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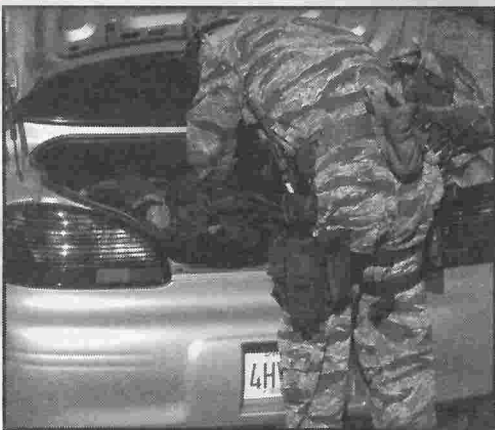
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## SPECIAL COVERAGE

# REALITY HITS HOME

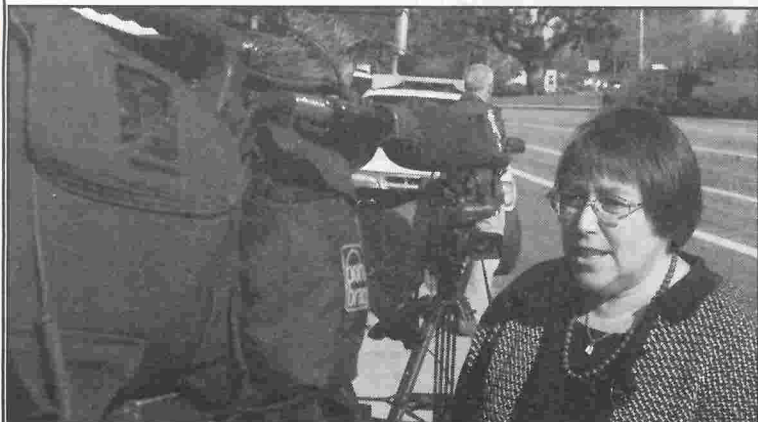


OpinionSection



Deborah Perez / La Voz

Sgt. Doug Rogers (top), Public Information Officer for the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department, conducted the first press conference following Tuesday's evacuation. Dr. Martha Kanter (below), President of De Anza College, addresses the media Tuesday morning.



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# La voz de La Voz

## The media gave De Anza a new image that we all must live with

"We have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change our past. We cannot change the fact that people will act in

### Editorial The opinion of La Voz

a certain way. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have - and that is our attitude.

"I am convinced that life is 10 percent what happens to me and 90 percent how I react to it. And so it

is with you. We are in charge of our attitudes."

These were the words of Pat Malick, vice president of Disabled Students Unlimited, speaking at Thursday's club day festivities.

Seven days ago, De Anza was seen as one of the premier community colleges for transfer students. Our claim to fame was our academic reputation. Our diversity prevented us from being represented by one face.

Today, De Anza is seen as the terrorist school. Our claim to fame is not what is happening on campus, but what could have happened last Tuesday. And we have a face. It is the face of Al DeGuzman, a student known casually by a few and intimately by seemingly none.

For the past week, he has been the international representative of our campus, and the focus of news reports carrying as far as Hong Kong. It is the most attention De Anza has garnered in its history.

The local news media began their descent on De Anza within half an hour after the completion of the Tuesday morning evacuation. While the school was combed for explosives by federal and county authorities, dozens of reporters from local television, radio, and newspapers put the school's image to the test.

It became the job of our president

to protect that image. Dr. Kanter made herself extremely available to the press, praising the effectiveness of the evacuation plan.

By noon, the media had shifted the focus of their reports from students' reactions to the gradual release of information on the bomb threat by the County Sheriff's office. By 1:00, KCBS radio had given the suspect a name and provided preliminary descriptions of the arsenal contained in his bedroom. As the public learned how narrowly disaster was averted, its sense of security dwindled.

It was almost 4:00 when the near-disaster became a national affair. Dan Rather delivered an editorial piece on KCBS, already likening the day's events to the Columbine tragedy.

From that point on, the public's view of De Anza would closely resemble its view of all the other "terrorist schools": aerial shots of SWAT teams and ATF squads converging on the portables by lot A saturated the airwaves.

Students and faculty know that the real story of De Anza College and the events last Tuesday cannot be told over a series of sound bites or student interviews. Our campus' diversity transcends our ethnic makeup. De Anza students have diverse interests, beliefs, and yes, attitudes. It is very hard to identify the "typical De Anza student."

This contradicts DeGuzman's beliefs as described on his now-defunct website. His attitude of hatred was explicitly targeted towards De Anza students. Unfortunately, the public is currently forming an impression of De Anza based on his opinion of the school.

We cannot change the fact that people will act in a certain way. And with the diversity of attitudes on campus, it is impossible to anticipate how any one of our more than 20,000 students will act. De Anza's name is engrained in the thoughts of the nation based on one student's attitude. The mission of restoring De Anza's positive reputation is now in our hands.

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# Students evacuated from campus



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Students flee De Anza, Tuesday, Jan. 30, after an evacuation was ordered when it was discovered that bombs may have been planted on the campus. Traffic made it difficult to get off of the campus, but it took only one hour. This was the first time that De Anza has been evacuated due to criminal activity.

by **Monica Krauth and Robert Haugh**  
STAFF EDITORS

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## EMERGENCY WEEK IN REVIEW

<b>12:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Around 6:00 p.m.</b> Long's Drugstore clerk finds suspicious photos, calls father	<b>2:30 a.m.</b> Police enter suspect's room	<b>5:30 a.m.</b> Classes resume at De Anza	<b>10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.</b> Club Day takes place without interference	<b>Morning:</b> Information released about Town Hall meetings scheduled for Tuesday in the Flint Center on the topic
<b>6:00 a.m.</b>	<b>6:02 p.m.</b> Clerk calls 911	<b>Around 4:30 a.m.</b> Sketches and tape of confession found	<b>Morning:</b> Staff receives informational memo from President Martha Kanter	<b>Throughout the day</b> Bomb threats at Santa Clara University, Las Positas College in Livermore and A.P.	<b>"Lessons Learned and Where we are Going Now,"</b> to be presented by a panel of experts.
<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>6:10 p.m.</b> Police officer arrests DeGuzman at Long's	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> De Anza notified of credible bomb threat	<b>2:00 p.m.</b> Arraignment for suspect; DeGuzman was charged on 122 felony accounts; the next court appearance is scheduled Feb. 15	Giannini Middle School; President Kanter sends out second informational memo.	These meetings for the students, staff and the public are planned for 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.
<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>11:00 p.m.</b> Police get search warrant to search suspect's home	<b>9:00 a.m.</b> Evacuation starts			
	<b>11:15 p.m.</b> Suspect's neighborhood evacuated	<b>10:30 a.m.</b> Evacuation completed			
		<b>12:30 p.m.</b> Time when attack was supposed to take place			
	<b>1/29</b>	<b>1/30</b>	<b>1/31</b>	<b>2/1</b>	<b>2/2</b>

Graphic by Karl Dotter

# Security increases

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De Anza peace officer Mike Paccioretti said that the search involved agents from the FBI, ATF, several SWAT teams from the SJPD and SERT [Special Emergency Response Team] teams from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department. The agencies worked together to search the entire campus, including roofs and lockers.

According to Paccioretti, De Anza has never before been evacuated due to a criminal activity. Two other evacuations, he said, resulted from an explosion on Highway 85 and a Med-Fly Spraying, both in the early eighties.

"Part of [this] evacuation effort was based and planned on the prior [med-fly] evacuation in which it took three hours to evacuate the campus," Paccioretti said.

He said this might have been the biggest incident of planned criminal activity at De Anza, but that other campus events in the past were harder to manage. One included a visit of President Ronald Reagan in 1984, where 40,000 citizens were on campus including five to 600 demonstrations of protest.

