of every month, sponsored by the De Anza Associated Student Body. For information contact 408-864-8414

THURSDAY, MAY 12

DARE OPEN HOUSE

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Campus Ctr. Rms. A&B Join the Developmental and Readiness Education Task Force for informational and interactive sessions to learn more about basic skills initiatives and student perspectives on their experiences in basic skills courses at De Anza. For information. visit http://www.deanza.edu/dare.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISCOUNTED MOVIE TICKETS AVAILABLE WITH DASB CARD

Discounted movie tickets are available for students who have a DASB card. Prices per ticket:

. AMC Gold - \$7.50 AMC Silver - \$6

Century Platinum - \$7.25

purchase tickets, students should bring their DASB cards to the Office of College Life (formerly Student Activities) in the lower level of the Campus Center and go to the window labeled "Student Accounts." Office hours are Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

STUDENT LITERATURE CONTEST

The Carolyn Keen Literature Prize grants annual awards to outstanding essays written by students on works of literature. Submit essays (two copies) along with a one-page cover letter and contact information to Professor Anthony Delaney's mailbox in the Admin. Building by May 25. Prizes range from \$100-\$300; the winning essay will be published in Red Wheelbarrow. For information contact Anthony Delaney at 408-864-8965.

CROSS CULTURAL PARTNERS

The Cross Cultural Partner Program (CCP) is accepting applications online at http:// www.deanza.edu/ccpartners/ or by email at ccpartners@deanza.edu through April 25. Come share your culture. No experience necessary. Don't wait -- hurry and grab this opportunity for adventure!

STUDY ABROAD IN VIETNAM

Spend the summer traveling to Vietnam and earn up to 10 credits in English, international business and sociology classes. The trip will take place June 27 through July 23. Financial aid and scholarships are available. For information contact John Swensson at 408-590-4430 or swenssonjohn@deanza.edu.

FOOTHILL EVENTS

REGISTER FOR CAREER DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

The Career Development Conference, to be held on Tuesday, May 3, is designed to prepare students for career advancement. Registration must be completed by April 26. For information visit http://www.foothill.edu/ career/careernet.php.

'THE YOUNG & THE DIGITAL'

Faculty and staff are invited to hear S. Craig Watkins discuss his new book: "The Young and the Digital: What Migration to Social Network Sites, Games and Anytime, Anywhere Media Means for our Future" on Friday, April 29, from 9:30-11 a.m. in Appreciation Hall (Room 1501). His book may be purchased for a 20 percent discount at the Foothill bookstore; a book signing will follow the presentation. For information contact Denise Swett at 650-949-6952.

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professionals from newspapers including the Sacramento Bee, SF Weekly, Los Angeles Times, San Jose Mercury News and the Oakland Tribune. "Making your Thompson, a Golden State Warriors beat La Voz," said Thompson. writer for the Bay Area News Group, Racquel Thompson attended.

Gonzalez, Ferguson and Gutierrez participated in the team features competition by visiting Sacramento State University and documenting an instru-

mental jazz group as they prepared for a performance. The team compiled a multimedia slideshow with slides, music and interviews.

"I can definitely use what I learned game story sing" taught by Marcus there and apply it with what I do here at

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UC representatives visit De Anza

IRIS VALDEZ

STAFF WRITER

De Anza College students gathered at the Transfer center to meet with admissions representatives from UC Berkeley on April 14. The representatives gave advice and guidance to students to help them meet the requirements for transferring to Berkeley in their chosen major.

Although the wait was long, students said it was worth the wait. "Yeah, the wait here is long but at and UC San Diego. Students can least I won't have to wait an extra find out more about university rep year to transfer," said one.

counseling, the representatives answered questions about the Berkeley campus and the admissions and transfer process.

