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Man tries to kidnap DA student

BY LISA GU
LA VOZ

A 24-year-old female De Anza College student was the victim of an attempted kidnapping on Wednesday about 7:30 p.m. in parking lot E.

The perpetrator is described as male, 20-25 years old, 5'6", heavy build, black curly hair, no facial hair, wearing a dark, long coat and dark shoes, according to Chief of Police Ron Levine.

The student told police that she was on her way to her car after class when the suspect spoke to her. She turned around and the suspect opened his coat, exposing himself.

Then the suspect physically attempted to force the victim into a nearby car.

The victim fought back and broke free. An unidentified driver observed the attempted kidnapping and honked the horn.

After this, the suspect fled the scene in his car.

"The suspect fled the scene in a red, older four-door sedan, possibly a Toyota," Levine said.

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Equipment thefts rise on campus

BY LESLIE CASAJE
LA VOZ

There has been an increase in multimedia equipment theft from De Anza College classrooms, hurting the pockets of the school's already tight budget. Campus property, projectors and computers are being stolen.

The number of campus burglaries rose from 27 in 2003 to 44 in 2004, though not all of them were college equipment.

"We've had some [break-ins] happen in December and we've had some in early January," Director of College Services Donna Jones-Dulin said.

As of last week, no numbers have been

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TIGHTENING THE BELT



Marjan Sadoughi/ LA VOZ

Foothill-De Anza's Vice Chancellor of Business Services Mike Brandy discusses financial issues at the De Anza Town Hall Budget Meeting.

Numbers for the Foothill-De Anza District

9 million
The range of the projected operating deficit for 04-05

3 million
The range of the decrease of revenue for 04-05

4 million
The original projected deficit on the FHDA adopted budget

BY SCOTT LIPSIG SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

The Foothill-De Anza College district will suffer an operating deficit of 9 million dollars in 05-06, according to Mike Brandy, Foothill-De Anza's Vice Chancellor of Business.

At a De Anza College town hall meeting on Monday, Brandy said that the district will not meet its projected budget, but expressed confidence in the district's ability to manage this budgetary shortfall.

"We can, we will, we've done it before," said Brandy. "We always deliver, and our budget will be balanced in 06-07."

District revenue slipped by \$3 million in 04-05. State funding for

the 03-04 academic year was cut by \$925 thousand, and resident and non-resident enrollment fell, dealing a combined blow of approximately \$1.9 million.

"A 1 percent change in the Full-time Equivalent Student is about a \$1 million change in revenue," said Brandy.

FTES accounts for 97 percent of all district revenue.

With decreases in enrollment also come decreases in campus-based revenue, such as bookstore, print shop and cafeteria monies.

Brandy said that the district's State Teachers' Retirement System contribution would increase by 2 percent, equivalent to \$900,000, due to a controversial state-wide

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Numbers for De Anza College

1 million
The range of the ongoing De Anza deficit

1.8 million
DA's share on a FHDA shortfall

2.8 million
Potential shortfall for DA

Google powers new search page on De Anza Web site

BY BOB STRECKER
LA VOZ

A new engine is under the hood of the De Anza College Web site search page: a "Google Mini" search engine.

"This free software for De Anza College changes Web page site updates from a monthly indexing cycle, with [De Anza's] old search engines, to a potential

of a two times weekly update," said Bradley Creamer, Webmaster and College Web Coordinator. Now students and faculty can search full text for everything in the De Anza intranet.

The new search screen is a composite of the new Google Mini's KeyMatch function, which allows administrators to recommend documents they think are likely to be useful for specific searches.

Caren Bruins, De Anza College Web

Content Developer, said, "We now get better search results. Over 100 people contribute to our college Web site. This change is so powerful the new search engine will pick up everything."

De Anza College Director of Marketing, Communications and Development Terri O'Connor is quoted on the google Web site as saying:

"The Google Mini's KeyMatch feature gives us a powerful marketing tool that we

hadn't even considered previously. We're excited about KeyMatch because we can advertise our latest sports events, performances or financial aid information right in the search results and do so unobtrusively, just like the ads on Google.com."

According to Google, Google Mini indexes and searches up to 50,000 documents and works with more than 220 different file formats.

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Looking for wide open spaces

Editorial

We know, we wrote about the parking lots last week. Trust us, there's more to say. There are more parking spaces, but the parking lots aren't a fabulous wonderland full of singing Oompa-Loompas – yet. There are still a few things we all can do to make getting to class a more pleasant experience.

Last Wednesday, a De Anza student was the victim of an attempted kidnapping in parking lot E. An unidentified driver witnessed the attack and honked his or her horn. The attacker fled. This extreme case demonstrates how we can look out for one another in the frustrating and sometimes dangerous world of the parking lots.

Anyone who uses the De Anza parking lots has noticed the litter. On dry days, empty drink cups roll along like tumbleweeds. On rainy days, paper

towels and cigarette butts disintegrate, forming little deltas of garbage in the runoff. Seagulls and squirrels are partly to blame, but shaking your fist at the vermin isn't going to keep the campus clean. Don't be careless with your trash.

Use your sense of common decency. Gunning your engine to cut off a pedestrian, for example, is rude and dangerous. Mom would not be proud. Yield to the people trying to get from their cars to their classes. You're one of them as soon as you find an empty space.

Pedestrians should also be careful. Some days you're in a hurry, but it's worth taking the extra time to get there without becoming a human speed bump. If you're darting out from between a couple of mega-SUV's, drivers might not see you in time to hit the brakes.