He also said that the secret services were brought in to handle the large crowd, and no arrests were issued during the visit.

Student Rob Fata, who arrived 10 minutes late for his 9:30 a.m. class, drove down Stevens Creek Blvd., and said there were police vehicles blocking entrances to the campus. "I parked across the street, walked over and they said, 'no one into campus.' They couldn't tell me why and to watch the news and find out later on," he said.

Police said they found an audiocassette recording in the suspect's bedroom on which DeGuzman sympathized with the two gunmen who killed 13 people and themselves at Colorado's Columbine High School on April 20, 1999.

A message board titled "The Eric and Dylan Memorial Guestbook," linked from one of DeGuzman's websites features what some people might consider as profane and anti-social messages signed with the screen names "Rebldomakr" and "VoDKa." One of the messages states, "You thought what happened at Columbine was bad well you ain't seen nothing yet ... April 20th at 11.25!! be prepared for the nbk the second ... Dead people don't argue."

A website search for "nbk" brought up the results to the 1994 movie "Natural Born Killers," which according to several reviews, is about two serial killers.

Police said the tape recording appeared to be directed at the media and included an apology to his family. Mike Miceli, San Jose Police Department chief of detectives, said he did not know what the suspect's motive may have been.

"The tape recording that we found was just bone chilling ... I just can't describe it any other way ... This was an elaborate plan for a mass murder," Miceli said.

Miceli said police also found a detailed



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Tuesday, Jan. 30, officers from the FBI, ATF, Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department and San Jose police search the campus for explosives and weaponry. After a six hour search, nothing was found on the campus.

map of the campus, with various exit points noted in the Hinson Campus Center.

## The Photographs

According to the SJPD, a Long's Drugs Store clerk Kelly Bennett, 18, a freshman, at San Jose State University, saved the campus because of the 911 phone call she made on Monday evening around 6:00 p.m. She saw revealing photographs of DeGuzman, posing with an arsenal of weapons and bombs.

According to Bennett, some of the photos she called the police about showcased DeGuzman wearing a shirt with bold letters spelling "NATURAL SELECTION." According to one of DeGuzman's sites, Eric Harris wore a shirt with that same message during "Judgement Day," noting the April 20, 1999 Columbine massacre.

"This guy is really stupid obviously for bringing his pictures in here, and he doesn't know I called the police on him. I was kind of laughing inside," Bennett said she thought at the time.

Some students at De Anza say that possibly this was a cry for help from DeGuzman.

Students for Justice member Nicole Martin said that she knew DeGuzman as someone who strongly believed in conspiracy theories and that if it wasn't a cry for help to leave the photos at Long's, perhaps, she said, others would continue with his plans.

"I guess I am a hero. I don't know. It's just really weird. I was normal a couple of days ago," said Bennett.

The Foothill-De Anza College District's non-profit foundation has established an education fund for the Long's heroes - to attend De Anza or anywhere else she might already be enrolled, said Kanter. The city of Cupertino wants to contribute, she said, as do several businesses.

Michelle Houde, a Long's employee

who attends De Anza was also working in the photography department at the time leading to the arrest and to the transpiring events. Her effort may also have contributed to the suspect's arrest.

The immediate family of DeGuzman sat quietly during Thursday's hearing. The defense attorney, Craig Wormley, said that the police may have violated DeGuzman's rights while searching his parents' home.

"[They] seemed to be a very congenial-family," Paul Ender, DeGuzman's Independence High School yearbook adviser said from his home in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada.

## Why did this happen?

"Mr. DeGuzman has merely an innocent fascination for some of the items that were seized," Wormley said. "[Authorities had] taken a huge leap and are rushing to judgment of a man who has no prior criminal history whatsoever."

Police, friends and fellow students were still struggling Friday to understand what could have led DeGuzman develop such plans.

Counselor Patricia Guitron said that a possible reason why the amount of DeGuzman's campus related activities were reported to have shifted from very active to almost nonexistent might be due to the transition from high school to college.

She said that many students have a difficult time adjusting from high school to college. "It doesn't matter if you're the editor of the yearbook in high school." She said that he could have been an outgoing, active student in clubs, but college is much different.

In classes, students and instructors discussed institutionalized racism as possible reasons for someone to want to bomb a campus.

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# Security comes first at De Anza: Impressions of evacuation and profile of security

*Campus safety and security plays key role*

by **Jasmin Bodmer** and **Caroline Perez**  
STAFF EDITORS

"This is a wonderful day," said Robert Griffin, director of student services, at the De Anza Student Body meeting on Jan. 31, a day after authorities feared a bombing. Griffin was accompanied by Ben Rodriguez, director of safety and security, and Deputy Sheriff Robert Gallardo, and had come to inform DASB senators about the discovery of a bombing plan and its aftermath.

Griffin said all had gone well, and thanked the students and especially Ben Rodriguez, director of Campus Safety and Security.

"We feel we are safe," said Griffin "and we intend to keep working until people feel safe about De Anza College.

Campus Safety and Security's efforts and collaboration in connection with the threat and the prompt evacuation of the students and faculty of the campus have been applauded by many.

According to Rodriguez, there were no reports of injuries from the evacuation. The evacuation process had been separated into sections so as not to have everyone rush off campus at the same time.

Marty Kahn, producer at the Broadcast Media Center on campus, said that when he called Campus Safety and Security to find out why a student wasn't allowed on campus, they picked up on the first ring and obviously knew what was going on, moved forward, and handled it efficiently.

Helbard Alkhas-Adeh, TV producer and former De Anza student, agreed with Kahn on the efficiency of safety on campus.

"It doesn't matter if we feel safe or not on campus. [This is] like everywhere, this campus is a public place. The question really is: Is the campus prepared? And on Tuesday, Campus

Safety and Security proved that they were."

Other people agreed Rodriguez and his staff handled the threat and evacuation well. Some, however, expressed concerns about the status of safety on campus.

Steve Claas, a student staff member at the Broadcast Media Center, said it

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seemed that Campus Safety and Security was seldom around. "I don't see them on campus. When I started out as a student here in 1990, they had these blue shirts as uniforms and were more visible."

Rodriguez and his staff usually handle minor incidents such as student misdemeanors, delivery of emergency medical messages, escorting students to their cars, and providing vehicle assistance.

According to the Campus Safety and Security Pamphlet, Rodriguez' staff also intervenes if an accident or theft occurs on campus. Serious crimes like rape, homicide, or a bomb threat are reported directly to the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Department.

"We're here to handle the small fires," said Rodriguez. He also said that people needed to be safe on campus and that he always tried to get any problem off campus as quickly as possible because he didn't want to get students involved in serious things "We are trying to reassure students that they are protected (...) and that they are accommodated and feel safe on campus.

