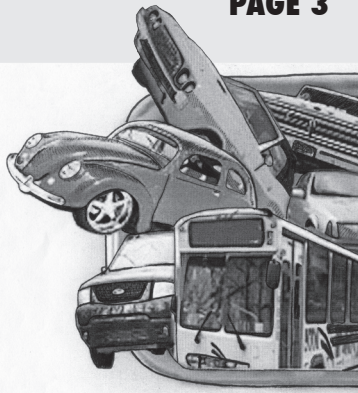




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Transit Center  
could mean tight fit  
for parking lots

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# BATTLE FOR MEASURE C

## Episode V: De Anza Strikes Back

### NON-RESIDENT SUES TO KEEP INITIATIVE FROM TAXING HIS PROPERTY IN TOWN

Sonia Easaw/LA VOZ NEWS

De Anza College is awaiting the verdict of a lawsuit against Measure C. The Sixth District Court of Appeals heard the case of Foothill-De Anza Community College District v. Emerich, Et al. on Nov. 15.

Measure C was passed by voters in the Foothill-De Anza Community College District in June of last year, and would provide \$490.8 million in bond money for district projects.

The measure C lawsuit filed by Aaron Katz and Melvin

Emerich is restricting funds from being used for renovation projects at De Anza, such as repairing leaky roofs, upgrading technology and improving classrooms.

The Santa Clara County Superior Court validated the results of the June bond election in December of last year. However, Katz and Emerich appealed this ruling.

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## The week ahead

### Workshops for UC and CSU apps

The Counseling Center is offering a free workshop to students who need help on their college applications. The workshops will take place in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Student and Community Services Building.

UC WORKSHOP  
Tuesday, Nov. 27,  
1:30-3 p.m.

CSU WORKSHOP  
Monday, Nov. 26,  
5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, Nov. 29,  
1:30-2:30 p.m.

### Planetarium opens new shows

The planetarium is celebrating its grand re-opening with a star projector ribbon cutting. The ribbon cutting will be followed by a 6 p.m. presentation of "Astronaut."

Saturday, Dec. 1, 5:30 p.m.

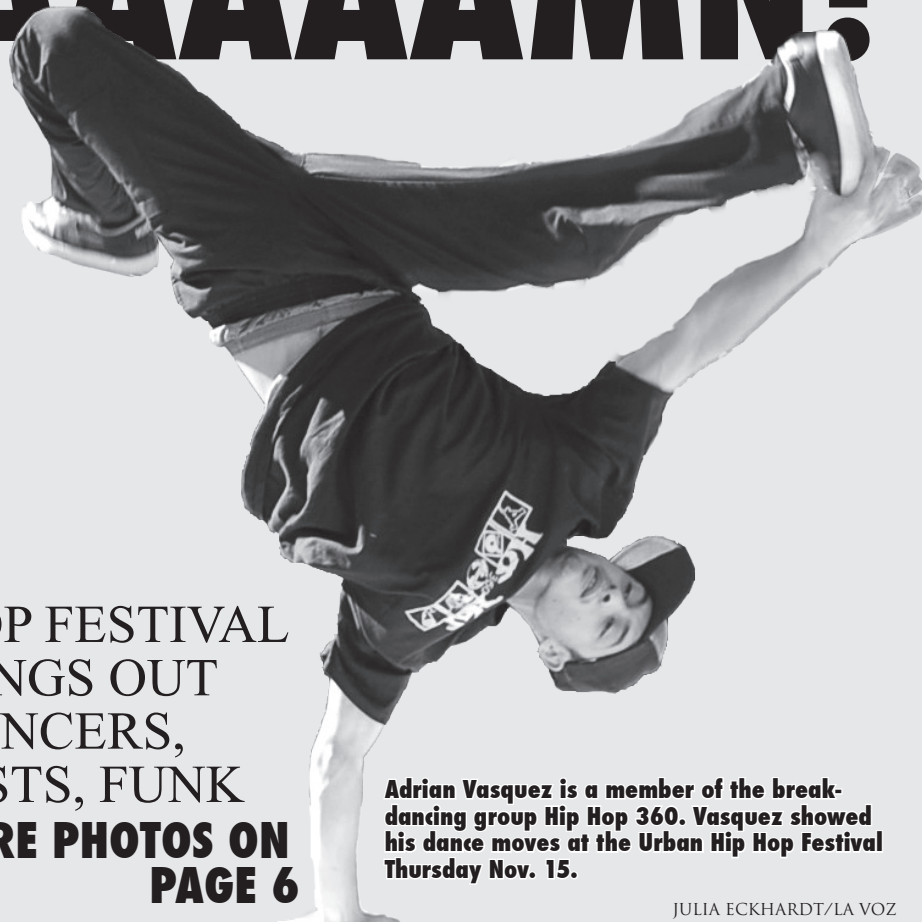
ASTRONOMY SHOWS  
7 p.m. Infinity Express  
8 p.m. Black Holes: The Other  
Side of the Infinity

LASER SHOWS  
9:30 p.m. Holiday Magic Laser  
Show  
10:30 p.m. Pink Floyd: Darkside

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## Arts & Entertainment

# DAAAAAMN!



HIP HOP FESTIVAL  
BRINGS OUT  
DANCERS,  
ARTISTS, FUNK  
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Adrian Vasquez is a member of the break-dancing group Hip Hop 360. Vasquez showed his dance moves at the Urban Hip Hop Festival Thursday Nov. 15.

JULIA ECKHARDT/LA VOZ

## Opinion



SHABNAM MAHMOUKHAN

### Language is key in global economy

According to a recent survey by the Modern Language Association, more and more college students are choosing to learn Middle Eastern, African and Asian languages in place of the usual French, German and Spanish. Given the increasing scope of U.S. involvement in the Middle East and the globalization of the American economy, these students are likely making a wise choice. But is it right for everyone? How should we as students decide which foreign language course is right for us?

