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The Week Ahead

Black History month scholarship luncheon

The African Ancestry Association will hold the annual Black History Month Scholarship Luncheon. Reservations are due today to Mary Washington at 408-864-5798 or Cynthia Smith at 408-864-8260. Cost is \$17 for faculty and staff and \$10 for students. But make the choice wisely, because the Latina Foundation will be holding a scholarship workshop at the same time (see below).

Thursday, Feb. 28, 12:30 to 2 p.m. in the Campus Center's Fireside Dining Hall.

Latina scholarship workshop

This workshop will help students complete applications for Chicana/Latina Foundation \$1500 scholarships. Students will learn how to put together a competitive application, interviewing tips and ways to write a winning essay. For information about the scholarship go to <http://www.chicanalatinas.org>. For information about the workshop, e-mail cortezalicia@fhda.edu.

Thursday, Feb. 28, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., in the Writing & Reading Center, ATC 309

DASB Flea Market

The De Anza College Flea Market is held on the first Saturday of every month in Campus parking Lots A and B. Information is at <http://www.deanza.edu/fleamarket>. Go ahead, treat yourself.

Saturday, March 1, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Parking Lots A&B

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DASB DIVIDES 08-09 DOLLARS

FEW GROUPS GOT ALL FUNDING REQUESTED, BUT SOME RECEIVED MORE THAN OTHERS

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BY THE NUMBERS

\$1,521,599

Total amount requested by various De Anza programs.

\$1,094,507

Total amount the DASB Senate can spend on De Anza programs.

\$427,092

Amount of requests which could not be paid for by the DASB Senate.

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Dons gear up for new season, picks up first win of '08

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Malfunctioning permit machines have been covered by garbage bags.

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Wet, sloppy iPod love



APPLE, DE ANZA HOLD CONTEST TO WIN IPOD NANO

Sean Marqueling and William Cleveland, in front, won the contest by holding the iPod between their lips for more than 50 minutes.

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DANIEL GAMBERG/LA VOZ

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INFO

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YABAA SOOREE

WEDNESDAY, FEB 27, 10:30am-3:30pm, Campus Center Rms. A&B
Yabaa Sooree is a day of celebrating African American Achievement in the Bay Area and will feature artist Dr. Marcus Lorenz-Penn's photographs. For information contact wintersmarion@deanza.edu.

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR ROB KELLY TO SPEAK

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 27, 3:30-4:30pm, ADM 119
Theatreworks founder Rob Kelly will speak. He received the Bay Area Theater Critics Circle Paine Knickerbocker Award for lifetime achievement.

SILICON VALLEY READS: MEET BO CALDWELL

THURSDAY, FEB. 28, 10:30-11:30am, Campus Center Rooms A&B
For Silicon Valley Reads month, Bo Caldwell, author of "The Distant Land of My Father," will hold a discussion with students and faculty. For information go to <http://www.siliconvalleyreads.org>.

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STUDENT FILMS TO BE SHOWN AT CINEQUEST

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2:15pm & MONDAY, MARCH 3, 5:45pm,
Camera 12 Cinemas, 201 S. Second St., San Jose

Two films produced by De Anza College Film/TV students will compete in Cinequest's Student Short Film Competition. The films are Indukuri Meena's "Final Performance" and Omar Forero's "Try." De Anza is the only community college represented in Cinequest's Student Shorts competition.

CHAMBER ORCHESTRA BENEFIT CONCERT

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 7:30pm-11pm, A-11 Choral Hall
Cost is \$5 for students/seniors, \$10 general admission. For information contact Lauren Tayerle at deanzamusic1@yahoo.com.

UCLA SCREENWRITING INSTRUCTOR TO SPEAK

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 6:15-7:15pm, ATC 120
Richard Walter, internationally-known screen writing instructor and co-chair of the graduate screen writing program at UCLA, as well as a best selling author and television personality, will speak about screen writing, storytelling and the business of it all.

JIGU! THUNDER DRUMS OF CHINA

SATURDAY, MARCH 8, 8pm, Flint Center
Drummers and musicians of JIGU! Thunder Drums of China come from 28 villages within the Shanxi Province in China. Cost is \$19-\$47 for children/students/seniors, \$22-\$56 for general admission.

WORLD FAMOUS DANCE DEMO

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 7-10pm, Campus Center Rooms A&B
For information contact lucaswarren@deanza.edu.

VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLE IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 7:30-11pm, A-11 Choral Hall
De Anza students will perform. Cost is \$5 for students/seniors and \$10 for general admission. For information contact hawkinsmichelle@fhda.edu.

PENINSULA SYMPHONY PRESENTS CHINESE SPRING FESTIVAL

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 8pm, Flint Center
The Crystal Children's Choir and Firebird Youth Chinese Orchestra will perform pieces for the Chinese Spring Festival including Igor Stravinsky's The Firebird: Suite and Kui Dong's Spring Night of Flower and Moon at Riverside. Cost is \$29 for students/seniors and \$34 for general admission. Tickets available at Ticketmaster.

CALIFORNIA YOUTH SYMPHONY

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2:30pm, Flint Center
The California Youth Symphony will perform Gershwin's An American in Paris, Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No.2 and Shostakovich's Symphony No. 1. Tickets available at Ticketmaster. Cost is \$6 for children/students/seniors and \$12 for adults.

WIND ENSEMBLE CONCERT

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 6:30-11pm, A-11 Choral Hall
De Anza students will perform. Cost is \$5 for students/seniors, \$8 for general admission. For information contact John Russell at 408-864-8999 x3525.

DE ANZA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA TO PERFORM

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 7:15-11pm, A-11 Choral Hall
De Anza students will perform. Cost is \$5 for students/seniors, \$8 for general admission. For information contact tayeeloren@fhda.edu.

