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Club Day staying put

ICC WILL NOT MOVE EVENT, DESPITE CONSTRUCTION, NOISE CONCERNS

Dan Sealana
LA VOZ

De Anza College's Club Day will take place Thursday in the Main Quad, despite concerns about noise and limited space due to construction.

The possibility of moving Club Day to another location, such as the Sunken Gardens, was discussed during Wednesday's Inter-Club Council meeting.

Some club representatives feared that moving Club Day to the Sunken Gardens would bring less student traffic to the event.

ICC Chair of Programs, Jordan Eldridge also noted that there is only one wheelchair ramp in the gardens, making it difficult for disabled students to attend.

Club Day takes place once every quarter and is designed to bring awareness to and promote De Anza's clubs. Past Club Days featured disc jockeys and performances by club members.

In the past, noise hasn't been a major concern for Club Day, since there were no classrooms in front of the Main Quad. This quarter, classrooms were moved into the Administration building, which is directly in front of the quad.

Anthony Choice, the ICC representative for the Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan club, said he was against moving Club Day to an alternate location.

"I don't really give a damn if it interrupts the classes because the administration was warned not to put classes right there from the get-go," Choice said.

Club Day:

When: Thursday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Where: The Main Quad

"It's common sense that they maybe should have thought of it before they put the classes there."

Eldridge said that, if anyone from the Administration building complains about noise, he will have the DJ lower the volume.

No action was taken regarding a possible location change for Club Day since no ICC club representatives made a motion.

This quarter's Club Day is scheduled for Thurs. Oct. 12, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. If rained out, the event will be rescheduled to Oct. 19.

Editor's note: Anthony Choice is a contributor to La Voz.

De Anza says: Pardon our dust



Laena Brandenburg/LA VOZ

Several sections of De Anza College's campus are being renovated. Construction is scheduled to continue until fall 2007.

Kayla Hilton
LA VOZ

Construction on the De Anza College campus is scheduled to take place through fall 2007.

For all of this academic year, the Hinson Campus Center, the planetarium and the administration building will be partially, if not completely, closed.

Until these buildings are renovated and completely reopen, De Anza is in transition. The school has and will continue to make

accommodations for the time being. Astronomy classes now have to be held without starry skies in rooms S32 and S34. The cafeteria moved to the old bookstore, which is now the "Foodstore."

Tables and chairs have been moved into the Main Quad and outside the Campus Center where students can dine in "almost an European cafe scene," says De Anza president Brian Murphy.

Administrators planned to put up tents this December so students could have shelter during

rain. However, if it continues to rain as it did last week, the tents will be put up sooner.

Inside the Campus Center, workers are completely renovating Conference Rooms A and B and turning what was once the cafeteria into a food court.

"By then people will be so used to eating outside they won't want to eat inside," Murphy said.

According to Murphy, the lawsuit against Measure C, filed by Saratoga lawyer Aaron Katz, will not affect construction.

New Writing and Reading Center Open

Loriza Sasur
LA VOZ

The De Anza College Writing and Reading Center held a grand opening Thursday in its new location in room 309 of the Advanced Technology building.

The WRC held an open house, lead by co-directors Karen Chow and Julie Pesano. Students and staff were invited to drop by and enjoy doughnuts and coffee.

For many, it was their first look at the new location since its move from the Science Center building over the summer. The wall between ATC 308 and 309 was knocked down to make room for the new center.

The WRC was designed to be easy to use. Students scan their De Anza Student Body card upon entry, and are then set up with their own personal tutor.

"You don't need an appointment, so it was designed to be flexible to work with students' schedules," Chow said. "It's an inviting and welcoming place."

The center provides an opportunity for students to be one-on-

one with a knowledgeable tutor, and to get help with any assignment or subject.

"The main goals for the program this fall is to first help our students with any kind of language arts help that they need," said Pesano.

"Even if they're writing their personal statement for transfer to another college, writing a resume, anything that is writing related, we can help them with drop in tutoring."

