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Meningitis disease sprea

By Bryan Rockstroh Staff Writer

The Centers for Disease Control want you to know about meningococcal meningitis. They are acting on a report from their Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and are recommending that college students get

Disease kills 300 Americans each year the word on bacterial meningi-

Meningococcal meningitis is an inflammation of the tissues covering the brain and spinal cord and it hits about 3,000 Americans annually, killing approximately 300 of them. Of the survivors, another 300 can expect to experience medical complications including kidney failure, hearing loss, amputation and brain damage.

The flu-like symptoms of the disease are high fever,

headaches and stiff neck, vomiting, lethargy, and a fast-moving rash, a late warning signal indicating that blood vessels under the skin are starting to

The outbreak season is coming up, in late winter and early spring.

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rtesy of the Visiting Speakers Serie

Ruben Martinez spoke on campus on Oct. 26.

Emmy Award-winning speaker visits campus

By Ann Sokolovskaya Staff Writer

Ruben Martinez, Emmy-award winning journalist, poet, and writer, gave a presentation in the Campus Center on Oct 26. His presentation, called "Border Ballad," was about immigrants on the road. He had logged about

50,000 miles on his car in a couple of years, he said, mostly from following migrant families across the country. "Border Ballad" featured modern "frontier" stories, narratives of modern immigrants, interspersed with Martinez picking up his guitar to melt together

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Students and Managers meet to discuss agenda

By Ai-Fen Shieu Staff Writer

Members of ICC and DASB called for a student leadership and administration meeting Oct. 21 to discuss student concerns, with the intent of strengthening communication between students and administration.

With over 20 attendees, the agenda was open to any concerns participants had. Dr. Robert Griffin, vice president of student services, served as the facilitator of the meeting.

One of the student issues involved the mailing of credit card offers endorsed by Chancellor Leo Chavez to current and former students. Griffin said that De Anza did not have any say in the contract. The contract dealings were between the company, Chavez and Jim Keller at the district office. DASB Executive VP Les Leonard questioned whether students had any say in the contract.

Students brought up questions of privacy. Student leaders were informed by management that giving out student information was up to each campus' discretion, although social security numbers should not be given out. An observer gave an example of a part-time teacher circulating a list of grades with student social security numbers listed. Griffin said those actions were wrong. No faculty

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Questions surface over quality of Coca-Cola's vending service

By Monica Krauth and Anne Sokolovskaya, Staff Writers

People in the De Anza community differ in their opinions of the job that Coca-Cola is doing as the sole service provider of the 40 soda vending machines on campus.

Coca-Cola and Canteen, the new vending machine providers for De Anza, replaced Delicor this year. They signed an agreement to pay \$1 million over 10 said. Some students also comyears to become the sole distributors for vending machines in the

De Anza's Food Service director, Klaus Dehn, said that the Coca-Cola Company was not doing the job as well as Delicor had done. The problem with this contract, Dehn said, is that Coke might lose it due to bad service. "To me, it's first service, the money will come in by itself," he plain about Coca-Cola's service to De Anza College, said Dehn.

Dehn said that the Coca-Cola Company does not respond fast enough to complaints about empty machines. He said that when De Anza was serviced by Delicor, the response was fast, while with Coca-Cola, customers complain that the machines are empty. Dehn said that Delicor used to be at De Anza six hours a day, filling and cleaning the machines.

Coca-Cola's driver for De Anza, Jesse Jimenez, says that when a complaint is received about a machine, " ... we respond within 24 hours ... and it takes me roughly 20 to 45 minutes" to refill four to twenty machines.

Two students interviewed said they were indifferent on the matter because they have not had any difficulty in getting the products.

Chester Mahiya, a De Anza student said, "I've personally never had a problem with Coke [vending machines],'

Another student, Kate Sullivan, said, "It has always worked for me."

Dehn says, "We were an important account for [Delicor]." He said that he felt Coca-Cola considered De Anza a small account compared to a university

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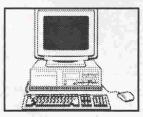
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De Anza instructor Gloria Mitchell's trip to New Guinea was not was part of the Semester at Sea program, nor was or is she paid for promoting Semester at Sea, as was implied in the article "De Anza instructor encourages students."

De Anza instructor Elena Dorabji's quote, in the story about AB 420 should have read, "The permanent faculty doesn't give a

damn," and should not have included "And you know what?" In the Disabilities Digest column, the appropriate name for DSU is "Disabled Students Unlimited" and the president of the DSU is Marion Richardson, not Marion Robertson. People do not have to have a disability to participate in DSU activities. La Voz regrets the errors.

Meningitis outbreaks are increasing

■ MENINGITIS, from front page

It spreads by way of respiratory secretions and through things as innocuous as kissing, sharing cigarettes, and playing poker for shots. Once inside, it goes to work quickly and you can be dancing one day and be dead the next. And incidences of meningitis outbreaks on college campuses are increasing, according to surveillance data from the CDC.

The CDC's recommendation mainly affects college students living in dorms. There is not a big dorm population at De Anza so unless you're spending a lot of time at frat parties you are more likely to get hit by a bus crossing Stevens Creek Boulevard than you are to catch meningitis. It's not a high incidence disease, striking only one in 100,000, but when it happens it's a headline-making event. If

you're a dorm student, you have a risk of meningitis six times higher than everyone else.

San Jose State University is offering a vaccine to their students for \$65 a shot. It's been seven years since they had a meningitis case, and they're not taking any chances. A case earlier this month at Michigan State University combined with the recommendation from the CDC have led them to make the vaccine available, and it's pretty popular. "We've had a run on it," said Dr. Robert Latta of SJSU.

But De Anza students are in limbo when it comes to whether or not they should be vaccinated. "That's a hard question to answer," said Latta. "On one hand the risk [of contracting meningitis] is so small anyway." You're more likely to catch the flu, he said, "but it's such a terrible disease that I would be worried."

De Anza's health office does not provide the vaccine. Ruth Foy, De Anza's Head Nurse, said that since she started in 1970 there's never been a reported case of meningitis on campus. Students who want to be immunized "should contact their health care provider [for the shot]," said Foy.

The American College Health Association, a national nonprofit health organization, agrees with the CDC's recommendation and goes one step further in stating that freshmen should be vaccinated, especially those living the dormitory life. "[ACHA] believes the new ACIP recommendation is a significant step toward decreasing individual risk for meningococcal disease by letting students know about the availability of a safe and effec-

tive vaccine," said Dr. James Turner of ACHA's Vaccine-Preventable Diseases Task Force.

The vaccine is safe. The rare side effects are pain and swelling at the injection site, and the shot protects against the most common strains of the disease for three to five years. It's like making a decision whether or not to build a bomb shelter. It could happen, but it probably won't. What it boils down to is that students living in dormitories six times more likely to be hit by meningococcal disease and are advised to be vaccinated.

For more information on meningococcal meningitis as well as every other disease known to man, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov and the American College Health Association at www.acha.org.

Smartcard among topics discussed at college meeting

■ MEETING, from front page

members should be posting listings that allow students see other students' social security numbers.

The Smartcard was discussed. DASB President Sharla Stevens asked whether there were alternatives. Students were told that without a Smartcard, they would not be able to use the computers in the Media Lab.

An alternative to getting a Smartcard was given: obtain a receipt showing proof of payment for DASB fees, a library card, and personal I.D. Students should approach the circulation desk to ask for a library card. With these three pieces of information, they should be able to use all services.

