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## What will be CUT

Effective June 30, 24 full-time positions are to be eliminated along with 31 part-time positions. In addition, the special events coordinator will face a 50 percent time reduction, approved by the Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees on April 5. The employees are members of the Association of Classified Employees, a union that represents support staff at De Anza College.

The Student Success Center alone will lose 36 classified employees.

"I am grieving. We are reorganizing and starting a new Student Success Center in a smaller area to replace what we will lose June 30," SSC supervisor Mary Browning said.

The director of the Student Success Center, Gregory Anderson, will lose

his current position and be placed into an ESL teaching position.

"This decision makes sense to me. I have to approach it in an objective [manner] rather than subjective. I will become a classroom instructor," Anderson said, "even though that is not what I originally wanted to do, I am grateful that I still have a job."

De Anza has posted applications online for 16 positions. Of these positions, 10 are for faculty jobs, four are management opportunities and two are non-teaching staff positions. Employees who have been or will be laid off are allowed to apply for these positions given that they have the proper experience requirements.

According to the California Education Code, "employees being laid off can exercise "bumping rights." If a

senior employee is losing his or her job, he or she can replace a junior employee if he or she is qualified for the position.

Mai Dam, program director of the Occupational Training Institute, will be "bumped" on June 30.

"The seniority system makes no sense to me. I worry about the program. I will be fine, but the program will be affected negatively," Dam said. "I don't think that when they came up with this seniority program, they thought about the consequences it would have for students. The end result is that students will suffer."

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Armando Luna  
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## Chancellor Linda Thor speaks in Fireside Room

Parya Behrouzian  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

Lines swept across De Anza College's Fireside Room on April 14 as faculty and community members anxiously waited to meet Foothill-De Anza Chancellor Linda Thor.

Selected as chancellor four months ago, Thor has high expectations for the FHDA community. She discussed her endeavors for the district, as well as her plans in light of the budget crisis.

"I have been here less than two quarters but it has been absolutely wonderful, meeting all the people ... It is such an exciting, innovative and creative place," Thor said. "This is a wonderful district with a great legacy and a significant foundation ... I would feel that I had accomplished a lot as chancellor if I can continue to support and enhance the innovation that is already such a part of the culture, and find ways for the district to be able to expand access and further increase student success."

Thor wants to take advantage of De Anza's technological resources and extend them toward online classes. She described her experience as president of Rio Solado College in Arizona, where the college offered many online classes to students.

"I'd like to see the technology at these colleges be worthy of the largest community colleges of Silicon Valley."

Thor said she would like to work with municipalities and the community to bring together a network and stronger support system among both community colleges in the district.

"I'd like to ... help expand the fundraising from individuals and corporations that would enable us to not be so dependent on the government," she said.

Thor's enthusiasm waned when speaking about district budget cuts.

"Unfortunately we have to lay off employees, and also disheartening for me is that we have to turn away students who are unable to get into the classes they want."

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## GSA holds die-in and day of silence

Coree J. Hogan  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

The Gay Straight Alliance held a demonstration and a day of silence in the Main Quad April 15 to inform the public of the struggles that the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community face.

The demonstration included several participants falling to the ground at the sound of a whistle as if they had been killed. The event was called a "die-in," similar to the recent awareness-raising events like walkouts and teach-ins.

Matt Bradley, an Inter Club Council representative, took an active role in organizing the event.

"The die-in is a physical representation of the hate crimes against LGBT people," said Bradley. He also said that the purpose of the day of silence was for the straight supporters of LGBT people to grasp what it's like to be unable to communicate their identity to others.

"Communication is important in



COREE J. HOGAN / LA VOZ WEEKLY

**Students in support of LGBT rights feign death April 15**

our society and if you're unable to communicate about basic things it really puts you at a disadvantage," Bradley said. It [the day of silence] is a very helpful tool for our straight allies to understand certain kinds of oppression that people in the LGBT community face."

According to Bradley, while many have participated in similar demonstrations, dissenting members of the community feel that the best method of raising awareness is not to be silent, but rather to speak out.