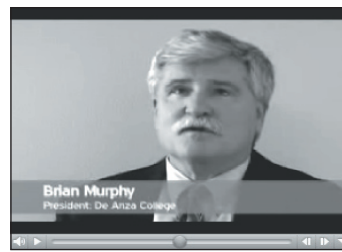
The center has been five years in the making and was meant to address student concerns.

"We have surveyed the students and have identified their needs," said Gregory Anderson, director of the Student Success Center.

"We provide them with integrated services, like the Open Media Labs, the tutorials, and now the WRC."

Anderson encourages students seek their services. "We are here to help our students succeed."

"I think [the WRC] is a good idea," said De Anza student Ezekiel Calubaquib, who attended



De Anza College President Brian Murphy spoke with *La Voz Online* Thursday about the opening of the Writing and Reading Center.

See the video at:
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the event.

"Some students need help, and having this place will help them, especially the ESL students."

The center offers other programs as well, such as faculty volunteers who lead writing workshops, guest speakers, student writing groups, and author readings.

The WRC is open to students on a drop-in basis Mondays and Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

La Voz talks dirty to you

NEW SEX COLUMN MEANT TO EDUCATE, NOT OFFEND



danSEALANA

Editor in Chief

Starting this issue, *La Voz* will feature a weekly sexual health question and answer column by Licia Johnson, De Anza College's Health Educator.

Some readers may applaud this newspaper for being "progressive" enough to feature a sex column. Some others, though, may accuse of us going below the belt to attract readers.

opinion

We're not trying to be provocative or sensationalistic. Johnson's sexual health column is simply meant to be educational.

Whatever you do with the information is your own business.

By publishing this column, *La Voz* is not any making value judgments about the morality of any sexual act or practice.

I'd much rather publish a column urging college students to abstain from sex until marriage.

But, unfortunately, the abstinence message usually falls upon deaf ears. Young people who choose to be sexually active need to be educated about what they're doing.

Johnson's first sexual health installment can be found on page 4. We hope that readers interested in the topic will find the column useful. Those who find it vulgar or offensive should remember that no one is forcing you to read it.

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We're hanging out in L-41.

Free computers available

Natalie Elder
LA VOZ

De Anza College students who don't have their own computer may be able to get one free, courtesy of Financial Aid. The Financial Aid office offers recycled computers to qualified students.

In order to qualify for a recycled computer scholarship, students must first complete a Free Application For Federal Student Aid form. They also must be enrolled at De Anza for at least one quarter, have a 2.0 GPA, and must be currently enrolled in at least 6.0 units.

Sarah Ratner, head of scholarships in Financial Aid, said that to apply, students need fill out a basic application available online.

They must also include a one paragraph essay about how a computer can be used to advance his or her academic goals.

85% of eligible students who are in need of a computer are approved, according to Ratner.

Students who have received computers through Financial Aid are eligible for a new computer three years after it is awarded if their computer no longer works.

Another option for receiving a recycled computer is through Extended Opportunity Program and Services. A first term EOPS student is eligible for a recycled

computer that has a Windows 1998 operating system.

Susan Malmgran, program coordinator for the Occupational Training Institute, said the first step to applying for a recycled computer is to make an appointment with her.

"An EOPS student who is in need for a recycled computer can schedule an appointment with me to initiate the process."

If you don't have a computer or share a computer with many people you are eligible for a recycled computer. Also, if you are a second quarter EOPS student and have already received a recycled computer, but want a better one, you can submit a recycled computer scholarship application to the Financial Aid office.

Ratner said that computers are donated from employers of students participating in the Management Information Systems and various Silicon Valley companies. Right now, there are 60 refurbished computers, including laptops, available for qualified De Anza students.

Ratner said in the three years that the program has been running, over 350 computers have been donated to De Anza students. For more information, visit the Financial Aid Web site at <http://www.deanza.edu/financial-aid/scholarship.html>

Students crash SUV leaving campus



Two De Anza College students were involved in a motor accident Wednesday morning after the GMC sports utility vehicle they were in flipped on its side on Stelling Ave. The driver, Larry Barsocchini, and passenger Zac Roulean did not report any injuries.