The answer isn't that complex. If you're majoring in business, simply do some research and look for languages specific companies would like their employees to be able to speak. Want to score a job with a company headquartered in Germany?

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# CAMPUS Events

## IMPORTANT DATES

Friday, Nov. 30  
Last day to add CAOS and Skills self-paced classes  
Nov. 29-Jan. 6  
Continuing Student Registration  
Dec. 10-Jan. 6  
New/Former Student Registration

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

Monday, Nov. 26, 7pm  
Los Positas @ Livermore  
Wednesday, Nov. 28, 7pm  
Foothill @ De Anza  
Tuesday, Dec. 4, 6pm  
Merritt @ De Anza

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 6:00pm  
Los Medanos College @ De Anza  
Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7pm  
Las Positas @ De Anza  
Saturday, Dec. 15, 2pm  
American River College @ De Anza

## LIST OF INTER CLUB COUNCIL DRIVES

The Inter Club Council, ICC, is sponsoring 2 drives during the Fall and Winter quarters. Start saving up and donate. All items donated will be given to a good cause or aid in saving the environment.

## FALL 2007

Eyeglass Drive-  
Monday Jan. 14-Friday Feb. 1  
Donate unwanted eyeglasses for people in need in other countries.

## WINTER 2008

Cell Phone Drive  
Monday Feb. 11-Friday Feb. 29  
Donate your unwanted cell phone(s) for victims of domestic violence.  
Drop off donations at the following locations:

- Student Activities, lower level of Campus Center
- Administration Building Lobby
- Learning Center Lobby
- Advanced Technology Center Lobby
- Wellness Center

## WINTER 2008 SCHEDULE OF CLASSES

The online Schedule of classes for the Winter 2008 quarter is now available online. Find it at [www.deanza.edu/schedule](http://www.deanza.edu/schedule).

## CROSS-CULTURAL PARTNERS FINAL GET-TOGETHER

Wednesday, Nov. 28, 12:30-2:30pm  
The Cross-Cultural Partners program will be meeting for the last time this quarter. Members are invited to celebrate a successful quarter. CCP is asking members to RSVP through email at [ccpartners@deanza.edu](mailto:ccpartners@deanza.edu) by Monday Nov. 26.

## UC/CSU Applications

The Counseling Center is offering a free workshop to students who need help on their college applications. The workshops will take place in the Conference Room on the second floor of the Student and Community Services Building.

## UC WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Nov. 27, 1:30-3pm

## CSU WORKSHOP

Monday, Nov. 26, 5:30-6:30pm

Thursday, Nov. 29, 1:30-2:30pm

## KATHY GRIFFIN AT THE FLINT CENTER

Friday, Nov. 30, 8pm  
Comedian and star of the show "My Life on the D-List" will perform at the Flint Center. For more information on the Kathy Griffin tour visit her site at [www.kathygriffin.net/tour](http://www.kathygriffin.net/tour). Tickets may also be purchased at her site. Prices range from \$45-\$75.

## PLANETARIUM GRAND OPENING

Saturday, Dec. 1, 5:30pm  
The planetarium is celebrating its grand re-opening with a star projector ribbon cutting. The ribbon cutting will be followed by a 6pm Presentation of "Astronaut." Other presentations will include:

## ASTRONOMY SHOWS

7pm Infinity Express  
8pm Black Holes: The Other Side of the Infinity

## LASER SHOWS

9:30pm Holiday Magic Laser Show  
10:30pm Pink Floyd: Darkside

All tickets for the shows will be \$5, seats are limited and all guests are asked to arrive at 4:45pm to purchase tickets. Seating will begin at 5:15pm.

## THE PRODUCERS: A MEL BROOKS MUSICAL AT THE FLINT CENTER

Saturday, Dec. 1, 8pm  
Sunday, Dec. 2, 2pm  
Winner of a record-breaking twelve Tony Awards, "The Producers" is the musical version of the 1968 film. The story is about two theatrical producers scheming to get rich by overselling interest in a Broadway flop. Problems arise when the musical is unexpectedly a hit. This comedic musical will take place at the Flint Center. Tickets can be bought at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com) and prices range from \$41 to \$61.

## POET/ACTIVIST EDDY ZHENG

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 4:30-6pm  
After serving 20 years in prison for robbery, Eddy Zheng has committed his life to crime prevention with at-risk youth. Zheng has written and published articles on his experience as an Asian American inmate. Zheng will talk about his first anthology of writings called "Other: An API Prisoner's Anthology." The event will take place in the Writing and Reading Center in the upper level of the Advanced Technology Center.

## NON-FICTION TO FILM WORKSHOP

Tuesday, Dec. 4, 12:30-1:30pm  
The Writing and Reading Center is hosting an event with author/screenwriter Javed Mohammed.

## STUDY IN FLORENCE, ITALY

SPRING 2008  
Thursday, Dec. 6, 12:30-1:30pm  
Students interested in studying in Florence, Italy during the Spring 2008 quarter can attend an informational meeting. In Italy students will study the language, literature, history and humanities of the country. Hosted by the Campus Abroad Program, the meeting will take place in Admin 103.

## GUITAR SOCIETY PRESENTS

PHUNG TUAN VU  
Sunday, Dec. 9, 7pm  
The guitar society presents Vietnamese solo classical guitar artist Phung Tuan Vu. Vu will play in room A11 in the Coral Hall at De Anza College. Tickets range from \$15-\$20 and can be ordered through [www.sbg.org](http://www.sbg.org) or (408) 292-0704.

## INFO

Send event notices to [Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com](mailto:Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com) by Wednesday noon preceding the week of publication with "Happenings" in the subject line. La Voz does not guarantee publication. All events take place on the De Anza College campus and are free, unless stated otherwise.

## Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com

## APPLICATIONS TO TRANSFER

Students planning to transfer to a California State University (CSU) or University of California (UC) for Fall 2008 should observe the Nov. 30 application deadline. Essays are usually required for the UC applications and getting an early start is recommended. For questions about applying or transferring, visit De Anza's Counseling Center in the Student and Community Services Building, located on the second level.

## SCHOLARSHIPS AT DE ANZA 07-08

Apply to more than a hundred available scholarships provided by various organizations. Applicants must meet the requirements for each scholarship and get a recommendation from a professor. Most applications are due on February 14. To get the forms to apply or for more information check out <http://www.deanza.edu/financialaid/scholarship.html> or visit the Financial Aid office.

## OUTREACH JOBS AVAILABLE

The De Anza Outreach program is hiring five Student Ambassadors for winter and spring quarters at \$10/hr. They are looking for students who have a good understanding of the high school populations De Anza serves and have good communication and interpersonal skills. For more information about the job contact Rob Mieso at [miesorob@deanza.edu](mailto:miesorob@deanza.edu).

## BOOKS FOR WOMEN IN THE ELMWOOD JAIL

The Santa Clara County Commission on the Status of Women launched a book drive for women in the Elmwood jail in Milpitas. Easy-to-read paperbacks on women's health, parenting, self-help and fiction can be dropped off at the Administration Office through Jan. 3.

## FINANCIAL AID

Receive money for classes by filling out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may qualify for a governor's fee waiver or receive money for books. Offices can be found downstairs in the Campus Center and the north side of the Patio.

## FREE LEGAL ADVICE

Sign up for a 15 minute appointment with lawyer Ron Goularte to discuss a legal question. Goularte can be found in the Student Activities Office in the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center. Students are asked to make an appointment and show a current DASB card. For questions or to make an appointment visit or call the Student Activities Office at (408) 864-8756.

## DISCOUNTED AMC MOVIE TICKETS

De Anza's Student Accounts Office is offering discounted AMC tickets. Tickets range from \$6-\$7.50 depending on when the movie will be watched.

VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP - The Rotary Club of Palo Alto announces the availability of vocational scholarships for the 2008-2009 school year. Visit [www.rotarypaloalto.org](http://www.rotarypaloalto.org) under the Scholarships Menu for more information or for application forms.

## FACULTY AND STAFF EVENTS

CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE-OF-THE-MONTH CELEBRATION: FRANCIS RAMIREZ, OFFICE ASSISTANT IN EOPS  
Monday, Dec. 1, 12:30-2pm  
In the Hinson Campus Center Conference Room A

## TOWN HALL BUDGET REDUCTION SCENARIOS

Tuesday, Dec. 2, 3-5pm  
Taking place in Forum 1

## FACULTY AND STAFF HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, Dec. 3, 11:30am-1pm  
In the Hinson Campus Center Conference Rooms A & B

## HOLIDAY BOX TO IRAQ

Donate by Friday, Dec. 7  
Johnny McCarth, the De Anza Veterans' Coordinator, is coordinating efforts to send a holiday box to a battalion in Iraq with a soldier who is planning to attend De Anza when discharged. The battalion has access to a microwave, stove and cooking pots. Items can be dropped off at Admissions and Records.

## DASB Senate Meeting

Every Wednesday, 3:30pm  
(4:30pm every first Wednesday)  
at Student Council Chamber



STUDENTS WORKING FOR STUDENTS

## De Anza Associated Student Body

Office location: lower level Hinson Campus Center

Phone number: (408) 864-8694

Website: <http://deanza.edu/dasb>

DASB Blog: <http://deanzacollege.blogspot.com>

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**NEW option:**  
**We speak the**  
**same language**  
**as you do!**  
**Come and talk**  
**to us!**

## Job Announcement

Secretary to the De Anza Associated Student Body

- Looking for dedicated and organized person to serve as secretary for DASB
- Must be able to work 20-25 hours a week, Monday to Friday With the flexible schedule

For more information about duties, responsibilities, and requirements, pick up an application (available in Student Activities, lower level Hinson campus center).

Pays \$10 per hour  
(\$12 starting Jan, 2008)

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- Want to be involved in DASB
- Want extra money?
- Want excellent working experience?

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# De Anza awaits trial results

## CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Katz owns property within the district, but was not allowed to vote for or against Measure C because he is not a resident of the district. However, he still has to pay property taxes, and is concerned that he may have to pay future property taxes levied to fund Measure C bond sales.

Katz has a history of lawsuits that have delayed bond funding. El Camino Hospital settled with Katz for \$200,000, and the West Valley-Mission Community College District settled with him for \$60,000. Katz has also sued the Mountain View-Whisman School District and the Campbell Union High School District.

Emerich's attorney Gary Wesley said that Measure C provides bond money for a "slush fund." He said money for the district "will be sloshing around" because the list of projects presented on the ballot was not specific enough. The District could change their mind at any time regard-

ing the use of money, and the committee appointed to oversee the money's use can't do its job if the projects are not detailed, he said.

Wesley said the district could use the money to build a secret room under the Foothill College pool for CIA target practice.

"If they rule correctly, they will rule in favor of Emerich," said Wesley. The appellate judge panel ruling must be stated within 90 days.

Sean Absher represented the district and said that Thursday morning's hearing was an opportunity to vindicate the lower court's decision. The thought of an appeal, if the district loses the case, has not even crossed his mind, he said.

"I expect that with the outcome of this case, both Mr. Katz and Mr. Emerich will not pursue similar claims in the future," said Absher.

Andy Dunn, vice chancellor of Business Services for the district, hopes that the legal costs of the case can be recovered from the appellants if the

district wins the case. Yet if the district wins, Dunn said he predicts that

**"I am extremely confident that the appellate court will affirm the trial court's judgment validating Measure C."**

**Sean Absher, Foothill-De Anza District's Attorney**

there will be an appeal made by the appellants to the California Supreme Court.