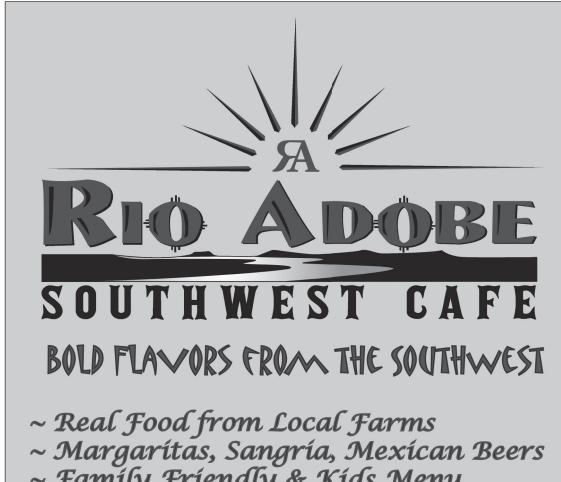
"The reps really helped me get my priorities straight and now I valdeziris@lavozdeanza.com

know exactly what classes I need to transfer out in my second year," computer engineering transfer hopeful Michael Luong said.

The UC Berkeley representative visit is one of a several visits by university representatives that will occur over spring quarter.

Other universities that will participate include San Jose State University, San Francisco State University, UC Davis, UC Santa Cruz visits, including dates and loca-Besides scheduling and class tions, at the De Anza transfer center website: http://www.deanza.fhda. edu/transfercenter/repvisits.html

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People juice up De A

RAW People Club members set to attain juicers to increase campus health

IRIS VALDEZ

De Anza College's RAW People Club is petitioning for a juicer to add to the Hinson Campus Center to give students the option of freshly squeezed orange juice. Fresh squeezed orange juice would be a healthy alternative to the coffee, soda and sugary drinks sold there.

"We are doing this to change and assist in helping students eat healthier. Drinks are portable and should be natural ... We want to get students back to the idea of

Jasmine Mithani.

The club is trying to get a farm to table feel on campus. They may look into a local farmers market to obtain a variety of fresh fruits, but to start things off, their choice for fruit will be oranges. This will be the first step to help students rely less on factories to create drinks.

In order to fund this project, the club has used raffle the cause can attend the RAW tickets and donations.

"We were able to raise enough money for the juicer and are just waiting for the permission to get it," said Mithani.

After speaking with students, the club found that they are willing to pay the

approximately three dollars for fresh drinks.

Obtaining the juicer is the main objective for the club, as they are in a transition period. After elections, the juicer plan will proceed into later stages. At its current stage, the club has the funding but needs permission to proceed with the proposed plan.

People who want to support People Club meetings Tuesdays from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Multicultural Center.

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BENEFITS OF JUICING - RAW People will initiate their juicing plan with oranges, then move on to a variety of fruits and vegetables to showcase the benefits of a more natural food source

to gs. idea of ... w. People they are willing. oothill College held its first Earth Week from April 18 to April 22. Daily events centered around raising awareness

Foothill College's Earth Week events included a campus nature walk Tuesday morning and Thursday evening, an Earth Week faire on Wednesday, a film screening Thursday and a campus cleanup on Friday.

Gillian Schultz, associate professor of biology at Foothill and chair of the Earth Day committee, led both nature walks with ornithologist Bill Webb. According to Schultz, the nature walks focused on Foothill's biodiversity due to its proximity to open space, and explored the various plants and fauna surrounding the campus.

"It's not a wilderness campus by any stretch of the imagination," Schultz said. "[But] we have a lot of birds that breed here, so I want the students, faculty, staff and community to know that we have a lot of biodiversity on campus. They walk past it every day and should become more familiar with it."

According to Mia Casey, a member of the Earth Week committee, Earth Week's most prominent event was Wednesday's Earth Week faire. Approximately 20 local vendors attended the faire, including the Native Plant Society, Farm Fresh to You and other

informational groups.

The faire also featured an electric Porsche and Dodge Ram as well as Los Altos Garbage, which attended to promote single stream recycling efforts on campus allowing cans, bottles, paper and other recyclables to be sorted into one bin.