If you're not the one behind the wheel, remind your chauffeur to be kind. Whack your driver with your backpack if you notice that your favorite drop-off point is becoming a bottleneck for a line of impatient drivers. You've had a few weeks to figure out a convenient drop-off spot, use it.

Finally, lock your car. Check it twice. Roll up those windows and consider putting anything valuable in your trunk. While a random person opening up a car door to grab some CD's may not look out of the ordinary to bystanders, a crowbar to the trunk looks pretty suspicious.

If you see someone picking a lock or breaking a window, call campus security at (408) 864-8811. Look out for each other, and keep hoping for those Oompa-Loompas.

Letters to the Editor

Questionable news reporting

Dear Editor,

I truly am concerned with your article, "Instructor's leave provokes walkout," published on Jan. 18. The article does not attempt to determine the facts behind the regrettable incident and instead focuses on the salacious aspects of this extremely unfortunate situation.

The following are relevant questions that were not answered in the article: When and where (specifically) did the confrontation take place? Who was present? When and why was Martinez suspended? If Mr. Martinez was on leave, why was he on campus? What are the specifics of the charges filed against Martinez? What is the basis for the potential class-action lawsuit that Martinez's students are reportedly prepared to file?

Much of the article is hearsay with no evidence of the reporter seeking to verify the information further than a "no comment" from the Foothill-De Anza Police.

Was any attempt made to contact either Martinez or Swensson for clarification or comment? Did Swensson single Martinez out as indicated by the use of the word "vendetta", or were Martinez's actions (adding all students and alleged guaranteed "A's") perhaps unique enough to warrant attention from his supervisor?

The tone of the article and the sources quoted lent it a perhaps unintentional bias toward Martinez and his student supporters.

Even though it was a quote, the comments by Matthew Leavenworth painted Swensson as a crazed bully and Martinez as a victim.

Since there is no indication that Leavenworth has special knowledge and is only speculating, the only purpose of the quote's inclusion is to bias the reader against Swensson.

Whatever occurred between these two men is regrettable. However, it is the job of *La Voz* to clearly report the news and to seek out both sides of any story they feel they should print.

As it stands, this article does not rise to the standards expected of a newspaper. All it does is create controversy on campus and impugn both Mr. Swensson and Mr. Martinez's reputations.

I hope the staff at *La Voz* has the decency to both print a follow up article with some factual information and apologize to both men for the distress that this article undoubtedly caused them.

Clive Charwood
English Student

Corrections

"Clubs cover campus"

Jan. 24, Page 1

Photo caption mislabeled Andre Nguyen. Nguyen is the president of the Circle K Club. Club Day is funded by the DASB, not the ICC.

"Horoscope"

Jan. 24, Page 7

Adelphithymia was incorrectly defined in the story.

De Anza Voices

COMPILED BY LESLIE CASAJE & DAN SEALANA
LA VOZ

What are your pet peeves when parking at De Anza?



"People are always in my way when I park. They'll be walking around and taking their time."

– Elizabeth Odom



"Some people don't know how to park. I hate it when people don't park within their own lines and their cars are sticking into my parking spot."

– Khoa Tran



"I don't like the way the parking lot is structured. It's too confusing like a maze and I can never find my car."

– Brookes Fellom



"I guess I don't like it when people break into your car and steal stuff. Someone broke into my friend's car and took his CDs, which was messed up."

– Ankit Kalra



"When you're trying to walk by and people are driving hella quick. You have to walk to your classes without getting hit by a car."

– Nicole McAvoy

POLLUTION

LA VOZ OFFERS SOME SOLUTIONS TO POLLUTION ON THE DE ANZA CAMPUS



LESLIE CASAJE

Captain Planet and his Planeteers would cry if they saw the litter around De Anza College.

Along with fallen tree leaves, the winter rains carry leaflets and empty potato chip bags.

Walk into the student bathrooms in the L-quad and you'll be hit with the unpleasant odor of unflushed toilets. Empty drink cups lay in parking spaces just a few steps away from trash cans and recycling bins.

Flyers that have fallen off walls or trees contribute to the campus's litter problem. In order to be legal, flyers must be approved by De Anza Student Activities and are allowed only in designated areas such as the carousels around campus – definitely not on tree trunks.

"Currently, each of our custodians is responsible for 31,000 square feet to keep clean," said Director of College Services Donna Jones-Dulin who oversees the custodial and grounds work. "That's a great deal of square footage and we are short-staffed in terms of our custodial staffing."

Even if De Anza could afford to hire more groundskeepers, it's not right to leave trash lying around.

If students did a better job keeping the campus clean by taking responsibility for their own junk, maintenance workers could focus their energy on taking care of

the plants and buildings on campus.

Areas with large amounts of student traffic are kept at the top of the list for custodial cleaning.

This includes classrooms, where food and drinks are prohibited, and facilities such as bathrooms.

"We have a great deal of student traffic in the bathrooms and our students aren't necessarily as conscientious about where they put papers and how they take care of things when they are using facilities," said Jones-Dulin.

Students who treat the campus like one huge junkyard are lucky that Foothill-De Anza police won't cite them for littering. Those who do should have a guilty conscience anyway for being litterbugs. Trash cans, recycling bins and ashtrays are never more than a short walk away wherever you are on campus.

"We don't cite for litter at this point because we just don't have the personnel," said Assistant Chief of Foothill-De Anza Police Ben Rodriguez, "Our primary function out there right now is checking for auto burglaries, car thieves and just keeping the peace."

