

Math instructor criticizes senate survey

BY LILYA MITELMAN
Assistant News Editor

The Student Rights and Services' math survey questions and wording came under fire from Academic Senate Vice President and math instructor Barbara Illowsky, who expressed concerns to the DASB Senate Nov. 21.

Student Rights and Services received many complaints from students regarding math instruction, said Vice President of Student Rights and Services Danielle Johanson.

In order to pinpoint the problems that

students are having with math, Johanson's committee wrote a math survey for students. The senate approved the survey at the Nov. 19 meeting.

Illowsky said the survey is poorly worded and targets foreign teachers. She was concerned about one question that asks students if the accents of their teachers are a problem.

"Are the students saying they don't want faculty on campus that are not from America?" Illowsky asked. "I don't think that students want to be discriminating against foreign-born faculty."

DASB President Saba Zariv said, "We're

not writing this in order to discriminate against anybody, but there's such a failure of communication in the classroom that some students can't even understand what their teachers are trying to say."

Junior Senator Robin Claasen said that the survey question is inappropriate.

"If we lived in a society where racism didn't exist and people weren't oppressed on the basis of their ethnicity, this question wouldn't be a problem. But since we do, I think that this question has the potential to be really damaging," Claasen said. "I just don't really see how student government can effectively address this issue [teacher

accents]."

However, he said that he has heard that some teachers' accents can be an obstacle to learning.

Many students expressed concerns regarding math teacher accents, said Johanson. The senate received more than 20 complaints from Asian international students regarding teachers with Russian and German accents. Johanson said that the students did not tell their teachers they had problems understanding them but did leave complaints in the comment boxes.

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THIS WEEK

December 1

Parking Lot C closes today

Starting today, De Anza will provide a shuttle service from the Vallco Fashion Plaza to campus called the No Fuss Bus. The bus will make trips from the Vallco parking lot across from JC Penney to the circle between the Flint Center and the parking structure every 15 minutes between 7 a.m. and 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Though the short ride is free, a DA parking permit will still be required when parking at Vallco. The shuttle is accessible to the disabled. For information, visit deanza.edu/parking/.

compiled by Mariecar Mendoza

Reception for retiring trustees

Retiring Foothill-De Anza District Board of Trustees members Mary Mason and Judith Moss, who have each served on the board 12 years, will be honored at a reception preceding their final meeting today at 6 p.m. in the district boardroom.

Holiday Boutique

De Anza Student Services is sponsoring a "Holiday Boutique" Dec 1-4. An annual event, this year's boutique will have more than 15 vendors showcasing items such as jewelry and paintings.

Event organizer Dennis Shannakian said, "The boutique will give students an opportunity to start their holiday shopping early." The boutique will be held 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the Hinson Campus Center each day.

compiled by Joey Chopra

December 6

Pianist on campus

International award-winning pianist Vladimir Viardois will perform Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at Choral Hall in building A1, room 11.

Tickets are \$20 and proceeds will go to maintaining De Anza's pianos. For more information, contact the Creative Arts Division office at 408-864-8832.

compiled by Ngan Truong

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DONS WIN FIRST ROUND OF PLAYOFFS

■ DONS SWEEP TIGERS IN THREE STRAIGHT SETS TO WIN FIRST GAME

BY REZA KAZEMPOUR
Managing Editor

The De Anza Dons stripped away the stripes of the Tigers of Reedley College in three hard-fought games last Tuesday night.

The two teams fought at De Anza College in a winner advances to second round battle of the NorCal playoffs.

The Dons (17-1, third seed) swept the Tigers (12-8, 14th seed) in three sets (30-20, 30-21, 30-12).

The Tigers didn't go home without a roar thrown into the game.

In the first two games, the teams battled neck and neck for control much of the way.

"They came out strong in the beginning, and we were close, and then once we pulled away, their defense just went down," said Rachelle Anders.

In the first game, the lead switched four times until the Dons finally took control of the game at 15-12.

Anders began the attack with a right-side spike which crossed the length of the court.

In the following play, Anders and co-captain Susie Terry delivered a double block on a Tigers frontline attacker.

Anders and Terry worked well together on defense in the first two games and jelled even more in the third, leading the Dons to victory.

"Susie and I really connected tonight with our blocking, for me setting the block, and Susie telling us when to go up," said Anders.

The defense was equally balanced by the Dons' offensive front line.