According to Rodriguez, the organization of

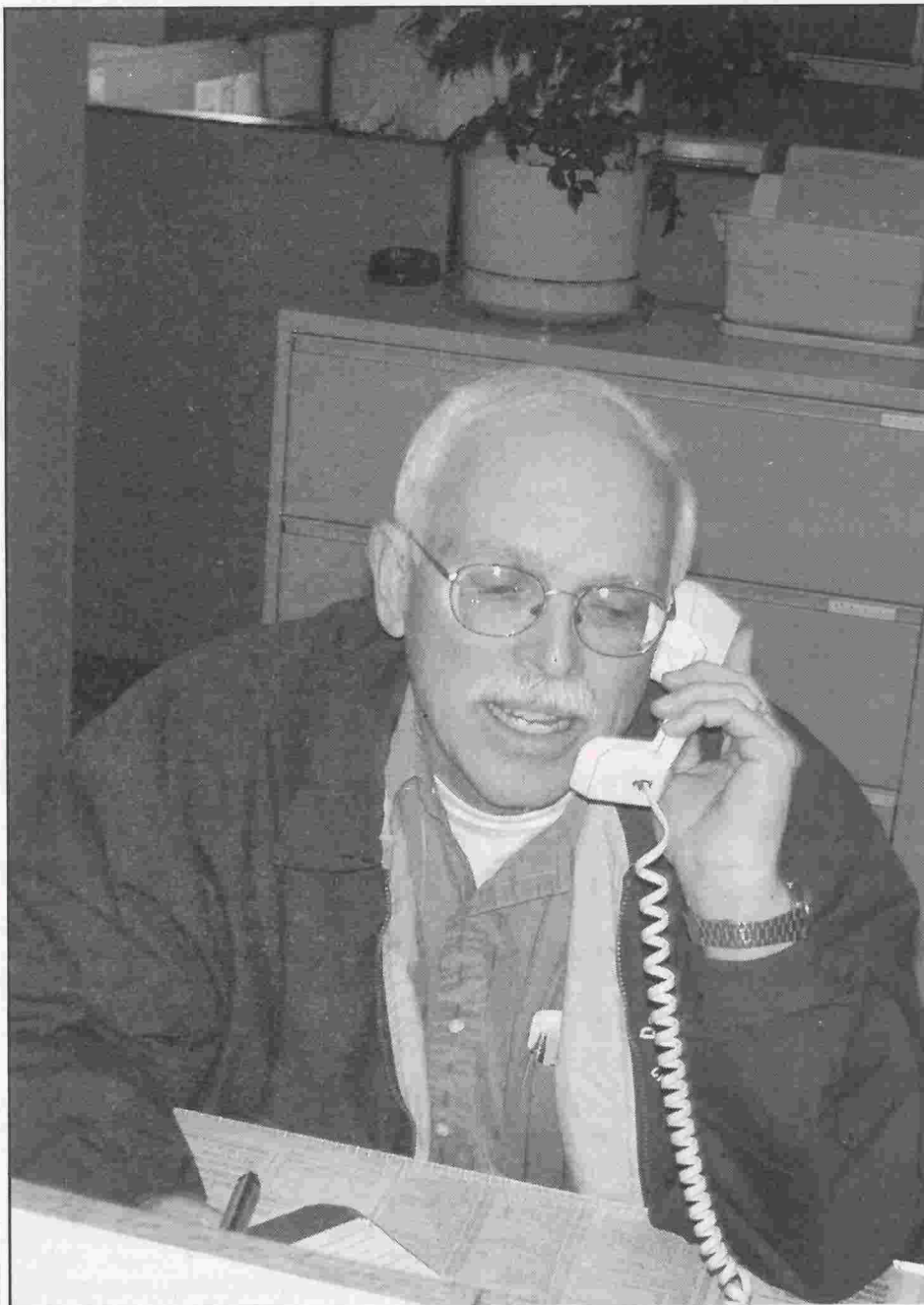
Campus Safety and Security is undergoing a transition at the moment.

In July 2000, the Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act took effect. It is a written agreement between the school and a police or sheriff's department defining which one is handling what kind of incidences.

The Kristin Smart Campus Safety Act requires that the peace officers take additional training, which will allow them to make arrests and carry guns if they feel it's necessary.

Today peace officers at De Anza don't carry guns. Rodriguez said he didn't plan for his peace officers to carry guns in the future because it gave a false sense of security.

Campus Security is located at the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center, across from the Advanced Technology Center.



Robert Haugh (2) / La Voz  
**Above:** Peace Officer Mike Paccioretti answers phone calls in the security office. **Below:** Ben Rodriguez communicates with security staff.

**Campus safety and security information**

Services are available daily 6:30 a.m. to midnight

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408-864-5555

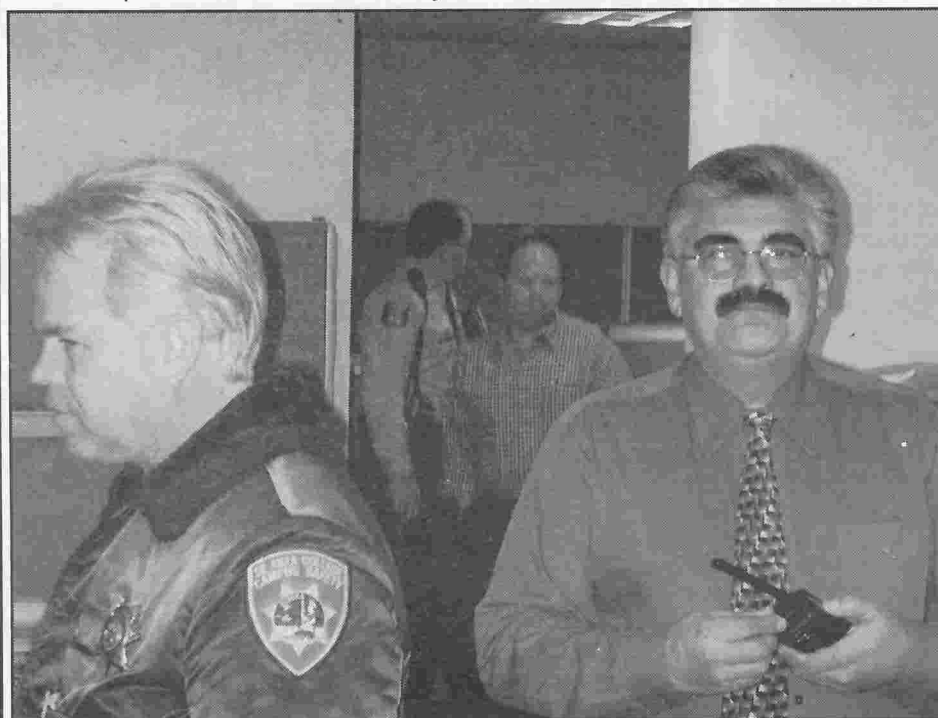
**Emergency calls:**  
On campus 408-864-8911  
midnight until 6:30 a.m. call 911

**Battered Women**  
24 hr. Hotline 408-279-2962

**Rape**  
24 hr. Hotline 408-287-3000

**Suicide and Crisis Service**  
24 hr. Hotline 408-279-3312

Campus Safety and Security is recruiting for peace officers. Interested students should contact the office for details





Robert Haugh / La Voz

Students gathered in the L-Quad during lunchtime Thursday. The day after the reopening of campus, students openly discussed the events surrounding Tuesday's evacuation. Counselors are encouraging students to share their thoughts and feelings on the event with each other as part of the recovery process.

## What is Anarchism?

*Possible idealism of alleged bomber discussed in media and on campus*

by England Wei

STAFF WRITER

According to the Feb. 1 issue of the San Jose Mercury News, police, friends and fellow students are still struggling to find why anyone would plot a mass attack on De Anza College.

Theories and speculations are easily found in the news media and overheard in talks between students on campus. The assumption of Al DeGuzman, the suspect, being an anarchist developed in the last few days, mostly due to various websites that were either put up by DeGuzman or indirectly linked with him.

One of the websites directly attacks presidential contestant Al Gore and President George W. Bush and accuses them of "dishonoring the memories of the revolutionaries who took up the gun to assure that the soil we stand on would be free."

According to the Webster New World Dictionary, Anarchism is "the theory that all forms of organized government interfere unjustly with individual liberty and are therefore undesirable."

Some anarchists legitimate their beliefs by saying that anarchism is a philosophical theory which addresses a crucial moral dilemma: if a person is responsible for his actions, then it necessarily follows that

autonomy of that individual should be all-encompassing.