CIRQUE DREAMS: JUNGLE FANTASY

FRIDAY, MARCH 28, 8pm
SATURDAY, MARCH 29, 2pm & 8pm, Flint Center
Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy is an all-new adventure by Cirque Productions that takes audiences soaring into a magical forest through the air and on the stage. Tickets available from \$40-\$60 (\$5 less for 14 and under) at Ticketmaster.

GRAPHIC STORYTELLING AS ACTIVISM EXHIBIT

NOW THROUGH APRIL 17 (closed March 31-April 4 for spring break), Mondays-Thursdays 10am-4pm, Euphrat Museum of Art
The exhibit, Graphic Storytelling as Activism, presents a variety of art forms, including cartoons, political posters, digital art and book art to explore a range of imagery with an activist bent. In this exhibition, artists build communities through community-based arts, address local and global issues and tell personal stories within the larger context, historically and culturally.

BANNED, CHALLENGED BOOK EXHIBIT

The De Anza College library is featuring a display of banned and challenged books. The exhibit is inside the library to the right just past the copy machines. Library hours are Mondays-Thursdays 8am-9pm, Fridays 8am-4pm, Saturdays 10am-4pm, Sundays noon-6pm.

'BURDEN & BONUS' ART EXHIBIT

TUESDAYS-THURSDAYS, 8:30-noon & 1-4:30pm, through April
The California History Center (Le Petit Trianon)
This exhibit on preservation and demolition on the De Anza Campus responds to the questions, "What are the burdens of maintaining and utilizing 19th century buildings and landscapes for a modern California college? What bonuses are won by preservation efforts?" For information, call 408-864-8986.

PLANETARIUM, LASER SHOWS

EVERY SATURDAY THROUGH MARCH 29, 6-11:30pm
Family astronomy and laser light shows are featured once a week. Ticket sales start at 5 p.m. at the door.

Astronomy show admission is \$7 for adults, \$6 for students w/ID and children 12 and under. Laser show admission is \$9 for adults and \$8 for children 12 and under. For information go to <http://www.deanza.edu/planetarium> or call 408-864-5791.

LIBRARY NEEDS DONATIONS

The De Anza library needs donations of fiction and non-fiction books and DVDs to put in their annual sale. Bring donations to the library Technical Services Department or the Reference Desk. A receipt will be supplied to donors for tax purposes.

ACADEMIC SKILLS WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE

In Academic Skills Workshops, leaders give small, interactive presentations and provide handouts to help students improve study skills. Workshops include time management, textbook reading, concentration and memory, English writing skills, grammar, spelling and math study strategies. Sign up in the workshop sign up binder in L-47.

- Monday, Feb. 25
 - 10:30am Editing Skills, ATC 309
 - 11:30am Communicating in Study Groups, L 47
- Tuesday, Feb. 26
 - 10:30am Writing, Grammar Web Resources, ATC 309
 - 11:30am Vocabulary in Context, ATC 309
 - 1:30PM Writing Thesis Statements, ATC 309
 - 2:30PM Effective Decisions, L 47
- Wednesday, Feb 27
 - 9:30am Memory Strategies, L 47
 - 10:30am Textbook Reading, ATC 309
 - 11:30am Braingame: Engaging Ethics, L 47
 - 1:30am Time Management, L 45
 - 2:30am Test Taking Tips, MCC 11
- Thursday, Feb. 28
 - 10:30am Study Skills for Math & Science, L 47
 - 11:30am Braingame: Concentration, L 47
- Friday, Feb. 29
 - 11:30am Tests With Less Stress, L 47

INTER CLUB COUNCIL CELL PHONE DRIVE

NOW THROUGH FRIDAY, FEB. 29: Cell Phone Drive
Donate unwanted cell phones to victims of domestic violence. Drop off donations at the following locations:

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

Important dates


- Friday, Feb. 29: Last day to drop with a "W"
- Friday, March 14: Last day to add CAOS self-paced classes
- Friday, March 28: Last day of winter quarter
- Monday, April 7: First day of spring quarter

Check it out: Get ready to transfer

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVE

Appointments to meet with representatives from Golden Gate University, San Francisco State, UC Berkeley and UC Davis can be scheduled in person at the Transfer Center on the 2nd floor of the Student and Community Services Building or by calling 408-864-8841. Representatives will be at De Anza at the times listed below. Check with the Transfer Center for information about visits from representatives of other universities.


- GOLDEN GATE UNIVERSITY: Tuesday, March 17, 5-8pm, Campus Center Lobby
- NOTRE DAME de NAMUR UNIVERSITY: Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2-4pm, Campus Center Lobby
- SAN FRANCISCO STATE: Thursday, Feb. 28 & Thursday, March 6, 9am-1pm, Campus Center Lobby
- UC BERKELEY: Thursday, March 13, 10am-3pm, Transfer Center (2nd Floor SCS Bldg.)
- UC DAVIS: Every Monday, 9am-2pm, Transfer Center (2nd Floor SCS Bldg.)




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Adobe Chicken Burrito	\$6.50
Del Mar Mahi Mahi Burrito	\$6.50
Carne Adobada Enchilada	\$8.95
Taos Toss House Salad	\$4.50
Al Carbon Steak Taco	\$2.95

**ask for student beverage

POLICE LOG

These notes are collected from Foothill - De Anza Police's media log.

Feb. 14 - Feb. 21

INVESTIGATION
Intrusion Alarm
Location: ATC room
112 door
Friday, Feb. 15
at 7:20 a.m.

INVESTIGATION
Intrusion Alarm
Location: ATC room
112 door
Friday, Feb. 15
at 11:27 a.m.

INVESTIGATION
Intrusion Alarm
Location: Planetarium
Monday, Feb. 18
at 2:04 p.m.

TRAFFIC COLLISION
Traffic Accident - No
injuries
Location: Lot A vehicle
rollout
Thursday, Feb. 19
at 1:41 p.m.