Katz said he deserved to vote in the bond election, said Jeanine Hawk, De Anza vice president of Finance and College Services. But this reasoning may allow property owners to take advantage of voting in all districts in

which they own property, she said.

"Until the litigation is resolved, we are unable to fully access the bond proceeds," said Dunn.

In the meantime, the District has provided some "bridge money" that will allow certain projects to be started, said Hawk.

The first project to be funded by Measure C will be the Mediated Learning Center, a building in the early stages of discussion and design, she said.

The project of replacing pathway lighting for pedestrian safety is already underway. Other projects waiting Measure C funding include renovations of the Multicultural Center, the cottage, the old bookstore or winery and the Seminar building, she said.

The appellate court will probably rule within a month to a month and a half of Thursday's hearing, said Dunn. ☐

## Ballot adds Eco Pass IF PASSED ECO PASS WOULD PROVIDE FREE VTA SERVICES

*Cody Leach*  
LA VOZ NEWS

Free Valley Transportation Authority services may be a possibility in the future, according to the De Anza Associated Student Body Senate.

Eco Pass, the name of the service, is being offered by the VTA.

However, the Eco Pass will not be on the ballot until after the student elections.

If passed by student voters, the Eco Pass will give students free access to busses and light rail.

For the free services, stu-

dents would be required to pay a \$2-\$5 fee at the time of registration.

"I'm confident the Eco Pass will make it onto the ballot," said Senate President Robin Claassen. "It's a great program and many students will benefit from it."

However, the VTA is concerned that if the Eco Pass were available to all De Anza students, some might take advantage of the situation by registering for a half-unit class to receive the Eco Pass.

One solution is to restrict the Eco Pass to full-time students at De Anza who are enrolled

in 12 units or more.

Another consideration is when the fee would be administered.

Claassen said that there are quite a few questions from both the VTA and the senate that still need answering, but believes the VTA Eco Pass will be a useful program for students if passed.

The Eco Pass was originally designed for large businesses to provide transportation options for employees other than driving or carpooling, but has also been adopted by universities to ease commuting for students. ☐

## Peace room will exist when space is allotted

*Katie O'Hara*  
LA VOZ NEWS

Creation of a Peace Room has been confirmed by the De Anza College Student Senate, but first space must be made available. Plans are for the Peace Room to be located where the Financial Aid Office is, after Financial Aid relocates.

The Peace Room will be a place where De Anza students can either pray or meditate without interruptions. According to Jordan Eldridge, Inter Club Council Chair of Programs, the idea for the Peace Room originated because some students reported being uncomfortable with other stu-

dents praying outside. The room is also an experiment to find out if students of different faiths can come together in one room to pray or meditate, said Eldridge.

Some universities have similar facilities to the Peace Room, said Eldridge.

The Peace Room would also be a place for non-religious students to go and decompress from all the pressures of just being an everyday student, he said.

"That, in my opinion, prevents more serious matters involving stress," said Eldridge. The student senate has not yet discussed all of the logistics of the Peace Room, but concluded the room will be created. ☐

## VTA designs transit center for parking lot

*John Capuchino*  
LA VOZ NEWS

De Anza College and the Valley Transportation Authority are discussing a new transit center to conform with the current state of the parking lots on the east side of campus. De Anza has considered building a VTA Center since 2001, when plans were created by the VTA in conjunction with De Anza, to fit the parking lot configuration of that time.

After an approval by the college and the District Board of Trustees, VTA lost funding for the project and the plan was postponed with no date set to resume planning. Subsequently De Anza decided to build the Stelling Parking Structure and further develop parking lots A, B and C.

In late 2005, the VTA contacted De Anza with the news that funding was reinstated. However, the original plans from 2001 are no longer viable, because of construction completed with the supposition that the transit center was not going to be built.

Jeanine Hawk, vice president of Finance and College Services, said that now the issue is that the original transit center no longer fits. At this point, De Anza is working with the VTA to design a new transit center that will fit the parking lot. The VTA has submitted a design that is an elongated version of the original circular transit center.

According to Jordan Eldridge, student trustee, the most recent plan for construction of the transit center does not fit the allotted space. As the plans are currently drawn, the building of the transit center would require either the movement or the destruction of campus buildings.

The VTA is planning to increase the number of current routes to fifteen-minute intervals, regardless of the construction of the transit center.

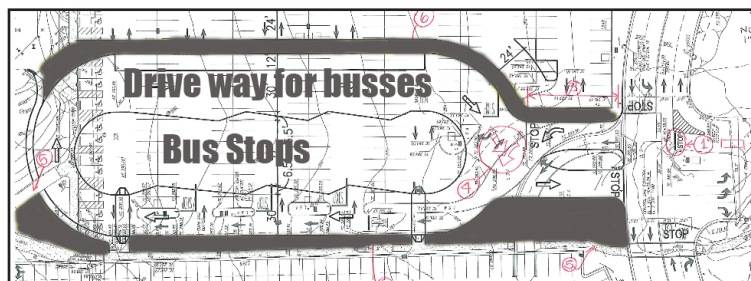
The new center would act as a hub where students could wait to catch busses, and where busses could wait to fit schedules. The center will be large enough to hold eight busses at

a time. Students would be dropped off in front of the L Quad rather than being dropped at Stevens Creek Boulevard, Stelling Avenue or in front of the Target Shopping Center.

Hawk said that the added accessibility and convenience of the busses would hopefully boost the use of public transportation, and reduce the amount of single student commuters.

Some details concerning the building of the transit center require further

thought, said Eldridge. For example, the building of the transit center would create a loss of 260-400 parking stalls, he said. Furthermore, there would be 500 bus trips a day, which could potentially create a bottleneck at the intersection of Stelling and Peppertree. The traffic problem could require that a second traffic light be installed to govern the traffic before it reaches the intersection, which could cause delays. ☐



**Proposed design for the transit center presented by Donna Jones-Dulin, director of College Services and Jeanine Hawk, vice president of Finance and College Services at the De Anza Associated Student Body meeting.**

## News in Brief

### Senate discusses funding for art, trip, workshops

*Darren Rous*  
LA VOZ NEWS

De Anza's Associate Student Body discussed campus funding for art around campus and funding for the leadership trip on Nov. 14. The senate decided to donate \$3,000 for art around campus. They also discussed funding for an upcoming trip by senate members with the goal of building camaraderie and developing as a senate.