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what's happening on campus

Celebrate Club Day, commemorate John Lennon's birthday, write your college application essay

All events are held at De Anza College and are free and open to all students, unless otherwise noted. Please e-mail events to Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com by Wednesday noon for the following week's publication.

John Lennon Birthday Celebration

Monday, Oct. 9, 12:30 to 1:20 p.m., WRC (ATC 309)

The De Anza community is invited to celebrate John Lennon's birthday at an event featuring his song lyrics in the Writing and Reading Center in ATC 309. Students are invited to bring Lennon lyrics, songs or memorabilia to the event. This is one of a series of events planned for the Writing and Reading Center to celebrate poets' and writers' birthdays.

Internship Event

Tuesday, Oct. 10, 1:30 and 4 p.m., Adm 119

Students are invited to attend one of two informational meetings regarding paid internships through the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Internship Program. The meetings take place in the new classroom ADM 119 in the Administration Building. The second session is a repeat of the first. For information, contact Nancy Bilderback at 650-604-5560.

College Application Essays

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 12:30 to 1:20 p.m. Three De Anza English professors, Carolyn Keen, Marc Coronado and Marilyn Patton, will offer transfer students advice on how to write application essays for 4-year universities and colleges.

Fall Job Fair

Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunken Garden

The De Anza College Fall Job Fair, with approximately 50 local employers, will take place in the Sunken Garden (in front of Flint Center). Students should bring several copies of their resumes to leave with employers. For information, contact the Career Center at 408-864-5711 or e-mail careercenter@deanza.edu

Build a Sukkah, Lunch in the Sukkah

Monday, Oct. 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Main Quad and Wednesday, Oct. 11, 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., Main Quad

The Jews, Israelis and Friends Club invites students to join them in the activities "Build a Sukkah" on Monday, and "Lunch in the Sukkah" on Wednesday in the Main Quad to celebrate Sukkot, the Jewish harvest festival. The word "Sukkah" means "booth" or "hut" in Hebrew. For more information e-mail CampusPrograms@Hillelsv.org or call 408-286-6669.

Club Day

Thursday, Oct. 12, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Main Quad

The quarterly De Anza Club Day event will feature tables, displays and music from all of the De Anza clubs. This is a chance for students to join clubs and meet people.

San Francisco Symphony Opening Night

Friday, Oct. 13, Flint Center

This performance celebrates the opening night of the Flint Center Series and will include a champagne reception. Featured are: Schubert Symphony No. 3, Mozart Piano Concerto No. 21 and Haydn Symphony No. 101. The Clock Tickets are \$31-\$57 and can be purchased through TicketMaster. For more information, see: www.sfsymphony.org.

Last Day to Drop Classes

Friday, Oct. 13

The last day to drop a class with no record of grade is Friday, Oct. 13. The last day to drop with a W grade is Friday, Nov. 17.

This Week's Transfer Events

Representatives from universities are on the De Anza College campus every week to help students with transferring. All events will take place in the Transfer Center, on the second floor of the Student and Community Services Building, unless otherwise noted. For more information, see www.deanza.edu/eventscalendar. This week's schedule is:

- UC Davis: Monday, Oct. 9, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- UC Santa Cruz: Monday, Oct. 9, 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- UC Berkeley: Tuesday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- University of the Pacific: Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Late Start Classes

Students who still need to add a class may add the self-paced CAOS (Computer and Office Systems) classes through Dec. 1. Also, Listening and Speaking ESL classes (ESL 210, 211, 213, 216, 223, 224) start this week, and can be added throughout the week.

Transfer Day College Fair

Wednesday, Oct. 24, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Main Quad

Transfer students can meet with admissions representatives from up to 50 colleges and universities in the Main Quad, in front of the Learning Center. California State University, the University of California, private and out-of-state institutions will be present at this once-a-year event.