THEFT
Grand Theft, Over
\$400
Location: Lot A
Wednesday, Feb. 20
at 8:31 p.m.

THEFT
Grand Theft, Over
\$400
Silver Corolla
Location: Lot A
Wednesday, Feb. 20
at
5:20 p.m.

PROPERTY
Lost Property Report
Police Department
Thursday, Feb. 21 at
2:17 p.m.

DASB Senate decides on funding for 08-09

Shawn McGann
LA VOZ NEWS

You win some, you lose some. Representatives of various De Anza College programs had mixed emotions coming out of the De Anza Associated Student Body Senate meeting last Wednesday, where additional funds were, or were not, allocated to programs that requested them.

The Senate voted to increase funds for the Track & Field program by \$2,000 from special allocations, raising the amount allocated to the program to \$5,000. Ninety-one hundred dollars had been requested.

Whitnee Garrett, a member of Track and Field who came to the senate meeting to support her team, said she was pleased that funding for the team increased, but that it wasn't enough. "They're stingy," she said, adding that the money the DASB had to work with was more than enough to grant all the funding requests made that day. "They're bickering about doing anything. They should just give us what we need."

The \$52,550 that had been set aside by the Senate at a previous meeting for fund requests was allocated to various programs.

Most of the programs that requested funds were approved for the majority of their requests, some including the Writing and Reading Center, for \$10,000 of the requested \$14,325, and "¡Lead!" a club geared towards Latino students, for \$5,000 of the \$8,438 requested.

The Honors Program was one of the programs for which additional funding was not approved. Senators argued that the program was not living up to its expectations, and because college administrators have said they will match DASB funding, senators argued that there was no reason to increase the funding. The DASB approved \$10,500 of the \$25,171 requested by the program.

Roughly half of those in the audience were students or coaches from various De Anza athletic departments, acting on behalf of their team to address the senate on their budget increase proposals. Many asked the Senate to recognize the value of their program to the De Anza student body.

Men's tennis Head Coach Kelly Simons said that an increase in students signing up for the men's tennis program warranted the increase in

funding she had requested. "Every year we've been getting bigger and bigger," she said. There are currently 14 students on the team this year, which Simons said is unheard of for most community colleges. "They're out there working hard to represent De Anza College. It's very hard to fund such a large program, and so we're here to try and get your support to help us do that." The men's tennis team was approved for \$1,500 of the \$4,140 requested.

Nick Mattis, the head coach of Track and Cross Country at De Anza said, "We don't have enough money this year to fund our program ... We have 14 track meets and we'll run out of the money that the DASB gives us after five." He told the DASB that if they cut the funding, there would hardly be any program at all next year.

Earlier, the Senate Budget and Finance Committee recommended that the senate fund only \$16,120 of the \$25,700 requested by the Math Performance Success Program, but the senate voted to fund the full amount using money from special allocations.

"As you know, math is a major impediment for many students looking to achieve their degrees and moving on with their education," said Herminio Hernando of the MSPS. "The program is expanding next year to serve pre-calculus and trigonometry students." Hernando said the money requested by the MPSP would go solely towards paying for tutoring costs.

The senate meets again next week to vote to finalize their approval of the budget. The budget must pass this second

vote to be approved. If changes are made to the budget before the second vote is passed, the senate would need to start over, as the revised budget would require another first and second vote to be ratified.

The senate meets every year to decide its budget allocations and to vote on its approval. This year they had over \$1 million available, which they used to allocate toward college services, student programs and events, and their own expenses. Representatives from many of the funded programs have said they rely upon those funds for their survival.

Shawn McGann is a staff reporter for La Voz. Contact him at shawnmcgann@lavozdeanza.com.

Highs and Lows

Track & Field

AMOUNT REQUESTED:
\$9,100
AMOUNT FUNDED:
\$5,000

Writing & Reading Center

AMOUNT REQUESTED:
\$14,325
AMOUNT FUNDED:
\$10,000

Honors Program

AMOUNT REQUESTED:
\$25,171
AMOUNT FUNDED:
\$10,500

Source: www.deanza.edu/dasb/budget

Record numbers plan on transfer to UC system

Sonia Easaw
LA VOZ NEWS

More transfer students have applied this year for undergraduate admission to the University of California school system than ever before, according to the University of California.

Preliminary figures show a 9 percent increase overall from last fall for all applicants.

20,765 California community college students applied to the UC system for Fall 2008, an increase of about 8 percent.

Shirley Kawazoe, transfer center coordinator at De Anza, can only speculate as to why. "Students may think it's more prestigious to go to a UC," she said.

Despite not knowing anything else about that particular campus, some students may want to go to a UC because they think the hardest schools to get into are the best.

International students transferring to the UC system in general have increased from fall 2007 by about 21 percent, and from fall 2006 by about 30 percent.

Overall, there has been a trend of more students interested in the UCs, said Kawazoe.

Sonia Easaw is a senior staff reporter for La Voz. Contact her at soniaeasaw@lavozdeanza.com.

»MEETING NOTES«

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees is the governing body in charge of both Foothill and De Anza Colleges, and meets every two weeks.

Upcoming Board of Trustees meetings:

Feb 27 special meeting:
Planned agenda items:
1. Approval of EIS contract

March 3 meeting:
Planned agenda items:
1. Approval of Project Stabilization Agreement
2. Presentation: Open Educational Resources
3. Quarterly Listing of District Investments
4. Second Quarter Report
5. Faculty Tenure
6. 2008-09 Board Legislative Goals (first reading)
7. Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee Report
8. Administrator Contracts

Source: fhda.edu

INTER CLUB COUNCIL

The Inter Club Council is the governing body which allocates funds to De Anza College's 67 active clubs. The ICC meets Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Student Council Chambers in the basement of the Hinson Campus Center.

February 20

What happened: ICC representatives passed, by consensus, a proposal to donate \$1000 to Union University in Jackson, Tenn, where a Tornado destroyed dormitories and campus structures last week, and 51 students were hospitalized.