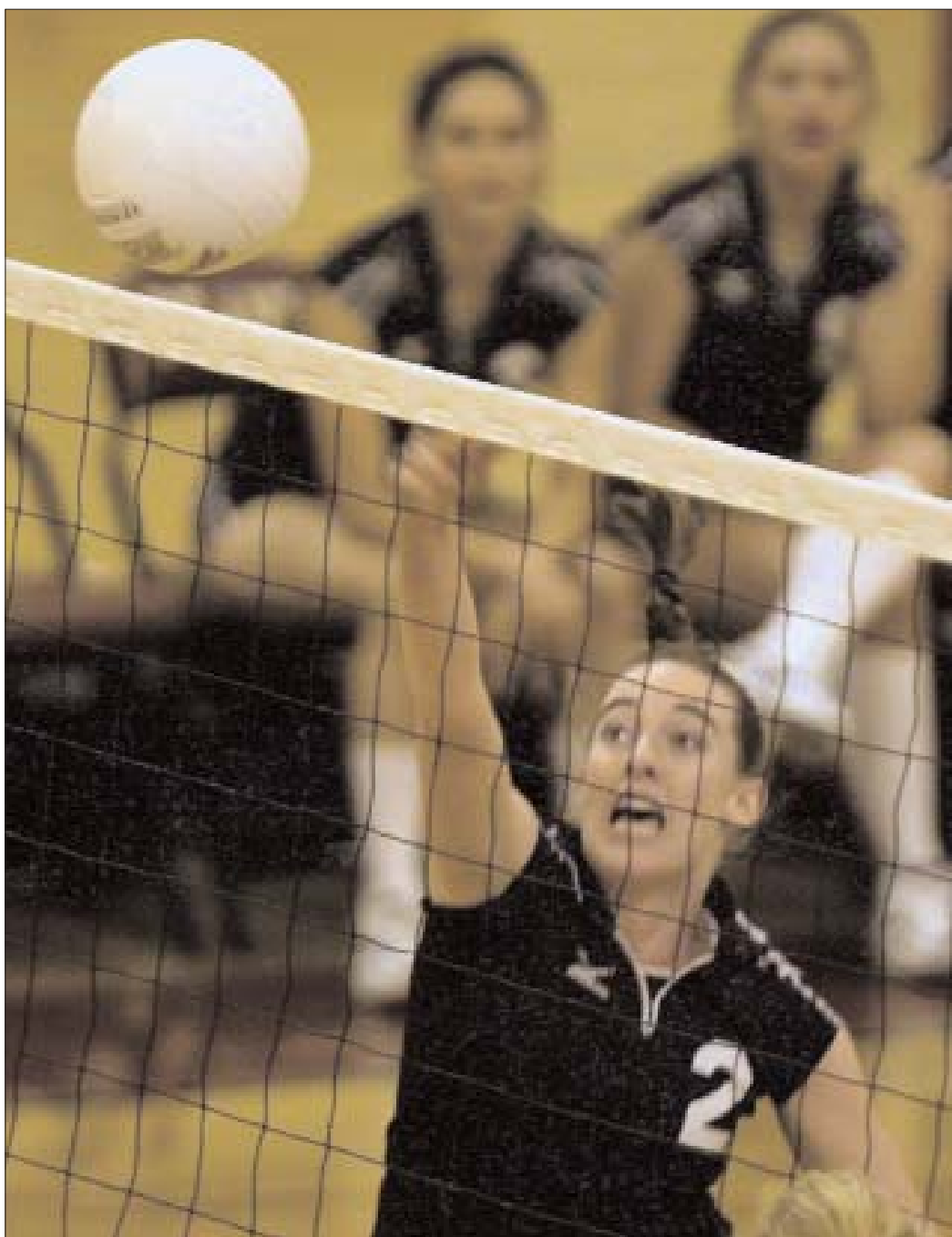
Outside hitter Christina Blauth sparked the initial offense in the first game. Setter Kari Saltzman put a backward pass to the lounging

Blauth, who put it away for an easy point. Saltzman also connected with outside hitter Erin Grolle, who played one of her best games of the season.

She reached peak performance in the third game with her hard kills.

"We had awesome passes, Kari was setting awesome and Grolle was just nailing everything," said Anders. "We played together as a whole, we were communicating with one another and we had fun."

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Steve Cabana / LA VOZ

Rachelle Anders spikes the ball in the first set against Reedley College on Nov. 25. The Dons won the game in three straight sets (30-20, 30-21, 30-12). Third seed Dons advanced to the second round of playoffs, played at home on Nov. 29.

DA students 'Write to Arnold' for \$200

BY LUKE STANGEL
News Editor

Writing a letter to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger about community college budget cuts is arguably one of the easiest ways to make \$200 in 15 minutes, said student trustee Adam Welch last week.

Welch hopes to gather 100 hand-written letters from De Anza students before next Monday, discussing the personal impact of community college budget cuts on their lives. The top three will each get \$200 from privately raised funds by a group of five faculty and staff members in the district.

The campaign has netted eight known letters so far, all written by members of De Anza clubs.

"I think people don't want to write hand-written letters because they can be intimidat-

ing," said Welch. "Honestly, I think given the state of democracy in America, people are skeptical about why the government would listen to them."

Hand-written letters carry more weight and are more effective than signed form letters, said Welch. Sending Schwarzenegger a hand-written letter guarantees that someone in his office will open it and read it, he said.

Many of the letters received lauded the value of community college, while others addressed tough financial struggles following De Anza's increased tuition this quarter. "I am in school for education and a better life in the future," wrote student Chun Wai Hung. "I wake up at 7 a.m. for the first class and get home after 10 p.m. at night. Please don't make my life harder than what it already is."

Welch expects students from the

Automotive Technology program, Child Development Center and Extended Opportunity Program & Services to write letters. Those programs could be cut from the budget next year, Welch said.

The California Association of Community Colleges approached Welch earlier this month with the letter-writing idea. Their goal is for every California community college to send 100 hand-written letters to the governor's office before a planned protest March 15.

With the deadline for sending in letters one week away, Welch implored more students to get involved and send letters.

"All of our futures are on the line here," Welch said. "Taking 15 minutes of your time could help education in California." The Interclub Council, located next to the financial aid office, is collecting the letters.

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EIC leaves, parting is such sweet sorrow



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I'm not your typical editor-in-chief.

I'm not an award-winning writer, nor was I ever on my high school newspaper staff. I don't wear a brown fedora hat, smoke a cigar and sit behind a huge wooden desk and intimidate people all day. Ok, maybe I'm a bit tough on people, but I don't intimidate.

The biggest difference between a typical EIC and me is that the newspaper isn't the only thing in my life. That is why my reign at *La Voz* has been the most arduous, challenging, memorable and rewarding time of my life.

This quarter, a typical week for me consisted of more than 40 hours in the newsroom and more than 30 hours at my other job to meet

bills on top of school, homework and maintaining a relationship and a social life.

Some friends called me crazy, others thought I was simply going out of my mind. I mean I could've just worked full-time at a retail job and comfortably paid my bills. I guess I was willing to sacrifice having money for clothes and food to be a part of a great newspaper team. Winston Churchill said it best, "If you are going through hell, keep going."

Don't mistake me for some supernatural being -- I'm human and my juggling did get messy at times. I wasn't always on top of my game, pages weren't set up at all times, promises were forgotten and my evil alter ego often made cameos at least two days of the week. There were also a couple mornings of waking up, realizing I had a paper due in an hour and typing out a three-page essay in 30 minutes.

I can definitely say that I probably won't put myself through such backbreaking, energy-draining, "scream-my-lungs-out-at-the-top-of-Mt.-Everest" work again. But I can definitely say that I'll never regret my time at *La Voz*.

