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Another loss haunts

De Anza football.

The Dons are 0-1 in conference.

DA PROFESSORS SIGN SECRET PETITION

PETITION "ATTACKS" FELLOW MATH COLLEAGUE; HE WILL TAKE ACTION

BY LILYA MITELMAN

Asst. News Editor



Letters denouncing a secret petition against Math instructor Karl Schaffer were distributed by the Multicultural Staff Association and English instructor Jean Miller to the Academic Senate

Oct. 13 and Oct. 20.

The MSA statement denouncing the petition as well as the general way the Physical

Science, Math and Engineering Division handles issues that arise was passed out to the Academic Senate Oct. 20. Rowana Matsunari, president of the MSA, is requesting the Academic Senate look into the matter.

The Oct. 13 letter from Miller called the petition "a vicious, underhanded attack."

Matsunari said to her knowledge, the PSME Division representatives to the Academic Senate did not inform their division of the letters.

The petition was circulated last Winter Quarter without the knowledge of Schaffer. It was addressed to the PSME Division Dean, Anne Leskinen, and to upper management of De Anza and the district.

"It [the petition] called for taking some kind of action against Karl," said Math instructor Mishka Chudilowsky. "The action wasn't specified but it inferred firing

Concerned instructors who had been approached to sign the petition informed him of the issue. After several failed attempts to obtain a copy of the petition, Schaffer requested it from Leskinen and received a copy a month and a half later.

"It's the De Anza way of doing it. Just put a cover on it and it'll go away," said Chudilowsky. "The way people are attacked in this division, the issues aren't resolved."

Miller said, "I think it's definitely a problem in the PSME Division. I don't know of this kind of thing going on in any other divi-

Schaffer reported the issue to the Professional Relations Committee in the Spring Quarter. The committee is planning to look into the charges Schaffer has raised

OPINION

Nothing wrong with the scary

arlette*thibodeau*

There's a reason people are freaked out by

Halloween. Every culture has a day devoted

to death, spooks and nightmares, and

Halloween is ours. It's an old holiday that has managed to resist being Disney-fied for over

have always co-opted major pagan holidays in an effort to get the locals to convert.

Christmas, Easter and Halloween all got the sanctification treatment from the Christians, and few of those old holidays have managed

to hang on to a bit of their original meaning. Halloween is what you get when you give

Samhain, the Druid harvest festival and feast of the dead, a church-friendly makeover. The

Celts refused to give up their annual fire rites for the Lord of the Dead when they were

forcibly converted, so by the 9th century the Christian church had shifted All Saints' Day

to the end of October and told the natives that

they had been celebrating All Saints Day all along. The Celts probably shrugged, pulled

their animal masks back down, and kept par-

ever since. Here in America, we've borrowed

a lot of traditions from other countries and

adapted them to our social mores and local flora – the Celts' Jack o' lanterns were carved

out of turnips instead of our more photogenic

pumpkins - and forgotten about the darker

Now the once-serious celebration of death

themes of this creepy holiday.

That's pretty much what we've been doing

Ancient cultures with a taste for empire

a thousand years, and that scares people.

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briefs

Academic Senate

This week, Benita Rashall and Donna Bradshaw from the Disabled Students Services dept. presented 'Captioning Initiative' to the Senate.

This program involves closedcaptioning all visual materials used on campus. According to requirements of the Federal ADA Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act and CCC Chancellor's office Accessibility Guidelines, any new materials must be purchased with captions, and all existing materials need to be captioned by June 2007.

Funding for the project is provided yearly through the Chancellor's office; so far they have converted around 85 percent of the library's visual materials.

Other departments will also get their materials processed.

THIS WEEK

October 29

Job Fair

De Anza's annual Job Fair is

On Wednesday Oct 29, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Hinson Campus Center Conference rooms A and B, approximately 25 companies will be present for interviews and to hire students.

Remember to dress professionally and bring multiple copies of your resume.

October 31

In conjunction with National Campus Equity week, COCAL-California, coalition of CCC, CSU, and UC faculty, is sponsoring a hearing on the current budget crisis and how students and faculty have been affected.

The event will take place on Friday, Oct. 31 from 12:30 p.m. -3:30 p.m. in the Hinson Campus Conference rooms A and B.

compiled by Joey Chopra

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T-REX APPEARING AT NEARBY PATCH



Valerie Baldenegro / LA VOZ

As Halloween approaches, neighborhood pumpkin patches have more than just pumpkins. T-Rex, attached to inflatable slides, appear at the pumpkin patch across from Westgate Shopping Center in Saratoga.

blood outside the door as they expected. Apparently, a friend came and bandaged the woman and helped her to the hospital, said Acting Assistant Chief Ron Levine of the Foothill-De Anza police department.

Levine called all of the local hospitals until he found a woman with cut wrists who matched his description. After briefly interviewing the woman at the hospital, Levine returned to the campus shortly after 2 a.m. Friday to call off the search.

Private piano rooms are available to students who are actively enrolled in a music class on campus. Levine did not comment on whether or not the female student in question had signed out the room in her name at the time of the attempted suicide.

The private piano room, A25, will be closed this week but should reopen soon, said Levine.

Police will not file charges against the student, as no permanent damage was done to the room.

see DEATH, Page 2 Student attempts suicide on campus

BY LUKE STANGEL

News Editor

A significant amount of blood was found in a private piano room on campus by police Thursday, from a student who apparently tried to commit suicide earlier that evening.

The unidentified female student is recovering at a local hospital, police said.

Police discovered "significant pools" of blood inside the room shortly before 9 p.m. Immediately cordoning off the area, officers conducted a thorough search of the entire campus, helped by a blood-sniffing K-9 unit from Los Altos, deputy sheriffs from the Santa Clara County Sheriffs office and a helicopter from San Jose Police.