Where it will come from: The money is to come from the ICC emergency relief fund and will go to the Union University Disaster relief fund.

Why this matters: The ICC Emergency relief fund now stands at \$1,243.

Ehssan Barkeshli

CAMPUS SNAPSHOT



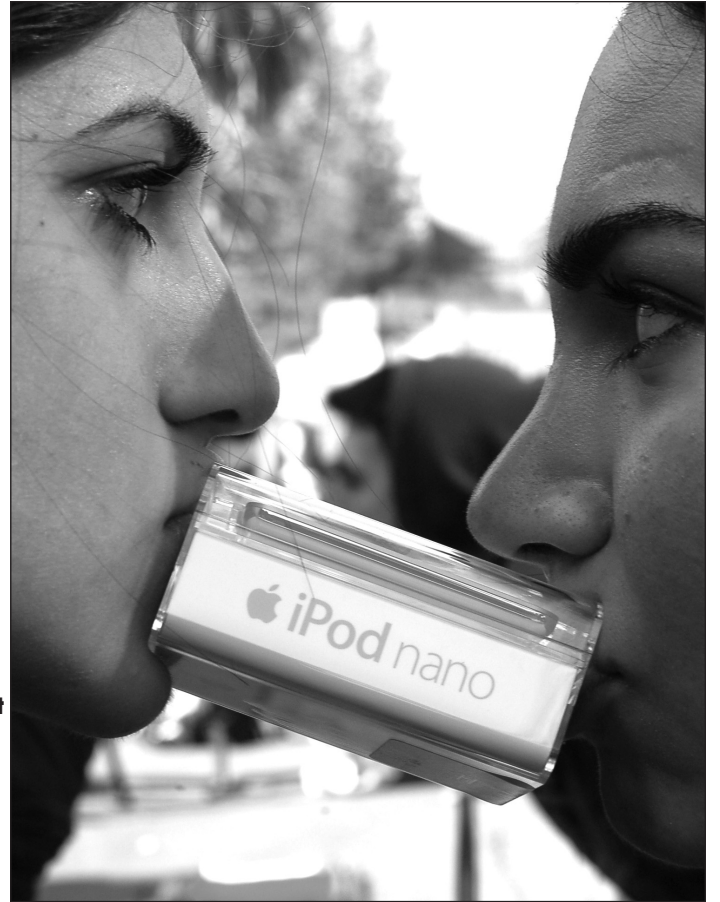
JOSH BAYS/LA VOZ

Eternity draws on apace at De Anza College, so it's worthwhile to contemplate the science quad through the numb spokes of vitality.

IPOD LOVE | KISSING CONTEST ON CAMPUS BRINGS SORE LIPS, HAPPINESS TO WINNERS



(Left) Apple Campus Representative and iPod kissing contest judge Reza Kazempour keeps a close watch on contestants, watching for any one disqualified either by dropping the iPod nano, or using anything besides their lips to hold it between up. (Right) Team number 12, Nahal Malekshar and Melika Farnja, keep their game faces on in their attempt to win the iPod nano kissing contest, held on Feb. 13 at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Student and Community Services building. However, Team 12 did not win the contest.



(Below) Sean Marqueling and William Cleveland were Team number 9 in the iPod kissing contest. With a holding time of over 50 minutes, they each won the contest and an iPod nano.



DANIEL GAMBERG (3)/LA VOZ

LA VOZ Weekly

Journalism Association of Community Colleges 2007 NorCal Conference Awards to La Voz

- General Excellence** NEWSPAPER ONLINE
- 1st Place** STUDENT DESIGNED ADVERTISEMENT
- 2nd Place** OPINION WRITING ON-THE-SPOT
INSIDE PAGE LAYOUT
- 3rd Place** LINE ILLUSTRATION
FRONT PAGE LAYOUT
PHOTO ILLUSTRATION
INFORMATIONAL GRAPHIC
- Honorable Mentions** NEWS STORY
COLUMN WRITING (2)
PROFILE FEATURE
NEWS PHOTO
PHOTO STORY/ESSAY

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

ZIMBABWE

Zimbabwe's soaring inflation hit an annual rate of 100,000 percent in January, new official figures show.

Ongoing shortages of food and fuel helped drive up inflation from December's rate of 66,212 percent.

Government officials say the shortages make it hard to estimate inflation with any degree of accuracy.

About 80 percent of the country's population lives in poverty and it is estimated that three million people have left the country for a new life in South Africa.

NEPAL

The authorities in Nepal have imposed a daytime curfew along a highway to enable fuel tankers to bring fuel from India. Drivers have been refusing to deliver petrol, diesel and gas from India because they say they are under threat from an ethnic group in the south. The result is that the capital and other cities are almost out of fuel. The south is being blockaded as part of a general strike staged by an ethnic group campaigning for more rights.

THE PHILIPPINES

A relief effort is under way in the eastern Philippines to help tens of thousands of people forced from their homes by flooding. At least 20 people are now known to have died in landslides and floods caused by more than a week of heavy rain, disaster officials said. Bridges have been washed away and roads submerged in Eastern Samar province, which has been hardest hit. Army troops have begun delivering supplies to displaced residents. Heavy rain has been falling in the Philippines since 12 February, inundating rice fields and causing damage estimated at \$12.2m (£6m).

\$300 per kid isn't such a bad deal

STEPHEN ZILL
Economics
for
Everyone



Two weeks ago, this column addressed the inner workings of the Federal Reserve System – the central bank of the United States.

In an effort to light a fire under what appears to be a cooling economy, the Fed is currently pursuing “easy” monetary policy, reducing interest rates in the hopes that this will make it easier for households and businesses to get their hands on (and spend) some money.

Now that the Fed has done its part, Congress has decided to come to the rescue with a dose of “expansionary” fiscal policy.