The question was asked about refunds of money from the Smartcard. To do this, students can request a form from the office, forward the form to the district, and the district will provide a check. Students and administrators suggested that this procedure should be posted. The Smartcard is like cash. Once it is lost, the money left in it cannot be replaced.

Concerns about impacted classes were raised. Mike Brandy, vice president of finance and college services, discussed plans to have a web-based program available for faculty to see when rooms are available. He estimates that the program will be ready in about a year. All classroom assignments are initially done through the computer. Course cancellations or requests need to be done manually.

De Anza College President Martha Kanter gave compliments to the students of ICC and DASB from the Accreditation Report that had just been received that morning. Those critiquing De Anza found it to be a lively campus. Suggestions included improving the orientation and training of new student leaders. Leonard questioned whether it would be possible to have De Anza mirror Foothill College in respect to having a student chair on the Campus Center Board. Management suggested documenting the pros and cons of having a student chair versus having a co-chair on the board.

At the end of the meeting, administrators and students came to an agreement to continue holding scheduled student/administrative meetings that are open to the public. Dates have not yet been announced.

UC Los Angeles increases campus security following threats by anti-biotechnology group

By Julie Bernstein
Daily Bruin Staff Writer

U-WIRE) LOS ANGELES —
Officials at universities and research centers nationwide were concerned this week after receiving threats by the anti-biotechnology group Reclaim the Seeds.

Although UCLA was not specifically targeted in the e-mail forwarded to hundreds of life science researchers, the group is tied to numerous alleged domestic terrorist activities and has a track record of major damage to other universities. UCPD is taking security precautions in response to the threats.

"We are taking this very seriously and stepping up patrols," said Sgt. Jim Vandenburg of the UCPD. "Although the e-mail can almost be interpreted as comical, we are ready, willing and able to handle any threat. Anyone foolish enough to try anything will be severely punished."

Activists cite fundamental problems with the engineering of crops for functional purposes.

"Reclaim the Seeds believes that bioengineering is wrong," said Jeffrey Tufenkian, a spokesman for Genetix Alert, the media organization responsible for publicizing Reclaim the Seeds' "Call to Action,". "It brings about untold problems like super pests and super weeds which result in genetic pollu-

tion.'

Despite opposition to biotech testing, genetic engineering continues to be a major area of university research.

"We're in a new era where genetic engineering opens the possibility to use plants as factories of novel chemicals - and this will change the economics of agriculture," said Robert Goldberg, UCLA professor of molecular, cell and developmental biology (MCDB), and codirector of the Seed Institute in a statement.

"When people look back 1,000 years from now, they will say that this was the beginning of directing our biological destiny."

According to Kenneth Sais, Life Sciences Building, manager, his staff is working with UCPD to lock down buildings, provide 24-hour monitoring and make sure it has the resources to respond to vandalism if necessary. In an e-mail sent out by Mike Olsson, an executive officer in the Life Sciences Department, faculty and staff were instructed to be careful about leaving lab doors open and research areas unattended.

All labs in the Life Sciences, Botany, and Plant Physiology buildings have been notified and e-mails were forwarded to faculty and students warning of the possible threat.

An Oct. 19 e-mail sent out by

MCDB professor Ann Hirsch advised students and faculty involved in departmental research to "take the message very seriously even if it may be a hoax."

"If there are any signs on your plants indicating that they are genetically engineered, remove them," Hirsch wrote. "I am not certain that a zealot knows how to distinguish between a genetically engineered plant and a mutant derived from chemical or radiation treatment."

South campus research has not been significantly disrupted by the threats, according to Anthu Bui, an MCBD post doctoral student working with Goldberg.

"In our lab we are on guard, but carrying out our daily routine," Bui said., "Our research has not been affected."

According to Lyle Timmerman, an executive officer in the Dean of Students office, recent acts of resistance at UCLA have been limited to occasional animal rights groups engaged in purely symbolic demonstrations. The most recent of which was an anti-vivisection protest in April.

Vandenburg agreed that such break-ins are rare occurrences.

"We have never experienced vandalism at a UCLA botany lab," he said. "An animal lab hasn't been entered at UCLA in over

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Lincoln High School students protest commercialism

By Adam Welch Staff Writer

A group of students from Lincoln High School dressed in shirts declaring "My Classroom is not for-sale," and holding signs, came to an Oct. 7 San Jose Unified School District Board meeting to speak out against a growing nation-wide trend of commercialization in public schools. SJSUD, the public school district which Lincoln High School is part of, was considering a nearly one million dollar exclusive vending contract with the Pepsi Corporation. The contract recently passed by a 4-1 vote of the Board.

The contract is very similar to the exclusive contract that the Foothill-De Anza Community College School District recently signed with the Coca-Cola Corporation. Under the contract, Coca-Cola will be giving the district one million dollars over ten years, in exchange not for a commission from the vending machines, but " to use the campus as a place solely for advertising their products," according to the March 9 La Voz. The contract faced opposition from students and the 98-99 DASB, including former Student Body President Nick Pisca, who said he did not believe the campus should be a "spot for corporate advertising." The contract would "benefit students" and the vending machines would "beautify the campus"

said District Controller, Ron Galatolo, quoted in the March 9 La Voz.

"I'm concerned with commercialism in our schools, it doesn't belong in them at all," said Rachel Moreno, as she spoke to the board members. Two other Lincoln High students Mary Rotherson and Leslie DeBartolo presented over 200 signed petitions of students, teachers and community members opposed to the contract. The students, who organized press releases and invited speakers to the Lincoln High campus, are part of the Lincoln High School Students for Justice Club, a local political student organization also active at De Anza

For three hours the District Chambers was nearly filled as speaker after speaker debated on the controversial proposal of the Pepsi-Cola exclusive contract with the SJUSD. The contract will allow Pepsi-Cola Corporation to have exclusive vending and distribution rights in the schools in exchange for \$995,000 over 10 years, plus a guaranteed minimum commission of \$250,000 a year. This would also result in the placement of large, bright vending machines laden with corporate logos to be placed on school campuses, such as those that have recently come to the De Anza campus.

The advocates of the contract say that the contract is simply a matter of attaining funds for the cash strapped school system. "As long as it gives money to schools, then I support it," said Thomas West President of the San Jose High Booster Club, who claimed to speak for athletes in the booster club. The money that the District receives would only amount to a fraction of the District's budget. Most of the speakers who favored the proposed contract were administrators or employees of the District, including Chris Funk, the Assistant Principal at Lincoln High, who said, "We need to get away from fundraising and take advantage of the situation."

Andrew Hagelshaw, Senior Program Director of the Center for Commercial Free Education, a non-profit group that works with students and communities around the country, disagreed. "Students at a public school are a captive audience ... It is a different kind of advertisement than TV or billboards." Questioning the benefits of the contract, he asked, "If this is such a great deal, then why are lawmakers all over the country trying ban this kind of commercialism?"

California State Senator John Vasconcellos also sent representatives to read a letter to the board members urging them to not sign the contract.

Only one student spoke in favor of the contract at the meeting. Emily Ravenscoff, the Lincoln High School Student Body President, read a statement by the ASB supporting the contract because the Student Government would receive part of the vending machine commission.

