

The week ahead

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION VIEWING

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The screening begins at 8:30 a.m. on Jan. 20 in the campus center, rooms A & B.

POETRY WORKSHOP: HONORING OUR VOICES

Join poet Regie Cabico, a poet – dramaturg, performer and educator, for a poetry workshop. Cabico has been featured on HBO's Def Poetry Jam, PBS's In the Life and MTV's Free Your Mind.

Come to room 309 in the Advanced Technology Center on Jan. 20 from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. The same event will be held the following day.

CLUB DAY

Meet representatives from over 50 campus clubs and find out the advantages of joining a club. Enjoy club performances and free treats.

Club day will be held on Jan. 22 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Main Quad. If it rains, Club Day will be on Jan. 29.

INTERNSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Learn about paid internships through the Foothill – De Anza Community College District Internship Program. There will be two meetings, each an hour long.

The meetings will be held Jan. 22 in room B in the Campus Center. One meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the other at 1:30 p.m.

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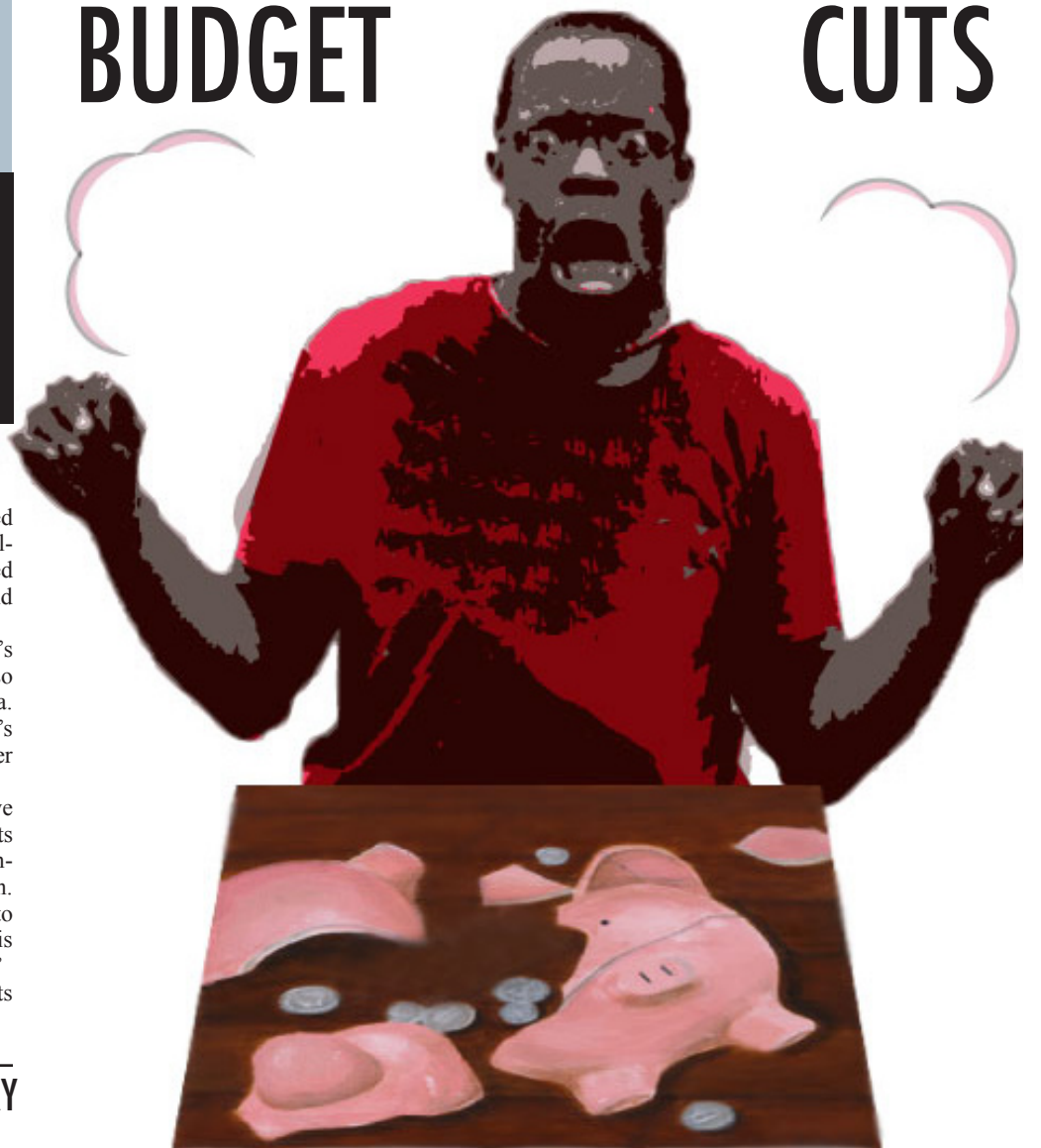
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BUDGET

CUTS



GRAPHIC BY ALENA STAROSTINA/LA VOZ

James Chen
LA VOZ NEWS

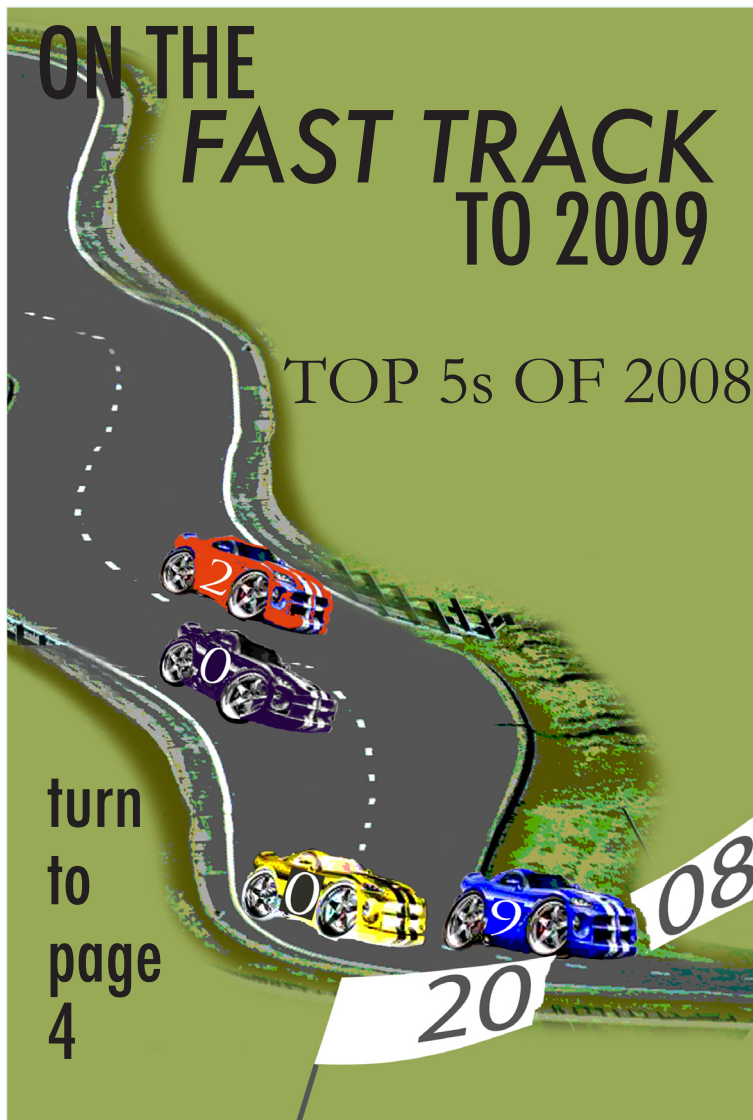
California's ongoing budget crisis has affected many community colleges, including De Anza College. Reductions in the education budget have forced De Anza to cancel classes, academic programs and the hiring of new faculty members and staff.

According to the CIA World Factbook, California's economy is the tenth largest in the world; it is also the wealthiest state in the United States of America. Despite its economic clout, however, California's government has reported a budget shortfall of over \$11.2 billion.

California's budget deficit has had an extensive impact on its governmental operations, especially its educational programs. According to State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell, in a Jan. 9 press release, "The Governor's budget proposal to slash funding for schools by a staggering \$6 billion is a crippling move to public education in California."

The impact of the budget deficit and proposed cuts has been felt directly by De Anza students.

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ENERGY DRINKS

What are the best energy drinks to help you stay awake during long lectures?



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Conflict in the Middle East

Read two opposing views on the current situation in Gaza

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Dons lose against Rams



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What is the BUZZ

FORMER STUDENT TRUSTEE ELECTED FOR AD22:

Jordan Eldridge, former Foothill De Anza Community College District Student Trustee, was elected to be Assembly District 22 Delegate to the California Democratic Party State Central Committee.

Eldridge is an official voting member of the governing body of the California Democratic Party. His responsibilities include approving official resolutions and endorsements.

WRITTEN BY AISELLE DE VERA

EUPHRAT RECEIVES GRANT:

The Euphrat Museum received a grant from Target, according to a De Anza College press release.

The money will be used to support the Arts and Schools Program in activities such as "Experience the New Euphrat," a series of teaching tours for K-8 school children. The tours are expected to take place in February through June.

So far, Target has given five percent of its net profits to help different communities.

WRITTEN BY NITZAN BECK

INTERCULTURAL STUDIES DIVISION RECEIVES \$1.2 MILLION:

A \$1.2 million grant was awarded to De Anza College by the Office of Postsecondary Education of the U.S. Department of Education, which gives the grant to schools that have demonstrated diversity in the category of Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander students. The registered 10,000 students earned De Anza College the grant.