In a surprisingly swift and rare example of bipartisanship, Congress has cobbled together a \$152 billion stimulus package that includes rebates for taxpayers, incentives for businesses and aid for homeowners in foreclosure.

All that's nice, but what will this stimulus package do for you – the average community college student?

And before we give Congress a collective, hearty pat on the back, remember: this is an election year.

The centerpiece of the package is the tax rebate plan, which will amount to approximately \$112 billion dollars “injected” into the economy.

Who will get this money? Will it be taxed? Will you have to pay it back if you get it?

As for the latter two questions, the answer is no. With respect to the first question, the answer is slightly more complex.

If you are single and childless, you will receive an “advance credit payment,” a pre-bate, as some call it, of up to \$600 against your taxes for 2008. Also, for every kid you have in 2008, you'll get an additional \$300.

Next year, when you file your taxes, if it's found that you received a pre-bate that was too large, you get to keep it. If it's found that you received a pre-bate that was too small, you get the difference.

There are, however, a few caveats. First, you must file your taxes for 2007 to qualify for the rebate. Second, you can't make too much or too little or be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax returns.

The minimum, in terms of wages and other income, is \$3,000 per year. The maximum is \$87,000 per year for singles and \$174,000 per year for joint filers. If you made between \$3,000 and \$6,000 in 2007, you'll get back the taxes you paid – about 10 percent of your taxable income.

Above that, and up to the \$87,000 ceiling, your refund will typically be \$600.

There are additional categories based on whether you are single and have kids, are married with kids, are married without kids, marry one of your kids, and so on, but there is only so much of this stuff one can reasonably be expected to bear.

Detractors compare the use of fiscal policy in order to keep the economy from a downturn to “taking a bucket of water from the deep end of a pool, dumping it in the shallow end” and expecting the overall water level to rise.

In general though, the stimulus package may be a good thing in that it at least gives an emotional lift to consumers weary from the constant barrage of bad news about the economy.

In the meantime, spend, prosper and be fruitful – remember, it's \$300 a kid!

Stephen Zill is an economics instructor at De Anza College.

PEOPLE on campus

ARTIST OF THE WEEK

For Garcia, it all begins with a bit of creativity

Antoinette Luzano
LA VOZ NEWS

In a way, Francisco Garcia is invincible when he paints. According to him, “I can do anything I want and express myself in a painting.”

After taking Eugene Rodriguez's Introduction to Muralism class last spring, Garcia was inspired to create murals of his own.

The 24-year-old artist was among the few De Anza students who participated in painting the mural near the Physical Education building and pool. The mural depicts various cultural issues and focuses on subjects such as immigration, the Middle East and education.

Through his art, Garcia hopes to spread a message of “equality, not just for Latinos, but for everybody.”

The mural is one of Garcia's only publicly visible works of art. “I haven't really had the chance to turn in my work to a museum.”

Nevertheless, he has decided to submit a piece to a student exhibit at the Euphrat Museum of Art next year.

Prior to the mural, Garcia did not have much painting experience. However, he is versatile in his art, changing his style “depending on [his] mood,” and painting a variety of subjects.

Garcia also plans to try different mediums of art. Although mainly a muralist, Garcia is fascinated by all forms of art, including sculpture, film and photography.

Despite not having any set style, Garcia describes his work as “serious.”

He says, “I feel that [artists] should have something to

“Without creativity, we wouldn't be where we are today.”

Francisco Garcia on art and creativity

say, as if we're writing a letter to somebody.” Garcia sees today's art as being too “commercialized” because a lot of ideas have “already been done.”

“I think that art should be what the artist feels,” says Garcia. He enjoys art because of the freedom that comes with it.

In the future, Garcia would like to do more murals. He's undecided about his other plans, which will be in either



ANTOINETTE LUZANO/LA VOZ

Francisco Garcia, a De Anza College student and artist, is particularly inspired by muralism, but also enjoys sculpture, film and photography.

graphic, fashion or automotive design. He's also thinking about emulating Rodriguez, one of his greatest inspirations, by teaching art to college students.

Garcia's other main inspirations are Vincent van Gogh, Edvard Munch and the Mexican muralists of the 1930s. He's also inspired by his fellow students.

Garcia says of van Gogh, “Reading his story, I feel like I could have related to how he felt.” He also likes how van Gogh channels his emotions through his paintings. As for the muralists, they inspire Garcia to “paint life.”

Garcia would like to see the muralism classes at De Anza grow and yield more murals on campus.

“I wish I had more time to be able to paint. Without creativity, we wouldn't be where we are today. [Everything] has somehow started with a sketch or a drawing.”

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PLAYER OF THE WEEK

Pitcher Poss impresses with his skill and talent

Luis Cardenas
LA VOZ NEWS

Hometown: Sunnyvale, CA

Major: Business Management

Position: Starting Pitcher for the De Anza Dons

Dream School: Sacramento State University

Favorite Pro Athlete: Tiger Woods

Most memorable baseball moment: Last season against Orange Coast Community College. “It was my first collegiate start and we ended up coming away with a victory and it was when I realized that I could compete at the collegiate level,” said Poss.



LUIS CARDENAS/LA VOZ

Brendan Poss, starting pitcher for the De Anza College baseball team, says being mentally tough is a large part of being good at baseball.

“Brendon is pretty special; he doesn't throw 90 MPH—he hardly throws 80 MPH, but he knows how to pitch,” said pitching coach Dave Salter. “I think I have been able to be effective based on my ability to throw strikes. Also, another factor I think that allows me to succeed is the control of my pitches. A well-located pitch is tough to hit no matter how hard you throw it,” said Poss. This outstanding sophomore showcased his talent on Feb. 16, facing Modesto College, pitching 7.1 shutout innings, which contributed immensely to De Anza's first win of the 2008 season. “To contribute in any way possible to getting that first win, felt really good,” said Poss.

