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DA HEALTH SERVICES WARNS OF POSSIBLE THREAT ON

BY LING-MEI WONG La Voz

De Anza College students feel the extended effects of severe acute respiratory system, or SARS.

Students from Asia are nervous about visiting their home countries. Some who returned home over spring break noticed the effect of the disease.

"When I was at the [Taipei] airport, everyone wore face masks," said Michelle Mao. "I wanted to put one on too." Taiwan had 29 confirmed cases of

SARS as of last Friday, with no deaths. De Anza's Health Center has notified students of the disease's risk to health. Emails have been sent out to students.

Mary-Jo Kane, health educator of Student Health Services, said that SARS is not an immediate threat at De Anza.

"We're not trying to make people panic," Kane said. "Some people misinterpreted [the e-mail]. We want to help [keep] panic at bay. We have to remember that it's a limited number being affected."

Kane said there are many international students on campus and local students who travel.

Last quarter, 6,858 students reported their ethnicity as Asian. They form 31 percent of De Anza's population.

Student Cassie Yu said that she was

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Admin. Budget goes here

BY RICHARD MARTINEZ La Voz

With Gov. Gray Davis releasing a budget proposal that falls \$20.7 million short of De Anza and Foothill's proposed operating costs, our district's finance committee has been working hard to close the gap on the deficit.

The finance committee has already gone through their first phase of reductions, eliminating

Students wait patiently in



Lunch for Stress

infographic

NEW SUPPORT GROUP PROVIDES OPEN COUNSELING FORUM

BY DAVE CUMTI La Voz

With the rebuilding of Iraq underway and possible military action against Syria imminent, De Anza students may feel inundated by the stress of foreign political developments coupled with their

\$4.3 million, mostly from not filling positions which had become vacated voluntarily.

The second phase of reductions will rely largely on layoffs and has nearly reached the goal of cutting \$6 million. Together, both phases have added up to \$10.2 million. This shows that the finance committee is making progress, but still has a lot of work to do.

It seems that one of the biggest problems of trying to fix the see **Budget**, Page 7

Karen Uyenco / LA VOZ

The first two weeks of spring quarter were packed with long lines and tight parking. Parking attendants gave only a week leeway for parking without a permit, unlike the usual two weeks. The deadline for tuition fees was also cut short, giving students usual concerns of school, work, and social life.

The De Anza Counseling and Matriculation Division plans to help through a brown-bag lunch support group, where all students are welcomed to bring a lunch and discuss their emotional feelings. Trained and certified counselors facilitate the group, which meets every Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"There is a variety of issues that produce stress for students

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LETTERS

Instructor questions the journalistic integrity behind La Voz

Dear Editor,

One of the purposes of a college newspaper is for young journalism students to learn the processes and procedures of becoming a professional journalist. The cardinal rule of journalism has always been first and foremost a commitment to the truth.

Sadly, not only do the members of La Voz think the paper exists for them to promote their own political biases, even in supposed "news" stories, but the writers have also become either lazy or intellectually dishonest in pursuing the truth.

Over the last two editions, there have been numerous factual errors that have either been deliberately foisted off on the readers, or simply not questioned because the"facts" supported the anti-American, anti-Republican, anti-capitalist slant that seems to be prevalent amongst editors and staff.

The following are the errors that a cursory look at the March 3rd and 10th editions discovered.

1) Neither Beethoven nor Haydn were colored. Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany, and would never have been referred to as a "Spaniard," and Haydn was born in Rohrau, Austria. Haydn's greatgrandfather was the first to settle in the area of Austria near the Hungarian border, and numerous portraits and paintings of both men clearly show they were Caucasian and light skinned. One of the most famous of Beethoven is by the renowned artist J. W. Mahler.

2) The Slavery Law of 1665 did not stay in effect until 1968 but was rendered null and void by the 13th Amendment, ratified in 1865. Neither that document nor the Doctrine of Exclusion had any mention of sports or entertainment (which in the 1600s would have been ludicrous).

3) Census data shows that the total wealth of African Americans is around \$450 billion. The combined wealth of Bill Gates and Larry Ellison now stands around \$50 billion.

4) Lisa Pamphilon, one of the organizers for the idiotic "No Blood for Oil" rally, asked "When, in the history of the United States, have we ever sent in troops somewhere and pulled them out?" World War I, World War II, Panama, Grenada, Haiti, Vietnam all quickly come to mind. Secretary of State Powell had it right when he said that numerous times over the last century have America's young men and women set forth to promote peace and freedom around the world, and not once have we asked for any land, save that with which to bury our dead.

5) Robin Wager criticized the U.S. sanctions for "genocide" of the Iraqi people, starving children, and depriving them of medicine. Anyone that had bothered to look would have seen that the sanctions are a result of the Iraqi government not complying with U.N. resolutions that they signed, and the sanctions were implemented by the United Nations, not the U.S. Additionally, there are provisions that have allowed Iraq to sell oil to buy food and medicine, but the tens of billions of dollars raised from those sales has been diverted by Saddam Hussein, not by the U.S. government.

6) Wager also claimed that the U.S. is spending one-fourth of its tax dollars on destroying the poorest country in the world, while the American stock market is at a 29year low. Even the high estimates of cost for a war in Iraq put the cost this year at \$100 billion, out of a budget of over \$2 trillion. This is closer to 5 percent, not 25 percent. Second, Iraq, even with sanctions, isn't even close to being the poorest country

in the world, with countries like Ethiopia, Congo, and Burundi heading the list. Lastly, even with the recent declines in the NYSE and the NASDAQ, stocks are still at least one order of magnitude higher than they were even 20 years ago.