The K-9 unit picked up slight traces of blood outside the door, and followed footprints that had sprinkles of blood around them. Despite the significant amount of blood inside the room, police did not find as much



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DEATH | Hooray!

FROM FRONT PAGE

and renewal is just an excuse to dress up and gorge on candy or alcohol, depending on your age and temperament. The horror movies and haunted houses are all that's left of what used to be the scariest night of the year.

It's an excuse for kids to dress up like Freddy Kreuger and this year's fad cartoon characters. It's a reason for young women to sport revealing costumes they'd never wear any other day of the year. It's jack-o'-lanterns, too much candy, pumpkin-flavored pastries, and paper cutouts of bats.

You know a holiday has lost all deeper meaning when you can buy Halloween-themed cards at your local Hallmark store or decorate your whole house out of the seasonal section of Wal-Mart.

Only religious ultra-conservatives and the perpetually uptight (often one and the same) would try to ban trick-or-treating and Halloween costumes. Every year they run around, shaking their fists and telling people that Halloween is serious, it's not a joke, it's a celebration of evil and wicked things. They say we shouldn't let the dancing pumpkins and three-week sugar buzz distract us from that.

For once, I'm with them. Halloween has lost its meaning. It's become a sissified joke of a holiday. It's an over-merchandised parody of what it once meant.

It's the new Christmas.

That is not enough for me. I demand better of my favorite holiday. I want my Halloween to be Disney-princess-free and downright evil. I want to stay up all night on my porch with a baseball bat, defending me and my own from evil spirits and teenagers out egging houses. I don't want zombie movies; I want real zombies. I want to be menaced. I want to be terrified. I want to be in fear for my very

And I want to get back to what the holiday was about: death. I want the spirits of my deceased family members and friends to cross back over to say howdy.

Most of what I'd have to say would be apologies. I want to say "I'm sorry" to my grandmother for never writing her thank-you cards for the \$5 bill she sent me every birthday until I was 20. I want to apologize to all my pets that escaped or died of neglect. I'd say "hi" to John, who just kicked the bucket a few days ago, and apologize for not getting to know him better before he snuffed it. And I'd say sorry to Steve for the way I was always slacking at work.

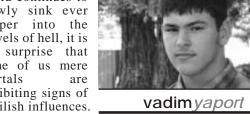
But in the meantime: Here's to evil. Here's to the devil. Here's to scaring the hell out of everyone who doesn't know you -- and most of the people who do, -- every single day of the year.

Keep it evil.

Goth with the wind

BEING GOTH IS NOT WHAT IT USE TO BE AND FOR THE RECORD, THAT BITES

As the modern world continues to slowly sink ever deeper into the bowels of hell, it is no surprise that some of us mere mortals exhibiting signs of devilish influences.



Hence the Goth craze, a mass-marketing scheme built out of the ashes of what was once a highly stupid form of fashion. The Goth image is a hellspawn of S&M, trashy counter culture music and of course plain old insecurity. It consists of uncomfortable leather, normal clothing that's been needlessly torn and of course black socks.

Lots and lots of black socks.

You see, with white or gray socks, a Goth cannot summon the demon lord Bulgaroctonus to rescue his black shirt that he accidentally spilled bleach on.

The primary objective of Goths n their form of dress is to differentiate themselves from people who do such generic and mindless things as buy plain shirts and plain blue jeans. Or something. I don't think anybody is entirely sure what attaching safety pins to random parts of your clothes is supposed to

But if it's really nothing more than "I am unique," then that sounds rather like the same tune in a different genre. The clothes don't make the man, and the spiked collar doesn't change your character one

The desire to look Gothic stems from an inability to cope with one's own mediocrity. People feel disillusioned with life's vastness and their own insignificance.

Pulitzer Prize winning novelist Saul Bellow addresses this in his

"Herzog" when the main character writes: "Their great need, their hunger, is for good sense, clarity, truth-even an atom of it.

"People are dying -- it is no metaphor, for lack

of something real to carry home when day is done. See how willingly they are to accept the wildest nonsense."

Heavy stuff.

So while teenagers across the land happily protest consumerism by consuming rebel culture, the Hot Topics fill them full of this lost identity. This is where the short plaid skirts covered with skulls come from, the black shirts with a smug little phrase written in white

Some might respond to the argument that these people are maintaining an industry based on a false image by saving that these people are satisfied with their personal images, and that's all that matters.

Sure, that should be fine with the rest of us. Goths are prime verbal target practice.

They do something stupid, and everybody else has an instant minority to mock without the feelings of guilt that come with making fun of the handicapped or elderly.

It's a great system, because everybody is a little happier from the result.

The Goths feel superior, and everybody else feels superior.

Perhaps this creates tension, perhaps it fragments our society, and perhaps it's just plain old bad.

But one thing I am sure of is what a friend of mine once told me. "Just because you're a black sheep doesn't mean you don't graze the

The Secret Lives of Mathematicians



Is De Anza still stuck in second grade? Sometimes we think so.

According to numerous independent corroborating sources, a faceless group of math instructors banded together last year to circulate a secret petition against a colleague who had unpopular ideas.

Instead of using the traditional channels of dispute avalible, they saw fit to sign the petition like a bunch of second-graders.

Seeking truth, La Voz reporters spoke last week with the instructor's division dean, Anne Leskinen, who refused to comment on the ongoing investigation.

She said that she would be happy to talk to a student reporter on any issue having a direct impact on students implying that the school's professional work environment is of no consequence to students at large.

We disagree.

This is a public educational institution, and students have the right to know what kind of environment their instructors work in.

We believe that students should know when their instructors are accused of sexual harassment or remarks or of creating a hostile or otherwise inequitable professional environment.