Students can ask questions about campus admissions and major requirements, financial aid and scholarships, internships, student life and housing. For more information, call or stop by the Transfer Center, located on the 2nd floor of the Student & Community Services Building.

Art Professor Eugene Rodriguez receives award

Art professor Eugene Rodriguez produced a film project, Flood, which has been called a "timely, thought provoking experimental film which tackles the pathos of our age of uncertainty and turmoil in three separate but related shorts." "Flood" placed first in a juried competition in New York City. Information about the project is at www.tribes.org/cgi-bin/form.pl?karticle=754.

De Anza Students invited to Radio Television News Directors Conference

The Northern California Radio Television News Directors Association invites De Anza students to a conference on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 9:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the ABC Broadcast Center at 900 Front Street in San Francisco. Topics include "A Foot in the Door," "VJ - One Year Later," and "The Newsroom of the Future." Conference registration for full-time students is \$25, non student registration is \$50. For information, see www.norcalrnda.com.

Foothill's KFJC "Best of Silicon Valley 2006"

The San Jose Metro newspaper has awarded the title of "Best College Radio Station" in Silicon Valley to KFJC (89.7 FM) at Foothill College. Metro writes, "they destroy every other college station on Earth. They are constantly light years ahead of everyone

else... KFJC is home-brewed, free-form radio at its finest." Foothill College is De Anza's "sister" College (in the same district), and is located in Los Altos Hills. For information, see www.kfjc.org.

BOG Fee Waiver Application online

Students can access the Board of Governors' Fee Waiver application online at the Financial Aid Web site at www.deanza.edu/financialaid. The online application replaces the paper BOG application for recipients of TANF, SSI and low-income students, although the paper applications are still available. Students who qualify will normally be able to see their award online within two business days. Middle-income students should still use the FAFSA to apply for the BOG Fee Waiver and other financial aid. Low-income students who wish to be considered for grants, loans and work-study also should use the FAFSA at www.fafsa.edu.gov.

Class Visitation Workshop for Faculty

The "Peer to Peer: Class Visitation Workshop" invites faculty to see and learn what their colleagues are doing in their classrooms. Two 1.5 hour workshops, with a visit to another instructor's classroom in between, will allow participants to see their peer's teaching and learning strategies in action. Full time faculty will earn PGA credit and part-time faculty will receive a \$45 stipend. The Pre-Visitation Workshop for organizing and planning is Thursday, Oct. 26 and the post-visitation workshop is Thursday, Nov. 30. Both are from 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Writing and Reading Center in ATC 309. For information or to RSVP contact Sal Breiter at breitersal@fhda.edu or Karen Chow at chowkaren@fhda.edu.