"We wanted the student population to realize that there were places locally that they could volunteer and give their time," said Karen Smith, senior library technician and Earth Week organizer.

Earth Week's purpose was magnified into a broader, more political sense.

"When you're a student on a community college campus, if there's something you need that we don't have, you carry a lot more weight than we do. The power of your voice as a student is much more powerful than you give credit for. Turn to any place you think you can advocate change and you'll get more support than you ever could imagine," Smith said.

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De Anza College Menu: Dining Services April 25 - 29

For all of your on-campus dining needs, visit the FOOD COURT in the upper level of the Hinson Campus Center

MONDAY

- Soup: Minestrone
- Pizza: Asian Chicken with Scallions & Sesame Dressing
- Salad: Chinese Chicken Salad
- Pasta: Beef Stroganoff

TUESDAY

- Soup: Broccoli & Cheddar
- Pizza: Hamburger Cheddar
- Salad: Black Beluga Lentils, Fusili, Cumin Roasted Chicken, Toasted Pine Nuts, Sun-Dried Tomato. Cilantro, Spring Mix & Harissa Vinaigrette
- Pasta: Southwestern Pasta

WEDNESDAY

- Soup: Beef Vegetable
- Pizza: Margarita
- Salad: Spring Greens, Fresh Apple, Candied Walnuts. Cranberries. Bleu Cheese and Oil & Balsamic Dressing
- World Risotto: Asian Ginger, BBQ Pork, Green Onion, Carrot, Oyster Sauce, Baby Bok Chov. Risotto

THURSDAY

- Soup: Tortellini Vegetable
- Pizza: Sun-dried Tomato, Caramelized Onion & Feta
- Pasta: Southwestern Chicken
- Broccoli Bow Tie Pasta

FRIDAY

- Chef's Choice
- New England Clam Chowder

Burger of the Week: 7 oz. Turkey (or Beef) Burger, Caramelized Onion, Cranberry Sage Stuffing with Provolone, Lettuce & Tomato on a Toasted Bun

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oach, Pifferini led the Dons to four Conference ampionships in 1968, 1969, 1973 and 1973 carned himself four Conference Coach of

dition to coaching football, Pifferini also ver the head coaching position for the De olf team, leading them to become threeference champions.

e here to honor those who have paved y for De Anza athletics," co-chair for the Hall Of Fame Committee Debi Schafer-Braun

The goal for this event was just to get the Hall Of Fame event off the ground in an effort to retrieve and recognize the rich history of De Anza Athletics, according to Director of Athletics Kulwant Singh.

"It's very satisfying to hear the joy from alumni and retirees," Singh said. "But we have a lot of people to recognize and we are way be-

Today, the De Anza Athletics program consists of 19 sports, 70 coaches and staff members and is one of the largest athletic departments in California, according to Singh. In addition, there are nearly 500 student athletes and roughly 40 two-sport athletes, two facts that the guests at the ceremony welcomed with a round of thunderous applause, noting the progress the athletics department has made since their time at De Anza 40 years ago.

Singh stressed the importance of the "student-athlete," noting that the De Anza men's

cross country team has the best GPA in California for any community college sports team and an average of 22 student-athletes at De Anza hold a GPA of 4.0 or above.

After seven years at De Anza, President Brian Murphy spoke of what his time here has meant

"[De Anza] builds an uncommon loyalty," he said. "We tend to the traditions that you built. You are the legacy of this special place."