The primary goal of the grant project is to increase success among struggling students. Instructor Mae Lee is responsible for the distribution of the funds. Lee said the two-year grant will be used to expand the First Year Experience program as well as Summer Bridge for students meeting the AANAPI criteria. The money will be distributed over the course of two years.

WRITTEN BY ALEJANDRO JIMENEZ

RECORD NUMBER OF STUDENTS APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID:

The Financial Aid office has received a record number of applicants. The number of students applying for financial aid is 9,900 as of Jan. 15.

Cindy Castillo, director of financial aid, said more students qualify for financial aid because of lower incomes. "The record number of applicants indicates the depth of the economic effects on students and their families," she said.

Six months remain until the school year ends, meaning more students may apply for the remaining six months of the school year.

Castillo said De Anza students can receive money from Pell Grants, BOG Fee Waivers and Stafford Loans all year long.

WRITTEN BY NITZAN BECK

CAMPUS EVENTS

Happenings@LaVozDeAnza.com

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

Tuesday, Jan. 20

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Wednesday, Jan. 21

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21, 12:30-1:30 P.M., WRC, ATC 309

See Jan. 20 for details.

Thursday, Jan. 22

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INTERNSHIP PROGRAM INFORMATIONAL MTG

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CAMPUS CENTER, RM. B

Learn about paid internships through the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Internship Program. There will be two different meetings: 12:30 and 1:30. For information go to <http://internships.fhda.edu>.

WORKSHOP: MONEY FOR COLLEGE

THURSDAY, JAN. 22, 3:40-5 P.M., WRC, ATC 309

Learn about more than 100 De Anza scholarships and find out one that's right for you. In this hands-on workshop, students will work together to write their applications and get them in. For information, call Marc Coronado at 408-864-8409 or e-mail coronado.marc@gmail.com.

Saturday, Jan. 24

COMEDIAN BILL ENGVALL

SATURDAY, JAN. 24, 8 P.M., FLINT CENTER

Comedian Bill Engvall, star and executive producer of the TBS sitcom "The Bill Engvall Show" will perform. Tickets are \$34.50-\$67 from Ticketmaster.

Monday, Jan. 26

BOOK SIGNING W/ AUTHOR GLENN LOVELL

MONDAY, JAN. 26, 4:30 - 6 P.M., ATC 120

Author and De Anza College film/TV instructor Glenn Lovell will present clips from the films of John Sturges, followed by a question and answer session about Sturges. A Book signing for Lovell's book "Escape Artist: The Life and Films of John Sturges" will begin at 5:35 p.m. Sturges films include "The Magnificent Seven" and "The Old Man and the Sea." For information contact Susan Tavernetti at 408-864-8872 or tavernettisusan@deanza.edu.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

STUDENT SERVICE DAY

TUESDAY, JAN. 27, 10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M., MAIN QUAD

Meet representatives from campus services and find out what De Anza has to offer you.

WORKSHOP: FILIPINO AMERICAN STUDENTS

TUESDAY, JAN. 27, 11 A.M. - 1 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER, RM A

De Anza student data reveals that, as a group, Filipino American students' course pass rates are below college average. This workshop with a student, faculty, administrator and community panel addresses what hinders students' success and what we can do to increase their success. Free Filipino food.

POETRY WORKSHOP: HONORING OUR VOICES

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See Jan. 20 for details.

Wednesday, Jan. 28

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See Jan. 20 for details.

CAMPUS ABROAD: SUMMER IN SYDNEY

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28, 12:30 - 1:30 P.M., SANTA CRUZ ROOM

Learn about the summer Campus Abroad trip to Sydney, Australia at this meeting. For more information and an application, contact Art Turmelle at 650-949-7614 or contact turmelleart@foothill.edu. Another informational session will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 25 from 12:30 - 1:30.

POETRY JAM WITH STUDENTS & REGIE CABICO

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 28, 1:30-3 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER RMS A/B

Students are invited to join poet/performer Regie Cabico for a poetry jam. Cabico is the pioneer of the poetry slam genre and the first Filipino-American slam performer to win a National Poetry Slam award.

Thursday, Jan. 29

MEET YOUR SENATE DAY

THURSDAY, JAN. 29, 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M., MAIN QUAD

Meet your De Anza Associated Student Body senators, find out what they do and let them know how you'd like them to serve you.

Saturday, Jan. 31

DHOL DI AWAZ XI

SATURDAY, JAN. 31, 6 P.M., FLINT CENTER

The oldest Bhangra competition on the west coast features performances emphasizing culture and tradition. Bhangra is a form of music and dance that originated in India's Punjab region. Tickets are \$20 from Ticketmaster.

Monday, Feb. 2

AFRICAN-AMERICAN READ-IN

MONDAY, FEB. 2, 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M., WRC, ATC 309

Wednesday, Feb. 4

CHICANA/LATINA FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4, 12:30 - 2:30 P.M., WRC, ATC 309

Get details on this prestigious scholarship available to Latinas and Chicanas who are active in their communities, have excellent academic records and a desire to transfer. For information, call Marc Coronado at 408-864-8409 or e-mail coronado.marc@gmail.com.

Thursday, Feb. 5

BLOOD DRIVE

THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 9 A.M. - 4 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER, STUDENT COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The blood drive is sponsored by De Anza Health Services and Stanford Blood Center. Allow one hour for the donation procedure. Drop-ins are welcome. To make a reservation, call the Stanford Blood Center at 888-723-7831.

A CALL TO ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

THURSDAY, FEB. 5, 9:30 A.M. - 3 P.M., CAMPUS CTR, RMS A&B

Join students, faculty and staff from more than 100 campuses across the nation for "Global Warming Solutions," and help make the world a cooler place. Tour the Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies at 8:30 a.m. and then enjoy speakers, conversations with policymakers including staff for U.S. Representative Mike Honda as well as Cupertino Mayor Orrin Mahoney and workshops on taking action. For information contact Cynthia Kaufman at 408-864-8887.

Saturday, Feb. 7

DE ANZA FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, FEB. 7, 8 A.M. - 4 P.M., PARKING LOTS A & B

The De Anza Flea Market, a student enterprise, of-

fers over 800 vendor stalls including antiques, clothing, collectibles, jewelry, plants, toys and used household items. The Flea Market is held on the first Saturday of every month, rain or shine.

Friday, Feb. 13 - Monday, Feb. 16

CAMPUS CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT'S DAY HOLIDAY

Tuesday, Feb. 17

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

TUESDAY, FEB. 17, 1:30 - 3 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER, RM B

The California History Center presents the seventh annual De Anza College Day of Remembrance. Join with Japanese American communities throughout the country who annually commemorate Feb. 19, 1942, when an executive order was signed that led to the imprisonment of over 120,000 Japanese Americans without due process and with no regard for their constitutional rights. Speakers include Shizue Seigel, author of "In Good Conscience: Supporting Japanese Americans During the Internment" and Richard Konda, executive director of the Asian Law Alliance of San Jose. For information contact Tom Izo in the California History Center at 408-864-8986.

Friday, March 6

VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER RIBBON CUTTING, TOUR

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 10 - 10:45 A.M., VPAC

Join President Brian Murphy, Creative Arts Division faculty and staff, students and community members for the official ribbon-cutting of the Visual and Performing Arts Center. An optional tour will follow the event. The Euphrat Museum of Art opening exhibit is "Looking Back, Looking Forward."

PIANO CONCERT: HOWARD NA

FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 8 - 9 P.M., VPAC

Howard Na, a former De Anza College student and Van Cliburn Competition participant will perform. Seating is limited. RSVP by Feb. 9 to Tina Woo at 408-864-8705.

Saturday, March 7

JOHN RUSSELL & DE ANZA WIND ENSEMBLE

SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 7 - 9 P.M., VPAC

Thursday, March 12

BRIAN COPELAND TO SPEAK

THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M., CAMPUS CENTER RMS A&B

Brian Copeland, KGO Radio host and author of "Not a Genuine Black Man," will speak at De Anza as one of Silicon Valley Reads' series of events. His memoir is the foundation of his popular one-man show performed in New York City, Los Angeles and San Francisco. Classes are invited. Information about Silicon Valley Reads is at <http://siliconvalleyreads.org/2008-09/>.

Ongoing Events

PLANETARIUM SHOWS

SATURDAYS THROUGH MARCH 21

Journey to the stars with the Planetarium's Infinium S Star projector and laser light shows. Astronomy presentations include "Astronaut," "Extreme Planets" and "Blackholes." Light shows feature Beatles, Led Zeppelin, Jimi Hendrix, the Doors and Pink Floyd. Costs range from \$7-\$9. For information and a list of shows and times go to <http://www.deanza.edu/planetarium>.

MASSAGE THERAPY CLINIC

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, THROUGH MARCH 19

PE 12L & PE12U

SESSIONS AT 9:15, 10:15, 11:15

Enjoy a massage from a student in the massage therapy program clinical class. Cost is \$15 for students, \$20 for faculty/staff, \$25 for the community. To make an appointment call 408-864-5645. More information is at <http://www.deanza.edu/pe/massage/clinic.html>.

FOOD COURT SPECIALS

WEDNESDAYS & THURSDAYS, CAMPUS CENTER FOOD COURT

In addition to the regular offerings, on Wednesdays, the

Food Court is featuring a comfort station with dishes such as meatloaf, beef ragout, winter vegetables, rice pilaf, garlic bread and roast chicken. Price range is \$6.95-\$7.50. On Thursdays the Food Court offers a special low carb, healthy dish featuring grilled fish and fresh vegetables for \$7.50.