Additionally, the senate has been participating in special workshops during senate meetings to improve in their roles as senators.

"The senate hopes to develop and make better decisions for the common De Anza student," said senate member Kurt Pham.

### Inter club council approves requests, holds drawing, amends code

*Hessan Barkeshli*  
LA VOZ NEWS

At the Nov. 14 ICC meeting, the De Anza College Engineering Technology Club's request of \$350 for a trebuchet was approved. Core structure material for the trebuchet is budgeted at \$300, with auxiliary mechanism materials amounting to \$50.

Circle K thanked the rest of the ICC for approving their fund request to attend a conference of 350 students about leadership roles, which they requested two weeks prior.

Wise 37, the Catholic Student Club and the Japanese Student Association won a drawing and each received \$100 added to their club funds. The drawing was similar to the one held at Club Expo.

The ICC Club budget now stands at \$12,845.

After a brief discussion, the Inter Club Council Chairs Code was altered under Article II Section I. If officers accumulate more than seven absentee points per quarter, they will be removed from office. Of two attendance proposals, the one passed which allowed for more absentee points before removal from office.

## Police Log

Nov. 14 - Nov. 15, 2007

**TRAFFIC COLLISION**  
Traffic accident - no injuries  
Summary: two vehicles involved minor damages  
Location: Lot E  
Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 8:25 a.m.

**TRAFFIC HIT AND RUN**  
Hit and run property/damage only  
Location: De Anza College  
Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 11:46 a.m.

**TRAFFIC COLLISION**  
Traffic accident - no injuries  
Location: Flint Parking Garage  
Thursday, Nov. 15 at 10:39 a.m.

**TRAFFIC HIT AND RUN**  
Hit and run property/damage only  
Location: Lot 2A  
Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 10:53 p.m.

**TRAFFIC HIT AND RUN**  
Hit and run property/damage only  
Location: Lot C  
Thursday, Nov. 15. at 6:43 p.m.



# Student Style

What are kids wearing nowadays anyway?



Brittany Selzler, 20  
Psychology major  
"I pay attention to what's in style, but I like being comfortable too. Oh, and I really like purses."  
Sweater Dress: Gap \$40  
Tights: Forever 21 \$7  
Shoes: Steve Madden \$60  
Purse: Dooney & Bourke \$115  
Total outfit price: \$222

COMPILED BY CODY LEACH/LA VOZ



Max Bunag, 19  
Business major  
"I like to wear the most obnoxious thing possible. I like wearing unexpected clothes with bright colors. I like bright."  
Shoes: Nike Dunks \$70  
Pants: Levi Strauss \$40  
Shirt: Obey \$30  
Belt: Empyre \$20  
Sweatshirt (with zip off sleeves): BCE \$60  
Total outfit price: \$220

# Player of the Week



## Cynthia Chaidez Cross Country

- Placed 2nd overall at the Nor Cal race on Nov. 2, 2007  
- 2nd team all state, 12th overall  
- Fastest time for 3 mile is 18 minutes, 54 seconds

Enjoys plants and nature.

**Birthday:** May 2, 1988  
**Nickname:** "Scooter"  
**Fave Music Artists:** Red Hot Chili Peppers and Andre Nickatina  
**Dream Date:** Criss Angel  
**Major:** Communications  
**Dream School:** UC Berkeley

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Are you confused about your career direction?

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### FREE CLASSIFIEDS FOR STUDENTS

Please contact Reza Kazempour at (408) 864-5626 or visit [www.lavozdeanza.com](http://www.lavozdeanza.com) for more information



# Video game encourages peace

Paula Warner  
LA VOZ NEWS

The other side wants peace, too," said Asi Burak, while demonstrating the controversial video game PeaceMaker to a group of students at De Anza College on Nov. 15.



**"You get to be the peacemaker. It is our challenge."**

**Asi Burak, Co-creator, PeaceMaker**

He and Eric Brown, CEO of Impact Games and co-creator of PeaceMaker, spoke at the event sponsored by De Anza's Jews, Israelis and Friends club. The game is about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, and unlike most games, which feature violence and war-like themes, it challenges players to achieve a peaceful resolution to conflict.

"In this game you get to be the peacemaker," Burak said. "It is our challenge, and it is very difficult."

In the game, the player assumes the role of either the Israeli prime minister or the Palestinian president, and can

take a number of actions, from diplomatic negotiations to military attacks, while interacting with eight other political leaders and social groups, in order to establish a stable resolution to the Middle Eastern conflict before the term in office ends.

Burak and Brown designed PeaceMaker with other students at Carnegie Mellon University to see if they could create a video game about serious issues and current events that would be as engaging as commercial video games. Released in February, PeaceMaker placed 77th in Game Tunnel's Top 100 Indie Games list.

"The game is about small steps you can take to build trust," said Burak.

The built-in ending, a two-state solution, is not a secret. The creators encourage dialogue about the ending.

At the event, Karim Mansouri, a member of De Anza's Students for Justice Club asked, "Why can't there be a one-state solution?"

"One-state is not a popular solution among the Israelis," Burak said.

"I think a two-state solution is the only way to make peace in the Middle East," said Maya Kostyanovsky, a member of Jews, Israelis and Friends. "A one-state solution would be unfair to both sides."

Kostyanovsky played the game a couple of times and said she was thinking of purchasing it to learn



A screen shot of the Peacemaker video game that challenges the player to negotiate with the other side.

more. "A lot of people just see what's on TV," she said. "This game gives insight and opens up your eyes to what's really going on."