7) Finally, the SFJ "fact" sheet that said California was receiving \$30 billion less than usual from the federal government is a flat out lie. TOTAL government to government disbursements are closer to 10-20 percent of that figure, depending on circumstances, and the reasons for budget cuts that will potentially have serious impacts on community college education have to do with state spending sprees in the late 1990s when the source of revenue could not be maintained, and have almost nothing to do with defense department outlays. Even if no war on Iraq were contemplated, the state would still be faced with significant budget cuts, and the belief that you could simply transfer the money from defense to California education is ignorant of how the government works.

What this list (compiled after only a cursory reading of La Voz) demonstrates is that the members of La Voz are failing in their primary duty as fledgling journalists. Not only are they violating the canon of separating opinion from legitimate news, but they have not demonstrated even the slightest desire for a higher search for the truth, particularly when it comes to political topics. If the writers and editors of La Voz can't clean up their act, it would seem time to simply eliminate completely the budget of the paper, because spending students' fees on propaganda is a colossal waste of money.

> -Scott Peterson Math Instructor

International issues unclear

Dear Editor,

I have just returned from a two-week overseas trip on college business. My office informed me of a mistake in an article entitled "International Students Adjust to INS Changes" that appeared in the March 10th issue of La Voz.

This article was based on an interview by Ms. Anne Valta who informed me that she was writing an article for one of her journalism classes.

In the first sentence of paragraph seven of this article, Valta needs to be specific as to which program she is referring to that "... has been criticized ..." I assume that she was referring to the SEVIS Program.

ring to SEVIS as a program or a system.

Immigration issues are very sensitive topics these days. Readers can easily be misled by errors in terminologies unfamiliar to them. It is the responsibility of both the reporter and the editors that

accurate information is presented to La Voz readers.

A correction in the next issue of La Voz and a response from La Voz would be appreciated.

Since the interview was published without any advance notice to me or review by me, and as a result of our need to minimize any possible confusions regarding such sensitive topics, our office will no longer grant any interviews to students who claim they are writing an article for a journalism class. We would like to continue our support of La Voz. We would be willing to be interviewed by or share information concerning international students and related issues with La Voz in the future if given a clear understanding of the purpose or intent.

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However, readers will think it is the International Student Program, since that's what Valta was addressing in the two paragraphs immediately before paragraph seven.

Since Valta switched references, she needs to state clearly in paragraph seven that "The SEVIS program has been criticized for being sluggish and difficult ..."

Secondly, there should be consistency in this article when refer-

-Marilyn Cheung Director of International Student Programs

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

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Admissions and Records new hours are: First two weeks: Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 9:30 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. **Regular Office Hours:** Monday - Thursday 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m

"CDC saved by state legislature" **April 7, Front Page**

The headline stated in the April 7 issue stating that the Child Development Center was saved is incorrect. The program's existence is still pending. For more information see the front page article of this issue.

No Missing Issue for April 14, 2003

La Voz published a special issue April 7. The first issue for spring quarter was initially scheduled for April 21. There was no missing issue during the week of April 14.

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NEWSbriefs

a look at events on campus

Chancellor Finalists Announced

The Board of Trustees has named four finalists for chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District. In alphabetical order, the finalists are: Bernadine Fong, Martha Kanter, Joe D. May and Yolanda Moses.

Forums will be held for each candidate on both campuses and at the district office. Faculty, staff, students and community members are invited to attend. The forum schedule follows:

Monday, April 28 -- Joe D. May Tuesday, April 29 -- Martha Kanter Thursday, May 1 -- Bernadine Fong 11:00 a.m. -- Central Services, Board room 2:00 p.m. -- De Anza, Forum I 3:30 p.m. -- Foothill, Appreciation Hall

Friday, May 2 -- Yolanda Moses 10:00 a.m. -- Central Services, Board room 12:30 p.m. -- De Anza, Forum I 2:00 p.m. -- Foothill, Appreciation Hall

"This is an outstanding group of finalists," said Mary Mason, president of the board of trustees and chair of the chancellor search committee. "They all have a remarkable range of experience in educational leadership, and each would bring exceptional talents and skills to our district."

FORUM Gunn High School to host discussion

FROM FRONT PAGE

1950s can educate today's citizens on the use and effects of these weapons.

The Women's Solidarity Movement will hold an informative forum entitled "Nuclear Holocaust" at 6 p.m. today in the Spangenberg Theatre at Gunn High School in Palo Alto. The event intends to give the local population a better understanding of the negative effects from the use of uranium in munitions by the U.S. military. The use of uranium has been evident in our armed forces for over 50 years, said De Anza student and president of the Women's Solidarity Movement Lisa Pamphilon.

The event will include Major Doug Rokke, Ph.D., a government expert on depleted uranium. Rokke has first-hand experience in the field, having lost 30 of his 100 men to the effects of radiation years ago. Others, including himself, have had significant exposure to its uses, said Pamphilon.

Along with Rokke, scheduled speakers Leuren Moret, President Scientists for Indigenous People, and Dennis Kyne will also give insight. Kyne is a Desert Storm Veteran also connected to radiological exposure.

"The U.S. Army made me their expert," Rokke said. "What I saw as director ... led me to one conclusion: uranium munitions must be banned from the planet for eternity."

DA layoffs still pending

FHDA DISTRICT MAY CUT 120 JOBS IN JUNE

BY LUKE STANGEL La Voz

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District may eliminate 120 jobs in June in order to save \$15 million.