During the course of the game, Poss overcame every situation he faced, including several with runners in scoring position, with a calm and collected aura. “When I go out there, I accept the fact that I am going to give up some hits along the way. It is the way that you cope with giving up a big hit, or giving up a home run, or bouncing back from an error that is going to decide whether you can succeed at this level. Being mentally tough is a huge part of my game,” said Poss. Coach Salter adds, “He's savvy, and he makes up for his lack of velocity with being a good pitcher—not a thrower, but a pitcher.”

He aspires to play baseball as long as he feels he can be competitive, and would like to call it quits on his own terms. “[I don't want to] have someone else tell me I can't do it anymore,” said Poss.

Now that the Dons have mustered their first victory of the season, Poss finally shaved off his bushy beard, which he vowed to leave in tact until the team had won a game. At least there will be no more caveman sightings on campus. Just kidding.

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CSI: Obesity, Who's to blame?

MARY-JO LOMAX

Your
Health



The Crime: The growing waistlines of an ever-growing number of Americans. Over the last 30 years, adult obesity rates have doubled.

The Victim: The two-thirds of Americans who, according to the National Institutes of Health, are either overweight or who are obese.

The Main Suspects:

Fat – The prime suspect of the 1980s and 90s. Fat has 9 calories per gram, making it twice as caloric as either carbohydrates or protein (both have 4 calories per gram). In addition to having more calories, fat contributes to high cholesterol. Diets high in fat are blamed for other diseases, too, including certain cancers.

Carbohydrates – A prime suspect, they are the body's major source of energy. All sugars and starches are carbohydrates. Sugars are considered *simple* carbohydrates while starches are *complex* carbohydrates. The terms, *simple* and *complex*, refer to the molecular make-up of the carbohydrates. Fiber is also a type of carbohydrate. All or most of the fiber, along with important vitamins and minerals, are removed from foods that are highly processed.

The Food Industry – The food industry, including the fast-food industry, say they're innocent because they simply respond to consumers' desires. Consider the low-carb and low-fat foods that are all the rage today. On the other hand, if the food industry was simply responding to consumer desire, why the need to spend billions of dollars each year on advertising new products? Perhaps the industry *creates*, rather than *responds to* consumer desire. According to the National Institutes of Health, Americans' caloric intake has increased steadily over the last 30 years with the exception of two big surges occurring from 1976-1980 and then again from 1988-1994. These two time periods coincided with national fast food chains increasing their portions. Serving sizes became two to five times larger during those years, and once larger portions were established, cookbooks followed suit and increased portion sizes in recipes.

The Consumer – Some say we have only ourselves to blame. After all, we have free will and nobody is forcing us to eat. On the other hand, who can resist the constant seduction by the many enticing advertisements and the great all-you-can-eat deals? How can we do the right thing when we are constantly barraged with misinformation? For example, in the 1980's, when nutritionists and other researchers urged us to reduce the fat in our diets, food manufacturers started creating low-fat or fat-free versions of their products. Most consumers appreciated these lower-fat versions of their favorite snack foods because eating a low-fat snack in front of the television, for example, was a far easier change to make than either cutting down on snacking or reducing the amount of time we spent being sedentary. A seemingly extra-added benefit to the no- or low-fat snacks was that consumers could eat more of their favorite snack because it was fat-free. Shouldn't the food industry have told us that fat-free foods still have calories and those calories are mainly made of simple carbohydrates?

The Results: Unfortunately, the investigation is ongoing and we may never get to the bottom of it.

Mary Jo Lomax is a health instructor at De Anza College.

Dons Baseball: the boys are back!



LUIS CARDENAS/LA VOZ

No. 23 Benson Williams, from San Mateo, was a pinch hitter for the De Anza College Dons against the Modesto College Pirates. The Dons continued to play a half hour later after losing against Colorado State University and beat the Pirates 2-0.

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DONS LOSE CLOSE FIGHT AGAINST COLORADO ...

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LA VOZ NEWS

The De Anza baseball team aimed to improve upon their 0-6 record at the Modesto Tournament Feb. 16, playing back-to-back games against two stiff opponents.

The first half of the double-header was versus Colorado State University. The Dons drew first blood, pushing across two runs in the fourth inning.

Dons starting pitcher, Tommy Erlin was light out against opposing batters until a lead off double in the sixth inning proved to be the catalyst for Colorado's first run. De Anza right fielder Travis Adams wasted little time responding with a solo home run to reclaim the two-run cushion in the very next inning. Colorado answered right back with a two out rally in the 7th inning, which tied the game at 3 all. In 7 innings of work, Erlin allowed 8 hits and 3 runs, while racking up 8 strikeouts.

Kazuya Matsumoto was the relief pitcher summoned to shut down Colorado's offense in the 8th inning, unfortunately he was unable to record a single out, while allowing each of the first three batters he faced to reach base. At this point the Dons had no room for error, having the bases loaded with nobody out.

Coach Scott Hertler decided to bring

in the closing pitcher, Kalehua Moniz, to attempt to preserve the tie game.

"He did a great job," said Hertler. Instead of catching a fly ball, Moniz let it drop to the grass, hoping to trick one of the base runners into leaving his station. Sure enough, his savvy play decoyed the runner on third base into taking a few steps off the bag, and Moniz immediately fired a laser to the third baseman Gabe Robles.

In the ninth, the Dons still had confidence in their ability to make a comeback, as the entire team stood and roared, hustling their teammates to start a rally. Adams, who had gone deep his previous at bat led off the inning with a walk, which brought the tying run to the plate. Jamie Wagner came up to bat and scolded the ball to deep right field, however the defender made an outstanding play and caught it, he then threw to first base, completing the rally-killing double play.

The Dons' heart-breaking 5-3 loss extended their losing streak to 7 games. Afterward, Hertler united his team, and gave a pep talk to prepare them for the next game.