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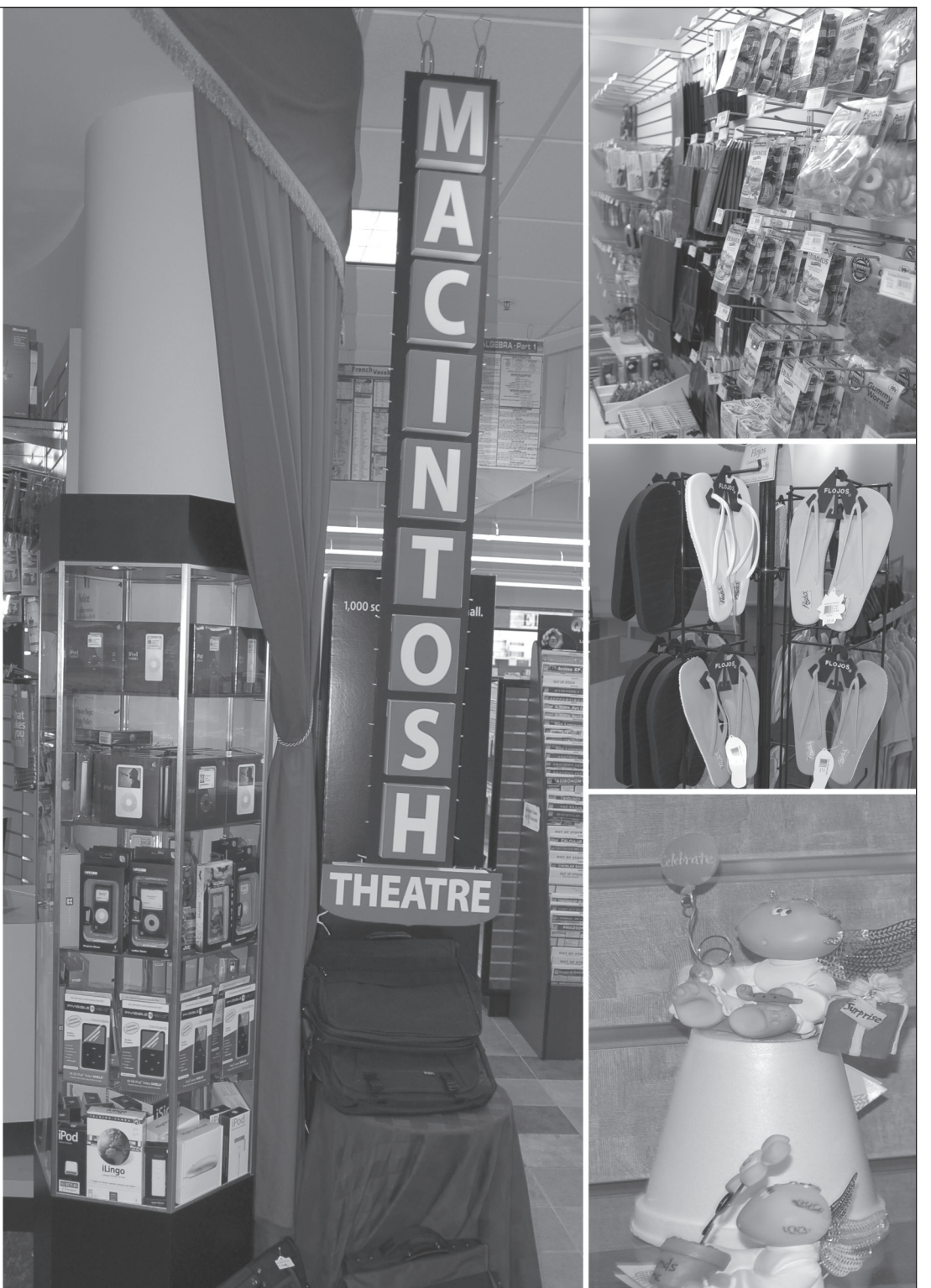
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Dear EarthTalk: What is the best eco-friendly vehicle choice for those of us who need a pickup or SUV? We are about to replace two older trucks with one that is more fuel-efficient.
 — Barbara Roemer, via e-mail

Fuel efficiency has not typically been the calling card of pickup trucks and sport-utility vehicles (SUVs). Small hybrid gasoline-electrics are all the rage now among commuters looking to save money at the pump, but similar technology has been slower to gain traction in the “light truck” category. Carmakers have made strides in recent years, though, to meet growing demand for vehicles of all kinds that will sip and not gulp.

Currently, General Motors is the only carmaker offering hybrid pickups. Hybrid versions of its Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra 4x4s have been available since 2005, and get about 18 miles per gallon (mpg)/city and 21/highway.

The non-hybrid versions get 15/19 mpg, but cost \$1,500 less. GM claims that those paying the hybrid premium will get back that ex-

tra investment in fuel savings over three to five years.

Toyota reportedly has plans for hybridizing its full-size pickup line, too. The company recently unveiled its FTX concept truck, a large 4x4 hybrid pickup, hinting that technology developed for the project will likely end up in its current full-size Tundra pickup.