Even if a small percentage of students are careless about throwing away their trash, or if everyone is careless just now and then, the cumulative effect is overwhelming.

The trash strewn around the grounds and environments of college facilities turn off De Anza guests as well as most students and faculty.

"I find it annoying when ... every bathroom stall I walk into has an unflushed toilet," said De Anza student Serena Cruz. "It's very disgusting."

Yuck. Enough said.

"It pisses me off that some people here still act like school children and stick

their used gum under the tables in classrooms," said student Marcus Johnson. "If I put my knee up, I can always assure you that I'll be welcomed by a sticky friend stuck on my pant leg."

We can all help beautify De Anza's campus by doing the littlest of things. Keep your gum wrapper in your pocket and cover your used gum with it before throwing it in the trash.

This simple gesture will prevent wrappers from floating across campus and keep gum from getting stuck on someone's pants or shoes.

Don't leave your trash behind in classrooms. Toss your empty plastic and aluminum containers into the recycling bins. Put your cigarettes out in the ashtrays. It's not difficult and we'll all reap the benefits of a cleaner, more beautiful campus.

Although it's rude and inappropriate for students to not flush after they use the bathroom, if you find yourself walking into one of these stalls, hold your nose and flush the unfinished business anyway.

Karma will bite the other person in the back, hopefully in the form of bird droppings on his or her deserving head and you'll be doing the next person using the facility a favor.

There are approximately 25,000 students and 935 faculty members who attend De Anza and each one of us, whether full-time or not, should take part in keeping our campus clean.

Sure, students pay campus fees and tuition to attend classes at De Anza, but that doesn't mean we should take the cleanliness of the campus for granted. This community belongs to all of us, and we are all its custodians.

A La Voz commentary

Graphics by Pedro Paulo Viegas de Sa / LA VOZ



The cash that didn't come back

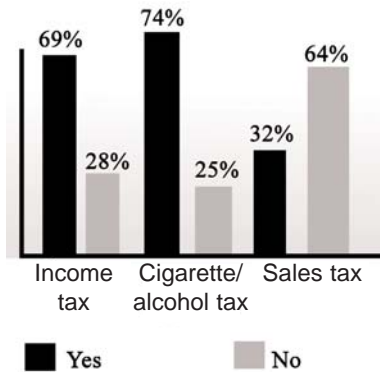
PROP 98

Prop 98, which was suspended last year by agreement, was supposed to give \$5.1 billion to education. The agreement was made with education leaders. Gov. Schwarzenegger's \$2.9 billion bump in education expending is \$2.3 billion short of the money owed from last year.

source: Los Angeles Times

C.O.L.A.

The Cost in Living Adjustment is supposed to cover inflationary rising costs, however the 4 percent increase does not cover the increased cost of living.



Californians do not mind raising income taxes on the wealthiest in the state or on alcoholic beverages and cigarettes, but do mind a hike in sales taxes.

source: Public Policy Institute of California

Attack

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Police were notified at 7:50 p.m. when the victim dialed 9-1-1. When police arrived, an officer made contact with the victim while other units searched the area for suspects. Officer Bill Riley filed the report.

No one was arrested and no charges have been filed.

The victim met with the Police Sketch Artist on Friday. Fliers with a description and sketch of the suspect will be distributed on campus and throughout local law enforcement agencies.

People with information who wish to report details about the incident can call the FHDA district police department at (650) 949-7313.

"We will step up patrols of the campus parking lots and encourage students to call for an escort to their car if they feel concerned for their safety," Levine said.

Students who need an escort can contact campus security at (408) 864-8811. The escort service is offered until midnight all days of the week.

BUDGET TROUBLE

Budget | DA may lose \$2.8 million

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shift of retirement funding to K-14 schools without a discretionary benefit increase.

A \$152 million revenue was estimated for 05-06, as well as a \$161 million expense.

"We're losing revenue," said Brandy. "Expense is going up a little bit."

Brandy said one of the reasons expenses are not dropping is that each class might be down a student rather than one class being cancelled. Classes are still retaining operating costs, but fewer students are attending each class.

District-wide resident FTES decreased, which was expected to bring in \$1.2 million of growth money.

The district was also faced with a \$700,000 loss in revenue from international students, which usually brings in \$11 million per year – more than one-fifteenth of district income.

Brandy's estimates counted factors such as graduation and retention as being restored, but not unused wages since those funds only become available when an employee leaves unexpectedly during the year.

If all estimates were correct, the district would be \$1.2 million below its reserve.

The district is due to release an official second quarter report within the next couple of weeks.

De Anza

According to Jeanine Hawk, Vice President of Finance and College Services, an overall 4 percent decrease this year could drop to 2 or 3 percent if spring quarter sees a resurgence in enrollment.

Hawk said that new Friday and Saturday sessions are currently being developed by instructors and management in an effort to boost spring quarter FTES and continue to recoup fall quarter losses.

De Anza's two primary budget issues are the rising deficit and De Anza's as yet-undetermined share of the district's \$9 million shortfall.

Hawk said that one

unfilled position would be permanently cut: the Dean of Distance Learning, previously filled by Dr. Jaci Ward.

Hawk emphasized the necessity of problem-solving for the college's situation

"We don't expect a big windfall somewhere in the near future," Hawk said.

Copies of the town hall budget presentations will be available on the De Anza Web site at <http://www.deanza.edu>.