That's the idea of the game, to test players' "skills, assumptions and prior knowledge," and let them see if they can bring peace to the Middle East, or if they "plunge the region into disaster."

"It's a complex game," Kostya-

novsky said. "Neither one is the good guy or the bad guy - that's what I really like about it."

"The notion that one side is responsible is something we have definitely tried to change," Burak said.

"From time to time we are receiving angry e-mails criticizing our asymmetrical design: how come the Palestinian president cannot attack Israel directly while the Israeli PM has

a robust branch of military options to choose from," Burak wrote in a blog on the Peacemaker Web site.

"The most important thing about this game is not the details," said Brown. "The most important thing is to look at the conflict from the other side's point of view - something we as humans don't do."

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# Week of soccer ends with mixed results

Teruyoshi Shimizu  
LA VOZ NEWS

The De Anza College men's soccer team played the playoff match against the Hartnell Panthers, Nov. 17, at Hartnell College.

The final score was 1-2, with Hartnell winning. The Dons had only 10 players on the field, instead of the standard 11 players because a De Anza player was given a red card, meaning he was ejected from the game.

Juan Castillo scored the Don's first goal over the head of the Panther's

goalie. It was Castillo's first goal of the year. Abraham Huerta, a De Anza forward, described the game. "It was a pretty intense game. Hartnell's fans were cussing at us in Spanish during the game," he said.

The Dons finished the season 11-8-3, 21st in 80-teams statewide, 10th in the 30-team North region, and 2nd in the 7-team Coast conference.

"We should have a good season," said Angel Penuelas, left mid-fielder, about next season. Penuelas added that in the next season they would repeat as division champions.

Darren Rous  
LA VOZ NEWS

On Nov. 17, the De Anza College women's soccer team (13-4-3) won their playoff game against the Consumnes River College Hawks (8-4-9). De Anza came into the playoff game seeded eighth in the playoffs, earning home field advantage over the ninth ranked Hawks. De Anza's Jenny Kute scored the only goal of the game, giving her 22 for the year. Kute's goal was assisted by forward Kelly Carter, making the goal her fifth of the year.

The Dons played the number one seeded Santa Rosa College Bear Cubs (14-2-4) at Santa Rosa last Tuesday. The Dons and Bear Cubs also played against each other on Sept. 4. The game ended in a 2-2 tie.

# De Anza offers new scholarship for student athletes

MONEY GIVEN IN HONOR OF LATE FOOTBALL PLAYER

Darren Rous  
LA VOZ NEWS

At De Anza College's final football game of the season on Nov. 10, a scholarship was announced to honor Scott "Gundy" Gunderson, a former De Anza student athlete.

Gunderson died on June 16, 2006 from a heart attack, while coaching at Oak Grove High School in San Jose. Gunderson started on the offensive line for De Anza, proudly wearing the number 66 for the 1994 and 1995 seasons. He was the glue that kept the guys together, said his former teammates and coaches. While attending De Anza, Gunderson was elected member of Phi Theta Kappa academic honor society.

Gunderson's family, friends and coaches described him as the total package, a model citizen, athlete and student. Upon finishing at De Anza, Gundy transferred in March, 1996 to the University of Oregon to play football.

After graduating from Oregon, Gunderson became a high school English teacher and football coach at a couple of South Bay schools. Gunderson loved to read all types of books; his favorite was "To Kill A Mockingbird." "Scott loved the game of football, he had football almanacs in his bathroom to read, had a collection of football technique books and was

an intense Madden (football video game) junkie," said his two close friends, Rick Rauscher and Dave Rodrigues.

The ideas for a scholarship started when Gunderson's close friends decided to each donate \$66, his jersey number, every year on July 22, his birthday, and said they wanted De Anza to have a scholarship in honor of Gunderson because he looked back fondly at his De Anza experience.

In order to be eligible for the scholarship, a football player must have above a 2.75 grade point average and have plans to transfer to a four-year university. "The applicants will be judged on an essay about their favorite book, because Scott loved reading, and enjoyed teaching English," said Sue Gunderson, his mother, who is the principal's assistant at Monta Vista High School.

Sue Gunderson said she would like to thank De Anza for the ceremony. "It warms my heart," she said.

Donations to the Scott Gunderson Memorial Scholarship should be made payable to "Foothill-De Anza Foundation" and mailed to: Foothill-De Anza Foundation, 12345 El Monte Road, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022. Please make sure to include "Gunderson" on the memo line of the check.

# Author discusses Iranian, Israel, U.S. relations

TRITA PARSİ EDUCATES OVER 200 STUDENTS AT DE ANZA ON FOREIGN POLICY, DIPLOMACY

Ehssan Barkleshi  
LA VOZ NEWS

Students came in droves to hear Dr. Trita Parsi, author of the new book "Traacherous Alliance: The Secret Dealings of Iran, Israel, and the United States," speak at De Anza College on Nov. 8 about Iran and U.S. foreign relations.

He discussed tensions between the United States and Iran, and said, "The worst thing that can happen is for [De Anza students], and all students across the country, to be apathetic to what is happening in the world right now."

Over 200 students packed into Admin 119 to hear him speak about the policies of both Iran and the U.S. and what it could mean to students in the future.

People who could not find a seat were sitting on the floor, and many were standing around the periphery of the room, or a few steps outside the door, to hear his speech and participate in the question and answer session afterward.

"I'm surprised at the turnout," Parsi said. "When I was invited down, I expected to see a small classroom of maybe 30 people. But it's fantastic that so many people are interested in this subject."

Non-Iranian students said they found him especially insightful in dispelling some of the myths about the history between Iranian, U.S. and Israeli relations. "I found it useful in getting another point of view that we're not getting from the media," said student Derek Fleming.

Students for Justice, a De Anza club, planned the event.