Nothing can compare to my last quarter here at De Anza. As I was watching the golden

leaves flying around campus like butterflies, it finally hit me that these were my last days here at De Anza and on staff.

I will never forget the late night "No Doubt" cover performances in the newsroom, the many editors that have come and gone, screaming "Rezzzzza (my Managing Editor)" at the top of my lungs, Jack-in-the-Box binges, coining weekly newsroom terms such as "Julio-serious" and inside squirrel references. Most importantly, I will never forget the reason for striving to make this paper great -- the people who pronounced *La Voz*, "la vaz."

Thank you Beth, for your guidance and for all the opportunities and trust you've given me. Thank you Mar Mar, without you I probably wouldn't have joined *La Voz*. To Val, thanks for letting me be your "mento." Ron, thanks for the "bleeding" papers and small talks. And last, but not least, hugs to my wonderful and colorful editorial team: Reza, Julio, Luke, Arlette, Owen, Steve, Lily, Joey, Ngan and Mark. Thank you for your patience and laughs. The paper would be nothing without all of you. I couldn't have asked for a better staff.

Now what am I going to do with all this free time?

You probably won't read this anyway



We'd like to send a shout out to the hundreds of copies of *La Voz* that are left in the news racks every week. We'd like to appreciate the thousands of students that have never picked up a copy of this newspaper and the instructors that accuse us every week of misquoting them.

In fact, we'd like to thank the Journalism Association of Community Colleges for consistently giving us third place and honor-

able mention awards because we aren't as good as other college papers. As historic underachievers, our lack of readership is invigorating.

This quarter, the paper was strong. Who can forget such investigative classics as "DA Professors Sign Secret Petition," "Student Attempts Suicide on Campus" and "DASB Gets Rid of Water Cooler"? Or provocative opinions pieces like

"937 [Rejections] and Counting," "Squirrel [Hunting] Permits" and "McDonaldization of your Education"?

We sure can't. Because frankly, we wrote them.

Why are we chronically under-read? How can you not appreciate the many squirrel references and our clever use of verbs to make the police blotters funny? What else do you want from us, oh fickle readers?

For the past nine weeks, we've tried our best to produce the most incredible issues of *La Voz* ever, and sometimes it seems like we're just writing for ourselves.

The truth is, before we became staff writers, we never read the paper ourselves. There seems to be something very wrong with the state of community college journalism -- our craft is plagued with rampant mediocrity. But we were different this quarter. We pushed ourselves to be the best, like the Marines except without the push-ups.

And so our words will stay, for-

ever bound in a large format book in room L-41, a record of one of the most solid quarters of journalism ever at De Anza.

Is this another creative use of exaggeration or self-aggrandizing narcissism? No. We were really that good.

But honestly, we'll never know if our work made a difference this quarter. We can only hope that the hours and hours spent on this production were not inconsequential. A running joke here at *La Voz* is that our newspaper makes excellent emergency toilet paper, but deep down, our collective wish this quarter was to change our school in a little way.

As we turn off the lights here at the office for the last time this quarter, we ask you, yes you, to sign up for the paper and carry on the great tradition of genuine effort, totally unrewarded by a student body that is convinced of your inferiority.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear *La Voz*,

As expected, Scott Peterson's letter about the situation in the Math Department was in spirit with all his writings attacking anybody supporting change on campus or in our country.

But as the Student Trustee, elected to be the student voice to the district, it is my job to be a passionate advocate for student issues and, if I didn't speak on the issue of math at De Anza, I would be falling short. The recent *La Voz* article and the statistics on student success show a clear problem.

The real issue under the surface of this debate is that, according to our school's own research, far too many students are failing math classes, dropping them, repeating them over and over and delaying their transfer to a university or completion of an AA degree. More than 60 percent of students who test into basic math fail either the first or second class. With the current budget crises, this is also draining the college's resources.

Sadly, the college and the leadership of the

Math Department have known this for a number of years, yet deny the problem and sidestep the issues. During the 2000-2001 school year, when the leadership of the Math Department began advocating for the first increase of the math requirement, students protested and raised the issue of high failure rates and even higher failure rates for African-American and Latino students. Increase advocates ignored the student proposal that they create a plan to address the situation first. The problem still exists, and now they want a second increase.

Constantly they hold up the example of the Math Performance Success (MPS), which has done exemplary work in student success (even if it has its own history of controversy).

But what they don't say is that the program was founded in response to poor success rates in math by an instructor outside of the math department. Also less than 5 percent of math students are part of MPS, the other 95 percent are not receiving this type of support.

Math Department leaders are now trumpeting

diversity and multi-culturalism, but how can you have even a diversity of ideas when instructors can't choose their own textbooks? The funny thing is that one of their strongest defenders, letter writing strongman and math instructor Scott Peterson, says diversity and multi-culturalism are "politically correct nonsense." He gave insight into his thinking in a May 7, 2001 letter to *La Voz*, saying that, "there might be inherent genetic differences that would allow some subgroups to perform better at certain tasks than others."

It's not that students personally dislike math instructors but that we are tired of denial and rhetoric and want change.

We want classes that are more relevant to our lives, more innovative teaching methods, more funding for the math tutoring center, and we want the math increase rolled back until there's a demonstrated improvement in the situation.

Adam Welch,
De Anza Student Trustee

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

In the front page news briefs, "Auto Tech students make a difference," 2,000 cans were donated, not 3,000.

On page five, "Auto tech program is being cut, problems ahead," there will be an additional ten percent cut by fall 2004.

On page six, "Faculty votes on plus/minus grading," the 0.2 GPA decline is actually a .02 decline.

NEWS

FHDA POLICE BLOTTER

THURSDAY, NOV. 20

Foothill Bookstore, 8:46 a.m.: A bookstore employee tripped on uneven pavement the night before and hurt her right ankle. She woke up this morning and couldn't come in to work.

Foothill College, 9:49 a.m.: A female student allegedly made racial remarks to a male student. She also allegedly said that she wanted to hurt and burn the student.