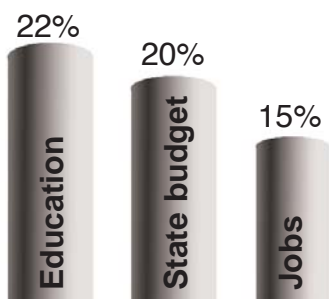
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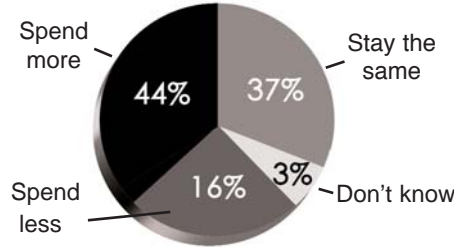
Marjan Sadoughi/ LA VOZ

De Anza's Vice President of Finance and College Services Jeanine Hawk explains the college's financial situation for the coming year

WHAT CALIFORNIANS THINK OF THE BUDGET



Education is the top policy concern for 22 percent of Californians, followed by the State Budget (20 percent) and Jobs and Economy (15 percent).



Forty-four percent of Californians think the state should spend more money in public colleges and universities. 37 percent think the amount is sufficient, 16 percent think less should be spent, and 3 percent don't know.



Fifty-one percent of Californians disagree with the way the Governor is handling the budget concerning education. 34 percent agree with Schwarzenegger. source: Public Policy Institute of California

"This budget is not everything that I want, but the fact is, it's a budget forced on us by a broken system."

- Governor Schwarzenegger



Photo courtesy of <http://www.governor.ca.gov>

CompTech provides internships

BY BOB STRECKER
LA VOZ

If you love to repair computers and want to make money while attending De Anza College, sign up for the Computer Technical Support Program internship.

Qualified students are eligible for a total of 144 hours of subsidized work in the lab, on campus, or local industries.

Students receive \$8 per hour for 12 hours per week for 12 weeks. CompTech interns are employees of De Anza or Foothill College.

"It is a great program and I get to install and troubleshoot hardware systems," said intern Michael Lane.

"This is Michael's third week here and next week he starts working at a help desk position at Roche Pharmaceuticals in Palo Alto," said Susan Malmgren, program coordinator. "We have a couple other interns at Roche Pharmaceuticals. Twenty-three students are currently active in this program. Approximately 40 percent of these students are International students."

The program is for computer career orient-

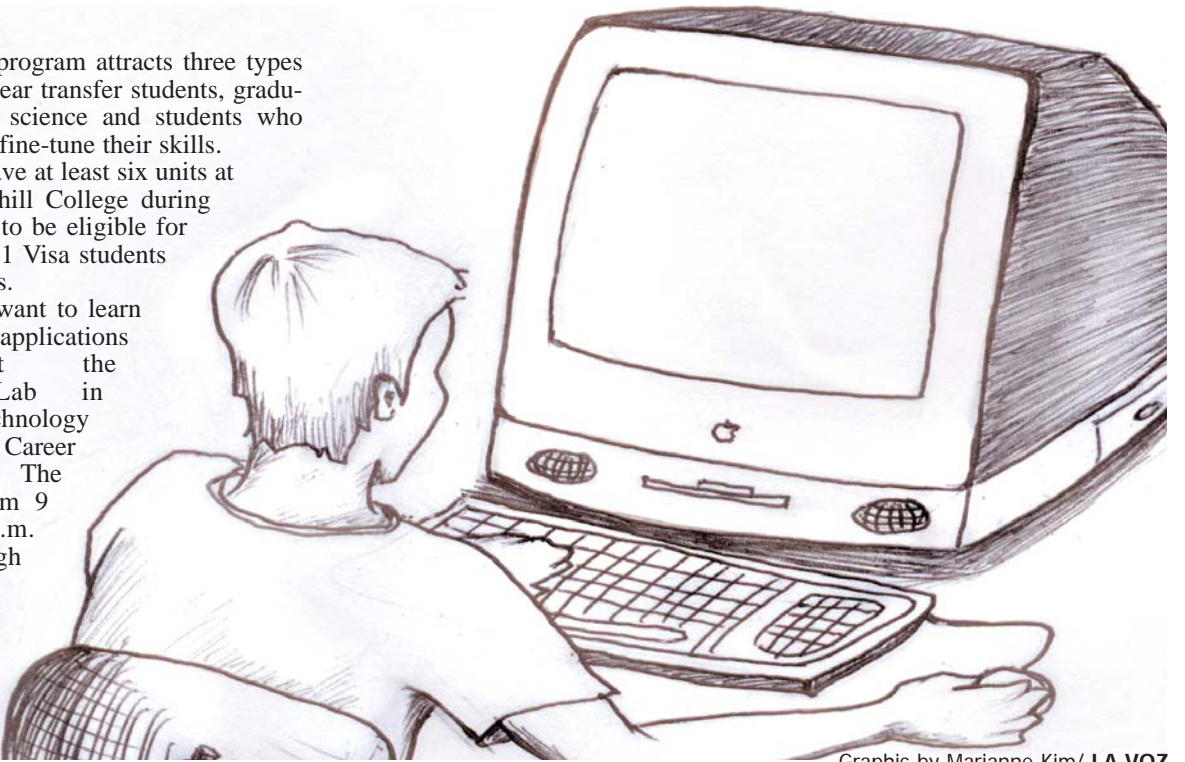
ed students.

Currently, the program attracts three types of students: two-year transfer students, graduates in computer science and students who want to work and fine-tune their skills.

Interns must have at least six units at De Anza or Foothill College during the entire quarter to be eligible for the internship. F-1 Visa students must have 12 units.