People, thus, could not retain their autonomy while a government has the supreme authority over them. Anarchists argue that when faced with this dilemma between being ruled by an authority or having complete autonomy, they choose the latter.

This standpoint can lead to resistance to organized government in some form of terrorism, including armed attacks on public places or institutions.

Some students say, however, that it has yet to be seen whether DeGuzman is in fact an anarchist and was actually planning a terrorist attack on De Anza.

Some say the media hyped up on theories about the psychological and ideological profile of this De Anza student.

Rose Dungan, a morning swimmer, says she thinks the media exaggerated

speculations about possible motives DeGuzman might have had. "They expressed too many ifs," she says.

Information about anarchism can be found in the publications "In Defense of Anarchism," by Robert Paul Wolff, "The Psychology of Political Violence," by Emma Goldman and "Everything You Ever Wanted To Know About Anarchy," by the Anarchist Media Group.

## Coping with crisis

### De Anza counselors offer advice

by Melinda Latham

STAFF WRITER

Whenever a traumatic event occurs, especially one that hits close to home, a natural reaction might be to hide one's feelings. Counselors say, however, that often there is a need to talk about the event. Crisis counseling is available to help with the emotions and feelings brought up by the recent threat of a bombing.

Laurel Torres and Ed Collins, De Anza counselors, explained that a way to grapple with these feelings is "... to look at how it affects you ... look at your feelings. Pay attention to the feelings that arise, whatever they are: scared, angry, depressed, anxious, wanting more details. Review those feelings and talk about them."

There are benefits to talking about crisis, Collins said. "Talking is a release valve. It's a growing experience." Torres said, "It's good to talk with people who have had the experience in common, to go into the hidden corners of your thoughts.

Knowing how you handle stress or crisis can help you with the next crisis, whatever it may be."

Some students may feel ashamed of their feelings, or afraid to let them out into the open. Collins feels that any feelings expressed are well founded. "This was a threat. A very real threat. We face these kinds of situations very frequently in life."

Torres said many questions are being asked about how this could have happened, but it's impossible to know the reasons at this time. If she could talk to the suspect today, she would ask him where his feelings came from, how he

came to this point, the other options he considered in dealing with his feelings, and what effect this incident would have had on others. Collins said she would ask what has hurt him most in his life.

There are certain realizations that the counselors pointed out, and things all students can learn from the experience. On life after a trauma, Torres says, "live one day at a time, be the best you can be, refocus your energy ... Every moment is a gift ... Live life to the fullest."

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## Emotional support

De Anza offers counseling services on campus and also has information on other ways to get support when needed.

- The Counseling Division is offering open drop-in and group sessions for students, faculty and staff of De Anza College to discuss Tuesday's crisis. The sessions will be held in room 9C of the Administration Building. All are welcome Monday through Thursday from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 5:30-7:30 p.m. There will be an extra 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. session held on Friday, Feb. 9. Counselors are also available for individual drop-in sessions.
- On Tuesday, Feb. 6, there will be two Town Hall meetings open to the public, students and staff at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Flint Center. The topic "Lessons Learned and Where we are Going Now," will be presented by a panel of experts.

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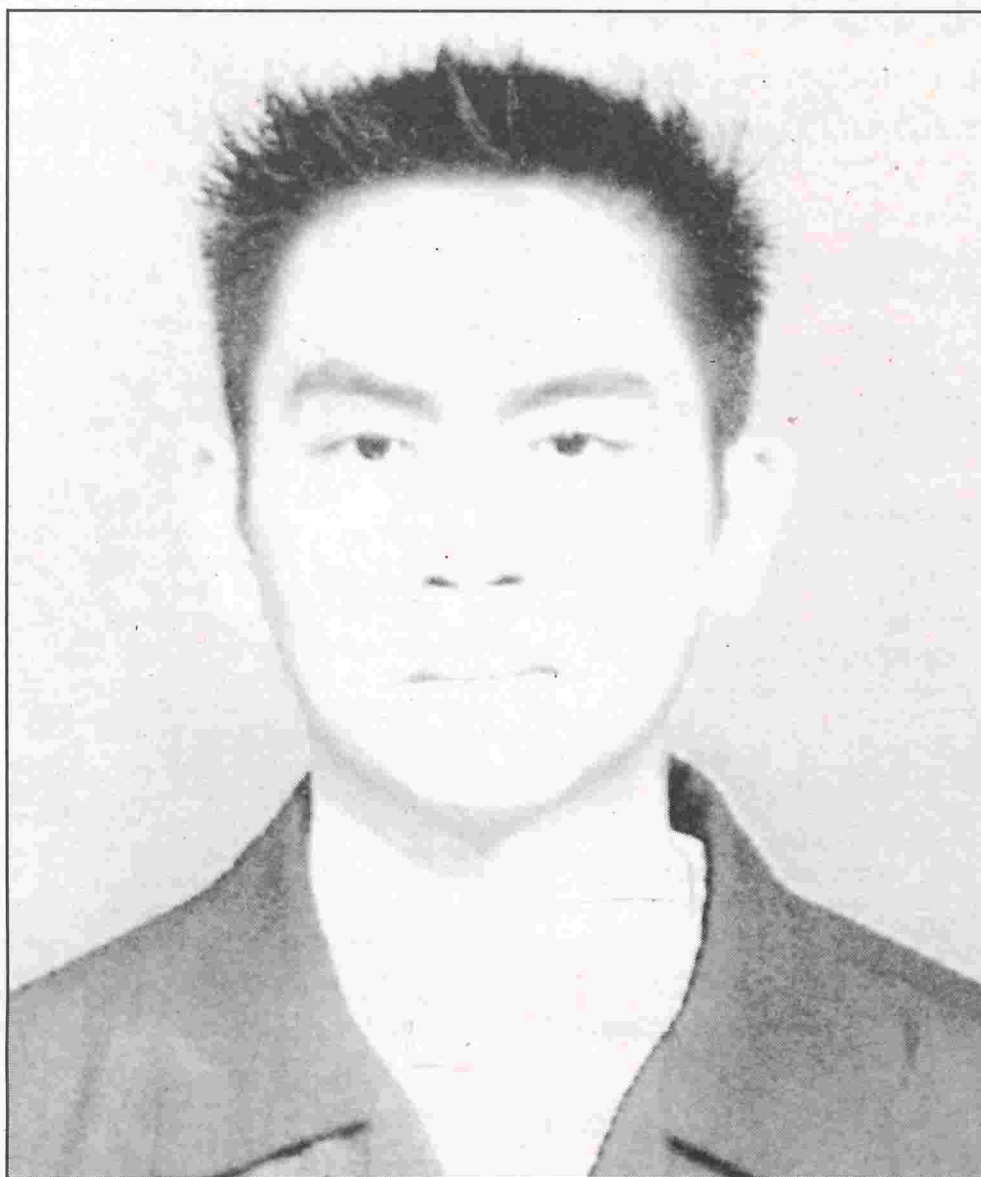
- Sandra James, Mayor ”

“ Newspapers hound you to death. As soon as the cops opened up the street at 5:00 a.m. Jan. 30, the media flared their cameras on DeGuzman's house for over 40 hours after.

-A neighbor ”

“ It didn't seem like he'd do something like that. He wore 'nice clothes,' including shiny flannel shirts.

- Jamie Behr, neighbor ”



“ I just found out he was ranting about me on his website. This was apparently after I wrote a long critique of his paper.

-Eloy Zarate, former DA instructor ”

“ He is quiet if you don't know him, but a real good guy if you get to know him.

-Jeff Chiu, friend ”

Instructor Rich Wood said that the way the media portrays Al DeGuzman as “the Filipino monster” and Kelly Bennett as the “white hero” is horrible. “I feel he's such a victim of what's happening.”