A renovated and state-of-the-art track and football facility was unveiled to the guests. Murphy showed introductory slides of what he hopes the football and track facility will look like one day noting that the department is in need of about \$320,000 for the stadium lights. President Murphy pledged to include plaques honoring the athletic hall of fame inductees somewhere in the facility since an actual Hall Of Fame, or wall, don't currently exist on cam-

"History, traditions and memories that made De Anza sports," Singh said of the special evening reuniting old friends, teammates and co-

The evening celebrated excellence and achievement in De Anza Athletics and showcased what the athletics department at De Anza

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•Barbara Blackburn

-Women's Basketball team member

-All Conference, All-NorCal '83-'84

Sandy Callahan-Cardoza

-Women's Volleyball team member

-De Anza Female Athlete of the Year '89-'90 -MVP of Coast Conference '89, All State '89 Volleyball Maazine's JC All-American '89

Chuck Crampton

-Athletics director, Recreation Director,

division dean ('67-'72)

-De Anza President's Award, and Lincoln High Hall of Fame '61

• Danny Grimes

-Cross Country and Track/Field athlete

-Four time All-American in Track and Field

• Deana (Brothers) Hernandez

-All Coast Conference, All NorCl and All State NSCAA All-American athlete

-First Women's Soccer All-American for De Anza

• Art Lambert

-Coached Men's Water Polo and Swimming for De Anza from 1967-1973

• David "Obie" Obenour

-Athletics trainer for De Anza College from 1970-

• Bob Pifferini

-First football coach for De Anza, coming from Foothill in 1967

• Mitch Platt

-Men's basketball Scholar-Athlete in 1973 and 74

-De Anza's athletic director from 1973-1978

-Basketball coach from 1967-1991

• Men's Water Polo Team 1971

MIDDLE - Attendees sign in at the check-in desk to the De Anza Athletics Hall of Fame. BOTTOM LEFT - De Anza president Brian Murphy speaks about the gap between the last induction cer-

BOTTOM RIGHT - Attendees converse before the opening induction ceremony.





Sports&Fitness

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Profile Spotlight: Track and Field at De Anza

Team makeup highlights diverse array of skills, strengths and school majors

ALEXANDRA MOSQUERA STAFF WRITER

Nick Mattis started coaching track and field at De Anza College in 2007, and had 30 students on the team his first season. The track and field team now has 53 students (20 women and 33 men). They compete in 21 different events in track and field, eight field events and four of them are jumping events.

The Track and Field Team is doing very good this season, Mattis said. "We have bad facilities and we are still awesome!"

Physical Education major Alyssa Sialaris came from Leigh High. She started doing track in sixth grade and also played volleyball. When she came to De Anza she wanted to join the track and field team, but she played the 2009 and the 2010 women's volleyball season at De Anza. She wants to transfer out Northridge or Whittier University.

Kinesiology major Derek White came from Oak Grove High, where he ran track for three years. When he came to De Anza he planned on competing in track and transferring to CSU Northridge or UC Berkeley. He wants to get his Master's in physical education.

Karina Thompson, who goes by Jackee, studied at Mount Pleasant High. She has been doing track since she was the age of 9. She played basketball for one season at De Anza (fall 2009-winter 2010). Her plans for the future are to transfer to the

University of Arizona or Oregon. She wants to do research in medicine

Sociology major Thompson Ly came from Santa Teresa High where he's been competing in track for 11 years. When he came to De Anza he wanted to meet new people. He stopped participating in track in 2009 because of an injury, but he's now recovered and back. He would like to transfer to UC Berkeley or LIC Davis

Philosophy major Lisa Oliveras came from Piedmont Hills High, where she competed in wrestling and soccer. Her plans when she came to De Anza were to get an education and transfer to a four-year university. Oliveras just finished a heptathlon with seven events in two days, and now she's sixth in De Anza's all-time school history. She's also qualified for state. She would like to transfer to Long Beach State.

Communications major Kevin Rutledge came from Los Gatos High. He ran track and volleyball since eighth grade and he's completely devoted to track. His plans are to transfer to a 4-year university and two of his choices are UCLA and USC.

The De Anza Track and Field Team hosted two high schools on April 14 and 15 and went to their last event in Merritt College in Oakland.

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ALEXANDRA MOSQUERA (2) | LA VOZ WEEKLY **TOP -** De Anza College's Track and Field team.