Circulating a secret petition without the knowledge of the person in question creates a hostile work environment of coercion and fear.

Choosing not to discuss the ongoing investigation openly and honestly creates a dangerous culture of silence.

In fact, of the 14 De Anza faculty members that we spoke to, only three would agree to go on record – two of whom are tenured personal friends of the victimized instructor.

We call upon Professional Relations Committee to publicly reprimand the instructors who originally drafted the petition. We

call upon Multicultural Staff Association to launch an independent investigation into this incident and take an official stand on the issue.

We lastly call upon the Academic Senate to take a strong stance on faculty infighting and draft language that addresses this problem.

As for us, we'll continue to be the rabid squirrel of truth, biting at the ankle of inequity.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

There are no corrections or clarifications for this week. Have a safe and happy Halloween.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (ONLINE VERSION) THE LA VOZ WEBSITE RECEIVED OVER 85,000 HITS LAST WEEK. THAT'S MORE THAN

PARKING LOTS A, B AND C HAVE SEEN IN THE PAST THREE DAYS.

These are copies of Web posts received from www.lavozdeanza.com. They are copied verbatim, including typographicl errors.

IN RESPONSE TO 'RIAA CRACKDOWN'

LAWSUITS SUCK

While law suits suck, they gots a point. Radio song come with ad money. Artists need money for work. buy 1 song scheme might work. So long free music ;(

Chiller chill@er.com

MUSIC IS MY WORK

Music is part of my work. I report about music, I interview musicians. I have always had an enjoyable relationship with musicians and record companies.

There is nothing that could hurt artists and record companies more than this ongoing controversy. People get very, very angry, and angry people don't go and buy music. If they hear that a 12-year-old girl and their mother is getting prosecuted and sentenced to pay thousands of dollars, they go on strike. I have met people in my business who have told me that they don't even want to listen to music radio stations anymore, although it's free. They are THAT angry. Thank GOd for Apple and the new Napster and some other companies, for offering alternatives at fair prices. THIS is what we need: More people like Steve Jobs. And fewer RIAA lawyers, who are making everyone mad and turning people away from the music.

Armin Berlin armin@earthlink.net Reporter, Los Angeles

YOU'RE MISSING THE POINT

I think you're still missing the point. The music is copyrighted. You are copying it illegally. You have no defense. All you care about is having free stuff. One day, when you're all grown up and live in the real world, you'll realise that you have to work hard to get what you want. Those music artists worked hard to produce their music, and people like you just steal it and pass it around to all your mates.

Grow up. aadadas adasd@asdadas.com

JESSE JORDAN'S FATHER

The RIAA sued our son Jesse Jordan for running a general purpose campus search engine which they claimed was like Napster because some students shared music files. The 'Napster' claim was pure hype, and Jesse wasn't sharing music, so they agreed to dismiss their complaint and drop all their accusations, but demanded \$12,000 and misrepresented Jesse's settlement to the press. When Jesse went on CNN to tell his side of the story, the RIAA tried to undo their agreement, threatened to haul him into court, and wrote a letter to the Federal Judge claiming that Jesse, a 19-year old college student, had "tricked" the RIAA's lawyers! The Judge threw out the RIAA's request and enforced the dis-

Out of nearly \$60,000 they took from Jesse and three other college students in April, NOT ONE PENNY went to artists or songwriters. That's not my opinion, that's what RIAA President Cary Sherman has said. How much money from the 241 file sharers the RIAA sued in September will go to artists and songwriters? ZERO... again, Cary Sherman says the RIAA is keeping it all. And what about the 204 people they just hit with the latest round of intimidation? Just guess...

The public is getting fed up with this corporate terrorism. Jesse received \$12,000 in donations in less than seven weeks, and had to tell people to stop donating. More than 900 donations from individuals, corporations, musicians, banks and law firms went to help Jesse recover the money that the RIAA took from him; they came from all around the world, and many said they were donating instead of buying CDs! Since the RIAA turned up the heat, record sales have gone from a "slump" to a "freefall" - what does that tell you?

Andy Jordan Andy.Jordan@usa.net Cartoonist www.deadlyblow.com

IN RESPONSE TO LIKING IT TOO MUCH'

I LOVE X-FILES

Everyone's obsession with something varies. i used to be a huge x-files fan and tried to wear the x-files t-shirts as much as possible. i work in new york city, and i sometimes see the weirdest things and it's oh so refreshing. plus those hogwarts robes are pretty cool looking as well as the wizard hat and Harry's glasses. wouldn't mind seeing a professor dumbledore either. haven't ever seen or heard of someone who dressed up as a fictional character 24/7. if i run out of clothes, i might try that.

Another HP Fan Taking Care of Business In

I LOVE HARRY POTTER

I too am a huge harry potter fan. im EXTREMELY obsessed. however, i do also know when to draw the line. the only time i ever dressed up was at midnight when the 4th book came out at barnes and noble (i was only 11 or 12, so...). il admit to couting down the days to the movies and books and other hp stuff, but i definatly wont go out in public like that, unless its a special occasion. too many weird looks!;) ~rachie~

go to my harry potter website at http://www.geocities.com/blondedragon07/harry_potter.html

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I LOVE HARRY POTTER, TOO

Everyone's obsessed with something. Personally, I'm proud to be a 44 year old Harry Potter fanatic. It's exciting being a part of history.

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These postings and more can be viewed on our website www.lavozdeanza.com



Magic Ball guide to De Anza

CAN IT GIVE YOU ANSWERS FOR A POP QUIZ? 'OUTLOOK NOT SO GOOD'

BY CAROLYN SCHROEDER

La Voz

It's Monday night and I have to be up in eight hours to get ready for school. The smart thing would be to get to bed right away, yet I'm set on finishing watching the movie "Hook." Besides, eight hours is just a rough estimate,

Lucky for my indecisive brain, I recently bought a Magic Eight Ball, the solution to life's most troubling questions. It's mysterious, it's all-knowing and now it even comes on a key chain. What better time to test it out than now?