Posters and fliers were taken down prior to the event, leading the GSA to believe that its promotional materials

had been vandalized.

Many students did not realize that a demonstration was taking place.

"I think it [the demonstration] is great," said Thomasina Russaw, a junior senator in the De Anza Associated Student Body Senate. "Hate crimes are still being perpetuated, and this event brings conviction to the cause. People often overlook what's happening ... We've come a long way but still have far to go."

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**WEATHER CHART**

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# Campus Events

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## Tuesday, April 27

**INTERNSHIP PROGRAM MTG**  
12:30-1:30 p.m., Campus Center Room B  
3:30-4:30 p.m., Campus Center Room B  
Learn about the paid Foothill-De Anza District Internship Program. This program is a cooperative effort between the NASA/Ames Research Center and the FHDA district. Positions correspond to almost every college major and area available in a wide range of settings, including private industry. Examples of areas include business administration, IT, graphics, Web design, psychological research, engineering, biology, chemistry, aeronautics, astronautics, GIS, software testing, human resources, payroll, accounting and multimedia. For information, go to <http://internships.fhda.edu>.

## Wednesday, April 28

**AWAKING THE DREAMER ... CHANGING THE DREAM**  
1-5 p.m., Campus Center Rms A & B  
This symposium on sustainability, social justice and spiritual fulfillment will ask: Where are we? How did we get here? What's possible for the future? Where do we go from here? And discuss action items. Information at <http://awakeningthedreamer.org>.

## Thursday, April 29

**LA MESA VERDE: THE GREEN GARDEN**  
2-3:50 p.m., Campus Center Room A  
Attend a presentation by La Mesa Verde, a non-profit community group promoting health and self-sufficiency by building backyard organic gardens. Light refreshments included.

## Saturday, May 1

**DE ANZA FLEA MARKET**  
8 a.m.-4 p.m., Parking Lots A & B  
The Flea Market is held on the first Saturday of the month. For information go to <http://www.deanza.edu/fleamarket/>.

## Monday, May 3

**PROJECT MICHELLE DAY 1**  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Main Quad  
Register to donate bone marrow to honor the legacy of Michelle Maykin. All it takes is a few quick swabs of your cheek; all nationalities, races welcome. Event features singer Karyna Cruz on the Patio Stage.

## Tuesday, May 4

**PROJECT MICHELLE DAY 2**  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Main Quad  
See May 3 for information; the Monterey Jacks will perform on the Patio Stage.

## Wednesday, May 5

**PROJECT MICHELLE DAY 3**  
11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Main Quad  
See May 3 for information; the band Northern Son will perform on the Main Stage until 12:30 p.m., followed by Audible Smoke Signal.

## Thursday, May 6

**FIRST THURSDAYS: POETRY, SPOKEN WORD, OPEN MIC**  
5-7 p.m., Euphrat Museum  
The Black Student Union and the Institute of Community and Civic Engagement present a poetry, spoken word and open mic event featuring DJ Chris Styles. A donation of \$3 is requested. Future events will be held on June 3 at the Euphrat Museum and June 17 on the VPAC Patio.

**FILM: 'ROGER & I'**  
5:30 - 8:30 p.m., Campus Ctr. Rm. B  
This film, part of the Activist Film Festival, details Michael Moore's attempts to interview GM CEO Roger Smith about the closure of the Flint, Michigan General Motors plant, resulting in the loss of 30,000 jobs.

## Thursday, May 13

**SPRING JOB FAIR**  
10 a.m.-2 p.m., Campus Ctr. Rms. A & B  
The college Spring Job Fair will host approximately 30 local employers. Students should bring several copies of their resume to this event. For information contact the Career Center at 408-864-5711.

**SPRING CARNIVAL**  
11 a.m.-1 p.m., Main Quad  
Join in the lunchtime festivities of games and prizes in the Main Quad. For information call La Donna Yumori-Kaku at 408-864-8692.