Foothill 2800 building, 12:59 p.m.: An instructor dialing out accidentally called '911' after punching in too many ones.

President's Office, 1:34 p.m.: An anonymous threatening letter was sent to the President's office.

Foothill 2700 building, 2:16 p.m.: An instructor lost her keys. She called back later to report that she found her keys inside a file cabinet.

Women's Locker Room, 3:10 p.m.: A wallet was stolen from a locker.

FRIDAY, NOV. 21

Foothill Parking Lot 6, 10:56 p.m.: An unoccupied car had its trunk open.

Foothill Krause Center For Innovation, 9:55 p.m.: Two women and a man were drinking behind the building.

SATURDAY, NOV. 22

Foothill Krause Center For Innovation, 10:30 p.m.: A motion alarm went off, possibly triggered by a helium balloon.

MONDAY, NOV. 24

Foothill 5300 building, 12:59 p.m.: A 30-year-old woman was taken to a local hospital for heart pains.

Foothill Parking Lot 4, 2:52 p.m.: A red car in the parking lot was running with its doors locked. The student who owned the car was on a field trip in Menlo Park and gave police authorization to open the door and turn off the car.

Unless otherwise specified, all incidents occurred at De Anza. Information courtesy of De Anza Campus Security Services and compiled by Luke Stangel.

SURVEY | Senate may change wording

FROM FRONT PAGE

The senate also received several complaints about the accents of other math teachers.

Illowsky also had concerns about the question, "Is your math instructor knowledgeable enough to present the material and answer any questions you may have?"

She doesn't think that a student who is in a remedial math class has the knowledge to determine whether a teacher with a doctorate in mathematics has enough knowledge to teach a remedial math class.

Illowsky felt the question should be rephrased to ask students if the teacher could teach well.

Zariv acknowledged that the question could be phrased better to ask if the teacher is teaching well, which is the intent of the question.

The survey asks, "Do you feel that you are learning the required material at your math level?"

Illowsky said that a student has no way of answering the question without taking the next level class and seeing if they are adequately prepared.

The survey asks students if they would like to see their instructors relate the material

more to real-life concepts. Illowsky said that student replies to the question could vary in meaning and imply different student opinions.

A student could reply "No" even if his teacher is using real-life examples and he likes it but does not feel that "more" such material is needed.

Replies may not accurately indicate whether students are interested in real-life concepts being presented in the classroom, Illowsky said.

Content aside, Illowsky expressed concerns regarding the method of collecting answers to the survey questions.

She said that there did not seem to be a plan in place to make sure all types of math classes are covered, including lower- and higher-level math classes or day and night classes.

Even if all the concerns Illowsky presented are addressed, she still wonders about the point of the survey.

Zariv, Claasen, the senate and SRS committee member Minh Nguyen could not answer many of her questions regarding how the survey will be conducted to ensure fairness and balance and how the

results will be used.

However, she did appreciate the time the senators spent speaking with her and listening.

Zariv said that the survey itself has only recently been approved by the senate and that the precise details of how the survey will be conducted and what will be done with its results are still being worked out and are mostly only known by SRS.

Johanson said, "If there are problems in the math department, a survey might bring those to light."

Illowsky said she'd support a student survey of faculty on the entire campus, not just one that targets the math department. She said that the problems are not exclusive to the math department.

Zariv, however, defended the survey concentrating on the math department because that is where students expressed concern.

She said that many of the comments collected before the survey had complaints about the math department.

Johanson said that some of the questions in the survey came directly from those comments.

Illowsky has offered to help the senate revise the survey. Johanson

said that she would like Illowsky to serve as an adviser on how to go about conducting the survey. She has contacted Illowsky to discuss Illowsky's current concerns.

At the senate meeting where the survey was approved, a motion to reconsider had been brought forth by DASB Senate Adviser John Cagnetta.

Cagnetta said that the survey was not discussed thoroughly enough, that no one in the senate has ever taken a class on conducting surveys and that some of the questions in the survey were controversial.

Nguyen seconded the motion. The vote to reconsider ended with a tie and was not reconsidered.

"I think that it's a persistent problem on this campus that students are often coming from a place of feeling threatened or suspicious of people trying to take away their rights.

And, as a result, come from a very conflicted, us-versus-them point of view," said Claasen, regarding how the compilation of the survey was handled.

The senate may rephrase the survey and continue its distribution in the winter quarter.

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Winter sports: You don't get as sweaty

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Temperatures are dropping, and so are De Anza students' heart rates.

Instead of hiding inside and watching the gray world through your windows this winter, get out there and enjoy the outdoor activities that await you.

For \$7 to \$10, you can find ice skating rinks in both Eastridge Mall and Vallco Fashion Park. Also check out Extreme Network's Downtown Ice in San Jose, at the corner of Market and Viola. The outdoor rink makes for a great date spot as well as a fun place to go with friends.

If you are upset because you can't get a date and you want to punch people without legal ramifications, then you should opt for ice hockey. There are leagues for all ages and genders at Eastridge Mall and the San Jose Ice Center at 1500 S.10th St.

For those of you who want a little time away from school, work or your parents, you have some cheap and easy options.

Complete one-day packages to Lake

Tahoe from Real Adventures start at \$95 for adults. Their ski and snowboard day packages include transportation, breakfast, light snacks and a lift ticket. The bus ticket on its own is just \$55.

They also offer various multi-day trips to Reno, Whistler and Utah, but I can't afford them. Because of my ego, I will assume that you can't either.

For those more serious about snowboarding or skiing, there is the Bay Area Council of Ski Clubs. The BAC offers year-round travel and social opportunities for the incline-inclined.

For those looking to get hot in the cold, BAC also offers a singles league. The advantage for college students or anyone else who is cheap is that members of the club get discounts on lift tickets.

People in the U.S. tend to pursue only the basic winter sports: skiing, skating, snowboarding and making out.

Canadians have had to embrace less mainstream sports to keep them from getting too bored during their long, cold winters.

The best, and I say this as fact, not opin-

ion, is curling. Dominated in America by waitresses and housewives (at least, that is what they look like), curling has recently become another favorite Canadian export.