I grab the thing and give it a little shake. Should I go to sleep now? The answer is "no." The eight ball also must be a Robin Williams fan; I like it already.

Five hours of sleep later and halfway through my first class, I'm not so sure about this magic ball any longer. My eyelids are

droopy and I'm not sure if the teacher just said "Take



paper" or "Talk to me later."

Everyone deserves a second chance, though.

After class, I consult the ball as to whether I should study or get some lunch. I'm limited to yes or no questions though, so I ask if I should study. (If you don't give it a shake, you'll get the same answer every time; just a little tip.) The little triangle appears with a "most likely" on top. Well, I'll most likely get an A if I study, so this seems like decent advice.

After my study date with the library, it's time to head to my next class. I'm not sure if we were supposed to bring our books today, so I'd better consult the all-knowing

Should I grab my textbook out of my car? The reply is "no." Cool, that saves me the trip to my car.

I confidently walk into the room bookless. Not two minutes go by before the teacher has us pull out our texts to read. Stupid son of a ... grrrr!!!

After I explain my predicament to the teacher and tell her that I asked the Magic Eight

should bring my book, she gives me a weird look and tells me to buddy up with someone else. Then she tells me that I should pay more attention in class and not rely on a toy to tell me what to do.

Later that day, I decide I should give the ball one more try, so I consult it on where to buy lunch. Should I buy lunch on campus? Shake, shake ... "Outlook not so

I never did trust campus food, so I make my way over to Togo's and buy a delicious sandwich that is more than filling and much healthier than the mystery-meat burritos on campus. Mr. Eight Ball and I are friends once again.

After running into a few friends and finishing my sandwich, I realize that I only have three minutes left before my next class. I could run and possibly make it in the door only a few minutes late or I could finish my chips and soda in a leisurely manner and hope I don't miss anything too important today. OK, eight ball, what's it gonna be? Should I run to class?

Shake shake. "Ask again later." What? This is a timely question here. I need to know *now*.

Well, it has been a few seconds. That's later, right?

Once again, should I run to class?

"Concentrate, and ask again." Oh, you little... I take a deep breath and try one

last time. Should I run to class? "Reply hazy, try again."

After that answer, I am pretty put out by the whole Magic Eight Ball thing, so I make up my own mind to run to class. I dump the ball in the trash on the way there.

I make it to class only five minutes late, just in time for a pop quiz. Maybe the eight ball wasn't such a good idea, but it was worth



adrian long

We have all seen them. We know where they are and we are curious. They offer tantalizing promises of wealth and exotic opportunities but seem too good to be true.

No, I am not talking about that cute guy or girl who sits two rows in front of you in your chem class. I am talking about the fliers that plaster our campus on kiosks, cars and every available inch of wall.

Pink, yellow, orange and red paper catch the attention of busy De Anza students. There is an abundance of fliers relating to work for students. Most are vague and only list the benefits of an unnamed job.

The De Anza College student activities office regularly stamps these fliers after reviewing the contents and approving their posting around cam-

One flier found on campus looked catchy: "Ovecoming anxiety, phobias, shyness, panic, OCD and more.'

Why on earth would shy people want to call a stranger, someone who has OCD change his schedule just to attend a seminar, or people who suffer from panic attacks enter the unknown?

Another flier advertised an upcoming movie that is a parody of a famous rapper's song and movie. The filmmaker needed people "who know how to move to the beat." In other words, he wanted people to dance in his film.

One flier spotted on campus asked for 18- to 27-year-old females and added that computer skills and dance experience would be a plus. After investigation, it was disclosed that the job might include, driving exotic dancers around. Gas is provided.

Another work-related flier offered \$1000-\$3000 a month for "enthusiastic, friendly, responsible opportunists." There is no company name listed on this flier, and no occupation indicated.

All in all, fliers posted by individuals are there for a reason. Whether they are legitimate and for the greater good of De Anza students is up to the

Happy hunting, flier watchers. You may get sucked into some lose-weight-quick, get-richfaster scheme, or you just might hit career gold.

Personal Finances 001, Section 1 Saving Your Hard-Earned Money

Q: How do I know if I have the exact textbook my professor expects me to bring to class?

A: The "fingerprint" of any book is the International Standardized Book Number (ISBN) printed on the book. As with fingerprints, no two ISBN's are alike. Different numbers ARE

Q: How do I get the ISBN number?

A: Ask the faculty member who adopted the book for use in the classroom or visit the bookstore and write down the ISBN number printed on EVERY shelf tag.

Q: Why do some stores not put the ISBN on their shelf tags?

A: Some stores do not want you to be able to compare prices or editions. We not only welcome it, we encourage it. You help us keep our prices low by comparing prices and telling us.

Q: Can I buy the same books from amazon.com?

A: Sometimes. But even if amazon has the book, you should shop around for the best price. We often find that we are cheaper than amazon. Go figure.

Q: What if I find the book at another store for a cheaper price?

A: We really appreciate when you buy your books from the De Anza College Bookstore. And we want you to feel like you have received the best value for your money, so we offer a double-the-difference price guarantee you won't find at many other bookstores.