## Interviewing DeGuzman's friend

by **Tammy Roseberry**  
FEATURES EDITOR

In an interview with a friend of Al DeGuzman who wishes to remain anonymous, a more rounded picture is emerging of just who the young man is.

“Imagine your good friend that you hang out with all the time [has] suddenly become turned into a monster by the media — now you know how I feel,” the friend said.

“Me and all of Al's close friends know he wouldn't have done it. Anyone who ever truly knew Al, knows that he would never do such a thing. He would never endanger human lives. He was a man for the little people,” he said.

When asked about the media attention, DeGuzman's friend said “the media is just broadcasting without enough info. I didn't know whether to scream or cry when the news broadcasted so many lies.”

“It was so unreal to begin with, to see my friend's face plastered all over the news, making him out to be a madman,” the friend said. “But the final straw for me was when they called him an uneducated 19-year-old male. His name is Al DeGuzman and he is the most intelligent

guy I know!”

DeGuzman's friend said he is more sorry for the family, who he alleged are “being treated like caged animals, having bright lights shined on them all night long while news reporters bang on their doors.”

Fritz Lichty, executive producer for Channel 5 News, said they did not intend to portray DeGuzman in any particular way. “What we did was report,” he said. “We relied on what investigating officers and prosecutors had to say about him after the investigation.”

When asked if the privacy of DeGuzman's family was invaded, Lichty said he wasn't on the scene and can't state. But he did know that Channel 5 attempted to contact members of the family and did knock on the door and left their cards.

“I don't know if anyone was there shining lights on them, giving them distress,” Lichty said.

When asked if their privacy was invaded, a person at the home of DeGuzman's family said they would not comment.

When asked about Kelly Bennett, the 18-year-old photo clerk at Long's drug-store that called the police, DeGuzman's

friend said he doesn't think she is a credible witness.

“She's a bold-faced liar,” he said, explaining that Bennett described DeGuzman as “normal” in the first day of interviews before the media hype, and then described him as “scary” after she received media attention.

“Which one is it?” DeGuzman's friend asked. “[The] story gets bigger and bigger, [the] more cameras on her, the bigger her story becomes. She's miling it for every cent.”

According to the San Francisco Chronicle, the police focused on six of Al's close friends, including the source for this article, when they were trying to discover if there was any second party involved.

“They were treating us (Al's friends) like criminals, but called us witnesses. Some of us were even fingerprinted and [had] our photographs taken,” he said.

DeGuzman's friend said Miranda rights were read to a friend who wasn't even under arrest.

“They put us in the back of cop cars to take us down to the station like some perp,” he said. “They even filled out suspect sheets even though they said we weren't suspects!”

According to Sergeant Steve Dickson, press information officer for the San Jose Police, “there are no suspect sheets. We fill out interview sheets and take down statements. We did everything in this case we felt [was] necessary to do.”

Dixon said the whole community is very lucky that DeGuzman was apprehended, otherwise there would be “a lot of dead people right now — he wanted to die like in Columbine.”

No doubt when you listen to the tape he was going to do this. Dickson said this was more complex than Columbine.

“He would die knowing he would be famous,” Dickson said. “He wanted people to write on their website and say Al DeGuzman is God.”

Craig Wormley, defense attorney for DeGuzman, said “Mr. DeGuzman has merely an innocent fascination with some of the items that were seized.”

“To construe and analyze this case to one of the Columbine cases is taking a huge leap and rushing to judgement of a man who has no prior criminal history whatsoever,” Wormley said.

By our constitutional rights as American citizens, DeGuzman will be tried in a court of law and his peers will determine guilt or innocence.

# Frustration:

*Students discuss possible college-related causes of dangerous, irrational behavior*

by England Wei

STAFF WRITER

Frustration and anger can be motives for people to behave in irrational ways, or to perform acts which may be harmful to others. According to students on campus, there are reasons why a student might be frustrated or angry.

"One problem in our college," said full-time student Andrea Mitchell, "is that students often form cliques and are not open to others. Such an atmosphere is especially evident in the cafeteria. Each table is often occupied by a group of students who don't communicate to other students very much."

Another problem, according to some students, is that an academic program often

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-Andrea Mitchell”

requires too long a time to finish. Although many people are able to complete their General Education requirements within two years, some students must stay at De Anza three years before transferring, because of required prerequisites. Furthermore, requirements are about to increase, which may require some students to stay longer at De Anza.

According to counseling personnel, students also feel frustrated when they have trouble figuring out what courses to take. Even though the counseling office works to help students achieve their academic goals, sometimes a counselor might not be familiar with the details of a specific program. In addition, spending time on collecting and reading the excessive information about transferring can be overwhelming and stressful.

De Anza students say that traffic is becoming increasingly more problematic. During the first few weeks of classes, students find it time-consuming to exit from highway 85, pass a traffic light near campus and find a parking space.

As the quarter begins, students also deal with adding and dropping classes, paying fees, and buying a parking permit, all which involve in forming a long line inside the Administration Building.

Obtaining affordable meals is no easy task, either. Some students consider campus food expensive and limited, and restaurants are crowded, expensive and not as convenient.

"I can see the frustration," said another full-time student.

## Counselor's Corner

### Some concrete ways students can deal with the aftermath



Don Nickel  
COUNSELOR

In the wake of the fatal event that almost took place at De Anza last week, I want to take this opportunity to invite both students and staff to take advantage of the Counseling services here on campus. Most of us who are part of the De Anza community will always remember this last

Tuesday and how our lives could have been tragically changed forever.

As we breathe a sign of relief and thank our guardian angel, Kelly Bennett, we need to take stock of ourselves and see how we are holding up. According to Ed Collins, a counselor at De Anza, students are running the gamut in how they are experiencing last Tuesday's events.

"While some students don't seem too fazed, other students are affected to where they don't want to go in or near the campus center," says Collins. "There may also be a delayed reaction for some students who don't seemed too fazed right now," adds Collins. "No one is immune to this kind of event. Even the counselors at De Anza have outside counselors come in to work with them if needed. Expressing your feelings is a healthy thing to do for yourself."

Laurel Torres, Psychiatric RN and Counselor at De Anza College echoes this opinion. Torres suggests that "students and staff need to process this event with friends and family in a way that suits them ... other healthy coping mechanisms could include journaling or writ-

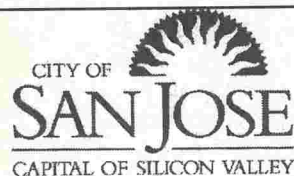
ing or any creative act.

"The idea is to move the experience outside of your mind so you feel like you are not alone." Finally, Torres suggests that people see this as an opportunity to better understand who they are in context of a tragic event. "Everybody has different mental and physical coping mechanisms. This information should give you a better understanding of your own uniqueness so that you recognize those feelings when they come up the next time around."

From my perspective, I know I need to work through a multitude of anxieties to feel the healing within. I believe that my motive for writing this column is as much for my benefit as it is for yours. I can't help but feel vulnerable and rocked that at 12.30 last Tuesday I had plans to meet my wife for lunch in the Campus Center. I think of my eight-month old son and my loved ones and I feel anger at someone I don't even know.

When I think of cancer or a split second auto accident or what could have happened last Tuesday, I am reminded that life is a gift and an opportunity. I see this last week as a wake up call, a second chance to remind myself to get back on course to pursuing the things in life that are important and not just the passing of time. In fact, everyday we wake up is another opportunity to become the person we want to be and live life to the fullest.

I suggest that you take the time to figure out what are the gifts you have been blessed with in life. If they include family or friends, why not take the time to let them know what they mean to you. May you work hard, have fun, be a contributor, and enjoy all the health, wealth, and second chances of a lifetime.