Also at issue is the Lincoln High student allegations that Lincoln High Vice Principal Chris Funk intimidated students for Justice club meeting on campus the same day of the bemeeting. Moreno told board member feel intimidated coming here because intimidation tactics by the administration

Club members invited two specifrom the Center for Commercial Education to speak on commercialis schools, following procedures in doin Funk followed the speakers to the meet which 20 - 30 students attended, "defensively attacked" the speakers the back row, according to the Student Justice members DeBartolo and L Cohen. When asked about intimid towards students, Funk said, "No ment," and that he attended the meet "to be sure the information was fair."

Students were only allowed to posers advertising the speakers and be meeting in a more restricted manner campus clubs normally would. Funk told club members that they could not out flyers to other students in the hall classrooms. According to the ACLU page, this is a violation of these studicivil rights. Students "have a right express [their] opinions as long as [do so in a way that doesn't 'materially substantially' disrupt classes or eschool activities."

On the distribution of flyers, Funk "For this particular issue, the forum they presented was biased toward point of view and not factual, that is it was not allowed to be passed out."



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Students complain of poor service

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account with the same number of students, half of whom live there.

Jimenez said, "This [De Anza College] is a high priority [for us] ... This is 75 my workload. The only two [college] campuses [in the area] that we serve are the Anza and Foothill campuses."

Jimenez arrives at 5:00 a.m. on Mondays through Fridays to fill machines in the Quad and those in the Campus center, which usually are the busiest at lunch-time. Cola's biggest sellers are the bottles. "The soda machines have been sold out three talready since the beginning of the year," student Fikrte Ayele said. "The point of machines is for the students' convenience, so it is my belief that the soda machines should always be full and convenient."

In a informal La Voz survey, the coke machines in the L-Quad were usually solon weekends. Jiminez said that Coke is considering adding a Saturday route.

Dehn said that there is a process that the students and De Anza College emplormust follow in order to make complaints. Dehn said that if he receives a complaint campus, it is his responsibility to call the district office. Then it is the responsibility the district office to call Coca-Cola.

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CAMPUS NOTES

Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead)

Gente del Quinto Sol (People of the Fifth Sun) presents Dia de los Muertos Day of the Dead on Nov. 2 and 3 from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Main Quad at De Anza.

Academic All America Team Applications available

Applications for The Academic All America Team are available through the Financial Aid Office in the lower level of the Hinson Center. Students must be currently enrolled and planning to graduate by June 30 with an AA or AS with a minimum GPA of 3.25. The top sixty finalists from around the county are selected, with three teams of twenty finalists each. First Team members will each receive \$2500 and a front page write-up in USA Today. All material must be submitted to Margaret Obenour in the Financial Aid Office by Wednesday Nov. 17.

Food & Winter Coat Drive Nov. 1-19

Donate non-perishable food items and winter coats. Donations will be given to the De Anza Child Development Center and Cupertino Community Services. Collection boxes are located in the Student Activities Office, Administration Building Lobby, Advanced Technology Center Lobby and the Learning Center Lobby.

Studio Theatre of California Presents Two Comedies

De Anza faculty member Ben Kanter will direct the plays "God" by Woody Allen and "Harlequinade" by Terence Rattigan on Nov. 5, 6, 12, and 13 at 8 p.m. at the Congregational Commuity Church (corner of Remington and Bernardo in Sunnyvale). The plays showcase the talents of several current De Anza students. Tickets are \$8 for students and seniors and \$10 for adults. There is a \$2 presale discount. Call (408) 866-7870.

From Blues to Country Western: Music as a Reflection of Culture, Time and

The Fourth Annual California Studies Conference sponsored by the California History Center, will be held Friday Nov. 5 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in Conference

Rooms A and B. Presenters are Sarah Baker, Gerald Haslam, Shirley Ann Moore, Brenda Boykin, Mark Izu, and Russell Rodriguez. Cost is \$10 for students, \$25 for educators/community. PGA/PAA available. Register no later than Nov. 2 at the CHC, Flu Clinic

De Anza College's Health Services will be giving the flu vaccine in the lobby of the Campus Center for \$10, as long as the supply lasts, on Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. - 1p.m., Nov. 3 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and on Nov. 4 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. No appointment is

De Anza College Actors' Ensemble Debuts ROUGH CUTS

ROUGH CUTS is an assortment of short scenes, monologues, one-act plays and original material written by De Anza students. Presentations will take place on Wed., Nov. 17 and Wed., Dec. 1. Each performance will begin at 12:30 in the new theatre arts classroom Building G, Room - 3. For more info call 864-8872.

General Motors Promotion

De Anza's Business 89 advertising students who are participating in a program called the General Motors Marketing Internship will showcase a promotional event for their client, Saint Claire Cadillac and Oldsmobile of Santa Clara on Nov. 10.

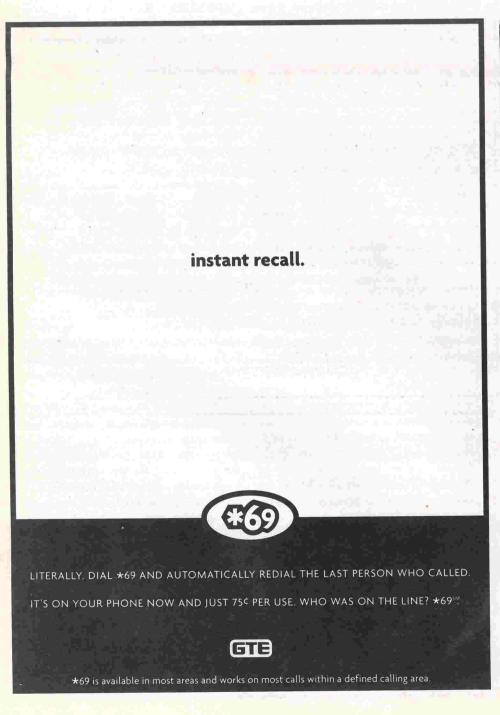
Two Scholarships offered by Bay Area Black Journalists Association

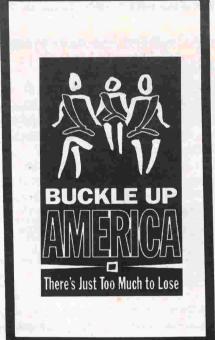
BABJA will award two \$500 scholarships to undergraduate journalism students attending Bay Area colleges and universities. Essays must be received by Nov. 19. For more info write BABJA Box 61, 484 Lake Park Ave., Oakland, Ca. 94610.

De Anza Town Hall Meetings

A Town Hall Meeting will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. to discuss goal No. 2 from the Educational Master Plan, which is to provide effective pathways to learning for every student.

- Compiled by Natasha Dorsey







Anti-biotechnology group sends threats to colleges via e-mail, UCLA among latest targets

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two and a half years."

According to Tufenkian, any university organization promoting bioengineering is a potential target.

Resistance to genetic engineering in the form of crop sabotage has proliferated rapidly in the last two months. Field trials of genetically engineered crops were vandalized this summer in Vermont, Minnesota, and California.

On Sept. 14, the group allegedly knocked down about one and a half acres of corn and chopped off the tops of a halfacre of sugar beets at UC Davis.

Plant physiologists at the UCD Seed Biotechnology Center on the campus maintain that the attacks were unwarranted. In fact, the majority of the crops destroyed at Davis were normal, unaltered vegetables.

According to the Reclaim the Seeds Web site, universities can be one of the best targets, given their collaboration with both government and industry, and the accessibility to campus farms and green-

The group has targeted UC Berkeley, UC Davis, the University of Maryland, the University of Minnesota, the University of Wisconsin, Kansas State, Virginia Tech, the University of Illinois, Iowa State University, and the University of Manitoba.