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Menlo College

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HERE IS WHAT THE COOL KIDS ARE DOING

BY "SCREAMIN" SREEKALA **SRIPATHY**

La Voz

Over 2000 years ago, Oct. 31

San Francisco

Vampire Tour of San Francisco

On a walking tour with host Mina Harker, stop at places including Nob Hill and Grace Cathedral and find out how vampires have contributed to San Francisco. Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 at 8 p.m. Reservations required. Adults, \$20, students/seniors \$15. Contact Mina at 650-279-1840. www.sfvampiretour.com

Halloween in the Castro

Starting with the March of Light Parade and continuing with four stages of entertainment, the Castro is the place to be this year. Featured performers are SoundSafe, Trannyshack and others. Oct. 31, 6 p.m. The Castro, Market and 16th in San Francisco.

www.halloweensf.com

Stage Frights: Plays From Hell

Enter the world of pop icons gone wild. Hardcore Thrush Productions presents an evening of original shorts that take a terrifying look at popular cultural icons. View different takes on Superman, dolls that come to life and Christians taking over a playhouse. Oct. 24-31. CELLspace, 2050 Bryant Street in San Francisco. Tickets \$12-\$10, students/artists \$10. Call 415-240-9202

www.HTProductions.biz

Dia de los Muertos Celebration

Deep Latin House music with DJ's Mauricio Aviles and Alain del Corazon. Oct. 31, 10 p.m. Elbo Room, 647 Valencia Street in San Francisco. Cover \$7. www.elbo.com

Won't Die

A "slasher flick on ecstasy with turntables." Get ready for psychotic dancing and the Halloween Rock Horror Holocaust. Oct. 31, 10 p.m. The Cat Club, 1190 Folsom Street in San Francisco. 21 and over Cover \$5.

wontdie.oaklandindustrial.com

Carnalloween

Brazilian Halloween Ball with live Samba, rock and reggae. Oct. 31, 9 p.m. Saint Mary's Cathedral, 1111 Gough Street in San Francisco. Tickets \$35. Call 415-863-2717.

www.kidoideira.com

The Haunted Barn -A San Francisco **Nightmare**

Take a ride on the Murderous Muni and experience the secrets of Chop-Chop China Town. Oct. 30-Nov. 1 9 p.m. Hunter's Point. Tickets \$13.

www.thehauntedbarn.com

Halloween Tea Time with June Ahern

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Peninsula

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DON'T WANT TO LOOK LIKE A MORON? HATE THE HOSPITAL? THEN DO WHAT BARFY SAYS, FOOL



Shall I narrate the obvious? Don't drink too much, sloshy. You might barf all over your costume or end up in the drunk



make fun of you. Loser. Bag-snatching is a major cause of being severely beaten by

If you go trick-or-treating and you are over 12, people will



people's parents. Quit picking on little kids, wussy. Just use your head for once, dork. Bring a flashlight. Use



condoms. Don't drink and drive. Don't blow anything up. Get the point? Good, now have fun.

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was celebrated as Samhain by the Celts, a tribe of people who lived in what is now Ireland. Nov. 1 was their new year and on the eve of their new year, the Celts celebrated by building bonfires, wearing costumes made of animal skin and telling fortunes, according to histo-

rychannel.com. By the ninth century Pope Gregory the Third had deemed Nov. 1 All Saint's Day or All Hallows Day, and Oct. 31 became All Hallows Eve.

Unlike celebrations of the past, Halloween today is a mishmash of traditions from different countries, with the traditions of Samhain and Roman festivals mixed in. Although Halloween is rich in history, not all choose to participate.

Today it is mainly Christians of various denominations who do not celebrate Halloween. De Anza student Anne Park won't celebrate Halloween this year.

'Christians don't celebrate Halloween because of evil spirits. We have Hallelujah instead ... We get together for fellowship and praise. No jack-o-lanterns," she said.

Rosalinda Salazar, another De Anza student, is a Seventh Day Adventist and won't be celebrating for religious reasons. "It's promoting the ghosts and witches and things that we don't believe in."

There are countries that do not recognize Halloween. In Korea there is no holiday that resembles Halloween. Lucy Park, from Korea, doesn't celebrate Halloween. However, last year she put out candy baskets and decorations.

The Chinese don't celebrate Halloween the way the U.S. does, said De Anza student Michelle Zhen. Although originally from China, Zhen lived in South America for 10 years where Halloween is just another reason to party. "We went club-bing until five in the morning," she said.

The meaning of Halloween in America today is simple. Just ask Derrick Holmes. His costume? "Pimp." "Girls dressin' up in little mini-skirts as my With his gold plated teeth, chains and black beanie, Holmes is ready for Halloween. But I'm a pimp for real, seriously," he said.





PETITION | Academic Senate to address charges

FROM FRONT PAGE

in the near future.

Some accusations in the petition state that Schaffer lacks collegiality, creates a hostile work environment, doesn't respect diverse opinions and intimidates faculty said Chudilowsky.

Miller wrote in her letter that the petition does not cite specific examples supporting the accusations.

"All the things they accuse him of they are guilty themselves," Chudilowsky said.

She wrote two letters to the PSME Division denouncing the petition last year. She put them into every division mailbox.

A copy of one letter that was left in the division office was defaced with "snide comments," she said.

Chudilowsky's letters expressed concern that the lack of examples would hinder Schaffer's ability to refute any claims against him. "It was a personal attack on Karl for undisclosed reasons. One can only guess to what the writers were referring.' She is planning on submitting a letter to the Academic Senate soon.

Schaffer is a strong proponent of reform math curriculum that pertains to people's everyday lives and multicultural math education that focuses more on minority groups' contribution to mathematics.

He also opposed raising the associate's degree math requirements on the basis that the PSME Division should make sure that students would be able to succeed in the class before raising the requirements.

Student Trustee Adam Welch said, "I think really the issue has to do with reforming the math curriculum and that the leadership of the math Department doesn't respect the college's goals of diversity, student equity and student success. Karl has been one of the leading advocates in the math department for these issues, and I think that that's why the leadership in the math department has been so vigorous in attacking

Many of the math courses considered for requirements for the A.A. degree use textbooks written by faculty members.