Students who want to learn more and pick up applications should visit the Refurbishing Lab in Occupational Technology Institute-3 in the Career Center building. The lab is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Applications are also available at the Foothill OTI office.



Graphic by Marianne Kim/ LA VOZ

Theft | Safety measures fail to protect rooms

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released on how much the replacement of all the equipment will cost. The school is still talking things out with its insurance company, said Dean of Academic Services Christina Espinosa-Pieb.

Over the last couple of years multimedia equipment theft has been substantial and it is not determined how much money the college has lost due the thefts, Jones-Dulin said.

"It's expensive to replace the equipment, especially in this budgetary time," she said. "It gets more expensive because we have fewer dollars to be able to replace this equipment."

There is no pattern to the break-ins, and they've happened in the morning, night and even mid-day, said Jones-Dulin.

The college has been implementing security measures including locks and mounts, said Jose Rueda, technical servic-

"I'd hate to suspect that it was students [stealing the projectors,] but the equipment is clearly being ripped off."

- Donna Jones-Dulin

es supervisor.

Intruders manage to get around the security measures, Jones-Dulin said.

"They've been cutting [the security locks] and doing all that, so we're looking to see if we can get better security devices to see if we can hold [the equipment] in," Jones-Dulin said.

There are 66 buildings on 110 acres at De Anza, and security can't lock all the classroom doors because there isn't enough security staff, she said.

Students can also help out in preventing future theft of multimedia equipment.

"If students see kids in a classroom where they have a class and they know they haven't seen that student there before, they should report that," said Jones-Dulin.

"Ninety-five percent of arrests come from our concerned citizens calling in," said Officer Ben Rodriguez, director of De Anza College campus safety/security and grounds.

"There's not much else we can do," Jones-Dulin said. "We need everyone to be alert and let us know."

"I'd hate to suspect that it was students [stealing the projectors], but the equipment is clearly being ripped off," Jones-Dulin said.

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Campus Events

BY ALEXAIS LAZAR
LA VOZ

Student-Run Massage Therapy Clinic

Tuesdays and Thursdays in February, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

The Massage Therapy Clinic is run entirely by De Anza advanced Massage Therapy students. Call to make your appointment for a 45-minute massage. Students \$10, Faculty \$15, others \$20. Location: De Anza Massage Clinic, Forum 6A. Contact: (408) 864-5645

Guest Speaker: Pauline Lubens

Feb. 1, 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. Award-winning photojournalist of *The San Jose Mercury News* will be giving a slide-lecture presentation. Location: Conference Room A&B.

Sharon Sunico Memorial

Feb. 1, 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Location: Conference Room A&B.

Annual Lunar New Year Luncheon

Feb. 3, 11:30 a.m. The De Anza College Asian Pacific American Staff Association is sponsoring their 11th Annual Lunar New Year Scholarship Luncheon. Location: Conference Room A&B.

Workforce Education Preview Night

Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Location: Campus Center.

A Day of Remembrance

Feb. 17, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. A program about the World War II Internment of Japanese Americans and its relevance to the defense of Civil Liberties. Sponsored by the California History Center. Speakers scheduled to attend: Dr. Peter Irons, Professor of Political Science, UCSD; Banafsheh Akhlaghi, Attorney at Law, San Francisco; Dr. Alice Yang-Murray, Professor of History, UCSC. Location: Hinson Campus Center, Conference Rooms A & B.

New tech classes planned

BY ANGELA TSAI
LA VOZ

Faculty at De Anza College are in the process of creating new classes to prepare students of today – or, to be more accurate, the students of fall 2005 – for the jobs of tomorrow.

Orva Stewart, administrative assistant for the Business and Computer System Division at De Anza, explained that developing a new class usually takes about one year to 18 months.

"Technologies are changing and we are having a hard time keeping up with the world," she said.

According to Stewart, there are ways for students to suggest their own courses. After suggesting a course to professors, the proposal for a new class goes to the dean of the division. A course outline is created and developed, along with all of the paperwork and forms which need to be approved by the dean of the

division before being sent to the Curriculum Committee located in the administration office. The curriculum staff must then approve the class before the course information is sent to schedulers and then added to the course catalogue.

Of the new courses on the horizon for De Anza students, several are related to computer systems.

According to Computer and Information Systems instructor and executive coordinator Cynthia K. Lee, as many as five new CIS courses may be offered in fall 2005. Of the five, one may be a leadership course in business and the rest will be computer information systems classes.

Lee said that enrollment for CIS classes has been down since the technology boom and bust in the late 90s. Decline in enrollment has slowed the development of new technology courses. Lee gave advice for students planning to take technology-related courses hoping to earn high salaries down the road.

"It's best not to go into a hot field if you don't enjoy it or aren't good at it," she said. "It's best to pursue a job that you would enjoy and at least have a decent salary.

That's my philosophy."

Introduction to C# Programming, which will be listed as CIS36A if offered next fall, will teach students the basics of the C# programming language. Advanced C# Programming, which will be listed in the course catalogue as CIS36B, will emphasize foundation technologies in C# and teach students to write server side programs in the C# language.