But no such models have hit showrooms yet, and Toyota remains mum about a release date. Meanwhile, industry analysts have been picking up chatter about a hybrid version of Honda’s popular Ridgeline pickup, but the company has yet to publicly announce plans.

Regarding fuel-efficient SUVs, consumers have a few more choices. Ford currently leads the charge with its Escape Hybrid model, a smaller SUV that gets 36/31 mpg. Ford makes similar SUV hybrids under its Mercury and Mazda brands.

Meanwhile, Toyota’s mid-sized Highlander Hybrid SUV clocks in at 32/27 mpg, while the similar Lexus RX 400 Hybrid gets 33/28 mpg. All these vehicles post significantly better fuel efficiency ratings than their non-hybrid counterparts, but also cost more up front.

If you’re looking to purchase a new hybrid-electric car or truck in the U.S. before the end of 2007 you may qualify for a healthy tax credit, depending on the fuel efficiency of the vehicle.

According to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), a 2007 4WD

Chevrolet Silverado or GMC Sierra hybrid pickup would garner a tax credit worth \$650 (2WD versions qualify for a \$250 credit), and the new 2WD Ford Escape Hybrid and Toyota’s Highlander Hybrid each qualify for a whopping \$2,600 credit. Buyers of the 2007 Lexus RX 400h can count on getting \$2,200 back. The credits are limited to the first 60,000 sold, though, so if you’re looking to jump on the hybrid bandwagon you should run, not walk, to the nearest showroom.

Replacing an older truck with a newer model—especially a hybrid—will almost always guarantee better fuel economy, but it might not be the most environmentally sensitive way to go, all things considered. Some experts would argue for keeping the old truck, and fixing and tuning it up, thus preventing another new vehicle from hitting the roads while an old one clogs up the junkyard.

Repairing an old vehicle is usually cheaper than buying a new one, though it is difficult to quantify the cost of ongoing maintenance hassles.

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Sexual health answers

THE STRAIGHT STORY FROM DE ANZA COLLEGE’S NEW HEALTH EDUCATOR



Licia JOHNSON

De Anza Health Educator

Editor’s note: This article contains sexual subject matter that may be offensive to some readers.

Q: I’ve heard that you can become incontinent if you have anal sex. Isn’t that just a myth?

Licia: Yes and no. Over the years having anal sex can mess with your sphincter. But you need to be having anal sex several times a day for ten to twenty years before damage is visible.

Q: Does having an abortion increase the risk of getting breast cancer?

Licia: No. There have been studies that show that there are predetermined risks. Age is the number one risk

factor for females. Men do get breast cancer, as well. They have the same breast tissue as females. There is no medical or scientific proof that abortion leads to breast cancer.

Q: Does masturbation increase your risk for testicular cancer?

Licia: No. Right now the only known risk is to men with undescended testicles.

If you have a sexual health related question that you want us to pass to Licia Johnson, email us at lavoza@fhda.edu or drop a note in our box at L-41. Your name will not be printed.

To contact Licia Johnson directly, call (408) 864-8732 or visit her in the Health Services office on the lower level of the Campus Center.

That's hot.

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A De Anza ENGLISH TEACHER PROTESTS NEAR BY CORINNE REILLY LA VOZ

De Anza English professor Mary Ellen Goodwin wanted to take a summer trip considered traveling to Amish country in New Orleans. But in the end she'd rather spend her vacation For two weeks, Crawford, Texas, Sheehan at hoping

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Tom Petty still not backing down

DESPITE TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES, TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS LIVE UP TO FANS' EXPECTATIONS

Reza Kazempour
LA VOZ

You might think that after 30 years of performing, Tom Petty and The Heartbreakers would not perform up to expectations.

However, at their Sept. 29 performance at the Greek Theatre in Berkeley, the Heartbreakers put on a stellar show.

The only failure came from the venue, not the Heartbreakers: the lighting wasn't working properly.

"Someone didn't pay their light bill," said Petty, after opening up the night with "Listen to Her Heart."