"Relations between Iran and the U.S. are a hot topic right now, and we have been trying to get an Iranian speaker here for a

while, and the stars kind of aligned at the right time to get Trita Parsi, who is a great force in the movement for diplomacy," said Rich Wood, SFJ adviser and De Anza sociology instructor.

"We have a large population of Iranian-American students at De Anza and it's certainly important for them and others to be knowledgeable about foreign policy from all points of view," Wood said.

Parsi received his Ph.D in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies. His book, "Traacherous Alliance," is the first book published in over 20 years which directly addresses Israeli-Iranian-U.S. relations and their impact on U.S. national interest, and is the only book ever written on the subject based on extensive primary sources.

He interviewed 130 senior Israeli, Iranian and American officials who were involved in the foreign policy decisions of their countries over the past 50 years, and cross-checked information to get to the facts. He is a frequent commentator on Middle Eastern affairs, who has appeared on BBC World News, PBS NewsHour with Jim Lehrer, CNN, Al Jazeera, C-Span, NPR, MSNBC and Democracy Now.

"Iran is a country that holds many challenges to foreign policy right now and we

shouldn't miss an opportunity to resolve issues with Iran by not being able to engage in diplomacy," Parsi said.

His visit was part of an Iranian speaker series that SFJ is endorsing. The next speaker is slated to be Hamid Dabashi, a professor of political science and cinema at Columbia University.

The event was recorded and there are plans to put it on the Web at www.students-forjustice.org.



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Dr. Trita Parsi speaks in the Administration Building to students on Nov. 8.



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# Underground scene rises

## URBAN ARTS FESTIVAL CELEBRATES HIP HOP COMMUNITY WITH A BIZ-ANG OF ART, MUSIC, DANCE, FUNK

Julia Eckhardt and Erin Sullivan  
LA VOZ NEWS

On Nov. 15, the Main Quad of De Anza College busted alive with action. Break-dancing groups Hip Hop 360 and Peace 1 battled for over an hour and a half on a temporary linoleum floor. Students practiced

graffiti skills at a booth sponsored by the Euphrat Museum, and Berkeley-based business Filthy Dripped, owned by Alex Munoz and Lloyd De Vera, set up shop to showcase their hip hop inspired clothing line.

Joey Garcia, a chairperson of the Institute for Community and Civic Engagement, said the ICCE has been working toward this event since last summer. Garcia also put on a rap performance of his own music.

De Anza College President Brian Murphy encouraged the festival, saying "There are a lot of local artists and it's important to appreciate their talent and diversity."



DJ Selecta aka Bobby Seals spins records at the Urban Hip Hop Festival. He says mainly he has been hired to work in the Mission District of San Francisco, but was happy to come at the request of De Anza College's Institute for Community and Civic Engagement.



De Anza College student Ghalib Ibrahim battled for Peace 1 against the opponent, Hip Hop 360. Both are breakdancing groups.



Christian Marin, a De Anza College student, created this artwork to hang from the Euphrat Museum sponsored graffiti art booth.



De Anza College student Andre Gonzalez busts a move at the Urban Hip Hop Festival.



Filthy Dripped, a booth featuring hip hop inspired clothing, sells air brushed graffiti inspired Converse All Stars.

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## Changing world demands constant innovation

THE OPINION OF THE LA VOZ WEEKLY EDITORIAL BOARD

As one might expect from an institute of higher learning located in Silicon Valley, one of De Anza College's greatest strengths has always been its commitment to changing with the times. In the field of education, this type of commitment entails the periodic adjustment of curricula in order to better suit the ever-shifting career landscape facing students upon graduation.

In some areas, De Anza has excelled at this task. For instance, one of the college's "crown jewels" is its nursing program, a competitive admissions department that awards 65 A.S. degrees on average per year to students entering a career ranked by U.S. News as one of the 25 best in America, with an "excellent" outlook for future growth.

In other areas, however, De Anza needs to consider an update to its course offerings. One division that needs particular attention is International/Intercultural Studies. In a re-

cent study by the Modern Language Association, surveyors found a 55.9 percent increase in nationwide student enrollment in Middle Eastern and African languages, with a 126.5 percent increase in Arabic course enrollment.

Part of this is due to an explosion in the number of job opportunities for grads that are fluent in Arabic - many of these new jobs being lucrative postings in the U.S. Departments of State and Defense.

Earlier this year, President Bush launched the National Security Language Initiative, a \$114 million program aimed at encouraging more students to learn languages like Arabic, Persian and Russian.

Unfortunately, De Anza offers only a limited number of Arabic classes per quarter, and if you don't enroll for

Arabic 1 in the fall, you have to wait an entire year for the next opportunity to do so. The same is true for Hindi, another one of the NLSI languages.

One bright spot has been the expansion of courses in Mandarin and Persian, but De Anza currently offers zero classes in Russian.


Another department that deserves more attention is economics. Currently, economics is the most popular major at Harvard, Princeton, Columbia, Stanford and the University of Pennsylvania, and it is the second most popular major at Brown, Yale and Cal.

According to CareerJournal.com, the past five years have seen a 40 percent increase in the number of economics degrees awarded, and at the prestigious University of Chicago, almost

a quarter of the graduating class majored in economics.

De Anza, however, offers its students only two courses in the field of economics, both taught at the most basic level and both omitting the calculus component integral to similar courses taught at four-year schools. Compounding this dearth of substance is the fact that only one calculus-inclusive statistics course, a prerequisite for econ majors, is offered per year at De Anza.

Despite our school's perennially tight budget, the administration's past successes in adapting the curriculum give us hope that it will be able to meet these new challenges, as well.

In fact, doing so should be made a priority, for although new buildings, "green" services and cutting edge technology are nice, the measure of a school ultimately lies with how prepared its students are to face a changing world. 

## Sick at school? A little courtesy goes a long way



ERIN SULLIVAN  
another voice

Come to school, even if you're sick. Among other things, it shows commitment, especially if you haven't yet missed any classes. And if you have, it lets


everyone know that your grade is on the line and you just aren't in the position to chalk up another absence.