For those of you out there who share my zeal for what is destined to become America's next national pastime, there is a curling league in San Francisco. It runs every Sunday from January through April, and they accept private parties for groups of 25 or more.

For the truly adventurous, the De Anza Outdoor Club has two to three winter events coming up. The annual Yosemite Valley winter camping trip is usually one of the club's biggest.

At Yosemite, there is hiking, skiing, snowboarding, skating, snow-sculpture building and snowshoe walks. Of course, those all cost extra

once you get there.

The base price for the trip ranges from \$13 to \$23 for Outdoor Club members, depending on carpool arrangements. The more people in your car, the less you pay, so find a friend with a van. Non-members pay an additional \$10.

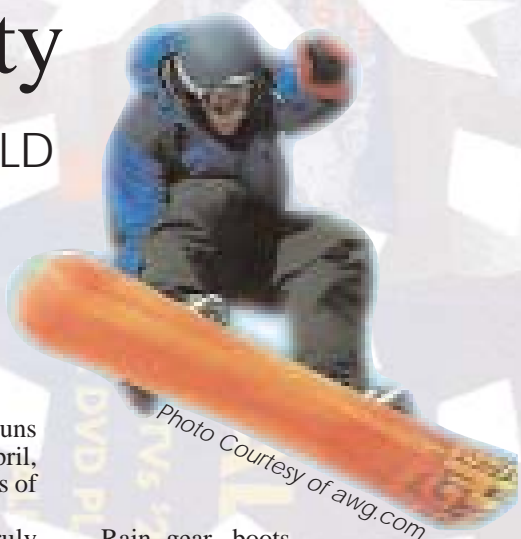


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Rain gear, boots, tents and sleeping bags are all required but can be rented from the Outdoor club.

Other activities that the Outdoor Club will offer this winter include a possible outdoor paintball trip and a kayaking day trip.

The details of the paintball excursion are not yet decided, but it will probably be in either late February or early March.

The kayaking trip will be in March on a Sunday morning and will take place at the Stevens Creek Reservoir. The trip is meant to be recreational and social, so no experience is necessary.

From snowboarding to curling to camping, there is a winter sport out there for everyone.

The only problem is that for a lot of these sports, if you fall, it's either really hard or really cold. Carrying a flask of your favorite remedy will help you get over the bruises and frostbite associated with having a good time in cold weather.

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE STRESSED OUT

SURGEON GENERAL'S WARNING: HOLIDAY SHOPPING MAY KILL YOU

BY KATY MALESTA
La Voz

'Tis the season to be jolly. Wait, jolly? You call no parking, crowded stores, endless lines and too much money spent "jolly"?

The holidays are near and your gift list is growing. It's funny how you never know how many friends you have until you realize you have to spend money on them.

Once you've decided what you want to buy all your friends and family, you have to decide just how to go about getting them these items.

First is shopping online. Although you may have to surf the Web for a while to find what you're looking for, doing it in your pajamas and bunny slippers in the comfort of your own home is worth it.

For toys for the little ones, check out etoys.com, which allows you to shop by

brand name or age group.

If there are book-lovers on your shopping list, amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com are great for quickly finding books by title, author or subject. You may be able to find an out-of-print book or signed first edition through Amazon's booksellers index.

There is something for everyone on the Internet, and all you need is your credit or check card to make purchases.

If you know someone who is into vintage items, Moon Zoom can help. Moon Zoom specializes in retro gear and blast-from-the-past gifts and has locations in San Jose and Santa Cruz.

You never know what cool gem you might find in a Goodwill or Salvation Army store. Be thorough and look through everything. The payoff is worth it: you'll be able to give a one-of-a-kind gift that may make someone very happy and won't

break the bank.

Even better, you can do it without a crowd of people trying to kill you for the last scarf at the Gap.

If you know that the mall will be your final destination, go early.

It can't be stressed enough that the earlier you get a jump on the shopping, the fewer people and madness you will have to deal with.

If you can't find the time and it's coming down to the wire, most stores offer extended hours during the holiday season, so don't go to the mall until nine or ten in the evening.

Most people have already been there for a full day of shopping and will be on their way out while you're on your way in.

While getting all your gifts wrapped and into the hot little hands of your friends and family is important, have fun in the process and make it as painless as possible.



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Don't die trying YOU CAN QUIT SMOKING. REALLY, YOU CAN

Withdrawal symptoms suck, but dying a painfully prolonged death from lung cancer, emphysema and heart failure will also put a damper on your day. You can do more than just buck up and fight the symptoms. Here are some techniques to help you on your way to a smoke-free existence.

Craving cigarettes, anxiety, irritability
Do deep breathing; keep yourself busy.

Trouble sleeping
No caffeine at night; restful, calming thoughts; no daytime napping.

Lack of concentration
Keep yourself busy; plan your workload.

Fatigue
Get rest; exercise.

Coughing
Sip on water; use soothing lozenges.

Tightness in chest
Deep breathing; relaxation techniques.

Hunger
Eat balanced meals and low-calorie snacks.

Constipation
Drink plenty of fluids; eat high-fiber fruits, vegetables and cereals.

Courtesy of quitsmoking.about.com

DESIGNATED QUITTER

BY OWEN RAY
A&E Editor

There is a reason this column did not appear last week. I was busy doing some just-got-out-of-San-Quentin-style smoking.

We are talking sucking on cigarettes so hard the filters go flat; smelling like casino carpet; lighting one smoke with the smoldering butt of another. I suppose you can say I slipped a little.

Unfortunately, it was a bit more dramatic than slipping a little. It was more like I jumped off the wagon, threw a hand grenade at it and ran the hell away as the train to Quittingville went up in flames.

I was first thrown off the path to success when the meeting where I was to get my nicotine-laced gum was put off for one week. Health center educator Mary Jo Lomax informed me I could go ahead and smoke for another week, as the meeting that Thursday was going to be canceled. Soon thereafter, all hell broke loose.