## Friday, May 14

**LAST DAY TO ADD CAOS AND SKILLS SELF-PACED CLASSES**

## Sunday, May 16

**DUEL AT DE ANZA AUTOCROSS**  
8 a.m.-3 p.m., Parking Lots A & B  
Watch participants navigate the autocross course. For information call Michael Brandt at 408-864-8527.

## Friday, May 21

**STUDENT PIANO RECITAL**  
5-10 p.m., VPAC Auditorium  
Admission is \$10. For information contact Anna Poklewski at [poklewskianna@fhda.edu](mailto:poklewskianna@fhda.edu).

## Saturday, May 22

**New Student, Parent Open House**  
9 a.m.-1 p.m., SCSB  
The Open House for prospective students and their parents will provide on-site application and placement testing, free academic advising and counseling, breakout sessions on financial aid, tours and booths. New students will receive a free backpack and information packet. More information is at <http://www.deanza.edu/outreach/openhouse.html> or contact Outreach@deanza.edu.

## Announcements

**ACADEMIC SKILLS CENTER**  
Study skills and language skills workshops of 50-minutes each begin this week. They are open to all De Anza Students and include topics such as anti-procrastination, critical thinking tips, pre-writing and speeches. For a listing of workshops and information, go to <http://www.deanza.edu/student-success/tutorial> or call 408-864-8253.

**CALIFORNIA HISTORY CENTER**  
The De Anza College California History Center exhibit "Roots & Wings: Saratoga Community Garden 1972-1987" features an oral history and photos of the Saratoga Community Garden, which flourished as an educational demonstration garden for children and the community from 1972 to 1987, providing an opportunity for visitors to connect with the ways of the garden and sustainable farming and to glean insights from nature. Exhibit hours are Tuesdays-Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. This exhibit will be open through June.

**CCP NEEDS FLUENT ENGLISH SPEAKERS**  
Come share your culture with someone from another culture through the Cross Cultural Partners Program. No experience necessary. Applications from fluent English speakers will be accepted through April 28 at <http://www.deanza.edu/ccpartners/>. Questions can be e-mailed to [ccpartners@deanza.edu](mailto:ccpartners@deanza.edu).

**DASB SENATE MEETINGS**  
De Anza Associated Student Body Senate meetings are held in the Student Council Chambers in the Campus Center at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesdays, except for the first meeting of the month which is at 4:30 p.m.

**FREE LEGAL ADVICE**  
The De Anza Associated Student Body provides members with free legal advice including employment, landlord-tenant, accident, insurance and other legal problems, along with law and law related education and career counseling by Ronald A. Goularte. A current DASB card is required. Make appointments in the Office of College Life in the lower level of the Campus Center or call 408-864-8756.

**FITNESS/WELLNESS CENTER**  
The Fitness Center in PE 6 is now offering \$20/month memberships for those who don't want to make a class commitment. The recently renovated Fitness Center has aerobic and strength development machines, a matted area with balance balls and resistance equipment, television with FM audio broadcast and magazines, and limited free weights. For information go to <http://www.deanza.edu/pe/fitnesscenter> or contact CJ Jones at [jonescj@fhda.edu](mailto:jonescj@fhda.edu).

**PLANETARIUM SHOWS**  
The De Anza Planetarium is closed for evening public shows spring and summer quarters. Star shows and laser shows will resume the last Saturday in September.

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# NEWS & CURRENT EVENTS

## De Anza hosts first Region IV assembly

**Alex Mendiola**  
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De Anza College hosted the first ever Region IV Pre-General Assembly Summit in Conference rooms A and B on April 17. The assembly prepared students for the Student Senate for California Community Colleges Spring General Assembly 2010 in Los Angeles.

Region IV of the SSSCC is comprised of community colleges from the Bay Area and surrounding counties. At the summit, Regional Chair Hannah Grace Kempis, 21, of Gavilan College welcomed student senates before workshop sessions.

Kempis lead the workshop titled, "New Meets Old: Tran-

sitioning Your AS After Elections." The associated students attending the workshop learned optimal ways to smooth the transition of previous AS executives and senators to the colleges's newly elected AS members.