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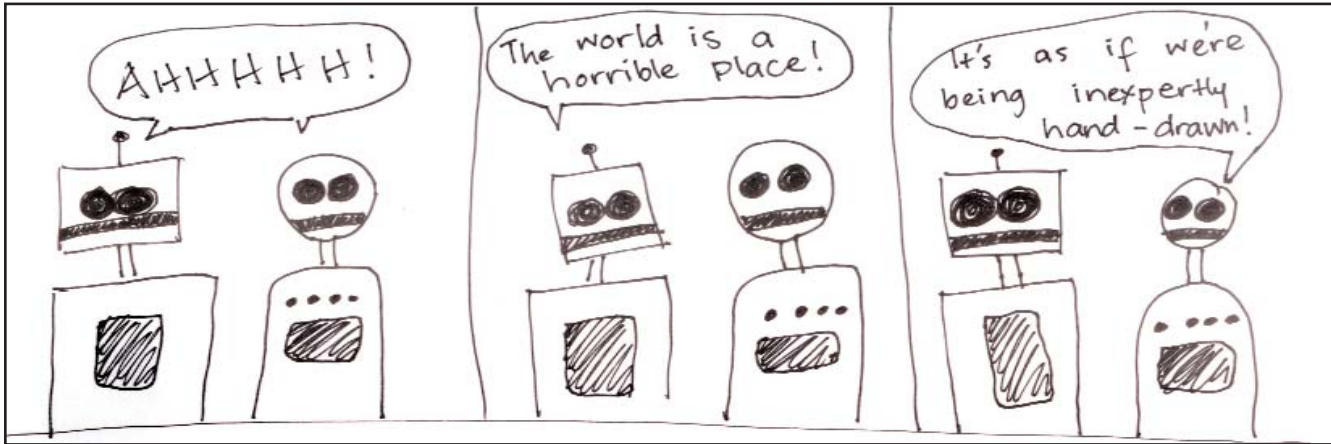
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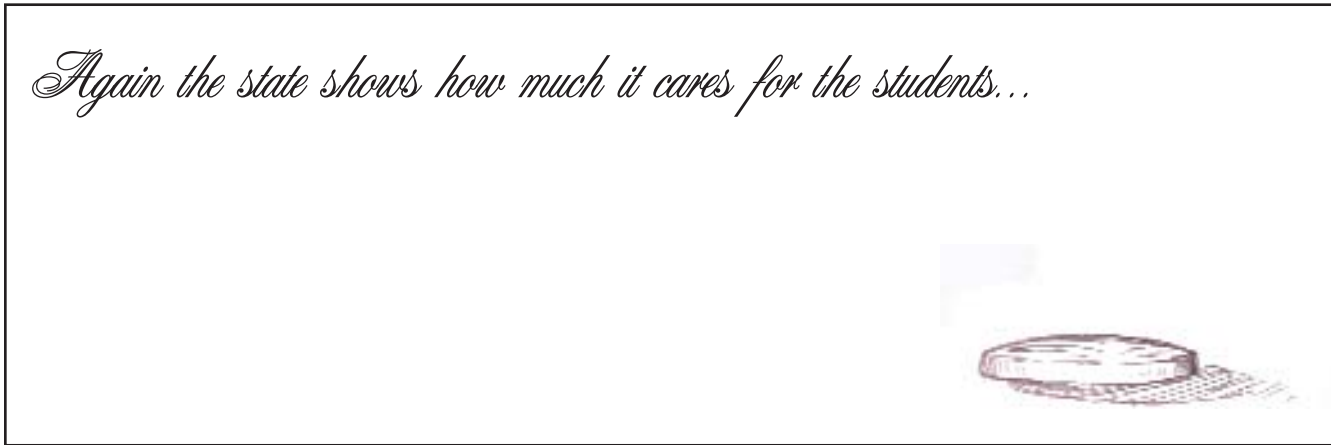
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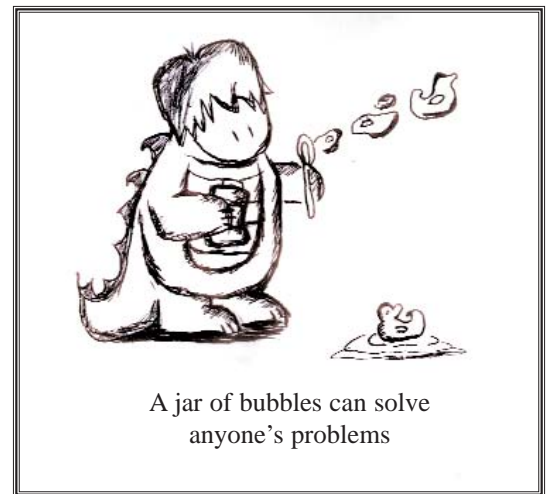
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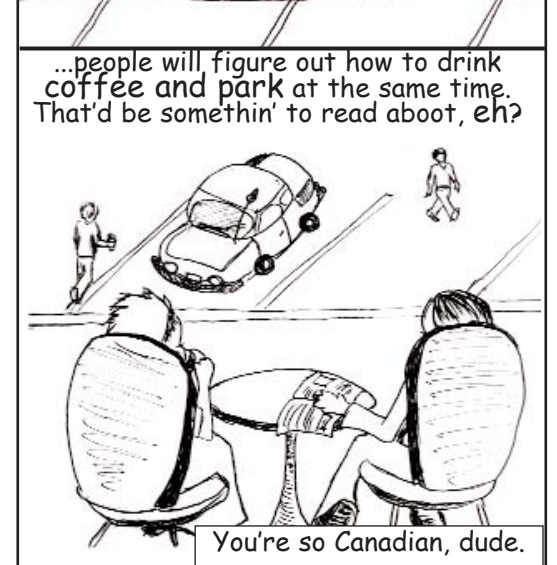
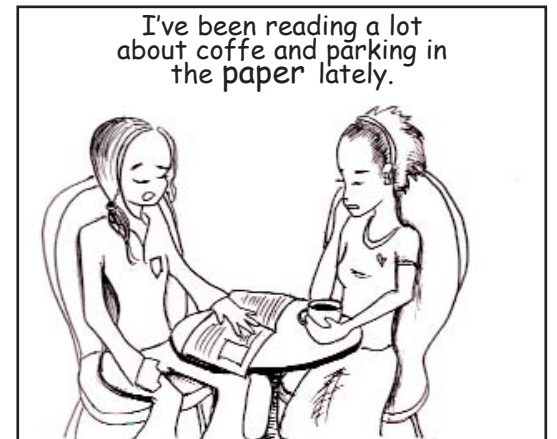
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The Horoscope: By Sarah Gahan