A preliminary document presented to the district budget committee April 10 stated the number of impacted positions, including 43.3 faculty, seven administrators and

69.4 members of the classified staff. Administrators will not be laid off.

However, not all 120 jobs will be eliminated due to layoffs. Some will retire at the end of the year, and the district plans to

close those positions entirely.

Discussions between Human Resources and the campus unions will continue until May 5 when the finalized list of laid off employees will be presented to the board of trustees for approval.

Two weeks ago, La Voz reported that the Service Employee International Union was preparing its members for the impending layoffs. This week, the SEIU received a document from Human Resources that spelled out names and positions of impacted classified staff.

Human Resources sent out 48 letters to SEIU members last week telling them that their positions may be eliminated and giving each the option of resigning, electing for seniority bumping, or rejecting both options entirely. The letter asked for a response from each employee within ten days.

Javier Rueda, chapter chair of the SEIU, characterized the letters as premature and asked his members to wait on signing them until the board of trustees finalized

the list of laid-off positions in May.

"Human Resources had no right to send out the letters at this time," he said. "It caused a lot of anxiety within the classified staff."

The SEIU is working with Human Resources

to come up with alternatives to traditional layoffs and seniority bumping. They would like staff members within two years of retirement to be offered the opportunity to resign early without losing their health benefits. The SEIU would like to bump impacted staff into the empty positions left by retiring employees, instead of letting younger staff members go.

La Voz will continue to follow the layoff story into May, when the district will receive the go-ahead to implement layoffs.

Classroom changes coming soon

BY OWEN RAY La Voz

Beginning April 28, classes scheduled in the portable classrooms, found in the area commonly known as the Mod Quad, will be moved to the renovated L-2 building, and classes in the L-3 building will be moved to the Mod Quad area.

"We had hoped to have the building completed during spring break, but the contractor did not finish in time to make the move," said Mike Brandy, vice president of finance and college services.

Although happening in the midst of the quarter, students being displaced from the Mod Quad do not seem to mind the move.

"It's kind of weird ... you go to class over here, then they move it over there, and they never told you that ahead of time. But the school has got to do what the school's got to do," said Shafraz Alam, a student who attends classes in both L-3 and the Mod Quad.

All classes being relocated will have signs and maps posted to avoid confusion during construction.

CLASSES SCHEDULED TO RELOCATE

MQ-7 to L-28	L-31 to MQ-14
MQ-8 to L-21	L-32 to MQ-7
MQ-9 to G-7	L-33 to MQ-12
MQ-10 to L-25	L-34 to MQ-13
MQ-11 to L-26	L-35 to MQ-10
MQ-12 to L-27	L-36 to MQ-9
MQ-13 to L-22	G-6 to L-23
MQ-14 to G-6	G-7 to L-24

Relocation begins April 28

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CDC | Program waiting for state budget to pass

FROM FRONT PAGE

"We're looking to develop different scenarios based on what dollars we could have," said De Anza President Martha Kanter. "So we're doing a lot of work with our dean, our faculty, our union and human resources to see what would be possible if no money comes back, if partial money comes back, et cetera. We're working really hard for that to be ready [for when the state budget passes]."

Kathleen Burson, dean of the CDC, said the state budget may be decided within the next two weeks. No actions regarding the CDC's future will be taken until then.

"At this point we do not have any dollars that will be available after the summer," said Kanter.

The center and the academic program will continue to be open through the summer. Discovery Days, a nationally accredited summer camp for children ages 3-6, will also run this summer.

In the meantime, Kanter is looking towards other places for possible funding. "I am doing a lot of work with the com-

munity to see if we can interest some foundation in helping us," said Kanter. "The goal is to see what kind of a restoration we can implement and what would be the minimal amount of dollars we would need to do so."

On Wednesday, the California Association for the Education of Young Children will hold Advocacy Action Day, an organized protest in Sacramento meant to inform the legislature of their public policy agenda and childcare issues. De Anza students, staff and faculty will take a bus to Sacramento to participate.

"The more voices that are heard, the more informed our legislature can be to represent the people they are elected to serve," said Kanter. "We're hoping that in the area of childcare, [Davis] will reconsider his original proposal and give education a chance to demonstrate that this funding is being used effectively and efficiently and ought to continue."

According to the Child Development Training Consortium, 443,000 children are served by California's Department of Education, of which 153,000 are from lowincome families.

The Senate Scoop

ELECTIONS UPDATE

A new elections code was passed as of the senate meeting held April 16.

It's that time of year again! Elections are beginning. Thirty students will be voted for as the official student representatives at De Anza. If you are interested in serving a term for the 2003-2004 school year, contact the DASB.

Prospective Candidates Information Meeting:

Find out about senate positions available and ask questions about the elections process. April 24 at 12:30 p.m. and again at 4:30 p.m. in the Student Council Chambers. **Candidate Applications Due:**

April 23 at 4 p.m. in the Student Activities Office.

Campaigning begins:

May 4 Candidates' posters and fliers may be displayed at this time. Voting begins:

Be an informed voter! May 12 attend candidates speech debates and other events. Location to be announced.

SCHOLARSHIPS UPDATE:

DASB Scholarships for 4.0 GPA students were presented to the following: Thibault Guicherd-Callin, Sookyung Han, Meera Kumbhani, Elena Khrytchera. Congratulations!

Information compiled and submitted by Melecia Navarro, DASB President 408-864-8690 or dasbpresident@deanza.edu Senate Office located in lower level of the Campus Center Meetings: Every Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. (except first Wednesdays of the month when meeting begins at 4:30 p.m.)