"I got to see the different perspectives of other schools that attended, like about the Brown Act and club organization. It makes me see that De Anza is pretty legit and on track with things," said Thoa Hoang, 19, junior senator for the De Anza Associated Student Body Senate.

The second workshop commenced, led by Sarab Sarabi, regional senator from region IV and a Cabrillo College student. The workshop, "History of Student Government in California," taught the summit about the progression of different California student government coalitions and where

the future of California student senates are headed.

DASB vice president of Administration, Wayne Spalding, the De Anza delegate in the SSSCC Region IV, joined delegates and executives in the region from Las Positas, Chabot, Gavilan and Cabrillo. The group discussed meeting with local lawmakers to talk about a higher educational fund that would be funded by a 9.9 percent oil severance tax titled AB656.

To learn more about region IV, visit the website at <http://www.SSSCC-Region-IV.org>.

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### NEW ICC CHAIR ANNOUNCED

## Alan Cheng elected new ICC chair

**Michael Messick**  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

At the conclusion of the 2010 winter quarter, representatives of the more than 70 De Anza College clubs selected Alan Y.C. Cheng as the new chairperson of the Inter Club Council.

Cheng is an 18-year-old business administration major from Hong Kong who began attending De Anza in September 2009. Following the suggestion of a friend, Cheng became a member of the Hong Kong Student Association. That same month, he was selected by the members of the HKSA to become the ICC representative for their club.

The ICC is an umbrella student organization whose primary function is to delegate the requests of each club on campus. The ICC holds meetings Mondays and Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m. for clubs to voice their opinions and ideas regarding club activities or student life at De Anza. At these meetings clubs can submit requests for funding. For instance, if a club wants to hold an event on campus, which features a panel of speakers,

**"Thanks to the votes of all 70 clubs ... I was elected as the ICC chairperson."**

**ALAN CHENG,  
ICC CHAIRPERSON**

it can inform the ICC and request up to \$1,500. The money allotted for club use through the ICC is from student body fees that each student pays when registering for classes. The fees are collected for use by the De Anza Student Body Senate. The DASB allocates the money to different organizations and entities within De Anza, and within the ICC.

The ICC has three officers: the chairperson, the chair of programs and the chair of finance. When the chair of programs resigned in the summer of 2009, an election was scheduled for last November to fill the position.

"A chance came," Cheng said. "The chair of programs left his position and through the support of the clubs I was selected to become the chair of programs for the last term." The executive term of the ICC ends at the winter quarter, so



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### ICC CHAIR ALAN CHENG

Cheng ran for ICC chair.

"So, therefore, I ran again," he said. "Thanks to the vote of all 70 clubs representing around 16,000 students here at De Anza College, I was elected as the ICC chairperson."

The ICC chairperson plays a crucial role in student government elections.

"As the Inter Club Council Chairperson I have to be the co-chairperson of the student government elections committee. [It is] sort of a third party opinion, because I am not part of the student government, and because the ICC is funded by [the DASB] we have a small say."

Because Cheng is the ICC chairperson, he is not allowed to be in any clubs. However, he attends as many club meetings as he can, and encourages students to do the same.

Cheng's goals are to continue to provide students with the ability to participate in clubs at De Anza.

"In such hard economic times, it is crucial that the ICC and the school work hard to find ways to ensure that the students can fulfill their education not just as a student who studies, but as a social being who can apply that knowledge outside of class," said Cheng.

Budget cuts have played an unfortunate role in the funding for the ICC and consequently all De Anza clubs.

"We used to get around 60,000 for a year," said Cheng. "But due to budget cuts the ICC received around 50,000 for this year."

Cheng says that he expects the number of clubs at De Anza to continue to grow.

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## Gates examines math program at Foothill

Bill Gates, chairman of the Microsoft Corporation and co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, attended a math class April 20 at Foothill College.

Gates visited the Los Altos Hills campus to do some research on Foothill's innovative "math my way" program, which helps students grasp basic math concepts, outperform their peers, and progress faster to college-level math classes.

Students were surprised when Gates and members of his foundation walked into the classroom, but quickly got to work on the math problems at hand. Students had the opportunity to talk with Gates about how methods used in class are making a difference for them.