I encountered some pretty severe problems in a turbulent relationship I am currently involved in, which put my desire to smoke in high gear. I had a nervous pit in my stomach that

could only be filled with half of California's available tobacco supply and several gallons of liquor.

This is extremely frustrating because I was doing so well with the whole not-smoking drill. A severe cold had blessed me with an effortless entrance into the orbit of the non-smoker.

I was just beginning to play the role of the typical non-smoker. I was turning into the guy who glares at crowds of people enjoying cigarettes as if they were ritualistically sacrificing house pets. When a friend or family member came inside after putting another nail in their coffin, I could not help but think "Christ, you smell like an old wet dog that spent the weekend in Vegas" as I silently wondered if I could have possibly smelled that bad after having a smoke.

I never quite got to the point where you turn into that jerk who lets out a fake cough behind your back as a cowardly way of saying "I do not like you dirty, smelly smokers." I wish I could have arrived at that glorious holier-than-thou plateau, but that moment will have to wait another couple of weeks.

I screwed up again, but I have not failed. I am pulling myself back onto the wagon that I

burned because I think it is indeed going to a good place.

I am writing of this transgression to emphasize the fact that quitting smoking is not an easy task. I have been pumping out this series of columns because I know it can be done and I am determined to show that even the most dedicated smoker can show nicotine who is boss.

My picture is clearly printed on this page. Take a close look at it. If you see me smoking next quarter, make sure you point and laugh. I could use the encouragement.



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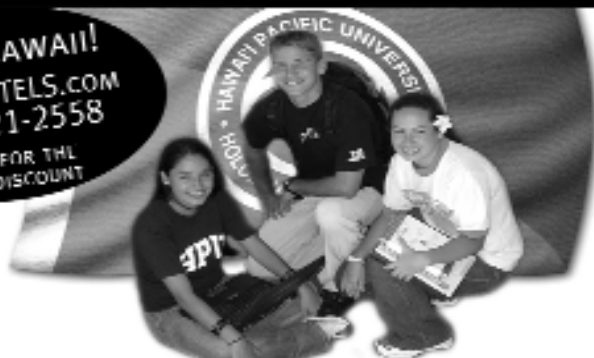
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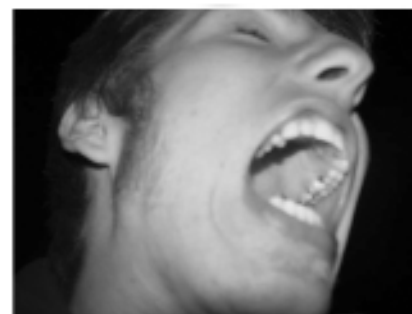


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Applicants will meet with a hiring committee and will be evaluated on experience, communication skills, leadership qualities and skills of relevance to the position. Previous newspaper experience, familiarity with AP style and knowledge of QuarkXPress or Pagemaker is helpful. Completion or concurrent enrollment in English 1A is required. Completion or concurrent enrollment in Journalism 21A is recommended.

Interested? Submit a brief (up to 300 words) description of your qualifications to Editor-in-Chief Karen Uyenco by e-mail at lavoz@fhda.edu. Resumes and work samples will be considered.

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Financial Aid Services Expanded With a State Budget Augmentation

“Our goal is to make sure that no student leaves our campus due to the increased fees. The additional resources give us the opportunity to reach as many students as possible. We want to ensure that students have access to our college and have the means to pursue their education here.”

— **Cindy Castillo**,
Director, Financial Aid
and Scholarships

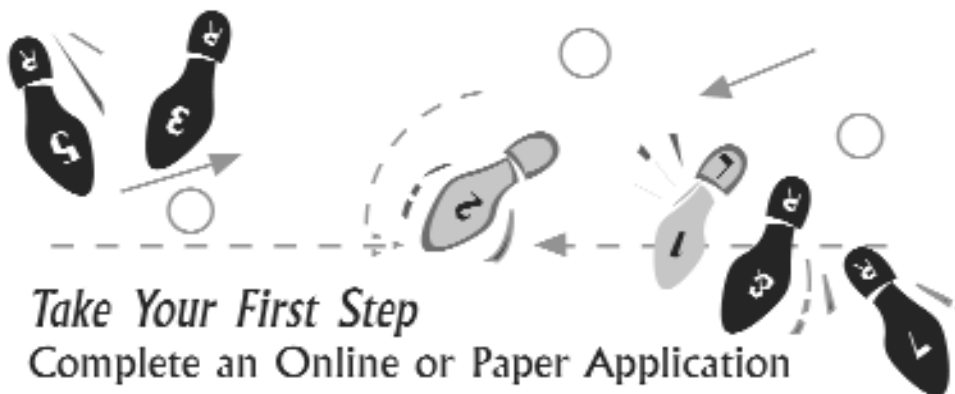
Community college students — especially the most financially vulnerable — will benefit from a multimillion-dollar budget augmentation awarded in July to financial aid offices throughout the state. The money has been made available to help lessen the impact of the 64 percent, state-mandated fee increase that began in the fall at California community colleges.

Because De Anza is on the quarter system, its state-mandated enrollment fee is \$12 per unit, up from \$7 per unit.

With increased funding from the budget augmentation, De Anza's Financial Aid Office will implement the following plans during 2003-04:

- Open a Satellite Office in the Administration Building.
- Hire additional staff members. They will work in the new Satellite Office and help students individually with their financial aid applications.
- Have the BOG fee waiver application available online to make it easier for students to apply.
- Raise awareness about financial aid by implementing a number of outreach and marketing efforts.

For details, call the Financial Aid Office at (408) 864-8718, e-mail questions to financialaid@deanza.edu or visit the Web site at www.deanza.edu/financialaid.



Take Your First Step Complete an Online or Paper Application

Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if you want to explore your opportunities for federal and state student grants, work-study, loans and the fee waiver. An online application is available at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The paper application is available in the lobby of De Anza's Financial Aid Office on the lower level of the Campus Center.

Once completed, the FAFSA is submitted to the federal government for processing; and an electronic copy of your information is provided to the school(s) you list on the form.