Student Activities Calendar

Week of November 1-7 Food Service Menu:

Monday: Grilled Chicken Sandwich and Fries.

Tuesday: Beef Burgundy, Noodles and Veggies.

Wednesday: Hot Turkey Sandwich, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy.

Thursday: Chili Verde and Spanish Rice.

Friday: Fish & Chips.

Clubs/ICC/DASB Meetings: Monday November 1

DASB Marketing & Communication. 10:30 am - 11:30 am, Student Activities Conference Room.

Deutsch. 1:30 pm - 2:30 pm, Student Council Chambers.

DASB Request for Funding Proposal. 5:00 pm - 10:00 pm, Santa Cruz Room.

Tuesday, November 2

Disabled Students Unlimited. 10:30 am - 11:30 am, Student Council Chambers. Gente del Quinto Sol. 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Main Quad.

Auto Tech Club. 11:30 am - 12:00 pm, E12B - Auto Building.

De Anza Students of India. 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Student Council Chambers. Gente del Quinto Sol. 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, Student Council Chambers.

Students for Justice. 12:30pm - 1:30 pm, G10.

Students Ambassadors. 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Student Council Chambers.

Wednesday November 3

Chi Alpha Christian - Prayer Meeting. 9:20 am - 10:20 am, Meeting Room 2. Gente del Quinto Sol. 11:00 am - 1:30 pm, Main Quad.

Chi Alpha Christian. 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Student Council Chambers.

Women's Awarness & Allies. 12:30 pm - 1:30 pm, L22.

DASB Finance Meeting. 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Meeting Room 1.

ICC Meeting. 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm, SCC.

Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual. 2:30pm - 3:30pm, L81.

DASB Travel Committee. 2:30pm - 3:30pm, Student Activities Conference Room.

DASB. 4:30pm - 6:30pm, Student Council Chambers.

Bottomfish. 5:10pm - 8:00pm, Administrative Conference Room.

Thursday, November 4

Muslim Student Association. 9:30 am - 10:30 am, Student Council Chambers. Outdoor. 11:30 am - 1:20, E32
Bible Christian Fellowship. 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm, S15.

Brothers & Sisters United. 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm, Student Council Chambers. Entreprenurial Enterprises. 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm, Forum 3.

International Connection. 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm, Meeting Room 1.

Students for Justice. 12:30 pm -1:30 pm, G10.

Honors. 1:40 pm - 2:40 pm, L49. Students for the Truth. 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Student Council Chambers. Grace Fellowship. 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm,

Student Council Chambers.

Phi Theta Kappa. 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm,
Santa Cruz Room.

Friday, November 5

Disabled Students Unlimited. 9:00 am - 10:00 am, Student Council Chambers. Club of Iran. 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, L22. De Anza Taiwanese Association. 12:00pm - 3:30 pm, L31.

M.E.Ch.A. 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm, L22. Vietnamese Student Association. 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm, Student Council Chambers.

Dance Connection. 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm, PE 11U.

Film & TV Guild. 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Student Council Chambers.

Saturday, November 6

Tai-Chi and Wushu. 3:00 pm - 6:00 pm, PE11U

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World News Briefs

AROUND THE WORLD

AFGHANISTAN - The Taliban has taken a hit and alleged terrorist mastermind Osama Bin Laden is feeling the heat. Under pressure from threatened United Nations sanctions, Afghan leaders have hinted that they may be willing to turn the Saudi national over after all. Bin Laden launched a preemptive strike and wrote to the Taliban leadership, stating that he would be willing to leave Afghanistan so long as the Taliban helps him reach his destination and keep his whereabouts secret. U.S. National Security Council spokesman David Leavy says those terms are unacceptable. Bin Laden is wanted for organizing the American Embassy bombings last year in Kenya and Tanzania.

ARMENIA - Armenians are still reeling after gunmen shouting "This is a coup!" stormed the parliament council chamber and blew away Prime Minister Vazgen Sarisian and seven members of the Armenian government. Security forces are under fire for not preventing the attack. The gunmen surrendered Thursday after releasing 40 hostages.

CHECHNYA - Grozny is taking a beating. Warplanes strafed the deserted capitol as heavy artillery pounded cities throughout the breakaway republic. Chechnya is one big warzone and refugees are fleeing in all directions. One convoy was hit by Russian warplanes Friday but the Russians say they were fired on first. Eyewitnesses report indiscriminate strikes against civilian populations. As Russia closes around Chechnya's major cities the West is getting louder in its requests for an ease up of the attacks but no one in Moscow is listening. Islamic militants attacked Russian cities twice over the summer and Russia intends to bring Chechnya back into the fold.

CHINA - Falun Gong members are persona non grata, says the Chinese government. Branded as cult members, they are being rounded up even as they continue their silent protests in Tiananmen Square. Falun Gong is a blend of Buddhism, Taoism, and Tai Chi and the Communists see the growing movement as a threat to their power.

COLUMBIA - Luis Alfredo Garavito, a 42-year old handyman, says he raped, tortured, and beheaded 140 children during a five-year serial killing spree. The remains of 114 children ranging in age from 8 to 16 have been found so far in over 60 towns. The handyman known as "Goofy" was arrested in April after he tried to rape a 12-year old boy.

IRAQ - The Clinton Administration teaching Iraqi rebels to organize a mi tary in an emerging government in hop that they will go back to Iraq and ove throw Saddam Hussein. Four rebel lea ers, two of them former officers in the Iraqi military, will attend a ten-day training course at the U.S. Air Force's specioperations headquarters in Pensacol Florida.

MASSACHUSETTS - Early Sunda EgyptAir Flight 990 plunged into the Atlantic Ocean just off of the coast of Nantucket, Mass. More than 200 peop were aboard the Boeing 767 when went into a steep dive less than an horafter takeoff. President Bill Clinton sathere is "no evidence" to suggest a terorist attack, but other White House off cials said the administration was "no ruling anything out."

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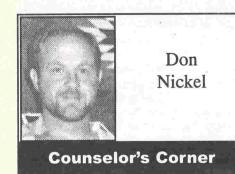
MONTEREY BAY - De Anza Colleg student Danny Jordan, 20, died Thursda surfing the monster waves that pounded the Santa Cruz coastline. "He was a ca ing, compassionate, supportive and lo ing person," Jordan's sister, Miche Hilger, told the Mercury News. "H lived every day to the fullest." The 2. foot waves were too much for Jordan resist and he paddled out at around p.m. to ride the storm. He was prenounced dead at Dominican Santa Cri Hospital. Also killed Thursday was ne bride Jennifer Stookesberry, swept o the rocks by surging waves while h husband of five days was taking hone moon pictures of her.

SAN JOSE - Desmond Casey was good cop. As a rookie he risked h career and turned in his training offic after the man brutalized a suspect. At the helm of the San Jose Police Department's helicopter, Air One, h would circle his mother's house a coup of times because he could. "He wouldn leave until I went outside and said 'C away, go away," said Casey's mother his funeral service Friday. Casey die Tuesday along with Air One's mechan when the McDonnell Douglas MD-520 helicopter suffered mechanical failu and crashed into the Alameda a fe blocks from Santa Clara Universit They're calling him a hero for managir to miss homes, power lines, and a ga station. "[He] purposely pushed th plane into the ground because it was h only chance to avoid the inhabitants said Police Chief William Lansdowne.