"I think Bill Gates came to our class today because he's concerned that students in the U.S. aren't progressing and excelling in math as fast as students in other countries," said pre-law major Cassandra Wong.



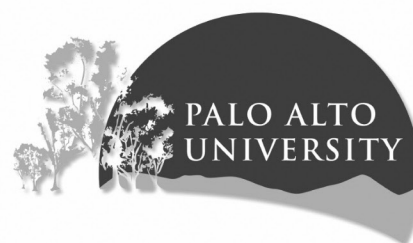
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**Bill Gates speaks to Foothill math students about their innovative program April 20.**

Gates and his team are looking at models and best practices in developmental mathematics education. They heard about "math my way" during a meeting at the Gates Foundation offices in Seattle with Foothill-De Anza Chancellor Linda Thor, who was invited to discuss her experiences with innovative online learning programs.

"[Gates] presented a wonderful opportunity for us to share a successful program that could be used in any high school or community college to give math-averse students a solid foundation that will carry them into college-level mathematics and science with confidence," Thor said. "We are all grateful for the work of the Gates Foundation to ensure that more students have opportunities to succeed in school."

*This article was compiled from reports owned by the Publicity & Publications Coordinator of Foothill College.*



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## Fitness center weighs membership program

Students can now purchase campus gym passes

**Rachel Schemel**  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

De Anza College's Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Center is now offering gym memberships to students in an effort to raise money for a department facing budget cuts.

The membership program, which costs \$20 a month or \$60 a quarter, is designed to offer students the opportunity to work out on their own time without having to take a P.E. class.

"Students who can't add can still (work out)," said C.J. Jones, director of the fitness center.

Fitness Center memberships can be used in conjunction with other gym classes. Normally if students miss a gym class, sitting in on another class can make up for the absence. However, students may have schedule conflicts or the class may be full. But with a membership, students can ask their instructors for makeup gym time.

The membership program is also a chance for students who may not be able to afford pricier gym memberships.

Workout equipment available to students ranges from free weights to treadmills and areas for yoga and personal training sessions.



RACHEL SCHEMEL /  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

### Fitness Center Director C.J. Jones guides student Liesa Tesfazghi

Personal sessions and advice come cost free and can be arranged to fit one's personal schedule. The fitness center staff offers times to set up a regiment to help students' reach their personal goals.

The fitness center will be receiving new equipment next spring.

"Feel free to come by to look or to ask me any questions," Jones said.

Students can also enroll in PE 70A or PE 71 for gym access. After passing both classes, students can continue their membership by enrolling in PE71.

To enroll, call the community education office at (408) 864-8817 and refer to course 126 or visit <http://www.communityeducation.fhda.edu>.

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## POLICE log

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## Positions cut finalized | major reductions to classified positions

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Another employee, Carmen Pereida, will also see her position eliminated. Pereida is program coordinator of Cooperative Education and will become director of OTI. The Cooperative Education program will be eliminated with its five other employees.

"This is a level transfer into an open position so no bumping rights will have to be exercised. These are really hard times with people being displaced because of a loss of their positions or being forced to bump into another one," Pereida said. "It is really sad to see this program go. It serves over 185 students. These credits will no longer be offered to students trying to balance work, school and life."

According to the Board of Trustees meeting minutes, the district saved \$2.6 million in workload reductions made to part-time faculty, but is still facing a deficit of an estimated \$10.6 million for the next two years.

"The process to reach this point has been open and exhausting and the discussion thoughtful and careful," District Chancellor Linda Thor said.

Expenses for 2010-11 are projected to exceed revenue by \$4.1 million, in addition to the \$6.5 million in cuts from the state, according to the board of trustees meeting agenda.

Colleges statewide must meet a fixed student-instructor ratio. Failure to do so will result in state fines. For this reason, many of the layoffs affect administrative services and part-time teaching assistants, economics professor Roger Mack said.

"Based on enrollment, the district must have a minimum of 516 full obligation faculty members. If this is not met, the district is fined," Vice President of Finance and Educational Resources Letha Jeanpierre said.