DA Crisis Action Team, administrators update emergency plans

BY MEERA KUMBHANI La Voz

De Anza Security continues to update plans and planning processes for emergencies such as bomb scares and earthquakes.

Building monitors, individuals responsible for the evacuation of assigned buildings, are currently being trained by Director of Campus Safety/Security and Grounds Ben Rodriguez. After Al Guevara, the evening coordi-

evacuation, monitors must lock their buildings and report its status to the Crisis Action Team, made up of key administrative figures such as Rodriguez, De Anza President Martha Kanter and Vice President of Finance and College Services Mike Brandy. The team is responsible for assessing emergencies and making timely decisions on response actions.

After regular business hours,

nator, is responsible for assessing incidents and communicating with the Crisis Action Team.

Communication about an emergency to faculty, staff and students will mainly be through De Anza's Web site at www.deanza.edu/emergency and via a taped message regarding the status of the incident and special instructions at the general information number at 408-864-5678.

Campus officials are also

implementing a plan for efficient communication throughout the campus and with off-campus groups. The marketing department recently developed a plan for communication between staff members.

Administrators are also working on ways to evacuate, namely ways to get cars off campus without significant traffic jams. People driving to campus to pick up non-disabled students should use the McClellan entrance to Parking Lot D.

Valley Transit Authority paratransit are advised to use the Peppertree entrance to pick up disabled students at PE-13.

For any on-campus emergencies or suspicions of emergencies, students, staff and faculty can call 408-864-5555 or visit De Anza Campus Security, located in the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center next to Health Services. The office is open from 7 a.m. to 12 a.m.



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News

FHDA smoking policy in effect DA HEALTH SERVICES POSTS FLIERS TO INCREASE AWARENESS

BY ERNIE YBARRA La Voz

With the Board of Trustees passing a district policy that prohibits smoking closer than 25 feet from doors, windows and ventilation systems, De Anza Health Services has been making further attempts to inform students and faculty of the change.

Fliers have been posted on various buildings on campus about the new policy. In addition, an advertisement was placed in the De Anza spring/summer schedule of classes, as well as information posted on De Anza's Health Services Web site.

The Campus Environmental Advisory Group was responsible for the proposal, said Student Health Services health educator Mary-Jo Kane. She said that this policy was "several years in the making."

"We always have had a no smoking policy," said Kane. "We just wanted to update it and mend it a bit."

According to the flier posted throughout campus, "This policy relies on the consideration and cooperation of smokers and non-smokers. It is the responsibility of all members of the District to observe and follow the guidelines." For this reason, Kane said that the De Anza Campus Security is not involved in the enforcement of this policy.

"This is not the sort of thing where a smoker will be cited," said Kane. "I think that strongly enforcing [the policy] would stir up the pot unnecessarily. I think that just the policy alone gives people the power to ask smokers to move 25 feet

away."

Kane said that it was not the intention of the CEAG to potentially create a smoke-free campus.

Although this policy has been in effect since last December, Kane said that many were overwhelmed with the budget issues, which hindered the campaign's success.

"I think the budget situation for everybody - for staff, students and administration — is so overwhelming that getting information about the new no-smoking policy is not on everybody's mind," said Kane. "Given another time, it may have been."

Kane said that one of the main locations of concern is the Mod Quad because of its congestion and lack of space.

"There really is not 25 feet between both buildings [in the Mod Quad]," said Kane. "That was one place where I had gotten a lot of complaints."

The next step is to inform and remind people to dispose cigarette butts in the designated receptacles, said Kane.

"We need to educate people that cigarette butts are actually litter," said Kane. "It's one of those things where you don't even notice them on the ground anymore."

Some students, like Jeanette Ronayne, feel that the receptacles must be placed 25 feet away for people to throw cigarettes away, or else more littering could be a consequence.

"The worst thing about [the policy] is the fact that all of the receptacles are near doorways so it will cause more littering," said Ronayne.

Others feel that the policy is reason-



Julio Lara / LA Voz

A De Anza student smokes in the patio area of the Hinson Campus Center, an area that is reserved as a no-smoking section.

able and can be easily followed, but think that it is unnecessary.

"I think it's a great idea," said student Tony Martinko. "But it all depends on which way the wind blows."

Since the implementation of the policy, Kane said that most smokers have been

cooperative and understanding.

"The smokers I've approached have been very nice and polite," said Kane. "I don't feel as though anybody's been rude about it. We're really trying to respect the rights of the smokers."

SARS INFORMATION

Symptoms

- Fever higher than 100.4° F or 38.0° C
- Possible headache
- Possible overall feeling of discomfort

SARS | DA community feels concern, worry FROM FRONT PAGE

Hong Kong, she would not be able to come rently has the most cases of SARS. The back to America. Yu said she was afraid World Health Organization recommends that U.S. immigration would require for- against traveling eign individuals to be quarantined or not permit them back into the country.

firmed case of SARS in the U.S., out of 208 suspected cases.

The disease apparently originated in was concerned that if she went back to Guangdong province, China. China curto southern China and

 Possible body aches Dry cough and/or difficulty breathing after 2 to 7 days

How?

 Close person-to-person contact, most SARS cases involve caretakers or individuals who came in contact with infectious material. Infectious material include respiratory secretions.

 SARS is spread through touching the skin of people or objects contaminated with infectious droplets, then touching your eye(s), nose or mouth.

· It is also possible that SARS can be spread more broadly through the air or by other ways that are currently not known.

What to do

Consult a health-care provider

· Contact De Anza Health Services at 408-864-8732

Data Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at http://www.cdc.gov

Infographic by Karl Dotter / LA VOZ

Despite the possibility infections, some students are not nervous when people cough on campus.