<p>AQUARIUS - Sleeping has been troublesome lately, as haunting dreams of your ex seem to be a common theme these nights. Try painting or playing an instrument to relieve the extra energy, and you will be surprised as you stumble across one of the most genius works of art in the history of mankind.</p>	<p>LEO - Meerkats! Meerkats pouring from every corner! Meerkats swarming over the tabletops! Meerkats piling into cars and driving them as only crazed meerkats can! It'll be quite an unusual Wednesday, what with all the meerkats and all.</p>
<p>PISCES - For you, each day will bring a new ominous omen – a prefiguring portent, if you will – a foreboding premonition of a dark augur of ... an undelicious cookie. The horror!</p>	<p>VIRGO - On Tuesday let us go then, you and I, when the evening is spread out across the sky like a patient etherized upon a table, and party.</p>
<p>ARIES - Tomorrow, you are in danger of being hit by a falling bladder. Or maybe a ladder – the planets had a cold, so it was hard to tell what they were saying.</p>	<p>LIBRA - This week you discover Santa Claus perished after getting stuck in your chimney on his way out. Too bad you didn't notice the eight tiny reindeer pawing frantically at your roof.</p>
<p>TAURUS - A rich distant relative will pass away. Due to an unfortunate error in the lawyer's office, his will will contain a provision that you can only inherit his fortune if you spend the night in a haunted emu. This will pose some difficulties.</p>	<p>SCORPIO - Congratulations! This week, you won't become a crack addict, file for bankruptcy, or be struck by a meteor. Not all at once, anyway.</p>
<p>GEMINI - You will have a brilliant insight which will be wasted after you ditch class to go to eat pizza. At least you will be full.</p>	<p>SAGITTARIUS - A spider will lay eggs in your face this week. Or maybe just in your house. Somewhere in your general vicinity, for sure.</p>
<p>CANCER - You will be attacked by a three-foot-tall angry chicken. You will vanquish it, and be eating giant fried chicken when its mom comes to you seeking revenge. It'll be kind of like Beowulf, but with you and huge chickens.</p>	<p>CAPRICORN - Sometime this week, you will be abducted by aliens. They won't probe you or anything, they'll just ask you to explain the meaning of pudding. It will be a brutal and terrifying experience nonetheless, because of your crippling fear of pudding.</p>

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BY LISA GU
LA VOZ

If Rapunzel existed in the real world, she might find her long locks fit in well at De Anza College.

La Donna Yumori-Kaku, student activities specialist, has been growing her hair for more than three years to donate it to Locks of Love.

Locks of Love is a non-profit organization that collects donated hair and turns it into custom-fitted wigs for youths 18 years or younger who have suffered hair loss due to illness.

Student Cheryl Gioja donated her hair to Locks of Love two and a half years ago.

"I hadn't actually planned on doing it, but I had long hair," Gioja said. "My friend wanted to go do it so I went with her."

Gioja encourages others to donate hair and said that after the initial cut, the rest of her hair cut was not so bad.

"It's painless and it helps out people who don't have hair," Gioja said. "It's definitely a good thing."