"I'm just going to act as if nothing happened. At least my amplifier is working."

While the venue worked on the technical issues, the Heartbreakers did their part.

Petty revved up the crowd by striking the famous chords in "Last Dance with Mary Jane."

Once he was into the song, the crowd sang along with him and backup vocalist Scott Thurston. Petty kept the crowd going by apologizing for the venue's continued difficulties with video projection and lighting.

After playing songs from their early inspirations such as the Yardbirds and Petty's own Traveling Wilburys, he asked the venue to shine some light on the crowd, only to be failed by the technical difficulties again.

After introducing the rest of The Heartbreakers, Petty introduced a "real heartbreaker." The crowd roared as Stevie Nicks of Fleetwood Mac made a guest appearance.

Nicks and the band played "I Need to Know" superbly well.

After Nicks' departure, Petty took the lead once again with "It's Good to Be King," from his second solo album, "Wildflowers." "We don't get to play this song as much," said Petty.

This mellow song was taken to new heights by Petty and lead guitarist Mike Campbell.

It seemed it would end on a low note, but Petty and Campbell slowly raised the volume on their guitars and ended the jam rocking out.

The Heartbreakers ended their set with "Refugee" and "Running Down a Dream."

Petty and the Heartbreakers showed they still have what it takes to entertain their fans.

Petty's new album, Highway Companion, is his first in a dozen years.



Tom Petty & The Heartbreakers' Sept. 29 concert at Berkeley's Greek Theatre was plagued with technical difficulties.

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- *The First Amendment of the United States Constitution*



Editorial staff: Matthew C. Egan and Dan Sealana

Editors refuse controversial anti-abortion ad

Recently, *La Voz* was approached by the Human Life Alliance, an anti-abortion group, who wanted to buy advertising space.

The organization wanted to insert a 12-page booklet in the newspaper called "Stop The Madness," designed to dissuade people from supporting legalized abortion.

The First Amendment is something we at *La Voz* care about and go to great lengths to defend. The *La Voz* staff discussed in depth the pros and cons of including the insert. Both anti-abortion and pro-abortion rights staff members expressed their opinions.

The editorial board decided that running the insert would not be in the best interest of the newspaper.

The decision whether or not to run

the ad was not based on views about abortion. We speculated how the average reader would react to *La Voz* running a 12-page anti-abortion insert.

We knew that some readers would see inclusion of the ad as support of anti-abortion politics, because the insert looked like it was an accompanying magazine.

Litter was another concern for us. Many of our advertising inserts end up on the ground. We don't want to add to the litter on campus.

Many of our staff members thought the graphics in the ad were offensive and inappropriate, no matter how we felt about abortion rights.

La Voz's job is to report the news — not make the news. *La Voz* appreciates the debate that arises over an opinion

article we publish.

But we're not interested in causing a stir over an advertisement that we have no affiliation with.

Readers should be able to clearly tell the difference between a paid advertisement and an opinion article endorsing or denouncing a particular product or idea.

But this ad looked too much like a *La Voz* endorsed magazine for us to have confidence that the community could tell the difference.

We encourage readers to look at the anti-abortion material themselves and make up their own mind.

An online version of the advertisement is available on the Human Life Alliance's Web site: www.humanlife.org/stopmadness.php

La Voz censorship of abortion ad shows bias



jamesSCHULTE

An anti-abortion advertisement called "Stop the Madness" recently caused a stir here at *La Voz*.

The 12-page packet painted abortion in a very negative light — to say the least.

It led to a heated discussion among newspaper staff about whether it should run in the paper. The editors ended up rejecting the ad.

Unfortunately, *La Voz* showed the same pro-abortion bias the mainstream media does. The media feels that the best part about abortions is that women are still having them.

Even "The Associated Press Stylebook," the Bible of print journalism, is biased in favor of abortion.