"\$70,000 for every faculty member under the requirement," Jeanpierre said. "We are under our obligation. That is why we are hiring faculty and opening up eight positions for the fall."

"You cannot assume that it is less of a big deal because they are part time. Being laid off is always devastating," said Anderson. "However, the college recognized and respected the process of laying people off. I think they did it in an appropriate manner. I'm still hopeful for the future."

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## Right to Bong



As the World Burns

**Soheil Rezaee**  
La Voz Columnist

After being dazed and confused last week on "420" in the midst of the deep provoking thoughts inspired by "Apocalypse Now," I began to wonder if this will be the last time engaging in this unofficial holiday is a misdemeanor.

The debate of marijuana legalization has been one of the hottest issues that is being marginalized by the media and politicians. While the Obama Administration is trying to ignore the issue, California is taking steps to legalize and regulate this billion-dollar industry.

To continue the enforcement of a law that William F. Buckley Jr. once said "has done far more harm to far more people than marijuana ever could," is not only ludicrous but also irresponsible on the part of government during this troubling economy.

Regardless of what opponents say, they have failed to make any validation of what could be regarded as a rational counter argument with any factual evidence. The opposition's argument consists of racial fears, old wives' tales and the reefer madness concocted by Henry Anslinger (political opportunist and the first drug czar) in the 1930s.

Even then, Anslinger's crusade was seen as a scam, and his lies were exposed when Fiorello LaGuardia, mayor of New York from 1934-1945, commissioned the first scientific study regarding the effects of marijuana in 1939 (LaGuardia Commission).

The most recent study in support of legalization, "The Budgetary Implications of Marijuana Prohibition," by the Department of Economics at Harvard University, was published in 2005. The report focused on the economical ramifications of prohibition and how legalization could benefit the economy. The study received the endorsement of 500 economists, including Milton Friedman, one of the most influential economists of the modern age who was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1976.

Legalization would economically benefit communities in Northern California, where medical marijuana farming is a major source of revenue. The legalization would boost revenue and bring in tax dollars to the state government. At the same time, agencies once responsible for enforcing marijuana prohibition will now have to supervise its regulation and taxation.

From the average American to politicians to Noble Prize winning figures, the ongoing prohibition has been a blunder. If California fails to get the ball rolling on the movement of legalization, then have fun enjoying that "Emerald Kush" in the closet while watching the world burn.

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# DE ANZA FACES

Professor of the Week

## Instructor, judge sets the bar for students

**Nadia Banchik**  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

Instructor Terry Ellis has been teaching at De Anza College since 1975, and believes that students who are deeply interested in his discipline will always exist.

Ellis was the first to teach a class about paralegal and judicial matters at De Anza in the early 90s. The program has evolved since then, and now an average of 300-400 students come through his classes each year.

"Some of the reasons he stands out are because of his open door policy during office hours, where he always has a line of students waiting to speak to him, giving each student what they need," former paralegal student Wendy Yee said.

"Professor Ellis has a willingness to listen and help students in the program with their problems, whether they are personal or professional. He has a special enthusiasm for teaching, breadth of knowledge, compassion, offering encouragement and support," Yee said.

Besides teaching, he is a judge pro tempore in the Santa Clara County Superior Court system, and is active in the South Bay community and legal arena.

Ellis began teaching at De Anza in January 1975, just two weeks before graduating from law school. Soon, Ellis founded and became Director of the Administration of Justice and Paralegal program, the first in a community college in California. Similar programs were created at West Valley College and San Francisco State University.

Ellis teaches principal legal courses; legal procedures, evidence, landlord and tenant law, wills and trusts, paralegal programs and an overview of American and California law.



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**Terry Ellis**

One of his favorite areas is criminal law because "this was the class which I started teaching at De Anza."

Aside from his role as instructor and judge, Ellis has maintained the American Bar Association's rigorous standards of the ABA Guidelines for the approval of paralegal education programs. Nationwide, approximately 260 paralegal programs are approved by the ABA. There are only four ABA approved programs in Northern California, and De Anza's program is considered one of the best in Northern California.