Most people can sympathize with that, but what they can't sympathize with is a sick person who doesn't at least have the courtesy to take some basic measures in order to prevent passing on his illness to others.

If you're a victim of the common cold - and profuse coughing and sneezing are among your symptoms - do us all a favor and cover up. Is it too much to ask of someone that he use a tissue, a handkerchief or even his sleeve? Anything would be better than having a person - even a healthy person - discharging his virus particles all over the classroom.

Remember, there's nothing more aggravating than being too sick to study the night before finals because a classmate carelessly infected you, so if you do come to class ill, try to be as considerate of others as possible.

Getting sick because of a classmate can be bothersome even if there aren't any big tests on the horizon: not everyone remembers to set aside the freebie absences that most instructors allocate on the first day of class, and there are many things other than illness that might necessitate a "sick day," like family emergencies, vacations, X-box releases ...

Of course, if you're seriously ill, or have something highly contagious like the flu, you should definitely stay home - for your sake as well as your classmates'. But if you're sure it's just a cold and you decide to head to class, remember this plea: take an antihistamine, cover up and keep your distance! 

## POINT >>> <<< COUNTERPOINT

This week's debate:  
Illegal immigration - yea or nay?\*

### Hooray for immigrants by Geraldo Gonzales (Jay Donde)

Since its inception, Mexico has been a country made great by its immigrants. We even, at one point, had a wonderful foreign dictator. Remember Emperor Maximilian I of Austria? Ah, those were the days.

Recently, a lot of people have made a big hubbub about all the illegal American immigrants coming into our country. Personally, I'm tired of all this hullabaloo, and I could certainly do without the brouhaha, also.

Hardworking American-Mexicans form the backbone of this country. Without them, who would we get to play ice hockey for us at the Olympics? Or open up country-western bars?

And how about all the culture that Americans bring with them to Mexico? Hellllloooo - ever heard of a little thing called the Big Mac? It's only the tastiest dish ever invented.

### Immigrants Shmimmigrants by Marianna Lupe Fuentes de Mexico de Juanita (Julia Eckhardt)

In Mexico, we have a saying that goes "Mi casa es su casa." But lately, American-Mexican immigrants have taken this much too literally.

They're constantly coming in, scooping up all our cheap prescription drugs, taking our jobs and giving good, honest towns like Tijuana a bad reputation. Before American immigrants arrived, epicenters of culture like Cancun and Cabo San Lucas were classy.

Old American people get too ashamed to be old and weird in their own pais, so they come and rent up our condos, covering our beaches with their prune-like bodies. Enough is enough!

It's so bad that we even built a wall to keep them out, porque they are like a continental roommate who doesn't know how to keep his hands off others' leftovers. We get that they're jealous, but sheesh, take a hint.

\* Disclaimer: these opinions are 100 percent SATIRE. Only the authors' names are real, and we're actually not so sure about that, either.

## Language is key in global economy

### CONTINUED FROM FRONT

Sign up for a course in Deutsch. If it's an Asian company you're after, studying Japanese or Mandarin is your best bet.

Those planning a career in Homeland Security will find that being able to speak Farsi or Arabic is a vital asset.

And if you're majoring in history or religion, you should be studying Latin, Hebrew or ancient Greek.

Something to remember is that the

rarer your language skill, the more attractive you are as a potential employee.


Whenever there's a large group of educated and competent people competing for one job, it all comes down to who has something extra to offer.

The world is globalizing - just take a walk through De Anza's campus and this fact will make itself readily apparent. Everyone from everywhere is here.

There's no longer a primary language,

there's only communication.

There are those who will be able to function in this new system and those who won't. The generation 20 years from now will probably know how to speak twice as many languages as our generation.

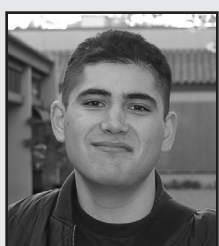
Why? Because an increasing number of us want to experience the world in all its diversity. Learning a language is the first step toward fulfilling this desire. 

### DE ANZA VOICES: Which foreign language are you studying?



"Spanish, because I need to learn it for my major."

**Elena Litvinova**  
international studies major



"Japanese, because I'll probably want to work at a Japanese company."

**Steven Vitales**  
video game design major



"Spanish. I work at a machine shop and lots of guys there speak Spanish."

**Jordan Bryant**  
finance major

## Letters

### ROSENTHAL'S STATEMENTS INACCURATE, INAPPROPRIATE

In response to "Inter Club Council sets stricter policies" (11/19, p.4), I couldn't be more appalled by or disappointed in the statements made by (ICC Chair of Programs Levi) Rosenthal.

First quote: "Elaine has missed meetings just like I have, but in her case, she has the power to cancel those meetings, which at least twice she has done 10 minutes before they were to be in session." For clarification, I canceled one meeting because the majority of officers could not be there.

I concur with (ICC Chair of Finance Jonathan) Yeung's quote on Rosenthal's absences.

Second quote: "As for Jonathan, it's easy for him to attack me when he does not have as many responsibilities." I absolutely and completely disagree with this statement.

Each one of the ICC Officers has their responsibilities and should not be put on a scale of who has more or less responsibilities. We all have a challenging job in each of our positions and in no way should someone say that their job is more challenging or has more responsibilities.

Within the ICC we do not personalize our jobs and we absolutely do not put people down or show any sort of disrespect. It is not tolerated in the ICC. I would like to remind everyone of mutual respect. If you have an issue with someone, hold a meeting. Present each side without any interruptions and come to a mutual agreement/consensus.

We are not here to attack each other or to make each other feel bad, and we are certainly not here to judge each other. Respect and communication is the key to any leadership position/relationship. If we do not have respect or communication then we have nothing.

Elaine R. Smith  
Chair, Inter Club Council

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