The book, which defines the rules about how different words and sentences are supposed to look in newspaper articles, says about abortion: "[Write] *anti-abortion* instead of *pro-life* and *abortion rights* instead of *pro-abortion* or *pro-choice*. Avoid *abortionist*, which connotes a person who performs clandestine abortions; use a term such as *abortion doctor* or *abortion practitioner*."

Following the AP definition, anyone who disagrees with abortion must be portrayed negatively in articles.

However, those who support legalized abortion are portrayed as fighting for "rights" like a modern day Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

AP also gives those who perform the abortion act titles like "abortion doctor" or "practitioner" to downplay what they really do.

Since the AP Stylebook is used by most schools that teach journalism, these establishments end up teaching the book's bias to their classes.

As a consequence of the media's bias, those that are against abortion are portrayed as bigots who want to bring back back-alley abortions. They are shown as angry sign-waving hate-mongers and religious fanatics.

The media rarely gives time to legitimate arguments against abortion, like how many women use abortion as a form of birth control rather than a one-time procedure.

The anti-abortion ad that *La Voz* rejected could have been seen to some as slanted propaganda. But both sides of the abortion debate should get a fair share of time in the media.

The truly sad part of this situation is that this newspaper's job is to keep the student body informed.

This can't happen if *La Voz* decides for you what you shouldn't see.

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Playboy book review misguided

Of all the books you could review in the Sept. 25 issue you picked "Bunny Tales: Behind Closed Doors at the Playboy Mansion." How in the name of all that's true and beautiful can you expect to generate respect for De Anza College as an educational institution, or for *La Voz* as a serious journal, when you make laughable choices like that?

I have supported The Foothill-De Anza College District for many years, but imagine my chagrin when I left my reading of the Times Literary Supple-

ment, with its many reviews of books edifying and educational, to pick up your paper and find a tawdry piece about "shacking up."

Nobody's attacking your freedom to read what you wish, or even to mention what you read in print. But to focus exclusively on the prurient and ephemeral is a sad symptom of missed opportunities and misdirected attention.

Freedom of the press is posited on the responsibility to inform. Please make more responsible choices!

- Elizabeth Erickson

Sept. 25 Issue Corrections:

- Front Page: The article "De Anza 'Foodstore' now open" was written by Dan Sealana
- Page 4: The De Anza Health Educator's name is Licia Johnson

UPCOMING HOME GAMES

FOOTBALL	
Saturday Oct. 21 1:00 PM	Opponent: Cabrillo
MENS SOCCER	
Friday Oct. 27 1:30 PM	Opponent: Las Positas
WOMENS SOCCER	
Tuesday Oct. 24 4:00 PM	Opponent: Hartnell
VOLLEYBALL	
Wednesday Oct. 25 6:30 PM	Opponent: Hartnell
MENS WATER POLO	
Friday Oct. 20	Opponent: Solano
WOMENS WATER POLO	
Friday Oct. 20	Opponent: College of San Mateo

De Anza puts another win on the board



Natalie Elder
LA VOZ

De Anza College's women's volleyball team defeated Monterey Peninsula College 3-0 during last Wednesday's game, despite struggling in the first set.

On Monterey Peninsula's team, there seemed to be confusion and miscommunication between players, which worked to De Anza's advantage. The Dons made a more solid effort during the second set.

Monterey stepped it up as well, but not enough to catch up with the Dons.

Despite some errors and a few balls served to the net, the Dons won the third set and the game.

"We played very well! We smoked them!"

- Dawnis Guevara,
Dons head coach

"We could have done better on passing and serving," Kit Moore, Monterey Peninsula's head coach said. "Hopefully, next time we meet De Anza we will play a little better."

Dawnis Guevara, Dons head coach, was pleased with her team's performance. "We played very well! We smoked them!" she said.

"The next time we meet it will be more difficult because Monterey will have the home advantage. Monterey Peninsula is a good team, and I hope we will be able to win again."

OCT 4, 2006:

De Anza d. Monterey Peninsula 30-19, 30-16, 30-19.

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