"He didn't get down on our guys. He just pointed out mental errors and kept everybody in the game. We lost, but we played well," said Assistant Coach Junior Rivera. ☐

... BUT TAKE FIRST WIN AGAINST MODESTO

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LA VOZ NEWS

A half hour later after losing to Colorado State University, the De Anza baseball game resumed. The De Anza College Dons turned the page and prepared to face the tournament host, the Modesto College Pirates, which had beaten De Anza in their previous meeting.

The first 7 innings of the game showcased a classic pitchers duel, with neither team able to produce any runs. Dons starting pitcher Brendon Poss held the Pirates to 7 scattered hits through 7.1 innings.

"Poss pitched tremendously, keeping them off balance all day long," said Coach Scott Hertler.

The Dons' offense was sputtering when it came to manufacturing runs, resulting in seven scoreless innings.

"We didn't bunt the ball very well and it made our job harder," said Hertler.

All that changed in the eighth inning with one swing of the bat. With two outs and runners on first and second base, Benson Williams was summoned as a pinch hitter, proving to be the turning point of the game. Williams laced a triple into the left center field gap, barely evading the outstretched glove of the diving left fielder by inches.

"He got the clutch hit," said Hertler.

Kalehua Moniz and Jamie Wagner came around to score on the play, giving the Dons a 2-0 lead.

Nevertheless, the Pirates did not go down without a fight, stringing together a couple hits in the bottom of the eighth and knocking Poss out of the game. Moniz was called upon once again to come in and put out the fire. He was able to get the job done, inducing a ground ball to third base, which started an inning-ending double play.

Modesto College threatened the Dons' lead once again in the ninth inning. "I was focusing on trying to get the pitch down, to get a double play ball," said Moniz.

Sure enough, Moniz managed to get the job done yet again, coaxing a second consecutive inning-ending double play. "It was huge," said Hertler.

The Dons immediately swarmed the infield, celebrating their first victory of the year.

"It feels really good to finally get that first win. Not just for my personal statistics, but this team has been working extremely hard to get that first win and to contribute in any way possible to getting that first win, felt really good," said Poss.

Sophomore-standout Moniz added, "It feels like all the pressure is off. Now we can just go out and play." ☐

ONLINE EXTRA

Baseball's plan for new season

NEW PLAYERS, PLAN AFTER TUMULT OF '07

Find the article online at our Web site, listed below. Look up archived stories on the De Anza College baseball team by using the "search" link on the Web site, or the "archives" link.

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Join the club ... or get out of the way

THE OPINION OF THE LA VOZ WEEKLY EDITORIAL BOARD

In theory, clubs on campus are established to provide a venue for students to share a common interest, socialize with other students who share that interest and work together so that their talents can flourish. In addition, clubs provide students with opportunities to hold leadership positions and develop their interpersonal skills.

Often, however, students fail to take advantage of these opportunities and forget what being in a club is all about. Consequently, many clubs accumulate a collection of individuals who "participate" in club activities simply to decorate their transcripts with official titles that woo and awe universities.

Instead of clubs filled with members who are passionate and committed, there are clubs filled with application

robots that are both disinterested and unenthusiastic.

It's true that colleges demand a lot from their applicants. But when clubs are saturated with students simply trying to pad their resumes, or bombarded by officer applications from people with ulterior motives, the people who are in those clubs out of a genuine desire to share their interests lose out.

For example, officers are crucial to all clubs because they provide leadership, structure and continuity, and officer positions provide a sense of responsibility and a motive to continue participation. When those positions are awarded to

disingenuous candidates, other students lose important opportunities to develop themselves and their skills.

In addition, if students feel that the clubs devoted to their topics of interest are filled with people who only superfi-

Many clubs are filled with individuals only interested in decorating their transcripts.

cially share that devotion, they may be discouraged from participating at all.

In this case, not only do individual students lose out on a forum for their

interests, but the campus as a whole suffers because clubs become less active, diverse and vibrant.

There is a fine line between being in a club because you enjoy it and being in a club simply because colleges encourage applicants to "get more involved." But ultimately, students should be mature and considerate enough to limit themselves to the former.

After all, with dozens of clubs on campus oriented toward as many different topics, it shouldn't be too hard finding something you actually like.

And if nothing else, it's probably more fun to actually prosper from the advantages a club can offer you than to spend all your time worrying about what official title you'll hold next quarter. ☐

Don't look at me, I'm an abomination!



JOSH BAYS
another voice

According to a recent Food and Drug Administration ruling, cloned food will not grow legs and walk off your plate. Last month the FDA reported that food products from cloned cows, goats and pigs are identical to products from their conventionally bred counterparts.

This officially opens the door to clone-burgers being sold at a store near you. And those stores have absolutely no legal obligation to label their clone products as such.

If the idea of taking a big juicy bite of clone scone grosses you out, you needn't be too worried; as of right now cloning animals for food is ex-

tremely cost prohibitive.

Consumers aren't the only ones who seem a little apprehensive about buying food products from cloned animals. In response to the FDA's findings, the United States Department of Agriculture has asked for a voluntary moratorium to be placed on the manufacture and sale of clone products to allow for more testing and review.

Beyond the gut reaction that cloned food often elicits, many people have a moral problem with cloning. If the FDA's current ruling stands, people who abhor the consumption of this new age foodstuff for religious or other reasons would not be given a choice either way.

In the same way that the general indignation over the use of RBGH to increase milk output led to a decline in the hormone's popularity among milk producers, cloned meat distributors may also be faced with fervent, widespread protests.

Despite the potential advantages that cloned animals may offer - ranging from better and more consistent flavor to increased productivity per animal - we should be cautious about embracing what some critics have dubbed, "Frankenfood."

Instead of jumping to conclusions either way, it is crucial that we demand the moratorium on food products from cloned animals continues until such

time as the USDA is willing to certify that those products are safe to eat.