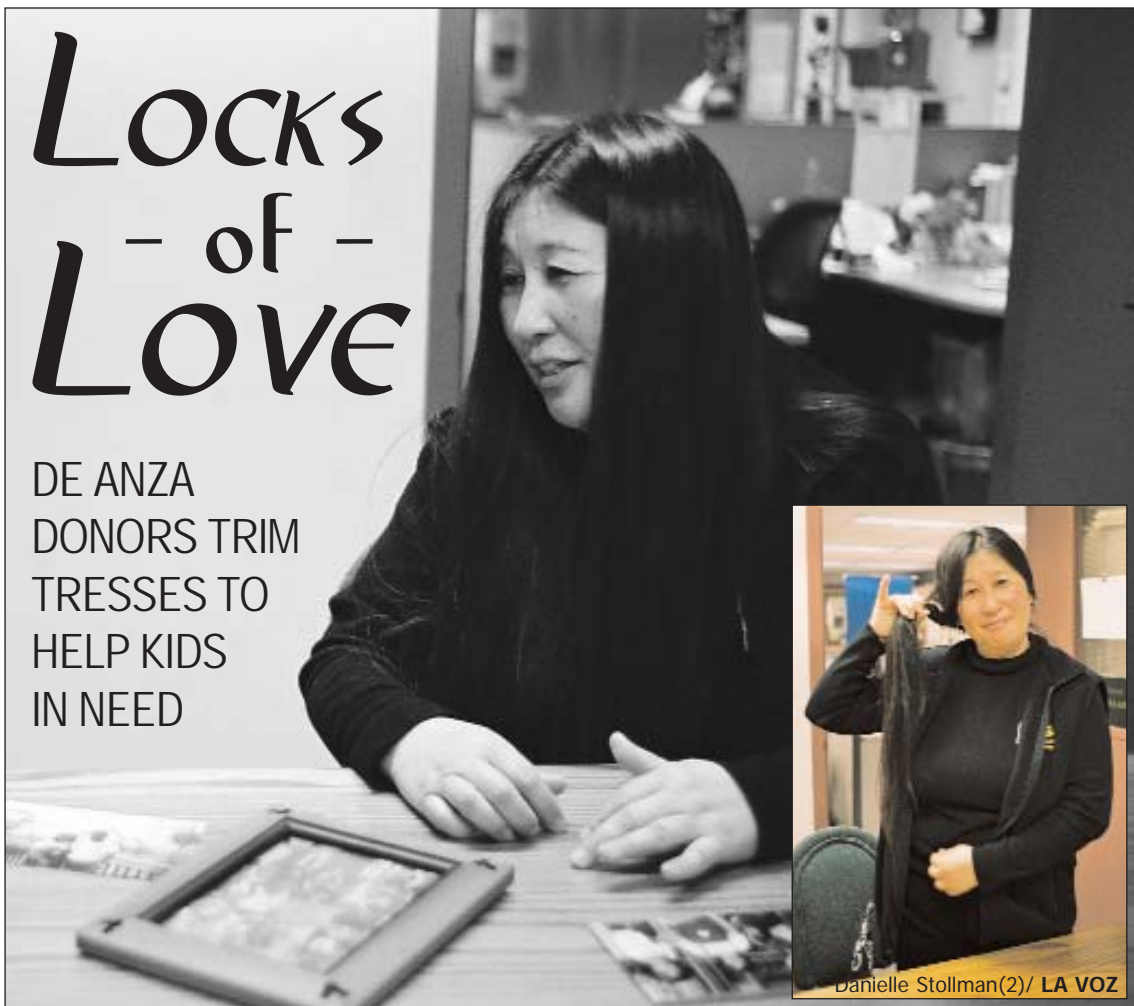
Most of the children benefiting from Locks of Love suffer from the disease alopecia areata.

According to the National Alopecia Areata Foundation Web site, the disease can strike nearly anyone, but it most often begins in childhood. It affects more than 4.7 million in the United States alone. Alopecia areata causes the immune system to attack hair follicles, causing hair loss and stopping hair growth. The disease is not life-threatening, but can create psychological problems.

According to its Web site, Locks of Love began in connection with a wig company, but later became non-profit. Madonna Coffman, a retired cardiac nurse, was motivated when her daughter was diag-

Locks of Love

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Student activities director La Donna Yumori-Kaku has spent more than three years growing her hair to donate it to Locks of Love. The charity makes wigs for children that have suffered hair loss due to illness.

nosed with alopecia areata. The goal of the charity is to provide financially disadvantaged children who are suffering from hair loss with a wig to build their confidence and self-esteem.

Yumori-Kaku first learned of Locks of Love from a friend and then decided to learn more on the charity's Web site.

"I think when you're younger your hair grows faster," Yumori-Kaku said. "I wish I started earlier."

Yumori-Kaku has not decided if she will donate again, but she does know that she wants to wait a while; managing her long hair started

to become a challenge, she said.

"As you get older it gets harder just washing your hair, the weight on it," she said. "I really encourage younger people to plan accordingly."

Aside from encouraging younger people to donate their hair, Yumori-Kaku also encourages men to give it a try, Yumori-Kaku said.

When she grew out her hair, people wanted to touch it.

"Like 10 people have asked 'Can I touch your hair,'" she said. "I think it's because, you know, their hair is short."

Two of Yumori-Kaku's family members have already

donated their hair and her niece has plans to do so, Yumori-Kaku said.

Jo Ann Okabe-Kubo, division administrative assistant, is currently growing her hair to donate to a charity called Wigs for Kids.

According to the Wigs for Kids Web site, the organization was founded in 1980 by Jeffrey Paul, a hair dresser.

Paul was in his salon when his niece walked in crying one day because she was going to have a gymnastic tournament soon and her hair was falling out.

She was suffering from leukemia and undergoing

chemotherapy, so Paul promised he would make a wig just for her.

When a flood destroyed his salon, Paul began a new business called Wigs for Kids.

Okabe-Kubo has been growing her hair for approximately three years and has designated Wigs for Kids, which is part of the American Cancer Society, for her donation.

"I haven't won the lottery so I don't have a million bucks to sink into cancer research," Okabe-Kubo said. "So I thought the one thing I can do is to grow my hair out and donate it either towards a little girl's or little boy's wig or else for the American Cancer Society to sell it so they can make wigs for kids."

Managing her long hair is also a problem for Okabe-Kubo, whose hair was rather short before she grew it for donation.

"It's just all over the place," Okabe-Kubo said. "On the furniture, all over the floor, you know, I am just constantly sweeping. I used to wash my hair every other day, but now it's gotten to every Thursday ... but I think it's well worth it," she said.

Approximately a year and a half ago, doctors found a benign lump in Okabe-Kubo's breast.

"Going through that process and knowing so many people whose lumps were not benign has made me physically aware of cancer," Okabe-Kubo said. "Growing my hair and donating it for a wig to make somebody's journey through cancer a little bit easier is one thing I can do," she said.

Okabe-Kubo plans to donate her hair one more time after she cuts it.

Those interested in learning more about these charitable Rapunzels can visit <http://www.locksoflove.org> or <http://www.wigsforkids.org>.

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