Upcoming Events

PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBIT:

INSIDE TERRORISM: THE X-RAY PROJECT

FEB. 9-27, DE ANZA LIBRARY

"Inside Terrorism: The X-Ray Project" uses X-rays and CT scans to explore the effects of terrorism on civilian populations worldwide.

CAMPUS CAMP WELLSTONE

FRIDAY - SATURDAY, MAY 15-16

Campus Camp Wellstone is a new training program for students across the country interested in gaining skills in leadership, political action and civic engagement. Two units of college credit are offered. For information call the Institute of Community and Civic Engagement at 408-864-8349.

DUEL AT DE ANZA AUTOCROSS

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 8 A.M. - 3 P.M., PARKING LOTS A & B

Auto drivers compete for the best times, navigating a course with their own cars. Free for spectators, drivers pay to register. For information contact 408-864-8527 or brandtmichael@deanza.edu

Announcements

CROSS CULTURAL PARTNER PROGRAM SIGN-UPS AVAILABLE

The Cross Cultural Partner Program (CCP) needs native and fluent speakers of English to talk to English as a Second Language students and share their culture. No experience is necessary. Grab this opportunity for adventure! Students can sign up at <http://www.deanza.edu/ccpartners/> or e-mail ccpartners@deanza.edu for information.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER OPENINGS

The De Anza Child Development Center is taking applications for the 2009-10 school year for children between the ages of 18 months to 5 years. Full-time, low-income students may be eligible for no-cost or low-cost child care. Interested students should contact Linda Koyama at 408-864-8891.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Friday, Jan. 16: Last day for resident students to drop for a refund or credit.

Saturday, Jan. 17: Last day to add winter quarter classes.

Saturday, Jan. 24: Last day to drop a class with no record of grade.

Friday, Jan. 30: Last day to request P/NP grade.

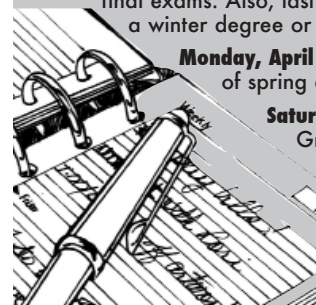
Saturday, Feb. 28: Last day to drop a class with a "W."

Friday, March 13: Last day to add CAOS and Skills self-paced classes.

Friday, March 27: Last day of winter quarter final exams. Also, last day to file for a winter degree or certificate.

Monday, April 6: First day of spring quarter.

Saturday, June 27: Graduation.



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White paper notices are pasted on windows of many classrooms throughout the De Anza campus, noting the cancellation of classes that failed to garner enough students during the winter registration period.

educational programs, De Anza's enrollment continues to increase.

"As of this morning, our on-campus headcount is up more than six percent over last winter," Murphy said, in a Jan. 5 e-mail.

2008.

School officials have shown support for the protests against the budget cuts.

"Our students are already planning a series of rallies and informational actions about the budget, and there is talk of another March on



istration period.

The college administration is enacting and planning measures to soften the blow against the school's budget.

De Anza President Brian Murphy said during an address to the faculty, "We have already acted to pull back our spending plans for our one-time monies, frozen the majority of open positions and cut back on our low-enrolled sections in an effort to maintain enrollment while not breaking the bank."

President Murphy also noted that, despite the economic recession and cuts to the state's edu-

Last quarter, De Anza recorded its sharpest enrollment spike of the last seven years. This quarter's six percent increase is larger than that reported during the fall quarter, which was an increase of six percent over the 2007 fall quarter.

Student rallies against the budget cuts were held Jan. 13 and 14. This is not the first time student groups have organized demonstrations against educational budget cuts, as the De Anza Associated Student Body was key in organizing the "March on Sacramento" in spring quarter

GRAPHIC BY ALENA STAROSTINA/LA VOZ

Sacramento," said Murphy. "It is my view that we should do everything we can to support our students."

There is, as of yet, no end in sight for California's budget crisis as the California House of Representatives remains deadlocked about how to best remedy the issue.

James Chen is a staff reporter La Voz Weekly. Contact him at: lavoz@fhda.edu

De Anza Voices: How do you feel about the budget cuts?



"The budget cuts undermine the satisfaction with the school and ultimately discourage students from attending college."

Bryan Delhoery
Photojournalism
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"One of my family members was unable to get the class they wanted due to class cancellations."

O. J. Custodio
Undecided
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"A lot of science classes were cut because the minimum student requirement was not met, and in my case, the class that was cut was only offered at De Anza."

Michelle Zhong
Math Economics
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CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



PHOTO BY SOHEIL REZAAE/LA VOZ

Student athletes enjoy the hospitality of the hallway in front of the Health Center as they await a physical.

>>Meeting Notes<<

DASB SENATE

The De Anza College Associated Student Body Senate is the governing body of De Anza College. It meets every Wednesday afternoons.

JANUARY 14

WHAT HAPPENED: Plans to change the mascot, a topic that has been in progress since the fall quarter, were discussed by the DASB.

WHY THIS MATTERS: The DASB plans to ask for student submissions for an alternate mascot, to the current mascot, the Don, as some say it's inappropriate. The mascot change is expected to happen sometime soon.

WRITTEN BY JAMES CHEN

Inter Club Council

The Inter Club Council is the governing body which allocates funds to De Anza College's more than 50 clubs. The ICC meets Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Council Chambers.

JANUARY 14

WHAT HAPPENED: The Black Student Union request for \$300 was approved.

WHY THIS MATTERS: The Black Student Union will be using the money for the appearance of a guest speaker on March 3.

WRITTEN BY ANSON LAI

Police Log

SERVICE

Medical Aid
Location: Soccer Field
Sunday, Jan. 11 at 12:27 p.m.

TRAFFIC COLLISION

Traffic Accident - No Injury
Location: Parking Lot A
Monday, Jan. 12 at 12:34 p.m.

INVESTIGATION

Suspicious Person
Location: Learning Center
Monday, Jan. 12 at 8:17 p.m.

INVESTIGATION

Fire
Location: Parking Lot C
Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 11:17 a.m.

ASSAULT

Assault Defined
Location: Flint Parking Garage
Tuesday, Jan. 13 at 6:38 p.m.

TOWED VEHICLE STORED

Five Or More Unpaid Tickets
Location: Parking Lot E
Wednesday, Jan. 14 at 10:04 a.m.



PHOTO BY SOHEIL REZAAE/LA VOZ

Officer Amanda Nguyen instructs Xing Yu on how to perform the sobriety test while Police Chief Ron Levine and Officer Jeff Meade look on.

Suspect stopped in east parking lot by cops

Soheil Rezaee
LA VOZ NEWS

The first day of school, Jan. 5, began like any normal day with the exception of parking lot traffic. It was a very different first day for one student, however.

At 8:17 p.m., Xing Yu, a 25-year-old student from another college, was picking up his girlfriend at De Anza College when he was stopped and detained by the Foothill-De Anza Campus Police Department near the exit of the east entrance.

Officers said that Yu had allegedly hit a parked car several times before fleeing the area without leaving his contact information; a quintessential hit and run. Several students who witnessed it called campus police at 8:12 p.m.

Officer Amanda Nguyen was the first officer to respond when she stopped Yu at the intersection of Stelling and the East Entrance of De Anza. Yu stopped in front of a stop sign in the left lane, causing traffic congestion as students tried to leave campus.

Minutes later, Officer Jeff Meade arrived on

the scene to give assistance to Nguyen.

Yu was handcuffed and held in the back of a police car while officers questioned several witnesses and examined his car. Police Chief Ron Levine arrived at De Anza around 9:20 p.m. and met up with the officers.

By 9:23 Yu was uncuffed and questioned by Levine and Nguyen while Meade moved his car out of the intersection and into Parking Lot B.

Levine first asked if Yu understood English or would need someone to translate which, Yu responded, was not necessary. Yu was then given a series of field sobriety tests by the officers.

Nguyen or Levine gave him instructions and demonstrated the test before having Yu perform them.

Despite having to repeat the tests several times, Yu was ultimately found to be sober and was allowed to leave at 9:30 p.m. The case has been referred to the District Attorney's Office for review to determine if charges will be filed against Yu.

Soheil Rezaee is the news editor for La Voz Weekly. Contact him at: lavoz@fhda.edu

New District Trustee appointed

Pearl Cheng chosen to replace Paul Fong

Daniel Gamberg
LA VOZ NEWS

For nearly three decades she's tackled workplace issues leaving a lasting impression with employers and the communities she departs.

"My mode of operation is to get in, roll up my sleeves and really leave some good work," the recently appointed District Trustee Pearl Cheng said. "For me that's very important."

In a recent press release District Chancellor Martha Kanter said, "Her knowledge of the community, her background as an engineer and her experience at NASA-Ames will enrich the breadth and depth of our board" about the new appointee.

In her 19 years at NASA-Ames, Cheng helped create an onsite child care facility for employees and assisted in developing the Multicultural Leadership Council ensuring that diversity is recognized and supported in the workplace.

The opening was ideal for Cheng as she served as an eight-year board member of the third largest school district in the Santa Clara County.

"We had many well-qualified candidates," Board President Laura Casas Frier said. "But Pearl Cheng's experience on the Cupertino school board, which she has led as president, and her background as a countywide educational leader means she will bring immediate benefit to the district."