And once this milestone has been reached, it is equally important that consumers demand that all food products that come from cloned animals are clearly labeled as such.

The relationship that Americans share with their food is a sacred and celebrated thing. The right to know exactly what it is you are eating for dinner must be defended.

Ultimately, the verdict on cloned food should be left to the consumer.

And ultimately, the verdict on cloned food should be left to the consumer. If the general public decides that it doesn't mind the fact that its hamburgers are all exact genetic matches, then the success of cloned animal products will be ensured.

As the old saying goes, you are what you eat. And if we don't know what we eat, we don't know what we are. ☐

Note: If you are concerned about inadvertently eating cloned food, only buy and eat products that are labeled as "certified organic." These products are required to be free of any kind of genetic modification, including cloning.

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This week's debate:
English vs. Math

At least it's not French by Julia Eckhardt

Ye old English language of mine, how I weep for thine beauty! Tis' not a man for a maiden that may defend ye as I shall-to the death! Dragons may slay me, and wooden pikes may threaten my buttocks, yet still I hold thee as the object of my idolatry. Oh my dear sweet lord in the foggy abundance above; you, the English language, are indeed mammoth to all that is else wise. But why, you petition such a humble servant as I? I tell you now as the burning bush spake to Moses, all is but spectacle to what is the majesty of a well-spoken utterance in the language of Shakespeare, King Henry and the Blue Oyster Cult.

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by Jay Donde

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International fees must not be raised



AISELLE DE VERA
another voice

Colleges and universities in the United States are a popular destination for students from across the globe who wish to obtain a world-class education.

Every year, about 5,000 international students attend colleges in California. De Anza College, especially, is known for its large contingent of international students - this quarter there are 1,313 of them enrolled.

At the Feb. 4 meeting of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District Board of Trustees, board members passed a motion raising international student fees for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Effective this fall, international fees will go up from the current \$118 per quarter unit to \$123 per quarter unit, an amount that doesn't even include the registration fee or the

sundry other fees that each student is required to pay.

Some may feel that, with the decrease in the value of the dollar against other world currencies, a hike in the amount of money international students pay for tuition is warranted.

But these fees are not determined

International students are not eligible for financial aid and can only benefit from a few scholarships.

by the global economy. Rather, they are based on the cost of education.

This cost is derived by dividing the total California General Fund expenditure on education by the number of students enrolled in programs funded by that expenditure. Since international students do not receive subsidies from the state, they pay the full cost of education.

As an international student myself, I believe that these fees should not have been raised.

International students do not wish to take funding away from Califor-

nia residents, but raising international fees might have adverse effects on the state that are far more damaging than can be quantified by a simple dollar amount.

To begin with, higher fees would discourage international students from pursuing an education in the United States.

This would be a monumental loss to a country that benefits from the exchange of cultures and ideas facilitated by international students.

If nothing else, it would hurt the cultural diversity for which both the U.S. and De Anza College are known.

Furthermore, international students enjoy limited job opportunities, as they can only work on campus due to restrictions in their student visas.

In addition, international students are not eligible for financial aid and can only benefit from a few scholarships.

Therefore, I believe that it is in everyone's best interest that international student fees not be raised.

These fees should be as low as possible without limiting the state's ability to fund its own residents' education. ☐

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ANTOINETTE LUZANO/LA VOZ

This spring, 14 parking permit machines will be replaced on the De Anza campus. Due to budget constraints, earlier replacement of broken machines was not possible.

Damaged machines to change by spring

Antoinette Luzano
LA VOZ NEWS

"I'd say, 60 to 70 percent of the problems are inflicted by people ... but sometimes we have problems with our software."

Ben Rodriguez, director of campus safety and security

Daily parking permit machines at De Anza College will be replaced by spring quarter.

"Four are being changed, and we picked up eight for Measure E," said Ben Rodriguez, director of campus safety and security. "I bought a few more, so about 14 altogether [are being replaced]." The machines were not replaced earlier due to budget constraints.

There are approximately 20 machines on campus, many of which have been on campus for over 10 years and do not work well.

Students have reported problems with the machines. In most cases, the machines were not in working order because of vandalism, security officers said.

"I'd say, 60 to 70 percent of the problems are inflicted by people," Rodriguez said. "They shove slugs in them, and they put glue in them, but sometimes, we have a problem with our software."

Repairing the machines, which are located in every parking lot and parking structure, costs about \$150 an hour, and parts are often difficult to find for the older machines.

"What I'd like to do is have a five year plan to replace all of [the machines]," Rodriguez said.

Another issue with older models has been their requirement for correct change. In the past, some students have not been able to purchase permits because they did not have the correct change on them.

The hardware on the new machines will have credit card functionality, but there are no plans to install the

credit card software.

"It takes a lot of logistics," Rodriguez said. "For \$2 parking, it's not feasible."

All of the red machines, which accept only exact change in either two one-dollar bills or eight quarters, will be replaced, according to Rodriguez.

The new, yellow machines will take dollars, quarters, dimes and nickels. When a larger bill is inserted into the machines, it will be rejected.

"One person ... put some money in that didn't come back out, and we [checked] things out," Rodriguez said. "We try to be as fair as we can. ... Machines are machines. You know, imperfect."

De Anza earned roughly \$278,000 last year from the parking machines. The majority of the people who purchase the one-day permits are visitors and part time students.

Although the Foothill-De Anza Community College District spends thousands of dollars to remind students about parking permits, there are many students who are ticketed for parking violations. Parking tickets of \$35 are placed put on cars without permits from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day.

Between Foothill and De Anza Colleges, about \$10,000 worth of tickets are given each year in the district, Rodriguez said, including the \$325 citations given to people who park in the disabled parking zones without handicapped placards, as well as people who park in unmarked stalls, back into stalls, park in staff designated stalls or park overnight.

Antoinette Luzano is a staff reporter for La Voz.

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