Ellis lends support to other

programs in California that want to acquire and maintain ABA approval.

Yee said that last year, when De Anza was about to cancel the traditional end-of-year celebration of the students of the paralegal program, Ellis paid for the festivities out of his own pocket. The celebration is used to build a social network between alumni and the legal community.

Most of his students have a professional interest in becoming paralegals or law enforcement officers.

"Some are truly interested in being law enforcement officers, and there are students who are interested in transferring and majoring either in administration of justice or in some other legal subjects," Ellis said. "This is an excellent way to start being a lawyer, as we teach students the same kind of things that they would be taught in a university law school."

Ellis pays special attention to teaching legal research because our legal system is based on precedents, so students who are interested in becoming lawyers have to learn how to do research on an appropriate court decision, how to find them, and how to read and interpret them.

"Law is always changing, both statutes and court decisions; societal attitudes are changing as well. There are periods when the law and society become more conservative, and periods when changes bend to more liberal," Ellis said.

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## Ambition's Duality



Reality 101

**Corey J. Hogan**  
La Voz Columnist

Ambition is a fickle lover. In most cases, it leads to making the most progressive decisions, but also some of the most heinous and atrocious. These polar opposites must coexist in order for the ambitious soul to reach a state of equilibrium.

The ambitious can accomplish great things for themselves and their surroundings, however focusing on what my father calls "the big picture" can cause significant details to slip through the cracks.

Both sides of the coin should be considered when on any path where the destination is higher ground in relation to the origin. Blind ambition is very real and very dangerous. There are countless proverbs about listening to your heart and that all you need is love, but the unfortunate reality is that should you choose to follow your heart, it's best to keep your head behind it.

I had a very close friend who went to Los Angeles to follow his heart in pursuit of a music career after a near death experience as a marine in Kosovo. Two months later, he was institutionalized for a suicide attempt and I haven't heard from him since. The entire time I'd known him, he had always been an

**He had always been an ambitious man, living by the slogan "you gotta dream big to live large." The trouble is, I don't think he ever woke up.**

ambitious man, living by the slogan "you gotta dream big to live large." The trouble is, I don't think he ever woke up.

As college students, a majority of us have drive, regardless of whether the direction we're going. We experience highs and lows, but it's commonly accepted that there is a light at the end of the tunnel, even if there is a long way to go. It's comforting to know that the stress and anxiety from being caught in the gears of the daily grind will ultimately yield something worth the pain. If life is truly what you make it to be, then the result of the hard work will be some sort of happiness. Or at least that's what we should believe, otherwise we risk losing the motivation to be ambitious.

Although ambition has produced countless examples of greatness, there are extremists in the field, entitling their practice cutthroat ambition. These people have little regard for others, often violating trust and ethical conduct in order to better themselves. The dual nature of ambition is quite clear, and when this is understood, the negatives can be minimized, allowing for maximum amount of potential to be achieved. And as the generation that'll inherit this defiled planet, we should be doing everything in our power to ensure that we aren't sabotaging the path for those following.

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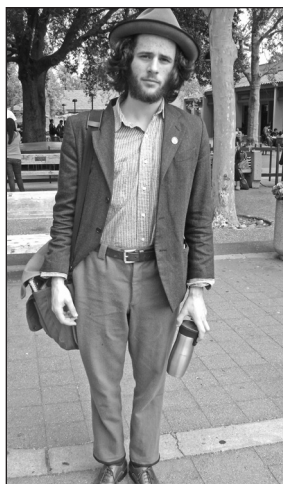
## Student Style

How would you describe your style?



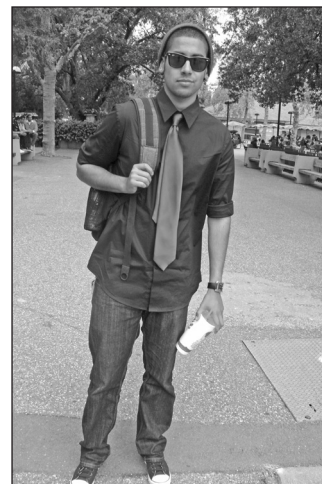
**Fizza Wasi, 19,**  
**Psychology**

"A little bit of everything, but mostly urban."