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# Little pieces all contribute to bigger picture of battered and perplexed society phenomenon



**Jasmin Bodmer**  
NEWS-EDITOR

I can still feel slight reverberations of fright running through my body as I'm writing this. When it happened, I wasn't even on campus. I was at home when the news started coming in. I watched the news develop, bringing in more and more details about pipe-bombs and shotguns and the terror that was about to hit us all, and my head started spinning. The shock will settle in later, uneasiness comes first. Then come the questions.

Authorities say DeGuzman kept a journal meticulously recording how he would attack De Anza campus. He also posted websites full of anger, hate, f-words and disturbing statements, such as "I'm going to load my rifle, sit in front of a mirror and see what it would look like to paint a room with my brains!"

I wonder, then, whether this is just about another troubled teenage soul, deprived, perhaps, of proper guidance and so confused that he actually crossed over the fine, invisible and sometimes indeterminable line of right and wrong, reality and fantasy? That's probably part of the picture, but that's not all of it.

I wonder whether this is about wholesome violence presented to us every minute, every day on visual media

screens to such an extent that some statistics say the average ten year old has already seen about 6000 murders on TV? DeGuzman was reportedly "feeling" for the Columbine killers, who themselves were supposedly "inspired" to their massacre by the 1999 Hollywood blockbuster "The Matrix". The omnipresent graphic depiction of abstract violence is certainly part of the puzzle, but that's not all of it.

*This is not a simple case. (...) This is about society itself: shattered, perplexed and so out of order that we not only have to fear the worst we can imagine but feel the worst of it happen every day.*

zle, but that's not all of it.

I wonder if the vast amount of information ready at hand on the Internet is part of this picture, too. Do we treat pornography and blueprints of pipe bombs as less disgusting and dangerous because we have easy, everyday access to them? The information highway is part of the equation, but that's not all of it.

Is this country's poor gun control the problem then, I wonder? The unfortunate upheaval of the conservative

force that now is pulling the policy-making strings won't help restrict the availability of firearms and other weapons in this country. However, that's just part of the issue, but that's not all of it.

I even wonder if the hectic pace of our Silicon Valley is startling our inner clock and mental balance. Perhaps it is. But that's not all of it.

And that is where the real tragedy lies. There is no single answer here. This is not a simple case, and the blame cannot be placed on one isolated and simplified issue.

This is about society itself: shattered, perplexed and so out of order, that we not only have to fear the worst we could imagine but feel the worst of it happen every day. Society's sanity is crumbling down in little bits and pieces.

Pay attention and try to mend the little pieces that make up who and what we are. Listen to those close to you. Give them an open ear and have an eye on them. Be an active consumer of information; select what you want to see on TV and what you want to get from the Internet. If you don't want weapons on your campus then find out what you can do so that the weapons don't even get to your state.

My uneasiness remains. So will the questions. I still can only find that one answer that we just have to try to keep the little bits and pieces together the best we can.



## THE JIVES of JOE

**Life just goes on: media make a big deal out of the way people cope with recent events**



**Joe Bruna**  
LA VOZ SPECIAL

Last week De Anza College had a wake up call. We were shown the power of one and how little it takes for someone to jump over that little jagged line known as reality and fantasy.

Most of us wonder what we would have done, or where we would have been when that event of destruction was supposed to have happen. Family and friends in other parts of the nation and other countries were shocked to turn on the local

evening news to hear about our humble little campus. A pity it wasn't for excellence.

I would like to think that many of us suddenly started to question our own safety. Surely many of us felt much less secure than we did 24 hours earlier. Of course, the sheer number of both officers and media people who seemingly swarmed our halls and walk ways did little to help the uneasiness that we were all feeling.

Or were you in a small category like myself, who simply shrugged, called it a day and never looked back? Yeah, I guess you can call me a bit of a realist. Let's be honest, nothing happened, the "bad guy" was in jail, and thus life goes on. Sometimes it seems that every small thing in life can become a enormous media event making it sound like the Russians have

invaded Santa Cruz or that God himself came from the heavens and spoke to us.

To be honest, the amount of press on hand for this event made me really wonder if there was a big lull in world events. I mean, isn't there a scandal in Washington that should be getting covered at the moment or something?

I feel that, if it wasn't for the power crisis that we have thrown ourselves into, we would be ready to hear from some senator in California's congress proposing some new law that would suppose to make us feel safer. And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, is the sad truth: Life is not safe. No matter how many laws we put out there in the world, no matter how many Band-Aids we try and put on our society, things have never been and will never be safe.

So, where do we go from here? The answer is different for all us. The next few weeks will be filled with people reacting to the event as best as they can. Some will constantly follow the newspapers and nightly news, following the media's best attempts to drag this event out and keep it in the spotlight as much as possible.

Others will let the event that never happened slip from their mind and keep going with life, thinking about what's going on the next day. And still others, still feeling insecure, will try and get new legislature passed that will make them feel safer, even at a loss of a small part of our freedom. And sadly, some will simply leave, not wanting to face the reality that no one is really safe.



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Above: Students talk in the quad after the events of the last few days. Below: Officers wait while campus is evacuated.



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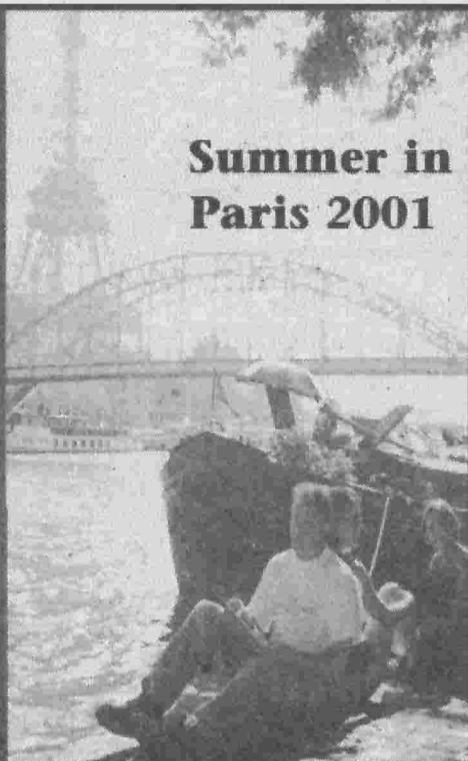
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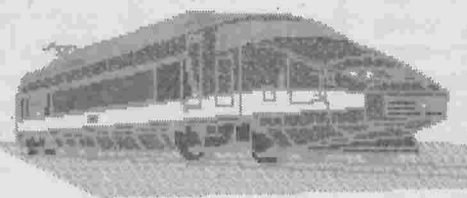
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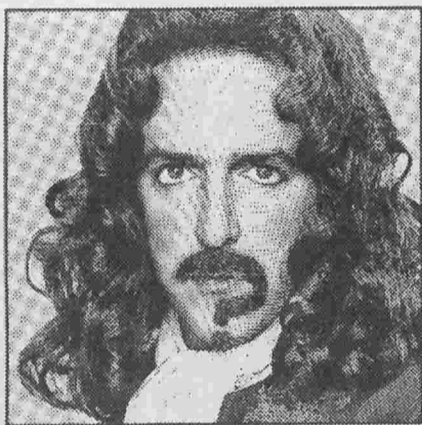
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*Q: Dear Question Marquis: How many times do I have to tell my roommate that just because he's stressed out, it's no excuse for his "accidentally" gnawing on my ankles? - Jeff in Seattle*

*A: I am not interested in your problem right now. I am outraged. Do you know that I went to try to purchase a farmer today? What kind of world has this become when a marquis cannot cheaply acquire someone to fan him as he sleeps? And yet access to an extensive collection of digitized books and journal articles costs less than the price of two pizzas a month? It is making no sense. It is like a horse with two derrières.*