If you are low-income and only want to apply for the BOG fee waiver, the online application may be found at www.deanza.edu/financialaid/feewaiver. De Anza also provides a paper application. After the BOG application is filled out, it must be signed and returned to the Financial Aid Office. If filled out online, the application must be printed out for you to sign.

After Jan. 1, 2004, the FAFSA for 2004-05 will also be available. Get a jump on next year, and apply early for financial aid!

If You Qualify Financial Aid Is Yours for the Asking



The following programs are available to De Anza students who meet the eligibility requirements:

LOAN PROGRAMS

- **Federal Perkins Loan:** A loan program you pay back after graduation at 5 percent interest with no credit history required.
- **Federal Stafford Loan:** A low-interest bank loan program you pay back after graduation with no credit history required.
- **Federal PLUS:** A low-interest loan for parents of dependent students to help pay the cost of college.
- **Book loans:** A no-interest, short-term voucher program to help students buy books. (See right.)

GRANT PROGRAMS

- **Federal Pell Grant:** “Gift aid” that students do not repay.
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG):** “Gift aid” that students do not repay.
- **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA):** Offers loan and grant programs to needy students who are at least one-fourth American Indian, Eskimo or Aleut.
- **Cal Grants:** A variety of “gift aid” for community college students, transfer students and vocational students based on income and grade point average.

- **Extended Opportunity Program Grant:** A program assisting students who are disadvantaged. Call De Anza's EOPS at (408) 864-8950. Students receiving TANF (Temporary Aid for Needy Families) should also inquire about the CARE program by calling (408) 864-8219.

FEE WAIVERS

- **Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOG):** A program that waives the full amount of the enrollment fee and health fee for eligible California residents. Students may use either the BOG fee waiver application at www.deanza.edu/financialaid/feewaiver or the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

EMPLOYMENT

- **Federal Work-Study:** Jobs for students, usually on campus. Students earn between \$6.75 and \$12.75 an hour while gaining work experience.
- **Other Student Employment Opportunities:** A limited number of part-time student positions available on campus. (Currently not as many due to state budget cutbacks.)

SCHOLARSHIPS

- **De Anza Scholarships:** Announcements, applications and deadlines provided online at www.deanza.edu/financialaid/scholist.html.
- **Privately Funded Scholarships:** Listings available in a variety of scholarship books found in the Reference Section of the Learning Center or in the Financial Aid Office.
- **Scholarships Offered at Other Campuses:** If transferring, search the Web for scholarships at your transfer institution.

Andrea

“I'm a single mom. Part of the reason I enrolled in college was to make a better life for my 4-year-old daughter, Olivia, and myself. She goes to school three days a week in De Anza's awesome Child Development Center. I plan to earn my A.A. degree in massage therapy, transfer to UC Berkeley and eventually become a sports trainer.”



“While I know I'm doing the heavy lifting for myself, the Financial Aid Office gave me the keys to unlock the door to my future. I have a part-time job and have tapped into all kinds of financial aid that includes a BOG fee waiver, Pell Grant, Perkins Loan, SEOG and Stafford Loan.”

“Here are some tips I want to share with other students. 1. Establish and maintain a close relationship with a counselor who is familiar with your needs and can assist you if you're ever in a jam. 2. Be responsible when you receive your loan payments that may come in lump sums. If possible, pay the loan interest as you go along because you will owe less later on. 3. Get involved in programs that will provide you with early registration. 4. Use time wisely. Find a quiet place to study or read when you have a break in your day.”

Andrea Schmiedeskamp,
24-year-old San Jose resident

Need a Loan To Buy Books?

It's not unusual for the cost of textbooks to be as much or more than your quarterly fees. What if you come up short?

De Anza offers a short-term voucher program to help students buy books and classroom supplies the week before and the first two weeks of fall, winter and spring quarters.

To be considered, the applicant must be enrolled in at least six units at De Anza, present a current DASB card, complete a book loan application form and be interviewed in the Financial Aid Office.



Loans range up to \$100. Applicants must justify their need and repay the loan within 30 days.

VOLLEY | Tigers not so grreat

FROM FRONT PAGE

"I thought my girls played exceptionally well," said head coach Dawnis Guevera. "In play-off games, you get the jitters. Erin was untouchable today in every aspect of the game."

Grolle was just that.

She switched between the back line and front line on different occasions and provided the Dons with stellar offensive and defensive performances.

The Tigers provided several opportunities to take the lead.

Many came from Elena Villagomez and Mayra Mendoza.

Grolle and libera Amy Federighi however provided for a wall in the back line as they kept the ball in play several times throughout the night.

"They came with a good game," said Saltzman.

Tigers head coach Shannon Jeffrie was disappointed as her team let go of the match in the third game.

"I don't have any comments, but I wish them well in the next round," said Jeffrie.