BELOW - The De Anza College Track team practices for their upcoming events as the 2011 season winds down within the next month.



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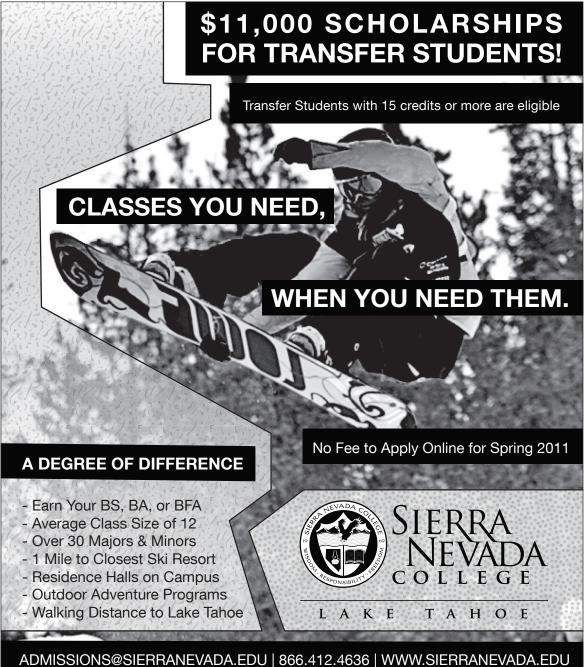
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SEXISM

Power lies within an individual



RACQUEL THOMPSON STAFF WRITER

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The word "sexism" is defined as "attitudes or behavior based on traditional stereotypes of sexual roles and discrimination or devaluation based on a person's sex, as in restricted job opportunities; especially, such discrimination directed against women," according to dictionary.com.

Sometimes what one may consider sexism could be just a communication gap between the two sexes. "Men are usually more straightforward and women are more emotional," says 21-year old psychology student Benny Evien. "[Sexism] seems like



more of a female problem."

Sexism in the workplace is no longer the immense issue that it once was. Women still only earn 80 cents for every dollar made by their male counterparts, according to a 2003 General Accountability Office congressional briefing. Yet, that is a 21-cent increase compared to the 59 cents per dollar that they were making in 1963, as reported by the National Committee on Pay Equity.

I find it impossible to envision a society devoid of discrimination. Realistically speaking, people who think they are part of something greater, that they are better than someone else, will always exist. There are going to be people who wholeheartedly

agree with the gender roles that have been defined for us: women as the nurturing caregivers and men as the tough guys.

Gender inequality exists because as children, society conditions and teaches us to embrace our gender specific roles, keeping us from straying away from what is expected of a man or a woman, according to psychology department faculty member Dr. Mary Fraser.

"We live in a patriarchal society" says Fraser. Women participate in their own oppression."

Fraser notes the 1994 study by Hannah Riley Bowles, an assistant professor of public policy at Harvard, which exposed differences between sexes regarding the tendency to initiate compensation negotiation.

Bowles' study found that "when men were evaluating female job candidates, they were significantly more likely to want to work with a woman who accepted her compensation offer without comment. They perceived the women who attempted to negotiate as less nice and overly demanding. It didn't matter to the men if a male candidate attempted to negotiate for higher compensation or not."

I am guilty of discriminating against the gender myself. It's those distant child-hood memories that taught me and the rest of society to be sexist individuals. Those memories of myself as a young girl playing with Barbie dolls, or my male cousins playing with Lego blocks and having that unexplained fascination of police officers and fire trucks.

Even if it isn't outright sexism, gender discrimination and conformity to gender roles is still seen today. That awkward look that a stay-at-home dad may get, or the notion that a power-female such as public relations icon Kelly Cutrone, is rude or imposing solely because of the fact that she isn't afraid to use her voice. If she were a man, there wouldn't be an issue with her demeanor, but because she's female, she's expected to be more modest.

The double standard is always going to exist but it's up to the individual to either come to terms with it, or do something about it. Whining and complaining about the wage gap or sexist behavior in the office isn't going to beget change. Using your voice will.