"I'm not too scared or worried," student Aderual Barrus said. "We should find a remedy [...] We just need to be aware ... there's not that much

there's no way to enforce it."

"It makes me a bit concerned," student Sabrina Reyes said. "You can catch SARS as easily as you can catch the flu and not even know it. I work at a hospital and we get many patients who have symptoms that are similar to SARS. This makes me worried about it. There's a possibility that it could happen."

Santa Clara County has the single con-

Hong Kong, but states it is still safe to travel to other parts of China. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said "people planning elective or nonessential travel" to the PRC, Hong Kong, Singapore and Hanoi, Vietnam should "postpone their trips until further notice."

The De Anza Summer Abroad

we can do. Since there's no cure of it, Program in Vietnam has been cancelled this summer because of SARS and is rescheduled for the summer of 2004, said Language Arts Dean John Swensson.

> Taiwan's health department said last Thursday that scientists have isolated the genetic makeup of SARS and promise a cure. The China Times Online Paper has article in Chinese the at http://tw.news.yahoo.com/2003/04/17/he alth/ctnews/3938085.html.

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I work at a hospital and we get many patients who have symptons similar to SARS."

-Sabrina Reyes, student

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Features

FGA EGAN? NOT

BY OWEN RAY La Voz

Since our berry-gathering forefathers began throwing sharpened rocks at cave squirrels and putting them on the fire, meat has been a staple of the human diet. Of course, there have always been those who object to the consumption of meat, whom we call vegetarians.

may consume dairy products and other items that contain animal products.

Those who take being vegetarian one step further call themselves vegans, like a De Anza student who goes by the name of Kapila.

"I was a vegetarian because I did not feel comfortable killing animals to eat," said Kapila. "Being vegan just made more sense."

Vegans do not consume anything that has to do with animals. That means no milk, no cheese, no eggs and certainly no Double Quarter Pounders.

Although most of us would never consider giving up eating meat, there are some compelling reasons to do so. Some decide to stop eating animal products after seeing the atrocious conditions in which animals are raised in factory farms. Others give up eating food with faces for health reasons such as eliminating fat intake and reducing cholesterol levels.

"I quit [eating meat] because of the inhumanity to the animals, I didn't want to accept death in my life at the time," said John Clingsmith, a student at De Anza.

According to an information packet provided by Vegan Outreach, animals in factory farms can be severely mistreated. Practices such as de-beaking chickens with hot knives so they do not peck each other under crowded conditions, or allowing veal cattle not to move and forcing them to live in their own

Although being vegan sounds like a lot of fun, it may not be as easy as you think. Your family and friends may not approve. "Everybody still thinks I'm crazy. They say, 'Are you really eating right? Aren't you going to be sick or something?" said Kapila. Another difficulty encountered by vegans is finding pure vegan foods. This fact is one that makes those not vehemently dedicated to the vegan cause to give up.

"I was a vegan, but it was really hard. I couldn't find the Vegetarians do not eat beef, pork, poultry or fish, but food I needed to maintain my veganism," said Laura Haley, another vegan who attends De Anza.

Others are more dedicated.

"They should all stop being little bitches and try it," said student Julia Laskorunsky. "[veganism] actually opened me up to new foods, like Indian food."

Just like anyone else who sways from the mainstream, there are stereotypes associated with being vegan.

"We're really not weird, we look normal," said Laskorunsky. "I shave and everything. People have a weird picture of us like we're all hippies that

Photo Illustration by Karen Uyenco/ LA VOZ

Wheaties or put down their beloved Big Macs.

"What else goes good with mashed potatoes and beer?" asked Alex Vandervere, a student who sees meat as a valuable aspect of his diet.

Although the popularity of veganism is growing, it is growing slowly, with less than one percent of the American population estimated as vegan, according to a survey provided by The Vegan Resources' Web siteat www.vrg.com.

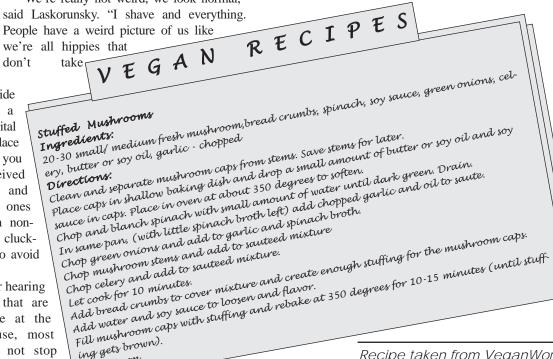
Meat consumption however has increased fivefold since 1950, with the average American consuming more than twice their weight in meat every year, as stated by www.worldwatch.org. That amounts to over 64 billion pounds of meat consumed every year, and that is just in the United States.

Although veganism may not find its way into the mainstream soon, it may be worth a gander for the health conscious or those who simply do not like the idea of eating food derived from animals.

showers." If you decide

to become a vegan, it is vital that you replace the nutrients you received once from meat and dairy with ones derived from nonmooing and clucking sources to avoid

dying. Even after hearing the horrors that are facts of life at the slaughterhouse, most people will not stop pouring milk on their



They should all stop being little bitches and try [veganism]."

- Julia Laskorunsky, student

feces are commonplace. Other animals are castrated without anesthesia, and transported alive in cramped, dirty cages.

ing gets brown Serve warm.