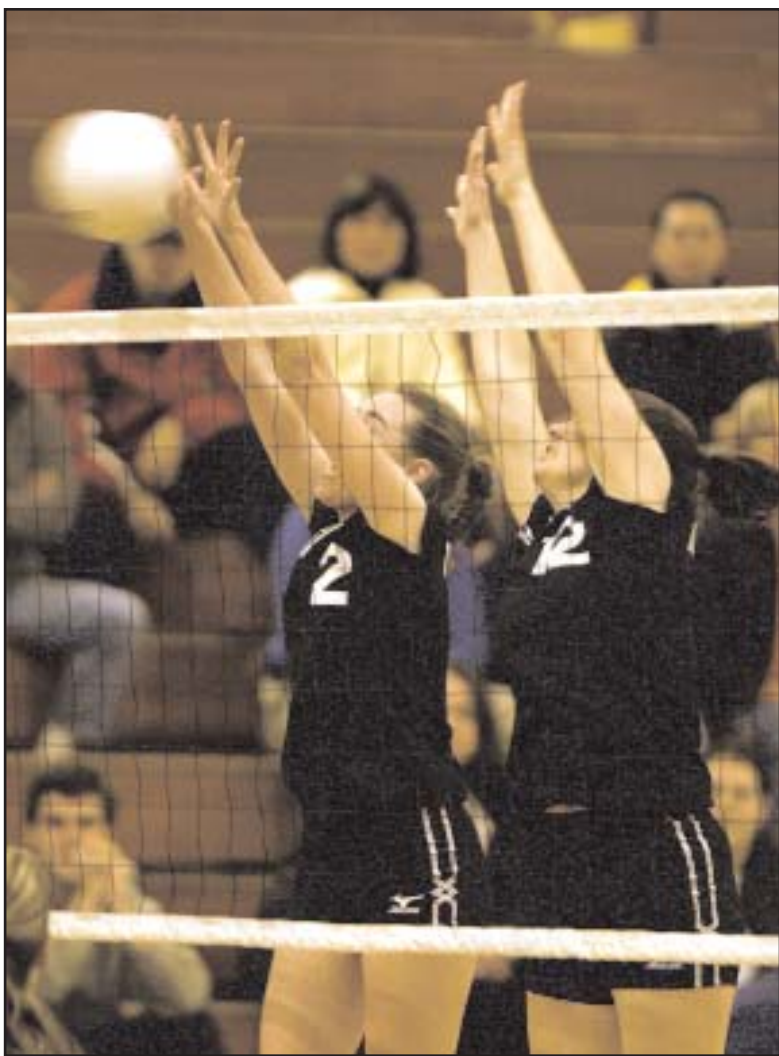
The Dons will face Sacramento Panthers on Saturday Nov. 9.

The Panthers advanced to the second round Tuesday night as they defeated Merced College Blue Devils (30-16, 30-18, 30-28).

The Panthers were seeded 6th while the Blue Devils sat at 11th seed.

The third round of play will begin on Tuesday Dec. 2.

The Dons finished the season with a 17-1 conference record.



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Dons' captains Rachele Anders (left) and Susie Terry provide the Dons with a stellar third game defense. They stopped any Tigers chances of coming back in the third.

SPORTS NOTEBOOK

MEN'S BASKETBALL

After a successful first game, the De Anza College men's basketball team has dropped down in the Coast Conference Division rankings.

With the loss against the West Valley College Vikings on Nov. 21, the Dons are currently 1-2.

Dons post John Schrader is out for 10 days after a controversial play against the Vikings.

Vikings center Derek Quinet struck Schrader in the eye with his hand when reaching for a ball late in the second half. Schrader was immediately sent to the emergency room.

Schrader and some teammates

believes the play was more an instigation of a fight, and the hit was a punch.

Videotapes have been sent to the commissioner's office which upon review will decide Quinet's eligibility for the future.

The Dons will host the Comets of Contra Costa College on Tuesday.

This game was originally planned for Nov. 25 but was postponed due to scheduling conflicts with the women's volleyball team.

De Anza will also travel to San Bruno on Dec. 6-7 to participate in the Skyline tournament.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Five De Anza Dons put up double digits against the San Mateo College Bulldogs on Nov. 21. Co-captain Kelly Brackin led the charge with 19 points.

Despite having a quiet season last year, Brackin blossomed into her shooting role as she made 3 out of 4 three-point attempts and completed 5 of 7 field goal attempts.

Center Amber Hall posted 17 points along with seven total boards. She shot 6 of 9 at the field goal attempts and completed 5 of 6 free throw attempts.

Freshmen Rachel Hutchinson and Sarah Miller proved valuable as they both came with their

strongest performances of the year so far.

Hutchinson had 8 points with seven total rebounds. Miller scored 10 points and had 5 assists.

"I was excited to see the girls step up and show their potential," said Head Coach Coral Sage.

The Dons will travel to College of Sequoias to participate in the COS tournament held on Dec. 4-7.

The Dons will host the De Anza Classic Dec. 27-31. The first two rounds of the tournament will be held in the gymnasiums at De Anza College and Foothill College. The final two rounds will be played at De Anza.

Sharks Shadow

Fit to be tied



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San Jose Captain Vincent Damphouse cuts by the pressuring Colorado Defenseman Chris McCallister in the Nov. 11 match-up. The Avalanche went on to win the game 4-3.

BY STEVEN CABANA
Sports Editor

With a quarter of the season played the San Jose Sharks have faced a relentless uphill battle to find themselves only one win away from first place in the Pacific Division. But with only five wins in 21 games, the Sharks (5-6-8-2) are still struggling to climb out a big hole.

Fortunately things don't look so bleak, the offense has turned around and started contributing consistently with Marco Sturm, Patrick Marleau and Alyn McCauley leading the charge.

Sturm has nine goals, and is ranked third in power play goals in the National Hockey League with six. Sturm and Marleau are tied as the Sharks top scorers with 14 points.

The one notable thing about the

Sharks is that they are not a team to give up when down goals. The Sharks have fought back and lead the NHL with 10 overtime periods, and only two of those have resulted in overtime losses.

In the Nov. 13 game against the St. Louis Blues the Sharks came back from a three-goal deficit to tie things up with three goals in 45 seconds. In four of the five ties at home, San Jose has rallied to even things up in the third period.

The Sharks will face their old coach Darryl Sutter when they play on the road against the Calgary Flames on Dec. 2.

Sutter was fired as head coach in January of 2003, due to a dismal first half of the season. Coach Ron Wilson stepped in and is attempting to lead the Sharks to the post-season.

In their last contest Calgary edged the Sharks 3-2.

MEN'S SOCCER

The De Anza Dons failed to reach the Northern California Championship semi-finals match after losing to Hartnell College Panthers 2-3 on Nov. 22.

For the first time since Sept. 19, the Dons faced a higher-ranked opponent. The Dons (14-4-3), ranked fifth in region, entered the game as statistical underdogs to the fourth-ranked Panthers (13-6-4).

In the last match-up between the two conference powerhouses, De Anza edged Hartnell 3-2, scoring three goals to win in the final minutes.

With its victory over De Anza, Hartnell advances to face top-ranked Cosumnes River College on Nov. 25.

De Anza finished its season with a 14-4-3 record.



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