-compiled by Bryan Rockstroh



Do your own detective work to succeed at transferring



In this week's column I would like to focus on some specific ways in which you can take control over your own education. If you are working towards a Career AA degree, then you can find the degree requirements listed in the De Anza Catalogue. You can also come into the Counseling Center and pick up one of the green sheets that lists the major requirements for any given major at De Anza.

But what if you want to transfer to another college for a four-year degree? How are you going to find out what classes you can take here that will fulfill your lower division major requirements for another college?

If you're lucky, the Counseling Center will provide you with an articulation sheet that lists the major courses you can complete at De Anza that have been officially designated as equivalent to those at another school. An articulation agreement between two schools will enable students to complete classes towards their major at De Anza.

Articulation information is not only

available in the Counseling Center but also available online at www.assist.org Let's say you are interested in Business Administration and interested in attending

Administration and interested in attending UC Berkeley, UC Riverside, San Jose State and San Diego State University. From the comfort of your home, you could log onto the website and in an hour's time have the articulation for these four colleges to compare.

Unfortunately, De Anza does not have articulation for all colleges in California. In fact, we only have articulation with a handful of UCs and CSUs. What if you want to attend a college in which there is no articulation for? How are you going to find out what are the lower division major requirements for transfer purposes?

In this scenario I see students handle this one of two ways. The first way is to simply take classes that are related to the major and hope those classes transfer over. This shotgun approach rarely accomplishes the desired goal, but even if the courses don't fulfill the lower division major requirements, the classes can count as electives and the student appears as a good candidate.

The other approach is to consult the catalogue of the school you want to transfer to. The Transfer Center has a good library of catalogues. Many colleges have their catalogue on their website or you could call the school and request one.

Next you would look up the major and read up on the program to learn what that school's department has to offer. Just because they offer a particular major doesn't mean they offer the emphasis you're interested in. If you're interested in psychology, for example, most colleges offer this major, but not all colleges offer a concentration in counseling psychology or clinical psychology. You want to make sure the college you transfer to has the program focus that you are interested in.

Once you have read up on the major within a college's catalogue, you now want to focus in on the transfer requirements. Most major programs will include a section specifically for transfer students which will offer a lot of valuable information.

Next you will want to read what the lower division major requirements are as they are listed in that school's catalogue. This means they will have different abbreviations and course numbers than those at De Anza. Next you will want to find if there are any equivalent courses at De

The important thing to consider here, however, is the course titles and course descriptions. For example, a course called 'General Psychology' at De Anza will probably be equivalent to a course called 'Introduction to Psychology' at another college. Reading the course description should provide enough detail to make an

educated guess whether the classes are the same.

So how are you going to find out how well your detective work is going? I suggest doing two things. First, either bring in the catalogue or a photocopy of the lower division major requirements to a counselor and ask them for their opinion. Next contact the department of the major you're interested in and ask to speak to an advisor. The department's phone number is listed on the first page of each major within the catalogue. Although you will probably end up talking to a receptionist, ask who you can be referred to either by phone, email or both, in which you can get further information.

Don't be shy about being proactive about getting the information you are looking for. Not only do students not want to take any unnecessary classes towards their major, but colleges appreciate students taking charge over their education to get the best information possible.

Don Nickel is a counselor in the Counseling and Advising Center at De Anza College. Appointments with any counselors can be made in person, or by calling (408) 864-5400.

Ruben Martinez visits DAC

■ SPEAKER, from front page

Mexican and American music, folk tunes, blues, and honky-tonk

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In "Border Ballad," Martinez talked about the migrants that he had seen on the road, the danger involved in not only crossing the border but in just being an immigrant, about the migrant road being a never-ending circle.

In his presentation, this road began with car crash, and went through the other dangers of migrant life. He talked about seeing "...six cars kiss each other at 70 mph before my very eyes on I-15, pools of blood...," and victims numb with shock asking him what time it was. Martinez recounted tales of other people, including two men that he had met on the road, one a windshield cleaner, with whom he had pizza and who were embarrassed when their tongues caught fire after a jalapeno pizza because their "...chili eating ability had been called into question by a fucking gringo pizza." Martinez often interspersed contemplation of bigger issues with tiny trivialities, which only gave his presentation a more realistic feel. He also referred to the Old Testament, the Exodus, quoting partially in English, partially in Spanish, saying how far back the story of the immigrant traveler went.

The message that he was trying to send by his performance, Martinez said, was "Generally, that racial division often mass the real issue: class inequality." Martinez said "I also speak a lot about immigration. I want Mexican immigrants to be seen in the same light as the European immigrants of the 19th and early 20th centuries. I feel they are unfairly blamed for problems that are not of their making. We call them 'Illegals' but we give them jobs. It's a hypocritical position, and, in my opinion, a

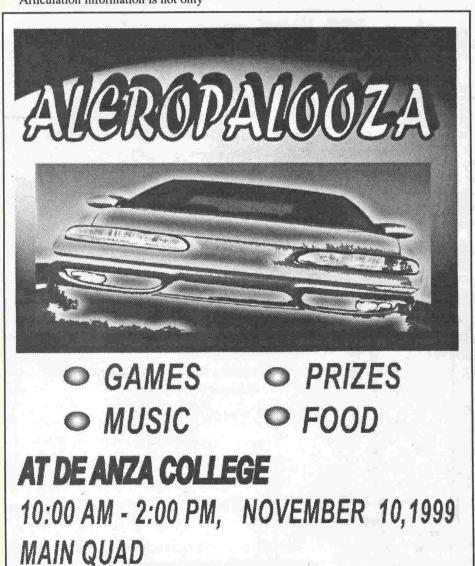
very un-American one."

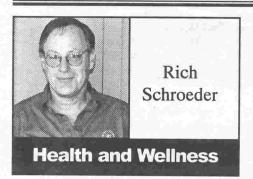
Martinez said that he had first started off writing poetry, like his mother, who was from El Salvador. Martinez said that "[Poetry is] much more part of the culture in Latin America than it is [in the U.S.]." Poetry is how Martinez first got involved in journalism, and he went to El Salvador "... many times during the war and wrote poetry and journalism about the conflict there."

Martinez said that he was also mentored by many older writers in Mexico and Central America in the 80's, all of whom believing that writing is as much a political act as an aesthetic one.

"Border Ballad" is only one of the many things that Martinez had accomplished. He has written three books, "The Other Side: Notes from the New L.A., Mexico City and Beyond", "Eastside Stories: Gang Life in East L.A.," and the third book which is to be published this fall or early 2000, and stories from which are included in his performance: "The New Americans and Other Migrant Stories." Martinez has lectured and performed at such venues as Los Angeles County Museum of Art, New York's Whitney Museum and London's Royal Festival Hall. Martinez has held workshops at schools and at a correctional facility, worked in public schools for a decade as an "artist in residence." He has also hosted a show called "Life and Times," a politics and culture series on a Los Angeles PBS station, for which he won his Emmy.

Martinez is currently touring "Border Ballad" across the country, and is going to Michigan State, Arizona State, and Claremont McKenna College (in Pomona, California) the coming month.





Last week I started writing about dieting. This week I want to show what happens to your body composition when you diet, exercise or do both. First of all, anyone contemplating going on a diet should have their body composition measured. This is done right here on campus in several classes (Health/PE 71, PE 70, PE 08), but may also be offered at many health clubs.