Recipe taken from VeganWorld at www.choosevegan.com



<u>Campus</u>



Welcome to the Advice column of La Voz. I am a retired Medical/Surgical Registered Nurse. I also volunteer with Next Door to Domestic Violence as an advocate. While not licensed as a counselor, I help many and am hoping to assist anyone on campus. If you have a comment, question, complaint or simply need advice, contact me at lavoz_advice@yahoo.com.

Dear TA,

I am a student with a disability that leaves me wheel-chair bound. During the first days of the Spring quarter, the back door to the ATC building wouldn't open. I pressed the handicap button to open the door, but nothing happened. This happens often and causes me to be late for class. It's the only way for students with disabilities to gain entrance into the building. Who would you suggest I should go to, to have the problem fixed?

> Signed, Sick Of Being Stuck Outside!

Dear Stuck One,

I am sorry that you've experienced the problems you have. Being a student with disabilities is already hard without having to go through such unnecessary problems.

My first suggestion is that you speak to Executive Head/Counselor Benita Rashall in the Disabled Student Support Services offices, located in the Seminar building. She'll assist you with a "Physical Barrier" complaint form.

Secondly, you should contact the Plant Services department at 408-864-5430. I spoke with Rashall regarding the matter and she stated that "it's being looked into."

Good luck Stuck, and for the record ... I'm proud of you. Despite your physical limitations, you're choice of being a college student tells me that you're truly a remarkable person. Against all odds that we are faced with, we find a deep desire to better ourselves as human beings.Stuck one, take my suggestions. There'll be far more than just the ATC doors opening for you!

> Kindly, TA

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

TIME TO PREPARE FOR GRADUATION

BY MATT KRITSCHER

Dean of Counseling and Matriculation

Spring quarter Counseling Center activities abound. Check out the following activities, and don't miss out!

The Counseling Center is hosting a Graduation Open House May 6 - 7 for students petitioning to graduate June 28, 2003. The counselors and advisers will be available for walkin counseling to help students evaluate their course work for graduation from 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m. May 9 is the last day to submit a petition for graduation to the Counseling Center.

Wednesdays, from 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. in the Don Bautista Room of the Campus Center. Counselors will facilitate the discussion to help students identify effective ways of dealing with stress, building on ideas generated by the group.

Counseling Appointments may be made for spring quarter by calling 408-864-5400. Appointments are required for Financial Aid Extension plans and Veterans Education Plans. Visit our recently updated Web site at http://deanza.edu/counseling/

The Lunch Time Stress Support Group continues to meet on

GRADUATION OPEN HOUSE MAY 6-7 8:30 A.M. - 7:30 P.M.

April 2003 Transfer Events

University of California, Davis

Representative: Coleman Billingslea Date: April 21 Type of Visit: By appointment or drop-in Date: April 28 **Type of Visit:** Drop-in advising Contact: clbillingslea@ucdavis.edu **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Location:** Transfer Center (M-3) **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Location: Main Quad

University of California, Santa Cruz

Transitions Workshop Date: April 23 Times: 12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Location: El Clemente Room **Description:** A representative from the UC Santa Cruz Campus Ambassadors program will be on campus to provide personal insights and information about life as a transfer student at UC Santa Cruz.

San Jose State University

Representative: Veronica Diaz **Date:** April 21and April 28 Type of Visit: By appointment or drop-in Contact: 408-924-2564 **Time:** 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Location:** Transfer Center (M-3)

San Jose State University

Representative: Tobias Nava Date: April 22 College Transfer Night: Focus on Evening & Accelerated Programs for Working Adults Date: April 24 **Time:** 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Location: Campus Center Lobby, Upper Level **Campuses tentatively scheduled:** Golden Gate University, Menlo College, National University, Notre Dame de Namur University, University of Phoenix Contact: tnava@sjsu.edu **Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Location:** Transfer Center (M-3)

University of California, Riverside **Representative:** Erik Ruzek Date: April 22 Type of Visit: Drop-in advising Contact: erikruzek@linkline.edu **Time:** 10:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m. Location: Campus Center Lobby

University of California, Santa Cruz **Dual Admissions Program University of California Transfer Partnership Program** Representative: Ismana Carney Date: April 24 Type of Visit: Drop-in advising Location: Campus Center Lobby Contact: jacarney@cats.ucsc.edu **Time:** 10:30 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.

California State University, Hayward Representative: Patrick Aguirre Date: April 23 Type of Visit: By appointment or drop-in **Contact:** paguirre@bay.csuhayward.edu

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Location: Transfer Center (M-3)

California State University, Monterey <u>Bay</u> Representative: Rudy Puente Date: April 22 **Type of Visit:** Drop-in advising Contact: rodolfo puente@csumb.edu **Time:** 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Location:** Campus Center Lobby

Transfer Events Calendar compiled by Tracy Chung-Tabangcura DA Transfer Center Administrative Assistant

For more information on any of the events listed or to schedule an appointment, contact the Transfer Center at 408-864-8841.

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Sports

April 21, 2003



The intensity of NHL playoffs separates it from other sports



The National Hockey League playoffs are by far the most exhilarating of all professional and amateur postseason ordeals. Each spring, players from around the globe battle each other in hope of being allowed to hold the mythical Stanley Cup over their heads.

It is not uncommon for a game on the East Coast to breeze well past the midnight hour. I have seen people who have never watched a hockey game become mesmerized at the spectacle that is overtime playoff hockey. It is cardiac inspiring to watch one of these overtime tilts.

Each shot on goal is followed by an audience-enchanted gasp. In a split second, you can witness a stadium erupt in victory or be demoralized in defeat. No matter where the game is being played, there is always a bench-clearing bliss for the team that tallies that overtime game-winner. New breath and another day to live.