At the forefront of local, state and national education issues, Cheng received a report from the chancellor and each college president as a member of the De Anza Commission. The committee is comprised of community leaders who keep information and help build regional advocacy.

At United Way Silicon Valley, Cheng worked as program manager of the Alternative Education Collaborative that helps build options for at risk students. "My goal with this collaborative is to come together, learn from one another and leverage resources," she says. "Making sure that we're educating our students to a future that will make them successful."

Getbacktoschool.org and aecnews.org encourage parents and youths to earn a diploma through a variety of programs. "I have a real passion for multiple pathways for people," Cheng said. Working with community-based organizations is one way to serve and strengthen the public, said Cheng.

A rich and active college experience at the



PHOTO COURTESY OF PEARL CHENG
Pearl Cheng replaced Paul Fong after he was elected to the California State Assembly.

University of Iowa and Stanford University grounded her values, she says, which help support a career in solving the challenges each college face today.

"I view these colleges as real assets to the community," Cheng said, addressing the current budget crisis. "I'm hopeful, that at least education will be preserved and will be recognized as a high priority."

A firm partnership with the community is the backbone to success, she says, and is critical for the long-term viability of both institutions.

Eight finalists vied for the vacant position when Paul Fong was elected to the California Assembly last November.

Pearl Cheng was sworn in as the seventh member of the Board of Trustees on Dec. 8 and will complete Fong's remaining year.

Cheng's term expires this November and she is optimistic about her new position. "I hope to be here for awhile."

Daniel Gamberg is the web editor for La Voz Weekly. Contact him at: lavoz@fhda.edu

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Recession: a word invented to replace "panic"



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Economics for Everyone

Yes, we are in a recession, according to the National Bureau of Economic Research. And yes, serious intimations that this recession will be deeper and more severe than previous ones are already apparent. And just in case you were wondering, the current recession is already longer than the last two.

Furthermore, the government's policy attempt to rectify the current crisis is in limbo as we transition from the Bush to the Obama Administration. Given how policy makers (the Treasury and Fed in particular) have already bungled things with their inconsistent ad hoc approach, perhaps as a result of making a bad situation worse, there are those that perceive this temporary policy paralysis as a blessing in disguise.

Therefore, I thought we'd start the term with a review of how we got to, and where we currently are, in terms of the economic situation, for those who have been following this horror-show or for those who have just crawled out from beneath a rock.

But before we begin, I advise all formerly under-a-rock dwellers to reconsider their recent migration. After all "ignorance is bliss."

I suppose we should begin with the bursting of the housing bubble, because that is what kicked things into a downward motion.

Our current crisis, which has its roots in the subprime mortgage market, resulted in a credit markets deep-freeze, eventually pushing the economy down. Just as a reminder, the subprime meltdown, while sizable, was enough to bring down the economy and was viewed by many as manageable.

Its potential adverse effects to the overall economy were underestimated, because there were few who understood the complexity and breadth of the 21st century financial system - while those who did were ignored.

There are those, me included, who feel that although the economy was on life-support due to the collapse of the credit markets, it was the allowed failure of the investment bank Lehman Brothers that truly pulled the plug on the U.S. economy. Even though the recession may not have been averted, we wouldn't be facing a future quite so dire.

Much ink will be spilled concerning the downfall of Lehman and why the authorities allowed it to happen, after playing a role in the merging of Bear Stearns to JP Morgan Chase, and the takeover of the Fannie and Freddie mortgage giant twins. Explanations range from the belief the system could overcome its demise and that "legal constraints" prevented the Fed from saving Lehman (excuse me?). Chilly credit markets freeze solid, economy in the tank.

So, to bring us up to date, the Bureau of Economic Analysis will announce its first "vintage" of economic performance for the fourth quarter, 2008. It should be ugly, with most predictions coming in at a shrinkage rate of 3 to 6 percent on an annualized basis.

The unemployment rate has recently risen to 7.2 percent which honestly, isn't that bad all things considered.

But more disturbingly, the rate that includes the non working, not really trying to find a job but wouldn't mind working, as well as part-time workers who can't find full-time jobs, has risen above 13 percent.

Additionally, the surge in exports that helped buttress the economy in the first half of last year has changed course due to a stronger dollar and weaker overseas demand (Hey, things are tough all over!).

As for the near future, many economists believe that the fourth quarter of 2008 will represent the bottom or trough of this recession. However, things aren't likely to get much better soon! With the unemployment rate certain to continue climbing its improvement is likely to lag behind the eventual economic recovery. At best this will come, albeit slowly, in the second half of this year. Hence, the worst may be over, but we're certain to have a tough slog ahead.

On the bright side, gas is a lot cheaper!

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Professor of the Week: Robert Stockwell

Daniel Gamberg
LA VOZ NEWS

Volumes of books, a world map and a calendar are the only decor in an office bearing testimony to Professor Bob Stockwell's comprehensive approach to politics.

"Politics brings all the important issues together about the human condition: who we are, how we should live, how to organize ourselves, our country and communities," says Stockwell.

With a background in philosophy, Stockwell has always been fascinated with politics. Studying political science, he says, enables him to connect philosophical ideas to action in the world.

While attending UC San Diego he was drawn to The Committee for World Democracy. The group sought to increase awareness about democratic principles in the world through a series of international feature films.

His hands-on college experience and continued interest in world issues, from arms control to ethnic conflict, built the foundation for his multicultural dissertation towards the understanding of how to accommodate diversity in

political systems while maintaining democracy. Stockwell believes learning is a lifelong project and reflects each day to address the needs of students. "The first thing I think about in the morning and the last thing I think about at night



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is teaching," he says. As a political scientist, Stockwell feels an obligation to teach the full complexity of the field saying, "You may not be interested in politics, but politics is interested in you."

With class sizes just under triple digits, Stockwell is optimistic about engaging all of his students. He says, "It's not insurmountable." By

assigning group work, he creates what he calls a challenging yet stimulating environment for students.

Stockwell asks students to not only strive for their own personal best but also try to promote the general welfare. Working in partnership with the Institute of Community and Civic Engagement, a campus institute helping instructors coordinate community service learning into their classes, he requires students to seek an organization and perform 12 hours of community service.

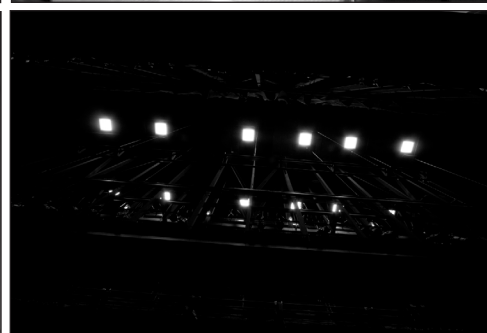
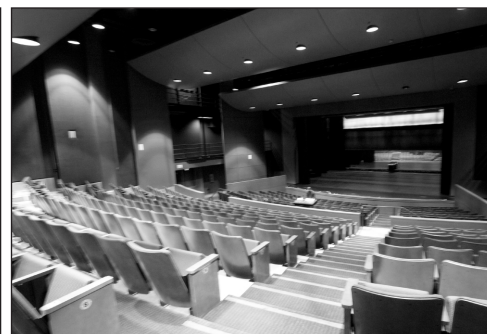
"It shows the importance of participating, and being a part of the political enterprise called democracy," says Stockwell.

"He seems to care a lot about his students," said Elsa Rodriguez, 26, nursing major and Poli 1 student. "He wants to get to know us."

In the spring of 2007, he began working full-time and says he appreciates the diversity of the campus and the opportunity to lay down some roots.

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Walk In Their Shoes: Visual & Performing Arts Center Tour



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As soon as you step into the newly built 2,100 square foot Visual & Performing Arts Center, you will notice a box office. Right around the corner is a performance/lecture hall with 400 seats, a stage with a mirror hidden behind curtains and backstage preparation facilities all now open and accessible to De Anza College students. The Euphrat Museum, which is part of the VPAC, will participate in the ribbon cutting ceremony on March 6.

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CalAA's Short Film Festival Explores Different Walks of Life

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LA VOZ NEWS

The California Arts Association held a Digital Short Film Festival at De Anza College's Advanced Technology Center on January 10.

CalAA is a non-profit organization whose sole purpose is producing, presenting and preserving Indian culture and art.

The competition was between seven filmmakers from both the United States and India showcasing their talent to film enthusiasts and three judges. The panel of judges included a well-known film actress and producer, Ashvini Bhave, Professor Susan Tavernetti of De Anza and Professor Mukta Sharangpani of Stanford University.

The narrative films covered a variety of subjects. "Sunset" is a story of a senior citizen who helps another person fulfill his dream of

watching the sunset from his own house. In "Hungry God," a child is allowed to starve while people offer food to the statues of the Gods. "Wet Cigarette" is based on the Greek mythological story of Apollo and Helios. "Stations" is about three people coming from different walks of life and how their lives come together in a strange incident.

The documentary films were based on personal as well as social experiences. In "Crossing Lines," a U.S.-born woman connects to her family's roots through her father's relatives in India. "In The Name of the God" is an account of how women in a particular caste in India are expected to devote their lives to dancing in front of God. "Believe Me" is a docu-drama based on a true story of a slow learning child and his mom who fights against all odds to help her son succeed in life.

"I really enjoyed watching all the films. Even

the weakest of them had something interesting to offer," said Tavernetti.

It was a successful event and CalAA plans to host similar events.