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De Anza litterbugs need to clean up their act



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I began investigating this piece wholeheartedly. I scoured the De Anza College campus in search of piling trash, overflowing cans and rolling trash bags. Fortunately (or, perhaps unfortunately for me), none of the like were to be found.

"Sometimes you'll see trash here and there, but it's not like the campus is dirty," said business major Andy Nguyen.

Under recent financial restriction, the maintenance crew in charge of De Anza's cleanliness upkeep has taken a



hit. The custodial staff to student ratio is not sufficient to warrant the kind of cleanliness to maintain the De Anza campus.

When put into perspective, the campus has an over-arching feel of pristine spotlessness. When told about the small janitorial team needed to maintain the nearly 112 acre community college, students seemed surprised.

"The campus is so clean," said art major Samantha Johnson. "We should thank them more often for everything they do here."

The Environmental Sustainability Committee agrees that the power of a clean campus is far-reaching. Not only can it clear the campus, it can liberate a student's mind.

According to ESC member Nevin Sarina, the amount of trash isn't important, but rather the kind of trash. Some plastics, he said, aren't as biodegradable so they stay on the ground longer and the natural process to decomposition is extended.

So in order to promote the ESC's "Green Initiative" and their philosophies about trash on campus, a clean-up day was held on Friday for students and faculty to pick up the garbage around De Anza.

Although there is a general cleanliness, the litterbugging population of De Anza still showcases a strong presence. The smoking population



CLEAN YOUR BUTTS UP - Cigarette butts infiltrate the grounds on campus, polluting the environment and marring De Anza College's reputation. (Left) Dry land is not the only place De Anza College's trash is found on campus. A plastic soda bottle bobs up and down in the Sunken Garden fountain.

still riddles various campus locales. While now sequestered to five locations around campus, the nicotinestick remnants are still a problem.

"I always pass by the hills right near [parking lot B] and there's like half-dirt, half-cigarettes on the ground," said English major Quoc Nguyen.

It's a simple concept: put your butts in the trash. The snack wrappers, plastic cups and discarded papers also should make it there. De Anza seems to have a "monkey-see, monkey-do" attitude toward this type of trash. If 180 butts are on the ground, what will number 181 do? But with that mentality, 181 becomes 300, then 500. It's a snowballing logic with no reasonable end. Throw your trash (cigarette or otherwise) away. We're not nine and De Anza isn't a bedroom.

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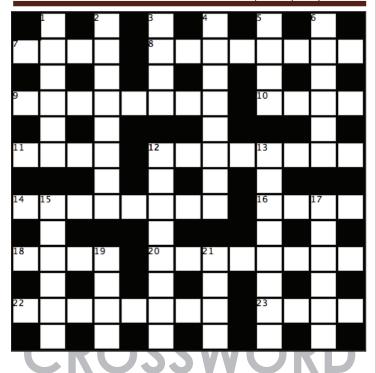
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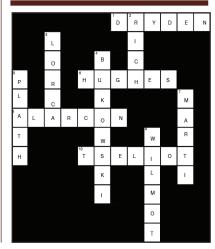
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- Professional assassin for hire
- Getting away
- A Sketch
- 4. Newbie
- 5. Epic
- 6. Tommy was the first Green
- 12. Wanting of other's possessions
- 13. Without fright
- 15. Brings "joy" to a candy bar
- 19. Blunder
- 21. A bargain

Across

- 7. What you don't want 1 down to
- 8. Almost dirty term for actor
- 9. Like telepathic but with emotions 10. Last name of star from "Con Air"
- 11. Against
- 12. "Let's gather 'round the _ ___ song!" sing our
- 14. Popular comedy from 2009
- 16. Famous mountains in Europe
- 20. Not quite a baby but not quite a kid
- 22. Popular in sleeping habits among college students
- 23. Evil uncle from a movie about cats

Crossword answers from last issue:



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