Stamina is not the only enduring quality a player must perfect in his quest for the cup. Injuries happen in the world of sports and almost always damper a team's run for their respective championship. In 1999, future Hall of Fame forward Brett Hull extinguished this conventional wisdom. In the deciding game six of the finals, Hull, playing with two torn groin muscles, one blown MCL and a busted knee, scored the game winner in overtime.

Hull is not the only player who shares this win-at-all-cost mentality; it seems to be the reigning philosophy among all hockey professionals. "The best thing for my knee is to never play again and retire," said Steve Yzerman, a three-time Stanley Cup champion, in the midst of preparation for this year's cup run. "But I'm not going to do that."

Of course hockey would not be hockey if a bit of the violence was not included. Take it or leave it, there is a conscience mired in the tyranny. Take two-time cup winner Scott Stevens of the New Jersey Devils. His reputation for bone-jarring hits and piled up opponents was well cemented before he ever won a cup. In the 1995 finals, his craft came in full use.

Detroit Red Wings forward Slava Kozlov was skating with the puck when Stevens came out of nowhere and delivered the hit of all hits. Upon impact Kozlov was knocked out before he hit the ice. I'm talking lights-out, soul-leaving-the-body hit. It was a clean shoulder-to-chin collision. As Stevens skated back to his bench, the Detroit bench yelled and screamed with promises of revenge. Stevens just smiled and uttered the chilling words, "You're next."

Talk about series momentum shift. The Devils went on to sweep the Wings and claim their first cup in franchise history.

Chicago BlackHawks coach Brian Sutter, who has coached or played against his five brothers in the league, said it best during the Chicago-St. Louis Blues series last year.

"If one of my brothers were in front of our bus last night and we were about to leave and he was on the other team, I'd have to run him over," Sutter said. "That's the mentality, that's the way it is."

Once the cup is won, the toughest guys cry and the cup is handed teammate to teammate as the group skates around the ice like little kids happy to be in a pair of skates. No "I'm going to Disneyland" controversies here, just victory at its most humble and deserved.

NBA playoffs are the time when legends are made



Michael Jordan. Magic Johnson. Larry Bird. These are just some of the names that the NBA Playoffs have transformed from stars to heroes.

Basketball players are the most recognizable athletes in the world -- mainly because their size makes them literally larger than life -- and the playoffs separate the great players from the legends. This is why I believe the NBA Playoffs are the best postseason event in sports.

The playoffs, which started this week, highlight 16 teams vying for the ultimate prize, the championship ring and a place in sports history. It is the time of year that individuals distinguish themselves and become household names. There is no other sporting event like it, and I get goose bumps thinking about it.

The playoffs, in particular the NBA Finals, are about more than just two teams battling each other for the title. They are about the individual players, the stars and the legends – and the results determine where each player fits. The playoffs, for example, separate Charles Barkley from Jordan.

In the 1993 NBA Finals, Jordan's Chicago Bulls defeated Barkley's Phoenix Suns in six games, denying Barkley the title he never seized. It was Jordan's third of six titles.

I don't want to take anything away from Barkley because he was one of the most gifted power forwards to ever play the game. At 6-5, he is considered one of the best rebounders ever, not to mention a great quote. But during the game's grandest stage, the playoffs, he could not get over the hump and that is why he is not in the same category as Magic or Kareem Abdul-Jabbar or Wilt Chamberlain. The truth comes out during the playoffs.

The NBA can be a painfully long season -- the regular season spans from November to April -- but the magic of May and June more than make up for the numerous doldrums throughout the regular season.

The NHL playoffs are exciting, especially overtime. Baseball is very dramatic – there is nothing like a classic pitching duel during a World Series game. The Super Bowl is the most-watched sporting event in the world, and when the game is close, it can be memorable. I even enjoy the World Cup and I'm far from a big soccer fan.

But an NBA playoff series that showcases two great teams who feature great players competing on the 94-foot long, 50foot wide hardwood court is simply breathtaking. Bird vs. Magic, Wilt vs. Russell, Jordan vs. Malone. You can't beat it.

Every year is unique, and each year there are one or two players who stand out. The last three years those players were Shaquille O'Neal and Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers. Will it be the same story this year, or will another player make the leap to greatness and lead his team to the title?

There are many candidates – Kevin Garnett, Tracy McGrady, Allen Iverson and Dirk Nowitzki to name a few. It will all unfold over the next couple of months.

The shoe contracts, spectacular dunks and rap albums that many NBA players possess are not the exploits that make them superhuman. It is what they do in May and June. It's playoff time.



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Entertainment



WRITER NGAN TROUNG ANALYZES THE WAR'S IMPACT ON THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUS-TRY AND CENSORSHIP OF CELEBRITIES

BY NGAN TRUONG La Voz

Lately it seems there has been much debate on celebrities and whether or not they have a place to be vocal in times like these. We understand they have power; we

give it to them. These celebrities are celebrities because the media creates them and we uphold this celebrity star culture of ours.

But what happens when celebrities start stating their opinions on issues of policy?

It is hard to see eye-to-eye with an ideal when it is backed up with a Gucci bag and shouted at you from a Hummer or a Bentley. And this seems to be the justification when we criticize celebrities, especially those voicing their opinions on issues of the world.

These "stars" hold heavy influence on the public and sometimes it seems as though people listen to celebrities before they have a chance to listen to themselves.

So it should make sense to be critical of what they say.