*Q: Dear Question Marquis: I've got a paper due on Diderot's political influence. I figured, "The Question Marquis is from the French Enlightenment - maybe he could give me some insight." So... any scoop? - Karen in Santa Monica*

*A: Yes. You are fortunate you asked. Diderot was an idiot. He had the political influence of my poodle's phlegm. Do you know, he had his Ds coming before his Cs in *l'Encyclopédie* before I straightened it out for him? If there were a French Enlightenment, you can be sure that Denis Diderot knew nothing about it. So you are best behooving to pick a new topic. Once you do, go to [questia.com](http://questia.com) to search for an extensive collection of scholarly books and journal articles to reference in your paper. That should make up for some of the time you wasted thinking about Diderot. Time that you can use to improve the thoughts you will put into a new paper. So Questia will not only save you *beaucoup de* time, but it will also help you to write a better paper. And of course, my loyal readers (you feisty roustabouts, you!) will know that Questia also does your footnotes and bibliographies automatically, once you have finished your paper. You can part with a few francs for that, can you not?*

*"Diderot was an idiot. He had the political influence of my poodle's phlegm."*

*Q: Dear Question Marquis: I haven't been feeling myself lately. I lash out at the people I care about, my cooking skills are slipping, and I'm often visited by the ghosts of vegetables I've eaten. I worry I might be losing my mind. - Nick in Houston*

*A: It is a shame that losing one's mind must inspire fear. It is really not so bad. I myself lost my mind several decades ago. I highly recommend it, in fact. The day you want to lose it, just put it under your pillow before you go to sleep, and that night, the Mind Fairy will come along and take it, leaving behind anywhere from 50 to 3,000 francs, depending on the quality of the gray matter. I got over 1,800 for mine. Yours, being an American mind, will naturally not command such a high price. But still, something is better than nothing.*

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# Campus should increase security

## Editorial The opinion of La Voz

Marketing and communications director, Janice Winkle, estimated that 10,000-14,000 people evacuated the De Anza Campus within forty minutes on Tuesday, Jan. 30. It was a procedure in De Anza's campus emergency response plan, which had previously been rehearsed by faculty and staff. After the campus was abandoned, bomb squads scoured in and out of the 65 buildings.

By 3:00 p.m., half the campus was found safe. By 6:00 p.m., Martha Kanter, president of De Anza College, announced nothing was found. "They've gone through the school and we're safe," she said.

The following day, school resumed at 5:30 a.m. On Wednesday, Director of Student

Services, Robert Griffin, went to classrooms to tell students the campus was safe. Students were offered counseling referral cards.

Griffin explained counseling will be available on an ongoing basis for those who need to talk or feel anxiety. Counselors can't answer questions about the incident itself, but are willing to listen and talk to students and staff.

With the counseling services offered, and the announcement on the previous evening that no bombs were found, students and faculty proceeded with classes and normal schedules. Still, other students, feeling unsafe, stayed home from school.

Student Ka Yi Lau says she was "a little scared to be on campus" on Wednesday. She said that if security walked around and was more visible, then she might feel a little better.

Student Daniel Felmoca said he didn't feel safe because "there's

always a chance they did not find the bombs."

On Thursday, Feb. 1, the rescheduled Club Day, campus security was visible during the events, along with Santa Clara County Sheriffs.

After Club Day ended and students continued with their daily schedule, campus security slowly became less visible to students who were on campus.

The suspect of the Tuesday threat may be in custody, but there are still students who do not feel completely safe. One suggestion is De Anza should have 24-hour security.

Security is currently available from 6:30 a.m.-midnight, sometimes with an insufficient number of staff. The level of security should be increased. With a 24-hour security watch and increased funding for more officers, students, staff, and families will know that the campus is well-protected.

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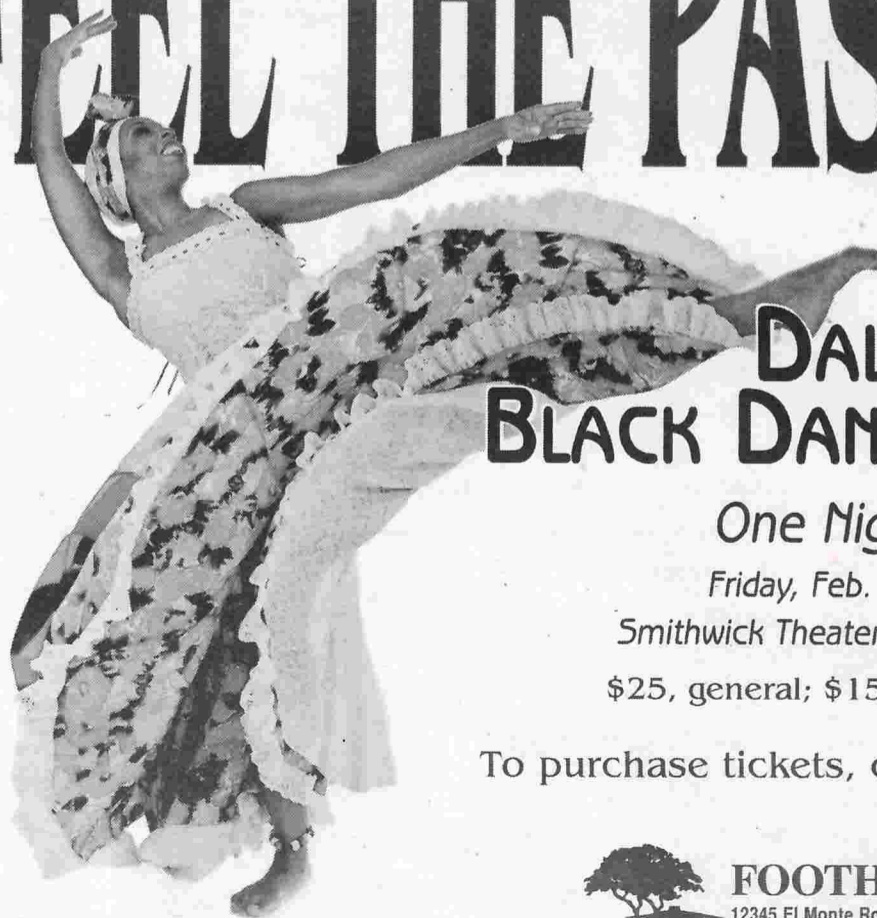
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# Students react to allegations of bomb plot

## ■ DEGUZMAN

From page 6

DeGuzman is Filipino, and was active in the Filipino club at Independence High School. Rich Wood, De Anza sociology instructor, said that some minorities relate to white people and feel internalized hatred towards their own culture.

By associating with white people, minorities can enjoy the kinds of freedom American kids have, Wood said. This can lead to confusion and fear.

Wood said that the way the media portrays DeGuzman as "the Filipino monster" and Bennett as the "white hero" is horrible. "I feel he's such a victim of what's happening," Wood said.

On a webpage called "People Who Equate All Racism to Ignorance," DeGuzman writes, "The only people who think racism is a direct result of ignorance are people who align themselves with ultra PC leftists!" He went onto saying that the very idea that all racially based judgements are mainly caused by little knowledge of a race or group is an escape.

On the websites, DeGuzman mentions an episode of "The Simpsons," to spell out a message about racism and intolerance. He states, "Equality for all...except the white man, is that it?!?!?!? You should all

embrace the f—— roots you talk about and the continent you praise and see what it's like to visit s——hole cities in Africa! "Liberty or death!"

Ender said that he would have never suspected anything like this happen from such a "great kid."