At the end, the judges selected "Sunset" (Director: Dheepa Ramanujam) as Best Narrative Film, and "Crossing Lines" (Directors: Leena Jayaswal and Indira Somani) as Best Documentary Film. Prizes included a certificate and \$500 in cash.

Mandar Kulkarni, a CalAA volunteer and student from the Film Department, emceed the event. Mukund Marathe, president of CalAA, thanked the participants and presented a gift to the judges. CalAA plans to arrange this festival again next year and continue its mission: "Cherish art, through art, for art."

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On the FAST TRACK to 2009

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TOP 5 MUSIC ALBUMS OF 2008

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1. Kanye West: 808s & Heartbreak
The always risky Kanye did it again. This album reminded me that Kanye is not afraid of his feelings and is definitely not afraid of telling us what they are. Every Kanye record will make the top five for as long as he keeps it real. He goes platinum on real life things, real life feelings, and real life drama; things we can all identify with. At a time when hip-hop is going platinum on fantasy lifestyles, dehydrating what hip-hop once was, Kanye quenches my thirst.

2. John Legend: Evolver
Once again John Legend came through. His first single "Green Light" is guaranteed to be stuck in your head during math class. This album changed the hip-hop tune of 2008. It was different because Legend usually is not so upbeat, but he hit the perfect tempo on this album. However, "Take Me Away" reminds us of where John Legend hit gold. "Evolver" made the end of 2008 a time to remember.

3. N.E.R.D.: Seeing Sounds
Swift and straightforward best describes Pharrell and his crew. "Seeing Sounds" (released in June) included the catchy, bass heavy, "Everyone Nose (All the Girls Standing in the Line for the Bathroom)." Other songs like "Spaz" were dense with percussion-rhythms and sounds that can't be touched except by the funky rock band known as N.E.R.D.

4. T.I.: Paper Trail
Every single I've heard on this album has annoyed me and made me change back to NPR. Slowly but surely each one of those singles has grown on me, and that's the beauty of music. It's the process of things that make the end result worth it. "Whatever You Like" was the perfect example of that process. It stole my ears and yes, I even put in on my MySpace page. The same could be said about "Live Your Life." The song is a simple piece of advice from the Rubber Band Man, to the tune of the beautiful Rihanna. Very seldom does hip-hop land on that all-time list, but the lyrics of "Live Your Life" will make it one to remember.

5. Lil Wayne: Tha Carter III
Over 1 million people couldn't be wrong. That is why I had to check out "Tha Carter III." The provocative album surfaced to the top of the music industry from day one. The number five spot goes to Wayne not for his talent, because I question it, but for his creativity in the studio. The album was obnoxious with the single "Lollipop," but you couldn't switch to NPR when it came on. Part of the reason was because I never knew what the heck Wayne was saying. But the intrigue kept me tuned. It's that intrigue that makes this album stick out in 2008.

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TOP 5 MOVIES OF 2008

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1. The Dark Knight
As one of the most anticipated films of the year, "The Dark Knight," lands the top spot of 2008. The film, as a whole, was an astounding accomplishment of scriptwriting, acting and directing. Most noted for Heath Ledger's role as the Joker, whom many feel deserves an Oscar, this film was dark and twisted yet captivating. The film went on to gross \$997,021,689 worldwide, making it the highest grossing film for 2008 and fourth in history.

2. Iron Man
Marvel and Paramount Pictures released "Iron Man." With his career struggling, Robert Downey Jr. did a 180 and blew audiences away with his role as Tony Stark. "Iron Man" thrilled with massive explosions, stunning effects, awesome costume designs, and a hook leaving us wanting more. Looking back on the film, it's hard to picture any other actor pulling off the role of Tony Stark.

3. Indiana Jones: And the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
After almost 20 years of absence, my favorite adventure hero, "Indiana Jones," swung back on screen. Harrison Ford and Steven Spielberg reunited with some returning faces and a new face, Shia LaBeouf. It kept its traditional style and presence, except for the unexpected ending. The film brought back old memories from the original trilogy while introducing a few new spectacular effects that Lucas and Spielberg always seem to conjure up.

4. Wall-E
The most recent film from the Pixar Animation Studios, "Wall-E" earns the fourth spot. In production from 1994 until its release in 2008, "Wall-E" achieved notable success both in the box office and in our hearts. The animated film dazzled our eyes with stunning graphics, enticed our ears with sounds designed by Ben Burtt, and brought us a tale of love along with a message to be environmentally conscious.

5. Pineapple Express
One of the more comical releases of the year, "Pineapple Express" comes in fifth. Seth Rogan and James Franco seemed like an unusual pair at first, but their collaboration on screen turned out to be quite impressive. This film is the perfect "tri-fecta" of comedy, action, and weed. M.I.A.'s "Paper Planes" will forever be associated with this film and "thug life" be one of the most quoted lines of 2008.

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TOP 5 MUSIC VIDEOS OF 2008

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1. Weezer: Pork and Beans
This video is something a little different with a constant string of spoofs on well-known online videos. The "Chocolate Rain" guy and Miss South Carolina are just a few of the spoofed characters, and they're singing along with the Weezer guys. The fact that it lacks writhing bikini babes, shower scenes and objectified women doesn't hurt my high opinion of it either. In YouTube terms, I LOL'd!

2. Beyonce: Single Ladies (Put a Ring on It)
The famous choreographer Bob Fosse inspired the mind-blowing dance moves in this video. You can see a direct comparison on YouTube. Beyonce is so hot in this that she permeates all demographics. She performed on the "Today Show," and Matt Lauer had to scoop his jaw up off the floor before he could continue his hosting duties. "Saturday Night Live" also did a hilarious spoof with male back up dancers in unitards, including Justin Timberlake.

3. Britney Spears: Womanizer
Whether Britney has made an official comeback or is still struggling to downplay paparazzi over-exposure, this video is entertaining with a fun beat to dance to. A few seconds in, it's easy to forget all those embarrassing tabloid stories and think to yourself, "Maybe she really can hit me one more time." She looks like she has her 17-year-

old body back, and it's all available for your viewing pleasure in the sauna-without-a-towel scene. Even her hair looks good now that it's grown back from that head shaving episode. I wonder, maybe her power is in her hair.

4. Fall Out Boy: Beat It
These guys are big Michael Jackson fans. They actually ended up making this single on accident just because one of the guys was playing a guitar riff from the original during practice. So they ran with it! They channel Michael Jackson while they perform, complete with gloves, hats and pelvic thrusts. [They joke around a bit too.] And for some reason there's a cameo of Tony Hale, who plays Buster in the television show "Arrested Development," playing a maniacal karate teacher. I just kept thinking, "What the ...?" I like that!

5. Jason Mraz: I'm Yours
This song alone is a mood lifter for me, but when I saw the video, I reached a new level of optimism. Jason sings along to the ukulele through different picturesque Hawaiian scenes with the wind in his hair and a look of contentment on his face. It really portrays the hang loose attitude. I couldn't agree with him more after watching this: "There's no need to complicate, 'cause our time is short."

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NEW YEAR, NEW PRESIDENT, NEW CABINET

WHAT WILL OBAMA'S STAFF BRING TO THE TABLE?

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LA VOZ NEWS

No matter which side you were rooting for, it is inarguable that November 4, 2008 was the most historic election in recent history. President-elect Barack Obama is to be inaugurated today, bringing with him the promise of hope as well as the burdens of a collapsed economy.

Even though much of the attention is focused upon Obama, it is his staff who is burdened with setting the groundwork for the next four years. Each and every member of the new presidential administration is in for a challenging term.

What will they bring to the table?

Chief of Staff - Rahm Emanuel
The position of Chief of Staff is often called "the second-most powerful man in the United States." As the president's closest aide, duties include selecting key White House staff members, controlling the flow of information within the White House and negotiating directly on behalf of the president with members of Congress and lobby groups.

The latter is especially something to expect from Emanuel, as the oft-vitriolic and already infamously candid former representative is not a man to overlook during any sort of negotiation. Though confrontational, he has earned grudging respect from even his Republican detractors, and can be expected to utilize a firm hand in pressing forward Obama's agenda through the Legislative Branch.

What remains questionable is what influence he may play upon the controversial Palestine-Israel situation. What influence will Emanuel's Israeli lineage, made apparent by the pro-Israeli words of his father, have

on America's foreign relations?

White House Counsel - Greg Craig
The White House Counsel is the Oval Office's pocket lawyer. Craig is directly responsible for informing and advising Obama of the legal aspects of his decisions and policies. Craig has made a fairly controversial name for himself on both sides of the fence: his commitment to the legal process has garnered him respect for his thoroughness and fairness, as well as for his willingness to represent a publicly unpopular figure on issue.

The objective fairness in the face of harsh criticism may be exactly what the new administration needs. Obama's commitment to analyze and most likely overturn the executive orders made during his predecessor's administration will need such a man to give even-handed guidance.

Secretary of State - Hillary Clinton
The news of Hillary Clinton's nomination to the position of Secretary of State caused many ripples in the US political arena. As the direct competitor for the Democratic nominee for president, she had fought tooth and nail with Obama for months on end. Although her nomination as Secretary of State has often been called a reach-out to her voter demographic, there is no doubt amongst anybody that Clinton has the ability, experience and sheer willpower to carry out one of the most important positions in the president's cabinet.

Clinton's influence will be clearly felt in the development of our next four years of foreign policy, perhaps in unexpected ways. In her campaign for presidency, she was often seen side-by-side with Obama and was entitled hawkish in comparison.