Some of the strongest proponents of raising the requirements were the instructors whose books would be used, said Schaffer in a letter published in La Voz in June 2002. He said that was a conflict of interest because if the requirement was raised, those instructors would receive a large profit from the extra book sales, potentially thousands

Welch said the same people who organized the petition are the ones who pushed

for the increase in the math requirements and that they are attempting to get revenge at Schaffer for writing the setter to La Voz.

In response to the open letter to the PSME written by Chudilowsky and published in La Voz Oct. 20, math instructor Susan Dean said she believes that letters to the editor should be written by students only. Welch said that the PSME Department has reacted unfairly to Schaffer's letters when comparing to their reactions to letters from other instructors. Welch cited letters math instructor Scott Peterson has written to La Voz that he said no one has complained

Leskinen refused to comment on the matter, saying it's a personnel issue which does not involve the students. She did acknowledge the existence of the petition but said that it was not secret.

Welch said that the issue is relevant to students because it relates to reforming the math curriculum and to the fact that there are such high numbers of failures within the math department, especially among minori-

'Generally, she [Leskinen] is more on the side of those who don't support Karl,' said Miller.

As of now, no one has claimed responsibility for starting the petition but Chudilowsky estimates that 20 people have signed it. She said that some people signed simply because their friends in the department did. Miller said that part-time instructors may have been intimidated by other instructors who were proponents of the petition and controlled their schedules.

'There were people, I understand, who signed the petition who didn't even know Karl," said Miller.

Chudilowsky said that some of the signers weren't even present at the PSME Division meetings where Schaffer voiced unpopular opinions

She said she was publicly attacked at a division meeting. In one of her letters to the division she wrote, "The authors of this letter [petition] also claim to demand decorum and civility of the faculty members. Yet it is, in part, the very same people who shouted me out of the last math meeting I attended. The bullying and personal attacks I received at that particular meeting were more than anyone should be subjected to. Furthermore, no action was taken to stop the attack. It was then that I decided that I would never allow these people to abuse me again, and it was then that I decided to retire." She has been a member of PSME for 20 years and is now a part-time instructor.

Peace Studies A.A. proposal funded

DASB Senate approves BCA, Website renovation, Peace Studies

BY LUKE STANGEL

News Editor

It was a major money week for the De Anza Associated Student Body, which approved \$152,500 in Budget Crisis Allocations and \$9,673 in Special Allocations last Wednesday.

Peace Studies Program

Most notably, a part-time instructor received \$2,000 to develop a new accredited Peace Studies program. The study of peace is timely given America's current war on terrorism, said Senate Executive Vice President James Newburg.

The money will be used to pay the instructor to write the curriculum proposal and gather outside interviews. The instructor, Constance Cole, has already drafted a skeleton proposal and will devote approximately 50 hours to the project in the coming months. If the program is approved, students will be able to receive an associate's degree in Peace Studies.

DASB Website Renovation

The DASB student body website, www.deanza.fhda.edu/dasb, needed a facelift, so the senate will pay freelance programmer Charlie Hua \$500 to create a new site template. The current site has some programming bugs and is not compatible with

all computers, said Vice President of Technology William Le.

Former senator Robin Claassen proposed that the DASB create a large visual history, or histogram, of all of its former actions and directions

Ths histogram would enable future senators to see where the DASB has been arguably to direct their actions in the future.

Budget Crisis Allocation fund

The senate then launched into a marathon six-hour discussion on the \$152,500 Budget Crisis Allocation fund. Senators created the BCA last year for programs that were adversely impacted by state budget cuts this

Senators initially approved \$137,775 of the BCA allocations, which left \$14,725 to add to the programs that they felt needed

DASB Marketing and Communications, the senate committee that gets the word out about on-campus activities, was hit heavily in the BCA allocation process – requesting \$3,500 but receiving only \$790.

The committee has already spent over half of its money this quarter, said Vice President of Marketing Communications Carrie Gotch.

This includes spending money on brandnew embroidered polo shirts for DASB senators, said Senator Tiyasha De Pinto. In the end, the committee received an additional \$1,000, to bring its total budget for this year to \$6,790.

Student Help

Four programs received more money to hire student employees. The Tutorial Center received an additional \$4,000 for student help, which brings its total allocation from the DASB this year to \$32,753.

The Puente Program received another \$1,800, The Student Scholarship Program received another \$2,830 and Student Success and Retention Services received an additional \$3,595 for student help.

Lastly, the Inter Club Council got an additional \$1,500 in interclub transfers, or money that they can distribute to the many clubs on campus that need it.

The BCA requires a second unchanged vote that the senate will take this Wednesday. Then the BCA is turned over to the Board of Trustees for them to vote on. If approved, BCA money will be distributed to the programs in the winter quarter.

The DASB will meet this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Student Council Chambers of the Hinson Campus Center. The group consists of more than 20 elected student senators who serve the interests of the general student population. Collectively, they distribute \$1 million of student funds to programs on campus every year.

Unclaimed \$8000 in DASB

BY BARRY SKIDMORE

La Voz

One would think that if the DASB started handing out free money, students would be on it like angry squirrels on a half-eaten hamburger. However, DASB is offering nine scholarships worth a total of \$8,000 this quarter. Only one student, who wasn't qualified, applied.

Seven \$1,000 scholarships are offered to international students and two \$500 scholarships are available for part-time students

"I'm not sure why people aren't applying," said chair of DASB scholarship and book grants committee Tammy Marquez.

The scholarships, which must be submitted to the Financial Aid Office by Friday at 4 p.m., come with several requirements. Applicants must have a 2.5 GPA, be active members of any on-campus student activity or local community service organization, have completed at least 24 units, and be DASB members. In addition, short essays are required.