When making your call, be sure that the technician taking your measurements

has been trained and certified by some national organization like the American College of Sports Medicine ACSM) or American Council on Exercise (ACE). You can have the measurement done several ways. Underwater weighing, skinfold measurement, or bio-electrical impedance are three of the best methods that are available to you. (I'll discuss these in another column.) Once your body composition is measured, you will know how much of your body is made up of fat and how much is other tissue (muscle, bone, skin, etc.). From there you must decide how you will go about losing your excess fat, which is your goal.

Studies have shown that dieting is an effective way to lose weight, but not necessarily the best way to lose fat. In the table below, you can see that the diet only group lost as much weight as the diet and exercise group.

Weight loss Strategy	Fat tissue loss (lbs.)	Lean tissue change (lbs.)	Total weight lost (lbs.)			
Diet only	-9.3	-2.4	-11.7			
Exercise only	-12.6	-2.0	-10.6			
Diet and exercise	-13.3	-1.0	-12.0			

If you are like the average American and saw this, you would wonder why you had to do all of that moving around when you only need to eat less to lose the same

Upcoming Home Games									
Date	Time	Sport	Opponent						
2-Nov	3:00	Women's Soccer	Gavilan College						
3-Nov	3:00	Men's Soccer	Ohlone College						
5-Nov	3:00	Men's Soccer	Cabrillo College						
5-Nov	3:00	Water Polo	Sierra College						
5-Nov	6:30	Women's Volleyball	West Valley College						
12-Nov	6:30	Women's Volleyball	Cabrillo College						
13-Nov	1:00	Football	West Valley College						
17-Nov	6:30	Women's Volleyball	Hartnell College						

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amount of weight. Knowing your body composition gives you more information to make better decisions. You not only lose more fat while dieting and exercising, you also gain some muscle which will enable you to burn off more calories even while you are sleeping. The diet only group lost less fat but also lost 2 pounds of muscle resulting in a body that will have a harder time keeping excess calories from becoming body fat

Further evidence against low calorie diets is shown in the following graph. The subjects in this study were placed on a starvation diet of 1000 kcal/day and made to exercise 2.5 hours 4 times a week. Weight lost in the first week was mainly water loss the same as you lose on any low calorie, low carbohydrate diet. By the second week more of the lost weight came from fat stores and by the end on the third week, most of the lost weight is fat loss. Unfortunately, the weight lost from protein is also increasing. Protein loss comes from your muscle mass, and is being converted into a carbohydrate source that your body needs in order to function properly. Most people are not going to lose as much fat as this group (remember, they are exercising 10 hours a week as well as starving themselves).

	1 - 3 days	11-13 days	21 - 24 days		
Daily weight loss Protein loss Fat loss Water loss	1.8 pounds 5% protein 20% fat 75% water	0.5 pounds 10% protein 65% fat 25% water	0.4 pounds 15% protein 85% fat		

A better way to achieve the same result without starving yourself and losing muscle mass is to decrease your caloric intake moderately (no more than 300 kcal/day - but never less than 1500 kcal if you are a female and 2000 kcal if you are a male) and increase your exercise/activity level to burn another 200 - 300 kcal per day.

That way you will lose no more than one pound a week and most of that will be from fat stores. Next week we'll look at a few diet supplements that are supposed to help you lose weight.

-Rich Schroeder is an instructor in the Physical Education Department.

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Entertainment Calendar

Celebrity Forum II

Monday, November 1 Christopher Reeve (second in series)

7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Tickets are only sold for the full series of eight. No telephone orders.

Open seat series tickets \$200 and reserved seating series tickets \$290.

The series is held at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts.

To purchase tickets FAX (650) 949-7121.

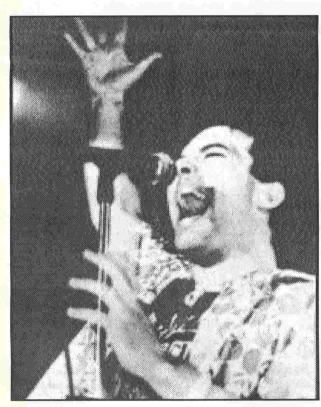
Classic Movies

The Stanford Theatre
Located at 221 University Avenue, Palo Alto.

November 1 & 2 Show Boat 7:30 p.m. Cabin in the Sky 5:40 p.m. & 9:20 p.m.

November 3 - 5 Flying Down to Rio 7:30 p.m. You Were Never Lovelier 5:40 p.m. & 9:10 p.m.

November 6 & 7
The Prisoner of Zenda 3:50 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.
The Merry Widow 5:40 p.m. & 9:20 p.m.
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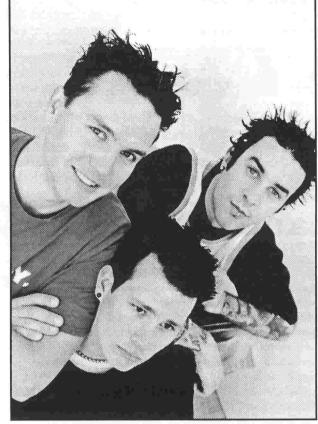


Courtesy of Sonicnet.com

Jello Biafra will be performing at Maritime Hall in San Fransisco on Sunday, Nov. 7, along with Michael Franti, Exeme Cervenka, Andy Kick, and Krist Novoselic.

Comedy

November 17 through December 31
Beach Blanket Babylon
Club Fugazi
Located at 678 Green Street, San Francisco
\$20-\$55 Performance times vary.
Call (415) 421-4222 for more information.



Courtesy of Blink 182

Blink 182 Will be performing at the Bill Graham Civic Auditorium in San Francisco on Thursday, Nov. 4, along with Silverchair and Fenix Tx.

Concerts and Events

Monday, November 1

The Aquabats, The Hippos @ Paloookaville, Santa Curz, \$8/\$10.

Tuesday, November 2

Suicidal Tendencie, Custom Made Scare, Riff Raff @ Palookaville, Santa Cru, \$15.

Wednesday, November 3

Out-Spoken Word from local Authors With Roxanne-Dubar Ortiz, Peter Plate, Alejandro Mujia, Marci Blackman, Anada Esteva, Connie Morgensteru, Micheal Price Benefit for Eviction Action Network \$5-\$20 sliding scale

7pm New College of California 766 Valencia St., SF 415-437-4300

Reel Big Fish, The Gadjits @ the Fillmore, S.F., \$16.50, 7p.m./8p.m.

Thursday, November 4

Blink 182, Silverchair, Fenix Tx @ Bill Graham Civic Auditorium, SF, \$10, 8 p.m.

Friday, November 5 Open Mic/Poetry: Bakatalk

Open Mic/Poetry: Bakatalk Channel One 763 The Alameda Every Friday, 8p.m., Free

Saturday, November 6

Queensryche, Doubledrive @ SJSU Events Center, \$35/\$30, 8 p.m.

Sunday, November 7

Michael Franti, Jello Biafra, Exeme Cervenka, Andy Dick, Krist Novoselic @ Maritime Hall, S.F., \$15, 7 p.m. (spoken word)

Magic

Monday November 1 Penn & Teller

8:00 p.m.

Flint Center

Located at 21250 Stevens Creek Blvd. Cupertino.

Tickets: \$25 to \$40 BASS

Museums

San Francisco Museum of Modern Art

Located at 151 Third Street, San Francisco
Tickets: Adults \$9; seniors \$6; students \$5; SFMOMA
members and children 12 and under admitted free.

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Full Moon: Apollo Mission Photographs of the Lunar Landscape

Showing now through January 11, 2000.