However, the places where the

two overlap is promising: she has cosponsored a bill, yet to be voted upon, outlawing the use of military funds against Iran without explicit Congressional authorization. Often criticized by her Democratic peers for a confrontational stance against Middle-Eastern countries, especially Iran, it would appear that her hawkishness is tempered with caution. She can be expected to bring a balancing act between the pursuit of peace and the upholding of American interests with competence.

Secretary of Agriculture - Tom Vilsack

The Secretary of Agriculture isn't always the most analyzed position in government, however Vilsack's appointment to this position brings to light some interesting developments. Given the rice supply scare not too long ago and the ongoing economic recession, the management of America's usually plentiful food supply is a vital, though often disregarded, task.

While Vilsack has critics on both sides of the agricultural debate, given his incremental and far from radical approach to changing agricultural policy, his previous positions still does promise interesting highlights: He strongly supports the development and perfection of alternate fuel sources.

Most importantly though, Vilsack has stated that he is dissatisfied with farm subsidy programs - a position in line with all major economists and independent farmers.

While Vilsack's appointment means a lack of any major changes on how we approach agriculture, changes he offers seem to be promising.

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VERDICT: energy drinks BEWARE!

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It's everywhere these days: aluminum cans, pop-tops and the hiss and spray of caffeine-loaded carbonated liquids. It seems as if every college student has indulged in one of these. With millions of dollars, hours devoted to corporate ads, and millions of consumers desperate for the buzz, energy drinks are here to stay.

In response to our growing need for beverages with large amounts of caffeine, the energy drink industry has grown alarmingly large and offers a wide variety of flavors and potencies to choose from. So, which one is the best? Which offers the most bang for the buck, or fluid per ounce? Are they even worth it at all?

Well, there is only one way to find out. I personally sampled as many as I could (at least too many for my own good).

Red Bull: At eight ounces for about two dollars, Red Bull isn't the cheapest energy drink you can find on the market. It does, however, have some validations for its high cost to benefit ratio: it's easy enough to drink without being too sweet or having an overbearing aftertaste. In regards to its quantity, it is decidedly inferior, at just half the size of most standard energy drinks. It contains roughly the same ratio of energy.

Verdict: Two stars out of five. In terms of taste and energy, it's the baseline of energy drinks.

Rockstar: Sixteen ounces for the



same price of a Red Bull. Unfortunately, while there's more total caffeine, that hardly makes up for the less than pleasant initial flavor or the problematic aftertaste. It also lacks a noticeable punch compared to its similarly sized competitors.

Verdict: Two stars. Not the most pleasant of drinks, though it is certainly cheap.

Starbucks Doubleshot: At fifteen ounces and two and a half dollars, it is the second (to Red Bull) most expensive by volume. Unfortunately, while its coffee flavor is familiar and pleasant, the strong and bitter aftertaste is a turn-off. In regards to its potency, it is undisputedly a cram study session's best friend.

Verdict: Three stars. Strong aftertaste, but it gets the job done.

Monster M-80: The Monster brand of energy drinks is one of the most varied and prolific of the industry. The M-80 is their tropical flavor line and has the citrus to prove it. Unfortunately, the mediocre taste and fairly strong aftertaste fails to impress, though it packs a decent amount of energy



for its size.
Verdict: Three stars. Not horrible, not great.

AMP: Garbage. Toss it aside. Like drinking medicinal syrup, the aftertaste lingers for an hour. Not worth the mediocre amount of energy.

Verdict: One star.

Bawls: The amusingly named blue glass bottle is filled with a liquid that, for all intents and purposes, tastes exactly like Sprite.

With no discernible aftertaste, the only problem is its comparatively high price.

Verdict: Four stars. Personal favorite. And the blue glass bottle is nifty.

Tilt: Stronger than Sparks, both in energy alcoholic kick and by way of its slightly larger volume. Tastes similar to Sparks except for the unpleasant beer-like undertone and the familiar energy drink aftertaste.

Verdict: Two stars. Would take this over AMP any day, but why bother?

Sparks: "Party" drinks are the darker, controversial side to energy drinks. Sparks, for example, has six percent alcohol level by volume, which makes it comparable to most beers and is therefore more alcoholic than anybody under 21 has any business dealing with. This fruity cough syrup is noticeably better tasting than Tilt.

Verdict: Three stars. Cough syrup doesn't necessarily taste good, but it's not horrible either.
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Student Athlete of the Week

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Kris Gingrich
Men's Basketball Team
Position: Power Forward/Center
Major: Aerospace Engineering

In two games against West Valley and Gavalian, Kris Gingrich scored a total of 41 points for the Dons in losing efforts.

He was the top performer against the Vikings and led the team with 19 points and 11 rebounds, and had 24 points against the Rams.

What got you interested in joining the basketball team at De Anza?

G: Basketball is my life and my favorite sport of all time. That's what got me to join the basketball team here at De Anza.

Do you have any siblings in the family? And do any of them play any kind of sports? Would you consider it a family thing where everyone plays a sport?

G: My younger brother Kyle plays football and he likes it more than basketball. Right now he is a junior attending Lynbrook High School and he's going to attend De Anza College in two years. My whole family considers sports as their life because it's so thrilling to us.

Which four-year college are you

planning on transferring to? What do you want to do for your career? Why did you choose this as your career?

G: After I'm done here at De Anza, I plan on transferring to San Diego State University. I'm going there because I want to be an engineer and math is my favorite subject of all time.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time and why?

G: My favorite athlete of all time is Joe Montana. He has been a huge inspiration to me because he has proven to be a winner; he has won four championship rings with the 49ers, and I think he's the best quarterback of all time in the NFL.

When was the first time you played basketball?

G: When I was six years old, I started playing basketball on an organized team (children's basketball) and I've been playing basketball in general for a long time.

During your free time, what kind of activities do you like to do besides basketball?

G: I love to hit the weights at the gym, read books, watch comedy movies and party with my friends.

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Vikings hand Dons 14th consecutive loss

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The De Anza College Dons had a fast start against their cross-town rivals from Saratoga, the West Valley College Vikings, but ultimately fell short, losing 88-69 at home.

The Dons had a tough task in guarding Vikings forward Danny Nugent. Coupled with Isiah Pfitzer's three-point shooting, the two became unstoppable.

"I'm a little bit pleased with the team's communication," Dons Head Coach Jason Damjanovic said. "Right now we've lost a few players to injuries and some of them left our team, so those are the main reasons why we've been struggling this season."

By the time the first half ended, the Dons trailed the Vikings 46-35, while shooting 37 percent from the field, compared to the Vikings' 50.

In the second half, the Dons continued to struggle offensively and didn't score until 15:12 left on the clock.

Point guard Jeremy Rios was assessed a technical foul for clapping his hands at one of the opposing players, apparently taunting him.

"I felt that the referees made a bad call on that one," shooting guard Melvin Sneed said. "I didn't think Jeremy did anything that was wrong there."

"All Jeremy did was clap his hands at his teammates to get them motivated again," Kris Gingrich said. "The referee just took it the wrong way and made a bad call that shouldn't

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**KRIS GINGRICH
MEN'S BASKETBALL
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have been called in the first place."

Late in the second half, Gingrich fouled out of the game, after picking up his fifth personal foul.

The Vikings dominated throughout the game and prevented the Dons from retaking the lead.

Gingrich led De Anza offensively

with 17 points, 11 rebounds and was perfect from the free-throw line, making all five attempts. Sneed chipped in 12 points and 10 rebounds for the Dons.

But the Dons were no match for Nugent and Pfitzer who had 35 and 17 points respectively and Pfitzer was 4-4 from the three-point line in the first half.

"To improve on our shooting percentage and defense, we as a team need to work on those areas so it doesn't cost us the upcoming games," Gingrich said. "We want to make sure that we could trust each other and continue working as a team."

The young team struggled offensively, shooting 36 percent overall, while the Vikings shot 53 percent, scoring 88 points to the Dons' 69.

The Vikings had a total of six blocked shots, compared to the Dons who had none. Part of that problem for the Dons is they don't have a pure center on their team.

"We just need to forget about the loss today and move on," Gingrich said.

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Men's basketball team lose 15th straight to Gavilan College, 81-78

Small, speedy lineup brings fast paced victory from the Rams

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The De Anza College men's basketball team anticipated a win against the Gavilan Rams in their second Coast Conference game of the season with both teams seeking a win. Coming into the game, the Rams had a nine-game losing streak and the Dons a 14-game losing streak.

During warm-ups the Dons looked fierce. Sophomore shooting guard Melvin Sneed said the team was feeling "rowdy and excited," seeing this game as "an opportunity to get another victory."

As the game began, both teams were moving at the same pace, responding to each other's scores. Ten minutes into the first half, the game was tied 16-16.

Adam Close, a sophomore power forward and center, said the Rams "were real small" in size, which forced Head Coach Jason Damjanovich to move "into a smaller lineup" and rely on the more agile team members.

As the game continued, the intensity started to pick up and the ball began flying across the court.

Sneed and power forward Kris Gingrich were already the scoring leaders for the Dons. Gingrich and Sneed,

with the help of the rest of the team, were able to get De Anza ahead by halftime, 36-32.

The second half started off with more determination from both teams. Gingrich said that during halftime Coach Damjanovich was pretty upset and told the team they "were not playing hard enough and they needed to get more energy."

Five minutes into the second half, the score was tied 47-47.

Arron Mollett, a freshman at Gavilan College, was breaking through the Dons' defense. Mollett was scoring 3-pointers, lay-ups and free throws while De Anza was trying to conjure a way to stop him.