Next quarter, the DASB will offer scholarships to full-time, out of-state and 4.0-GPA students. It will also offer 20 \$100 book grants. The Scholarship Committee is also planning to offer single-parent family grants of between \$300 and \$750.

Scholarship applications can be picked up in the DASB office.

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9:00 p.m. The Beatles: Sgt. Pepper's Laser Light Show 10:15 p.m. Led Zeppelin: Whole Lot a Led 11:30 p.m. Pink Floyd: Dark Side of the Moon (Schedule subject to change)

> Tickets are sold the day of the show starting at 7:30 p.m. General Admission: \$8.00

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WRITING THE PERSONAL STATEMENT

BY DON NICKEL

Counselor, Online Student Services Specialist

November is the month when students who plan on transferring to the UC for fall of 2004 will send out applications to the colleges of their choice. Many out-of-state, private, and all University of California colleges require a personal statement along with the application.

Imagine applying to a university in which all the candidates have equal qualifications for admittance. What if all the candidates had excellent GPAs, and completed all the lower division major and GE requirements? How would you stand out among all the rest?

Lucky you – your personal statement is your ticket to do just that. It's your opportunity to introduce yourself to the university of your choice, give them a snapshot of you are, and tell them why you are the ideal candidate to be accepted into their college. The audience for your essay is the Admissions Committee. You might think your essay is carefully read and weighed according to some objective scale. In fact, your essay may just be skimmed or not even read at all depending on the university you are applying to. Depending on which colleges you apply to, it may be one person, a small committee, or faculty within a department that reads your statement.

Some UCs place greater emphasis on the personal statement than others. For example, UC Berkeley reads all personal statements, UC Davis reads them usually only for scholarship purposes and UC Riverside reads them only if the student is borderline. The Admissions Committee is looking for information about you that is not evident from your application. Your goal is to convey a great amount of information (and the most important and relevant information) about your-self in a very limited space. They also want to know if you can write, and to be engaged by what you have to say and how you say it. Imagine reading hundreds of essays for days at a time. Poor writing will make reading your essay a torturous experience for the reader. You should DO the following:

Plan to have someone who knows you review your essay. A friend or family member might be able to offer additional advice. Make every word count. 1,000 words for the UC personal statement is precious little space. Write in your own voice. Use vocabulary that is comfortable to you.

You should NOT do the following:

Don't try to write the personal statement in a single sitting. Writing your essay will be an evolutionary process. Avoid using humor in your personal statement unless you have a clear purpose for it and are convinced that it adds something of value to your story. Don't stray from the guidelines of the personal statement. Be sure to carefully read and follow directions. For example, if the word limitation is 1,000 words, make sure you do NOT exceed 1,000 words. Also, make sure your responses directly address the questions being asked. Avoid clichés and catch phrases. You can download a copy of the UC application as well as applications for most other universities and also apply for most of them online. If you don't know the Web address for the university you are applying, then it should be fairly easy to track down the application using an Internet search engine. Google is one recommended search engine. Google even has a University Search feature that simplifies the search process!

Stay tuned for next week's Counselor Corner where I will discuss the nuts and bolts of writing the personal statement for the UC.

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Campus Events

MSA and DASB celebrate Ramadan

BY MARYAM A. ANSARI

Special to La Voz

What's the longest you've gone without eating, drinking or having sex?

The month of Ramadan, which starts today, asks Muslims to do just that. From sunrise to sunset, Muslims all over the world abstain from eating, drinking and engaging in sexual activity. Islam teaches its believers to attain self-restraint and thus come closer to spiritual clarity and inner peace.

The Ramadan Committee and the Muslim Students Association, in alliance with the DASB, are organizing various events to celebrate this month of spiritual cleansing. They will be holding daily iftars – the meal at the end of each day with which the fast is broken.

They will also be holding a four-part lecture series entitled "Ramadan: A Journey through Reflection and Spirituality."

The schedule for the lectures as follows:

• Oct 30: Student Council Chambers at 1:30-3 p.m. Brother Usama Canon will speak about "Ramadan: Food for the Mind, Body and Soul."

• Nov. 6: Student Council Chambers at 1:30-3 p.m. Amir Abdel Malik will speak about "Control yourself ... Fast! -- Discipline in the light of Ramadan."

• Nov. 13 - Conference room B, at 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Imam Zaid Shakir will speak about "Muhammad: Demystifying Myths about the Prophet"

• Nov. 20 - Dinner in Conference rooms A and B, from 4:30-7p.m. Suhaib Webb, "Islam in the West."





SHARK'S SHADOW

Lack of feeding frenzy hinders Sharks' offense

BY STEVEN CABANA

La Voz

With six games played, the San Jose Sharks are hurting for the one thing they traded away last season. Offense.

The Sharks (1-4-1) only have eight goals scored and twice as many goals against.

The trades of high-priced players such as Owen Nolan and Teemu Selanne have left the offensive duties on the shoulders of veteran centers Patrick Marleau and Vincent Damphouse.

Marleau currently has two points (one goal, one assist) while Damphouse only provided three assists. Alyn McCauley is the Sharks' leading scorer with two goals.

The Sharks' offense does show potential with the new additions made during the off-season.

Scott Parker, right winger currently picked up from the Colorado Avalanche, is quickly becoming the Sharks' muscle, logging a total of 18 penalty minutes

The Sharks defense is solid when compared to the other NHL teams.

The Sharks 16 goals against is about average compared to teams such as the second-placed Vancouver Canucks, who have only allowed 12 and the topranked Boston Bruins who have given up 16 goals.

With the return of defenseman Brad Stuart, the Sharks gained

one of their key blueline players. Stuart returned last Tuesday after missing the entire preseason with a shoulder injury.

The Sharks' primary goal-tender Evgeni Nabokov is solid.

Nabokov, has played five of the games, has a .887 save percentage and a 2.78 GAA this season.