In Independence High School's 1999 yearbook, DeGuzman wrote:

"Becoming an editor-in-chief cause anxiety attacks. The nervous tension was relieved by training at yearbook camp. As a person of authority, I felt I needed to act more anal and adult. I was surprised to find that most of my really fun experiences were with the staff I worked within the yearbook."

Jeff Chiu, a friend of DeGuzman's from high school who worked with him on the yearbook said, "He is quiet if you don't know him, but a real good guy if you get to know him." Chiu said DeGuzman was kind and always willing to help people out. "[He] hardly ever lost his temper ... except in yearbook when we had to meet deadlines."

Chiu said that he was sad about the events that have transpired. "I don't understand. He was so different before. He was a good person. I thought I knew him well. He was a good guy, really," he said.

From one of DeGuzman's sites titled

"WAR," he wrote:

"This page is for all you out there who are looking to start an arsenal, for no particular reason." DeGuzman adds the statement, "Well enjoy! And remember comrades, conspiracy to commit murder and making terrorist threats still is a felony!"

DeGuzman dropped out of many classes at De Anza, which was quite different from high school where according to Independence High School's Principal, Cari Vaeth, "he was an above average student ... involved with Interact (a volunteer club) and the Filipino student club."

Former De Anza history instructor Eloy Zarate said that he does not remember anything peculiar about DeGuzman, but that he might know why he dropped out of his class last fall.

"I just found out he was ranting about me on his website. This was apparently after I wrote a long critique of his paper."

According to Randi O'Donnell, a De Anza instructor of Sociology 35 (Intimacy and Marriage Today), DeGuzman was enrolled in her class but ended up dropping a third to halfway through the course for no apparent reason. "I was surprised ... It's kind of a mystery," she said.

O'Donnell said that the class discusses family problems and cultural diversity and that DeGuzman did not contribute to class

discussions.

DeGuzman enrolled in Sociology 20 (Social Problems) with Kathy Snider during the spring 2000 quarter. He ended up not completing the class. Snider said that for the first anniversary of the Columbine tragedy the class discussed violence and its affects on individuals. "We talked about how to prevent things like that ... not how to start them." Shortly after, DeGuzman stopped attending.

The closing lines read, "NO mercy, no last rites, just a death of hot lead and hatred. Purification in the form of carnage. Natural selection is coming, and only those, who have evolved enough to see the problem that is humankind, will survive."

DeGuzman's site then gave links to more of his sites, but all of them were removed and were not accessible.

*The website language, grammar and content is printed as it appears or appeared on the webpages and has not been edited.*

Jon Paul Hoornstra and Tammy Roseberry contributed to this article.

## Suspects interests revealed through websites

by Robert Haugh and  
Monica Krauth

STAFF EDITORS

Al Joseph DeGuzman had several websites; one was taken off of the net late last week by the service provider for violating the company's terms of service agreements. The sites are dedicated to such topics as: a memorial to the Columbine massacre murders, Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, detailed instructions on how to make pipe bombs and various explosive devices and many offending messages.

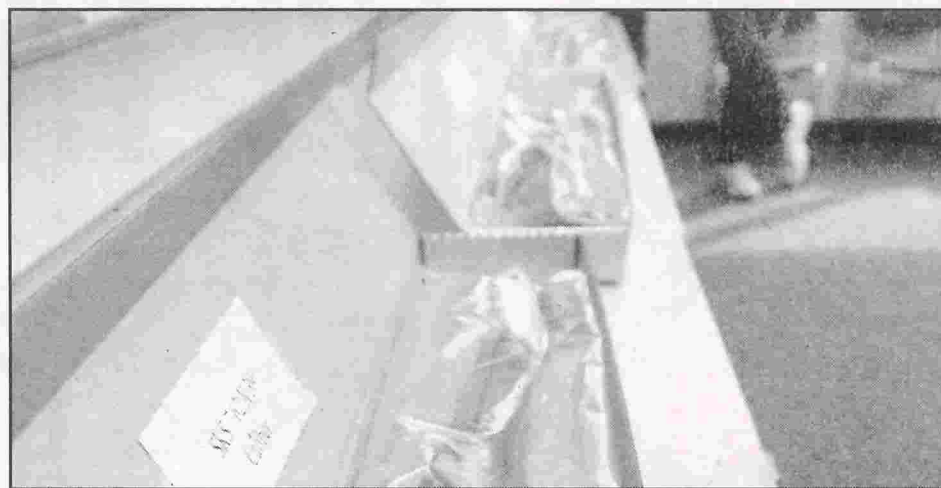
According to the Long's Drug Store clerk, Kelly Bennett, some of the photos that she called the police about showcased DeGuzman wearing a shirt with bold letters spelling "NATURAL SELECTION." According to one of DeGuzman's sites, Eric Harris wore a shirt with that same message during "Judgement Day," noting the April 20, 1999 Columbine massacre.

According to a page entitled "Killing People (With A Bomb), The Non-Scientific Way," the alleged planner of the Columbine-style incident says, "Here are my directions on how to build a bigass, lo-tech. Bomb that will kill at least a hundred people ... It's a good 'ol fashioned propane tanks bomb! This is the same kinda device that that crazy/brilliant guy, Eric Robert Rudolph (the still unfound, fugitive and FBI's most wanted), used to bomb the shit outta an abortion clinic. And the same kinda that Reb and VoDKa tried to set off at Columbine."

According to DeGuzman's sites, Reb and Vodka were aliases of Columbine

murderers, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. A message board titled the "Eric and Dylan Memorial Guestbook," linked from one of DeGuzman's websites features various profane and anti-social messages signed with the screen names "Rebldomakr," and "VoDKa." One of the

some of the gravest crimes in history: the Centennial Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta, which killed one and injured more than 120, two other bombings in Atlanta and was previously charged with a bombing of a Birmingham, AL, abortion clinic. The FBI is offering rewards of up to



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A press conference on Tuesday, Jan. 30 showed some of the weapons found in DeGuzman's bedroom.

messages states, "You thought what happened at Columbine was bad well you ain't seen nothing yet ... April 20th at 11.25!! be prepared for the nbk the second ... Dead people don't argue."

A website search for "nbk" brings up the results to the 1994 movie "Natural Born Killers," which according to several reviews is about two serial killers.

The FBI's website says that Rudolph has been charged with or is a suspect in

\$1,000,000 for information leading to the arrest of Rudolph, who is listed as one of their ten most wanted fugitives.

His page entitled, "Thing I Hate (Updated Whenever I Get Pissed Off)," includes comments on many races, religions and the political arena. The top of his list is "Humanity and all of Humankind." His list adds comments about racists, the "British," and other subjects.

DeGuzman refers to an episode of "The Simpsons," to spell out a message about racism and intolerance. He goes on to state, "Equality for all ... except the white man, is that it?!?!?!? You should all embrace the f—— roots you talk about and the continent you praise and see what it's like to visit s——hole cities in Africa! "Liberty or death!"

Another section of the site, "People Who Equate All Racism to Ignorance," states, "The very idea that all racially based judgements are mainly caused by little knowledge of a race or groups is a big f—— cop out! The Nazis were largely anti-semitic, but were also considered the most intellectually and advance peoples in Europe, and arguably the world."

When discussing today's media, his site said that if he could get the resources, he would carry out a complete attack of the "idiots that control the news."

The last section of the "hate" list features a strong viewpoint of DeGuzman's that Harris' and Klebold's words were the only thing that's "real." The closing lines read, "NO mercy, no last rites, just a death of hot lead and hatred. Purification in the form of carnage. Natural selection is coming, and only those, who have evolved enough to see the problem that is humankind, will survive."

DeGuzman's site then gave links to more of his sites, but all of them were removed and were not accessible.

*The website language, grammar and content is printed as it appears or appeared on the webpages and has not been edited.*