"He only missed two or three shots," said Close. "It would have been beneficial to focus the defense more on [Mollett]. He was on fire!"

With the clock winding down, and the Dons looking for a way to stop Mollett, De Anza was able to tie the game again at 69 with 5:20 remaining. The Dons were becoming frustrated, as they could not get a comfortable lead on Gavilan.

"It's tough in situations like this where you play good defense and they are still hitting shots," said Close.

With 1:30 remaining, Gavilan led by four over the Dons, 77-73. It be-

came De Anza's priority to score by any means necessary. Every time the ball was up for rebounding, the Dons were reaching to grab the ball.

With 14.9 seconds left, Gavilan led 79-77.

Gavilan added two points leading up to the last 0.8 of a second. It was 81-77 when De Anza Don, Zach Stevenson, was at the free throw line with two shots. He sunk the first making it 81-78; timeout Dons.

Coach Damjanovich drew up a play for Stevenson to intentionally miss the free throw, hoping one of the Dons could rebound the ball and pass it to a teammate standing at the three-point line and shoot for the tie.

De Anza couldn't get a hand on the ball and the clock expired, losing the game 81-78.

After the game, Gingrich said that if they could have stopped Mollett "we would have won that game for sure."

The Dons are looking for inspiration right now, whether it is from their coach or from each other. However, if the team cannot pull together soon, then any hope of making the playoffs will be slim.

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De Anza College's Ranbir Sanghera attempts a free-throw in the Dons' 81-78 loss at Gavilan College. The Dons went back and forth with the Rams, but were unable to pull off the victory in their second Coast Conference game of the season.

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De Anza campus needs livening up

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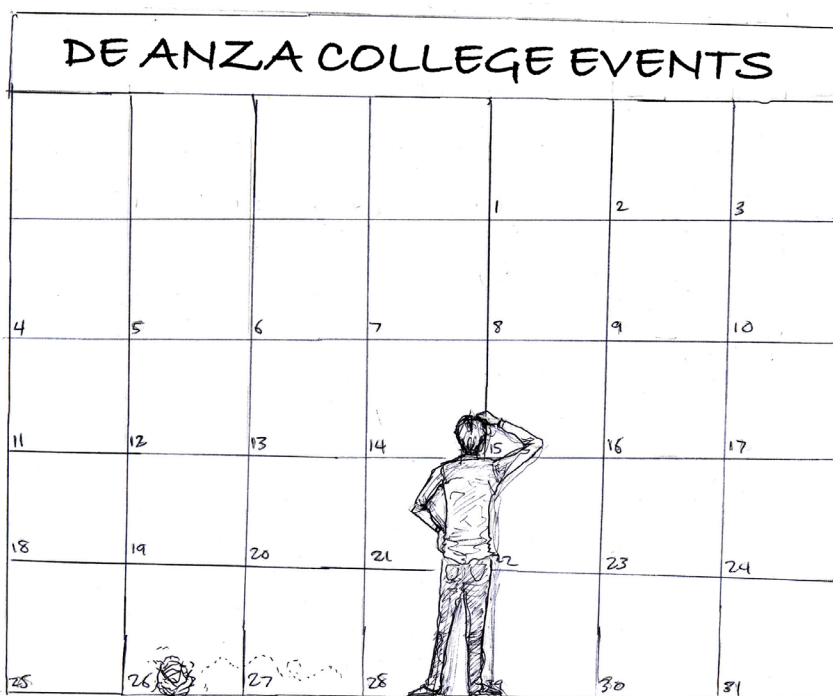
Flipping someone off in the parking lot because they can't obey simple traffic laws. Listening to some professor either repeating what's in the textbook or stating the obvious. Killing some time by eating a meal or smoking a cigarette.

These are the activities available to a student at De Anza College. This routine sounds depressing, but the real question is: Why is campus life like this?

A student just needs to look at the events calendar to see all the excitement that will happen this month. The fun, upcoming events include the last day to add a class and the last day to drop a class. Wow, that's some fun.

It's not like groups aren't trying to make campus life exciting. Clubs try to host events, but unless it's Club Day, only five people with 10 minutes to spare will bother to check them out.

If only major events were better advertised, maybe there would be better turnout (which will be defined as an audience up-



ward of 20 people who have nothing to do with the event).

Being in Cupertino, nothing too exciting ever happens, except for the oc-

casional accident on Stevens Creek or Mark Trout preaching in the Quad. The most fun anyone can have is speeding over to Santana Row and enjoying the area for a few hours if the weather is good.

So who is responsible for transforming a mundane campus life at De Anza?

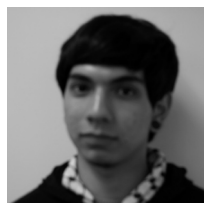
Students have to take the blame for not fulfilling the obligation of expanding their world. By overworking themselves with jobs and too many classes, students have failed to take the opportunity to explore or develop the culture around them.

It's no secret that most students want to load up on units so they can transfer to a university in two years. But consequently, they end up missing out on a number of exciting things De Anza has to offer—consider the beauty of the Cheeseman Environmental Studies Area, a secret known by few students.

If only amazing features like this one were not actually hidden through better advertised.

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Israel's attack one-sided



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On Dec. 27, Israel launched the first in a series of air and ground attacks on Gaza. Israeli spokespersons repeatedly justified these attacks as a response to Hamas' frequent rocket attacks on Israel. The death toll in Gaza has reached more than 900 (50 percent civilians), while 19 Israeli soldiers have been killed.

Although all loss of life is regrettable, this vast discrepancy in death tolls brings into question the political legitimacy of both Israel's onslaught and America's financial support of Israel.

Hamas's primary weapon has been the Qassam rocket, a metal rocket filled with explosives—cheap to manufacture, but notably inaccurate. In contrast, the IDF (Israel Defense Forces) is notorious for being heavily armed with technologically advanced weapons such as F-16 jets, Apache helicopters, Cobra helicopters, Merkava battle tanks and sub-machine guns.

Israel is also ranked as the sixth strongest nuclear world power. The ugly fact is that Western media will not bring attention to the disproportionate powers of the IDF, compared to the small, ragtag forces of Hamas. It is one thing for two military powers to combat each other, but when a state commissioned military is using its weapons to slaughter hundreds of civilians, the ethics of the state must be questioned.

When asked about the situation in Gaza, Daniah Din, a student at De Anza, as well as a volunteer with the ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism) Coalition, responded, "Gaza is an important issue because as Americans, we are funding this massacre.

"The United States gives Israel almost \$7 million a day of taxpayer money. That could be going toward

our schools and other services for Americans in need. As Americans, we cannot stand with our government as it gives Israel the green light to attack civilians in Gaza and blockade the area.

"This is not only a breach of international law, but the region is being cut off from much needed electricity, food, clean water and medicine. If we sit back and allow our government to fund these atrocities, what makes us any different than the leaders imposing this genocide on the people of Gaza?"

The ground assault by the IDF has sparked global protests. Earlier this week, 21,000 people crowded the streets of Paris. Protesters also rallied in Tel Aviv, London, Australia, Germany, Austria, Ankara, Greece, Australia, the Netherlands, Sweden, and the United States cities of Michigan, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and San Jose.

The protestors, representing a multitude of backgrounds (including Arab and Israeli), have demanded an end to the one-sided war waged by the Israeli government and the inaction of Arab leaders in failing to support Palestine.

In addition, the protestors called attention to the United States' financial support of the IDF.

The BBC has recorded that the U.S. gives an approximate \$2.9 billion to Israel annually. This makes it difficult to believe that Israel could carry out an operation of this scale without the prior knowledge of the United States government.

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Israel acts in self-defense

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Hassan al-Banna, founder of the Muslim Brotherhood, announced in 1948 that "If the Jewish State becomes a fact, [the Arabs] will drive the Jews who live in their midst into the sea."

Today, 60 years after the creation of Israel, there are still many Arab leaders who strongly object to its existence and are determined to destroy the Jewish State.

The Arab-Israeli war started as a result of the Arab resistance to the United Nations' decision to create a Jewish state and an Arab state in the holy land. Arab leaders rejected every plan that Great Britain and the United Nations offered to divide Palestine into two states (mind you, at the time, the term Palestine was merely a geographical reference; there was no Palestinian nation or country, and the land didn't belong to Arabs living in the region).

It seemed as if the battle of Arabs was based not on building an independent Arab state, but rather on preventing the creation of a Jewish state. After all, in the 1,400 years between the time Arabs started to populate Palestine and the establishment of a Jewish state, Arabs made no attempt to earn independence.

But immediately after the declaration of Israel's independence, this newborn country was attacked from all directions.

Since then, Israel has been fighting for its right to exist and for the safety of its citizens, including not only Jewish settlers and new Jewish immigrants, but all Christians, Arabs and Druze who lived and wanted to continue to live in the region. Israel granted them citizenship, and they enjoy religious and political freedom, unlike Palestinians living in Gaza under the control of Hamas.

This corrupt government uses human shields, launches rockets from the midst of the population and uses private homes, schools and hospitals to hide explosives and other weapons.

I am often confronted by the counterargument of the Israeli occupation and the oppression of the Palestinian people. This just brings me back to 1978 and the Camp David Accords, when the Egyptians promised to leave the Suez Canal open for Israeli ships. Israel returned the Sinai peninsula and a peace treaty was signed by both nations. In 2005, Israel gave away Gaza strip, and the following day rockets were launched at the southern Israeli town Sderot.