Julia Margaret Cameronís Women Showing now through November 30, 1999.

Jasper Johns: New Paintings and Works on Paper Showing now through January 4, 2000.

Degas to Picasso: Painters, Sculptors and the Camera Show now through January 2, 2000.

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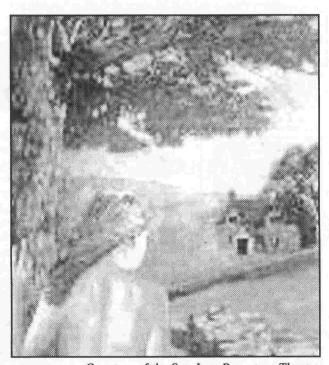
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Saturday, Noon to 5:00 p.m.; and every third Thursday noon to 8:00 p.m.

Admission: Free.



Courtesy of the San Jose Repertory Theater

"Desire Under the Elms," a play by Eugene O'Neill and directed by Michael Butler, will play at the San Jose Repertory Theater though Nov. 21. This play has been called "a fierce drama of lust, longing and betrayal."

-Compiled by Steve Dvorak

Later, Liddy: Elizabeth Dole exits presidential race

(U-WIRE) CHAMPAIGN, III. -

With bitterness, frustration, and a peck on the cheek for husband Bob Dole, Elizabeth Dole bowed out of the race for the presidency.

Citing almost insurmountable financial obstacles, a serious bid for the White House was becoming less and less realistic, Dole said.

She was outspent by the Bush camp 75:1. George W. Bush continues to make over \$200,000 a day in fundraising dollars.

Although her campaign was not successful, it will leave a legacy as she becomes the first serious female contender for the presidency. She had a respectable showing at the Iowa straw poll, coming in a decent third out of nine candidates.

But in the end, it was the money that needed is an usuas the root of Dole's undoing.
Other GOP candi-

Other GOP candidates have also cited finances as their pri-

mary reasons for leaving the race.

It is unfortunate that money and not personal merit is cited as reason for throwing in the towel. Candidates who do not have connections to big business or who are not personally wealthy are virtually barred from running for executive office.

To say that campaign finance reform is needed is an understatement. It is simply a

necessity at this point. Something needs to dramatically shift in the way campaigns are run in this country.

Voters should be the ones eliminating candidates, not money.

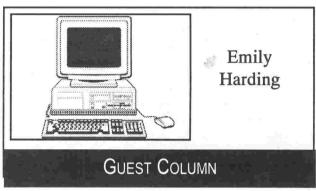
The focus on fundraising has usurped focus on issues or voter concerns, and is fundamentally undermining our political system

Good ideas are no longer enough to win an election. A bankroll the size of Texas is almost a prerequisite.

Critics of campaign finance reform say campaign donors are expressing their free dom of speech through their dollars. That implies that freedom of speech is only available to those who have the dollars.

All men are created equal, our founding fathers once said. Maintaining the status quo in campaign finance implies that some of us, apparently, are a little more equal than the rest.

Future elections possibly a mouse click away, reversing low voter turnout



(U-WIRE) CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. -

Tuesday, Virginia's future made history. Kids from Charlottesville, Albemarle County and surrounding areas voted in the largest secure Internet election ever. In the space of 12 hours, almost 5,000 people's votes were recorded, compiled and reported to the evening news. In those 12 hours, at least part of Virginia got a glimpse of voting in the 21st century and of technology's impact on our basic human rights.

The Youth Leadership Initiative, sponsored by the University's Center for Governmental Studies, connected middle and high school students to the latest Internet voting technology. Students voted the same ballot that their parents will see Nov. 2, in a small-scale version of

Election Day

Soon, many of those who voted in Tuesday's Youth Leadership mock election will turn 18 and will be able to vote in November. If voter turnout trends continue the way they have over the past 30 years or so, and if the government doesn't find some way to draw in new voters, however, most of them probably won't even go near a booth on election day. Internet voting could reverse that trend.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, in every election between 1964 and 1996, the 18-24 age group had the lowest voter registration and voter turnout percentage. Americans over age 65 had the greatest turnout and registration in the large majority of the elections, followed closely and sometimes surpassed by those aged 45-64.

These discrepancies easily are explained with all the classic reasons: those in their early twenties often are on the move - they're away at college, job hunting, or settling in a new place. They're not old enough to be really upset about FICA taking all their money, and they're certainly not old enough to be genuinely concerned with the state of government aid programs like social security.

Senior citizens, on the other hand, have all those reasons working in their favor as voters. They generally are firmly established in their communities; they know the politics of the area and have had the opportunity to reg-

ister. Retired persons especially have more time for researching issues and voting, and many of them depend on social security for survival. They have three important elements - the time, the incentive and the place to vote. Two of these three could change with Internet voting.

Peter Adlerberg, Director of Business Development a VoteHere.net, the company that ran Tuesday's mock election, said some states could approve Internet voting as early as next year. Computer voting would be restricted to official polling stations, making elections much easier for the government to administer. For the electorate, however, not much would change. Big effects would come later, when the technology and logistical arrangements are such that people could vote from their home or office.

Twentysomethings on the move could vote from anywhere with their own PIN number. Young go-getters no longer could use lack of time as an excuse to not vote. For anyone with easy access to a computer, there no longer would be a good excuse for not voting.

But that's only for those with easy access to a computer, and access varies dramatically according to age. Use of computers at home, school and work declines dramatically with age, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Fifty-eight percent of people age 18-24 use

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Money and fame don't give one a mandate to be President



Blake Aued

GUEST COLUMN

(U-WIRE) OXFORD, Miss. —

Can anyone tell me what is going on with all these billionaires and celebrities who think they would make a good president?

Jesse Ventura. Donald Trump. Steve Forbes. Ross Perot. Warren Beatty. Cybil Shepard. All would like to be the next leader of the free world.

We've always been told that in
America, anyone can be president (at
least if you're a white Protestant male).
Some people take that a little bit too far.
There are several prerequisites, including:

a) a certain level of intelligence;
 b) leadership qualities;
 and
 c) experience in public service.

The presidency is supposed to be the culmination of a lifetime of public service, sort of like the Braves' Eddie Perez spending 10 years in the minors until coming into his own as a playoff hero. The guys I mentioned above all have Kobe Bryant syndrome: they want to go straight from high school into the NBA, whether they're ready or not.

Like a lot of things, this is all Ronald Reagan's fault. We should have known better than to elect an actor. At least Reagan had the ability to act like a president. If his two terms were a movie, it would have been a blockbuster akin to "Armageddon," (action hero saves us from the Evil Empire), but I for one would have hated it for the shallow, contrived, cliched stinker that it was.

Then came Perot, who does deserve credit for prodding Clinton to balance the budget and for giving us hours of entertainment in the form of Saturday Night Live Skits ("Gridlock!"). However, he was the first of several fat cats who thought they knew what was best for all of us little folks.

Listen up, Trump and Forbes: the ability to make lots of money and get beautiful women to sleep with you despite your supersized ego and doughy face does not translate into the ability to get things done in the White House.

Besides, moguls like that are used to snapping their fingers and getting things done ASAP. The first time Trump faced a Senate filibuster, he'd probably snap and mow down Congress with an AK-47, kind of like the aliens in "Mars Attacks." Wait, maybe that wouldn't be such a bad thing. Vote for Trump!