However, recently celebrities with opposing opinions on the war are meeting public backlash and low tolerance. The Dixie Chicks are excellent examples of this form of censorship. Natalie Maines, lead singer of the Dixie Chicks, has been bombarded with criticism on her remarks and disapproval of President Bush, so much so that there have been radio stations refusing to play their music. Sheryl Crow wore a "War is the Not the Answer" shirt and was also criticized.

But are we forgetting that regardless of the celebrity factor, these people are citizens, voters and human being with the basic right to free speech? Who are we to start silencing different points of views?

As citizens of the free world it would seem that we would be far more understanding when it comes to free speech. However, it is one thing to listen to a prime minister or a pope speak out or for foreign policies, but to hear celebrities voice opinions on such topics make people cringe.

In our star culture it does not make sense to give people the power of expression and mass communication, only to set boundaries that force them to obey the majority opinion.

The celebrities that have spoken out are now forced to defend their free speech rights.

And not only that but are now faced with the decision to silence themselves as well for fear of public criticism, or stand up for what thankful to live in this they believe in and be branded as a "traitor." It is ironic that our

government is set up as a democracy that prides itself in free speech and freedom of expression, but when it comes to an alternative viewpoint that does not follow mainstream ideals, we the people, are the

ones to censor. I might as well quote Barbra Streisand because she stated it well.

"These celebrities are American citizens first, and we are thankful to live in this great country that allows us the right to express our opinions."

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2PUT YOUR GLASSES ON and enter the Dilbert Look-A-Like Contest today from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m in the bookstore. You could win a color TV!

WANNA LEARN to ice skate, salsa dance, surf, debate, become a business leader or play chess? Wanna get in touch with your own culture or someone else's? Wanna unite with people that share common interests with you?Then come check out De Anza's Club Day on Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Main Quad for an opportunity to do all of these!

Compiled by Meera Kumbhani





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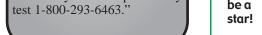
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the drugs and scams the computer stores, but is still smart enough to recognize the point when things get out of hand. He knows

Virgil and beats the crap out of him. You feel for Ben as he spends time with the girl he really

BLT made history at the 2002 Sundance Film Fesival by being the first ever APA film to be picked up for distribution.

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even though

she's dating Steve, who doesn't give her nearly the same attention as Ben does.



you're looking for a movie to perplex you by the final credits and leave you in a state of deep thought, skip this movie and go rent

If

"Donnie Darko" or "Vanilla Sky." And if you expect mind-blowing special effects, go see "Lord of the Rings" for the fifth time. But if you're looking for a wellmade movie that speaks on many levels and chal-

BY EVAN DICKINSON La Voz

With countless movies being made about teen angst and struggles, few are as entertaining as "Better Luck Tomorrow." Though it focuses on a single group of kids, it's easy for most people to relate to and think, wow, I wish I had done that in high school.

"Better Luck Tomorrow" offers a comedic, yet dark look at the over-achieving Asian students of suburban high schools. The movie follows six students who are living double lives: straight A students, partici-

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-Ben

pants in countless extracurricular activities and future Ivy League Alumni who get their kicks - as well as spare cash - by scamming computer stores and selling cheat and drugs.

"Basically it was the suburbs. We had nothing else to do," said the

main character, Ben. "As long as our grades were there, we were trusted."

The group seems to fit together almost like a boy-band; each character plays their role, and rarely do they overlap. There's Ben, the over-achiever; Virgil, the comic relief; Han, the muscle; Stephanie, the beauty; Daric, the mastermind and Steven,

moment and brings the movie

around a full circle with climax you won't expect. With

MTV and Paramount fronting the movie, you'd

> all too predictable, not you a headache.

"Better Luck

Tomorrow" is reminiscent of such movies as

"Fight Club" and "American Beauty" in



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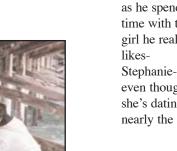
moral choic-

" I wanted to make a movie that was real and non-apologetic, one that resisted the standard stories and stereotypes typical of recent Asian American cinema." -Justin Lin, director and writer

expect it to have a sappy love story that's when he has to stop.

to mention unnecessary slang that'll give However, the movie doesn't date itself by overusing slang, which means that years from now it will still be as relevant as it is today.

 $\star \star \star \diamond$ "Better Luck Tomorrow" -WRITTEN, DIRECTED AND PRODUCED BY JUSTIN LIN



the competition.

Ben remains persistent and level-headed in most situations, whereas Han is the first to lash out and yell at anyone within hearing distance. Stephanie, though not involved in any of the mischief, plays a significant role as the love interest two characters must fight over.

The movie starts with Ben and Virgil finding a cell phone in the ground ... accompanied by a dead body. From that point on, Ben narrates the actions that lead up to that



es. What makes it all so realistic and enjoyable is that like any regular person, Ben participates in the delinquent behavior. He creates the cheat sheets, helps sell

The writing and direction of this film contribute to making it extremely down-toearth and believable; you feel for the characters. You root for Han when he yells at

The cast & characters of BLT

RUNNING TIME: 98 minutes



All photos courtesy of MTV

lenges the reality many of us live, you should definitely check this out.

"Better Luck Tomorrow" is funny, serious, dark and playful- an all around good movie.



Parry Shen:"Ben," the over-acheiver with unexpected "extracurricular" activities Jason Tobin:"Virgil,"

Ben's best friend and the comic relief Sung Kang: "Han," the quiet, but tough muscular one

Karin Anna Cheung: "Stephanie," a cheerleader who aspires to be a cop John Cho:"Steve,"

Stephanie's boyfriend and Ben's competition Roger Fan:"Daric," the mastermind behind the group's plans.