Now, after eight years of constant terrorism directed at Israeli civilians, during which more than 1,000 were killed and more than 7,000 injured, the Jewish state says, "Enough is enough!"

The real difference between the Israeli government and Hamas is that Israel doesn't intend to kill civilians. Hamas, on the other hand, targets Israeli citizens and does everything possible to increase the numbers of casualties on its side, so they can point their fingers and blame Israel for its cruelty.

People apparently forget that in order for the "human shield tactic" to work, one nation must be dealing with a humanitarian enemy who cares about the lives of citizens on both sides. Otherwise, Israel would have wiped Palestine off the face of the earth—precisely what Hamas wants to do to Israel.

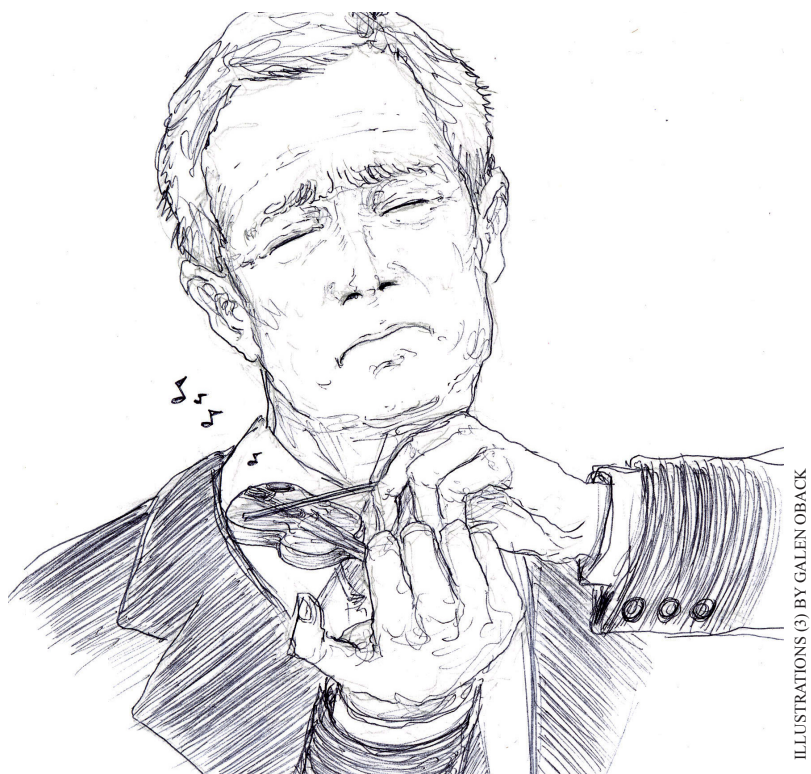
I am not blind to the pain and suffering of the Palestinians in Gaza. As an Israeli who lived in the region for 17 years, I understand the horrible consequences this conflict has upon their lives. I have family and friends living near the border. I grieve for the hundreds of thousands children and innocent citizens who have lost their lives in this war.

I truly want peace between the two nations, but this will not be possible without a responsible government in Palestine. All of you who call to liberate Palestine, I call with you, "Liberate Palestine from Hamas!"

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Jan. 20 marks end of error



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The inauguration of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States of America has brought an end to an era that brought shame to our principles and ideals. After eight years of lies, blood and shame, we can expect good times to come because we can, yes we can, yes we can.

We can also celebrate the end to an age that future historians should label as the Bush Error. It was an era in which America entered a dark age, taking a step back in the progression of a civilization.

The current condition of the world should be a wake-up call to all that something is wrong, and the Bush administration is to blame. Unless you were part of the small minority that was making a profit as people suffered, there is no excuse to say the Bush Error was a wonderful time.

The Bush Error began when the political machines in Florida rigged the election, handing the spoiled son of a former president the most powerful office in the world.

There was a small window of time in which Bush was merely the subject of ridicule – but the tragedy of 9/11 occurred, making his will absolute. Using these atrocities, the administration was able to manipulate the masses into going along with anything. If anyone had any

sense of reason left, they were demonized as an enemy of the state.

However, he pushed his luck too quickly, and soon the nation was split into a second Civil War. Both sides tore each other apart in a battle of ideology over ignorance.

In Washington, Republican politicians and members of the Bush administration gave their deceptive speeches about patriotism and Jesus when really they spent an entire four years Abramoffing.

The last eight years have felt like a nightmare under a laughable kleptocracy. Our civilization has crumbled as leaders sat back and played the world's smallest violin.

Just to be fair, we should look at the accomplishments made by the Bush administration: ousting the brutal Taliban regime in Afghanistan and reestablishing diplomatic relations with Libya. That's pretty much it. Nobody can count ousting Saddam Hussein as an accomplishment, since it was all done based on lies and deceit. Maybe it would have been more significant had it been done on Feb. 28, 1991.

Hopefully the dark ages have come to an end, as we have moved from electing a leader who could not even say a sentence to a leader who has written two books. Barack Obama's election has reestablished hope and the right to pursue the American Dream.

Yet, if significant change doesn't occur soon, then we can only accept the downfall of a nation that was supposed to have been a city upon a hill for others to look up to as a symbol of freedom, hope and justice.

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Society lacks equality



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Affirmative action refers to policy that takes into account race, ethnicity, class, gender and disability status in an attempt to promote equal opportunity in schools and work places. Opponents of affirmative action have said it is unfair, undermining a person's accomplishments by placing emphasis on his or her ethnic background or social group.

However, this argument does not take into consideration the history of certain groups or the present day results brought about by the relationships between social and genetic groups, and is certainly counter-productive toward even the most remedial forms of reparations for individuals of these groups.

Affirmative action empowers those who have been systematically denied their fair share. Although it is true that race and ethnicity are often examined in making selections under affirmative action, the cold fact is that in the United States, racial and ethnic minorities have been falsely educated into thinking they are entitled only to a lower standard of living.

This false education exists in blatant racism and discriminatory laws, and its effects are multi-generational. If you were born as a racial or ethnic minority, chances are, your grandparents had a much harder time getting into college than the grandparents of a privi-

leged racial or ethnic majority.

Yet this is not always the case, because poor people of all racial and ethnic backgrounds definitely exist. This is why it's important to consider class when examining affirmative action and inequality.

Class inequality has become highly identifiable within America's educational system. Today the cost of schooling is more than working-class families can afford, even with the help of financial aid, creating an education system that reserves admission to top universities for only the most well-off.

Since higher education is almost a necessity for future employment, now the highest-paying careers in this country are available only to those who were able to afford the highest education in the first place. In this way, the current educational system caters only to the upper class, perpetuating the cycle of poverty.

Affirmative action serves to fix some of the symptoms that have developed in a racist, sexist, classist society. But it is far from the end-all-be-all solution to these problems. If the goal is to achieve a society with true equal opportunity, we need to get to the root of the problem.

Education can provide any individual with a successful future, regardless of class, race, ethnicity, gender, sex or disability. Affirmative action is a good first step, but we need to continue to improve the education system by paying teachers more, reducing class sizes and renovating classrooms as well as the neighborhoods our schools are built in.

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New bookstore: negatives, positives



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How do students feel about the new bookstore? How is it different from bookstores on other college campuses, and how is it the same?

The new store sells us books at low prices, but they aren't as low as they could be. Aida's, an off-campus bookstore, sells De Anza College textbooks at slightly cheaper prices.

However, there are perks to using the campus bookstore. After all, you don't have to use any extra gas to get from home

to the separate bookstore after school starts. When you don't have enough time to run off-campus, you can just head to the campus bookstore.

But the best thing about the campus bookstore would absolutely have to be the staff. They are extremely nice and personable when I interact with them, and they don't get upset if I mess up or do something horribly wrong. The staff is inarguably my favorite part of the bookstore.

I have friends who work there, and I know they get paid a decent wage. Thanks to that, I don't really think the books are too expensive – after all, they do have to pay their many workers.

When I talked to my sister, a junior at Sonoma State, about her school's bookstore, I found that their store is a lot like our own. Their textbooks are overly expensive as well, and they only buy back

what they need at very low prices.

In fact, their buyback rate is even lower than our own. After all, they have to earn their keep, right? Well, I think that it's a bit ridiculous when a student spends more than \$420 on books, and only receives \$28 back from the bookstore.

The bookstore has its ups and downs, pros and cons. It's probably one of the cheaper places to get books. It is at least a little cheaper than Amazon.com for new books, and sometimes even used books as well. Plus, Amazon wouldn't be willing to buy the books back; you'd have to sell them yourself through their Web site. It might mean more money for you, but it means more work, too.

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SENATE BUDGET RALLY

On Jan. 13 and 14, the De Anza Associated Student Body held a rally in opposition of the state budget cuts affecting education

LEFT: Former senator Alan Okida holds signs in protest of education budget cuts. The signs were made by the De Anza College Emergency Budget Committee.

BOTTOM LEFT: Students prepare to enter the cafeteria on the second day of the rally.

BELOW: Kurt Pham (right), former senator, stands in front of the main stage, where various performances and speakers were held.



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Students voice their political opinions about middle east

RIGHT: Maya Kostyanovsky, vice president of Jews, Israelis and Friends, answers a student's question during a tabling event in the Main Quad. The purpose of the event was to talk about both sides of the conflict in the Middle East.

BOTTOM RIGHT: An estimated 5,000 people marched from the Civic Center through Market Street in San Francisco.

BELOW: Jean Melesaine was one of the De Anza students who participated in a San Francisco protest regarding the conflict in the Middle East.

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