As for Beatty and Shepard, well, at least they have experience playing politicians in movies (Beatty in "Reds" and "Bulworth" and Shepard in "Taxi Driver"). Making fun of Jesse "The Bra" Ventura is just too easy, so I'll skip over

him.

In this day and age, the formula for political success is name recognition + loads of cash money = election. Actors have name recognition, billionaires have money, and famous billionaires like The Donald have both.

If Thomas Jefferson was alive today, he'd probably be a college professor or something like that, rather than arguably our greatest president. He might have been pretty well off, but he wasn't an actor-handsome guy, and didn't own half of New York. What he was, and this is something we haven't had in a long time, was a vast intellect, a strong leader and a man of integrity. Money and fame are no replacement for those qualities. And that's a real shame.

-Blake Aued is a junior English, journalism and history major from Birmingham, Ala. His column recently appeared in University of Mississippi's student newspaper, the Daily Mississippian.

Letters to the Editor

Vote for Measure E

Editor:

I write in strong support of Measure E, the District Bond Drive, which will appear on the November ballot. The Faculty Association Political Action Committee, of which I am a member, has unanimously supported this measure, as have the seven past and current Presidents of the Faculty Academic Senate at De Anza College.

As faculty, we see this bond measure as making available sorely needed monies, which will allow us to provide better support for students and better education for students. Not only do we have a huge backlog of maintenance (almost \$20 million just for current needs in the areas of HVAC, roofs, and water), but we also need to implement better student service facilities, general purpose classrooms, parking, and infrastructure support (moving tennis courts, parking, etc.) for the planned Environmental Studies building.

This is the first time in my eleven years that we have asked the community to support the College through a bond. As a long time member of many facilities committees, both college and district, I can assure you that State support in this area is insufficient. We need your help; you will actually be helping yourself.

The benefits of this measure will go to our students, and I urge your vote in favor of Measure E.

John K. Swensson Instructor, Dept. of English

Vote against Measure E

Editor

As student body president at Foothill College way back in the 70's, I certainly appreciate and support our community colleges, but not Measure E – the \$248 million bond measure on the ballot Nov. 2.

Measure E is a scam. The language of the measure is written loosely so that the money can be used for any renovation or construction District officials may later fancy. Even as to the current plans for the money, the District has failed to produce any documentation, beyond its own printouts, to support its cost figures.

In fact, last August, I received a District printout of the projects to be funded by Measure E from the Chancellor's administrative assistant. The projects included half million dollar restrooms and yet still only totaled \$183 million - \$65 million short of the amount requested!

If students are going to take anything with them when they leave our community colleges, it better be the ability to think for themselves. I urge students to examine the official ballot arguments on Measure E and think for themselves.

Gary Wesley Mountain View

Citibank pitch inappropriate

Editor:

This letter is in response to the October 25, 1999 article regarding Citibank. I just wanted to say that it was an excellent article highlighting the increasingly finer line separating academics and commercialization.

My personal experience occurred during the first week of school in applying for and receiving my DASB card. After my picture was taken, I was told to come back in 15 minutes. Actually the card was ready in about 5 minutes, but the bottleneck was with the two individuals that were passing out the cards. I was shocked when I realized that the holdup was due to the fact that these two individuals were not just passing out the cards but making a pitch for CitiBank's banking services. When I told them I just

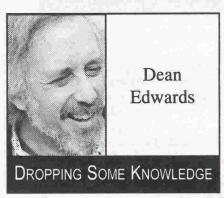
wanted the card and refused to listen to their pitch, they obligingly gave me a stern look. I was amazed that these two individuals were not student workers but employees or salespeople for CitiBank. I am surprised that this school would so blatantly tie itself commercially to this type of marketing program. Although I highly regard the educational standards of this school and my academic program here, this incident has mitigated my overall De Anza experience.

De Anza Student (Name withheld upon request)

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College Lacks Preparation for Math Placement Tests



Laura Bell, supervisor for the mathematics and science tutors, in E-36, tells me the college provides no tutoring or assistance for students to prepare for the math placement tests. That's right, no tutors, no preparation, no handbooks.

I also found out the time limit on the validity of a math course is two years. That means, if you took a math class more than two years ago, you must re-test or "self-place" enroll in a class without testing—in order to satisfy the proficiency

requirements. You must keep your math classes current.

For those of you who saw the old classic movie, "Catch 22," you will recognize the absurdity of the situation. Without proper preparation, students will not do well on the tests. However, only students currently enrolled in a class can sign-up for tutoring. It does not take a genius to see a one-unit review course would fill the need, uh...

I believe strict adherence to establish policy caused this problem. Although, if we look closely at the results, it means you, the students, must take more classes at De Anza than you would, if you had a chance to properly review and refresh your math skills.

Every math class I ever had begins with about two weeks of review. Yet, the placement test allows for no review. It's target audience—you—must take the test precisely because you have not had a mathematics course for over two years. If review is valid enough for a regular math class, then why, pray tell, must students suffer the placement test without an opportunity to meet with supplemental instructors, an adjunct skills class, or other math tutors to restimulate those old math neurons?

If the college cannot meet our educational needs, as students, then the DASB Senate can do what other student governments do. They set-up and funded an experimental college to handle special needs. People teach without charge, although students sometimes pay for materials.

Considering the size of De Anza, and considering the constant intervention of the DASB to fund educational needs, it makes sense to consider an experimental college. It only requires a part-time clerk to take care of additional clerical time.

I would hope the college could see its way clear to provide a program for reviewing math skills as a preparation for a placement test. The experimental college concept might be necessary, if De Anza provides no institutional solution. However, the scarcity of available classroom space makes that difficult to implement. So, its probably up to the tutorial center and the mathematics faculty to create a program to fill this need.

The college requires math skills. Four-year institutions require math skills for entrance. So, let's find a way to serve the needs of the students.

Future voting could be through Internet

■ ELECTIONS, from previous page computers somewhere. That figure stays pretty constant through age 54, but only

20 percent of those over 55 use computers. Eighty-nine percent of college stu-

dents use computers.

Comparisons of voter turnout and computer use tell us much about our nation's electoral future. The voting population's age could shift dramatically downward. While very few 18- to 24-year-olds vote, 60 percent of them use computers. Voting would be practically painless - voters simply could email their ballots to the polling station whether they were in the next town or on the next continent. Plus, Internet voting might be just the thing to rekindle political interest in today's disenchanted youth.

Widespread Internet voting is coming, but things may change by the time it does. The computer generation will have aged, and computer literacy will be more widespread. Computers also could follow the same economic path as televisions, becoming more and more affordable, and more of an expectation than a luxury.

Young Americans traditionally have been underrepresented in the voting public, an ironic situation considering that we will be the ones feeling the effects of the laws implemented now far into the next century. We should be picking our leaders, for their decisions will influence our future Social Security benefits, decide how we will invest our nest eggs, and indirectly influence whether we have jobs in a few years. We should be voting, and Internet elections could be the technology that lets us.

-Emily Harding is a staff writer for the University of Virginia's student newspaper, the Cavalier Daily.

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Events

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Fall Job Fair. The Center for Career Opportunities / OTI present the Fall Job Fair on Thursday, Nov. 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Hinson Campus Center Conference Rooms A and B. Representatives from City of Palo Alto, Macy's, ECHO Design & Development, Longs Drug Stores, IT Design USA, Kaiser Permanente, Starbucks Coffee, Federal Express, NASA Ames Internships, the Los Angeles Police Department, Whole Foods and many others will be in attendance.

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