Sharks backup netminder Vesa Toskala is also solid allowing only two goals and a save percentage of .920.

Toskala was called up last season from the Cleveland Barons, San Jose's top development team in the American Hockey league.

Last Season's backup goaltender Miikka Kiprusoff has not participated in regular season action.

Defenseman Jim Fahey returned to the Sharks lineup after Christian Ehrhoff was sent to Cleveland last Wednesday. Fahey was sent down to the Barons prior to the Oct. 21st game against the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim.

Though things look bleak in the early season, the Sharks have the combination of young talent and seasoned veterans to start breaking out. With more contributions from the offense, the Sharks have the potential to be in contention for making the playoffs in March

The Sharks will begin the longest road trip of the season Tuesday against the Carolina Hurricanes.

The game will be shown at 4 p.m. on Fox Sports Net and can be heard on 98.5 KFOX.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

MEN'S SOCCER

The De Anza's men's soccer team moves to 3-0 in conference play with a 2-1 win against the Cabrillo College Seahawks.

The Dons' leading scorer Miguel Villa has five goals and four assists for a total of 14 points.

The Dons are halfway into the conference season and are on

track to win its division with the Seahawks being a distant second.

The Dons are now looking to improve on its 8-3-3 overall record with a home conference game on Tuesday against Chabot College at 4 p.m.

The Gladiators will look to even the score after the Dons defeated them 5-2 on Oct. 10.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The De Anza's women's soccer team shut out West Valley College 1-0 on Oct. 17.

The Lady Dons are on track to be an overwhelming force in post-season play with a conference record of 6-1-0.

The Lady Dons' scoring leader Anne Guina has 10 goals and four assists.

The Lady Dons' primary goal-

tender Gricelda Alvarez is ranked second in the coast conference among players with 1000 min-

Alvarez has only six goals allowed in 1045 Minutes played.

De Anza will travel to Gilroy

to face Gavilan College on Tuesday. The Lady Dons are currently 10-2-1 overall.

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

The Lady Dons lost to Fresno City College Rams last Wednesday. The Lady Dons lost 5-14 and fell to 0-7 overall this season.

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FOOTBALL



Steven Cabana(2)/ LA VOZ

The Dons running game was not as strong as hoped last Saturday against the Gavilan College Rams. The Rams' defense held the Dons at bay, sending them 0-1 in confer-

Rams drag down Dons

DONS FALL EARLY IN CONFERENCE OPENER

JOHN SCHRADER

Special to La Voz

Two years ago the Dons football team crushed the Gavilan Rams 44-28. Last year, the Rams turned a local newspaper headline (The Dispatch) into a self-fulfilling prophecy.

It said the Rams were going to show the Dons who's boss. Plagued by 23 penalties, the Dons gave up a last minute touchdown and lost 21-14 last year.

This year, it turned out to be an old-fashioned, grind-it-out game with the Rams' running game showing the Dons who's boss by outscoring the Dons 28-6.

The Dons' offense simply could not get on track. The Rams

however came up with five interceptions and four sacks.

Four minutes into the game, Rams' runningback El Ray Henry broke through the line for a 38-yard touchdown. The extra-point attempt was good and the quarter ended with the Rams holding a 7-0 lead.

With 6:02 remaining in the half, a 42-yard pass play from Rams quarterback Patrick Ames to wide receiver Guy Blightman set up a five-yard rushing touchdown by Henry.

Trailing 14-0 at half-time, the game was still within reach for the Dons. Their defense did a solid job up to that point.

However, the Rams didn't waste any time after the kickoff as they marched up the field with Henry capping off the drive on a 29-yard TD run. A two-point conversion gave them a 22-0 cushion.

One of the few Dons highlights came late in

the third quarter when the Rams were called for roughing the punter with 1:38 left in the period.

Dons quarterback Donnie

Bresee found freshman receiver Jamall Bellow in the right corner of the end zone for a 24-yard touchdown.

The two-point conversion failed and the Dons trailed 22-6.

failed and the Dons trailed 22-6. Shortly thereafter, Ames hooked up with the receiver Ted Mason for a 45-yard touchdown pass that essentially destroyed the Dons' hopes for a comeback.

The Rams fumbled the field goal attempt but held a comfortable 28-6 lead to end the third quarter. Neither team scored in the final period.

Quarterback J.P. Melert gets sacked from

behind by a Rams linebacker resulting in a

a 28-6 defeat last Saturday.

fumble. The Rams' defense held the Dons to

"We are very disappointed with

the loss because we thought we would come out and win our first conference game," said Dons Head Coach Mike Mitchell.

"Yet there are many positives. We are competing in every game that we've played. History shows that we have a chance to compete for the conference crown," he said.

Dons running back Richardo Lopez was the Dons' leading rusher and provided the only touchdown. Lopez ran for 95 yards on 17 carries.

Bresee went 16-30 for 117 yards with one touchdown and four interceptions.

"This is potentially a very good football team. We are so close to tournament form," said Mitchell. The Rams outgained

the Dons 356 yards to 287. Ames went 10-19 for 134 yards on the day. However, it was the play by Henry that provided the difference. He finished with 181 yards and three touchdowns on 21 carries. The Rams had 16 penalties for 131 yards, several of which negated sizeable gains on offense.

With the road win, Gavilan pushed their overall record to 3-4, 1-0 in conference, while dropping the Dons to 1-6 overall, 0-1 in conference.

The victory gives the Rams a 7-4 edge in the series and vaulted them to a #20 ranking in the COA Northern California state football poll.

The Dons will not play as they enter a bye week. They will resume play on Nov. 8 against Hartnell College in Salinas. Kickoff time is set for 7 p.m.

Nov. 15 will be the season finale for the Dons as they face Cabrillo College (2-4).