**Jason Samaha, 19,**  
**Cognitive science**

"Sort of timeless... It's like nostalgia of all those things



**Phillip Ramirez, 18,**  
**Business administration**

"It varies, I would describe my style as a fusion of business and urban and sometimes laid back."

SAJA MOHAMMED/LA VOZ WEEKLY

# CAMPUS CULTURE & LIFESTYLES

## Could junk food be the new cocaine? 'Dirty burgers' may sabotage your waistline, bank account

Zahra Younes  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

If you hear the words, "Welcome, may I take your order?" on a daily basis, you might have a problem.

Recent studies suggest that junk food might be as addictive as hard drugs. Researchers at the Scripps Research Institute in Florida provided rats with a high-calorie diet consisting of different kinds of junk food, and the rats quickly began to gain weight.

The rats began eating compulsively, and required greater quantities of junk food to stimulate the pleasure receptors in the brain – a typical symptom of addiction.

"Anything can be addictive," the director of Dining Services at De Anza Patrick Gannon said. "It's people's choices."

Health educator Mary-Jo Lomax compared eating junk food to smoking. "It creates a habit," she said.

All around the cafeteria students can be spotted munching on greasy fries and burgers and sipping on high-calorie soda to wash it down.

Factors that contribute to high junk food consumption are accessibility, affordability, the media, cultural influence and disconnection with agricultural systems, De Anza student body vice president of Environmental Sustain-



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**When it comes to quick and easy eats, junk food like popcorn, often loaded with butter and salt, is a popular choice.**

ability Keith Hubbard said.

Biology major Sadiq Hai agrees that junk food is "quick and easy to get and quick and easy to eat, and it's cheap."

"I am addicted to junk food," said mass communications major Saba Shah, while waiting for her "Red Gummy Bear" drink at Jamba

Juice. She also said that her bank account has a negative balance of \$200 because she kept on swiping her card at fast food places.

"Sometimes I don't have enough time to go home and eat," Shah said. "I waste a lot of money eating out."

After several weeks of a pure junk food diet,

researchers at the SRI replaced the rats' food with healthy food. And for almost two weeks, they ate next to nothing.

"Healthy food doesn't taste as good" after eating junk food, said Lomax.

"Healthy foods tend to be boring. Who wants to eat spinach when they can have a burger," biology major Gregory Patterson said.

Gannon said that big companies invest in research and development in order to make food more enjoyable. "They know how your palate works," he said.

Hubbard was critical of the tactics of the big multinational corporations. He said that in high school, his cafeteria offered "killer deals" of two Taco Bell burritos and a Pepsi for \$2.

"Instead of asking why healthy food is so expensive, one should ask why is junk food so cheap?" Hubbard said. The long term cost to your health can be more expensive, he said.

"Once you get used to something, it's really hard to change," said Lomax. "You have to have a plan."

"I like a dirty burger," said Gannon. "Who doesn't?" But he suggested balancing out calorie consumption with physical activity, such as sports, walking and swimming.

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# How De Anza students kill time



**Clockwise from left: Brendan Cote teaches himself how to ride a unicycle. Alex Contreras practices his parkour. Reporter Michael Messick plays frisbee during his off time from class. Biology major Jasmine Richardson plays quad volleyball. Business major Chris Martin plays a quick card game as Music major Chris Enteria plays his guitar. Matt Weaver, 22, undecided, tosses a hacky sack around while waiting for his next class. Philosophy major Allen La plays with a yo-yo. Art design major Jazmine Lopez draws Henna tattoos on her palm. Josh Davis seizes the moment on a sunny day and spins a cartwheel. Aspiring filmmaker Andy Nguyen ollies in socks.**

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## Get your Zs on: 10 sleep strategies

**Armando Luna**  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

*La Voz* compiles tips for sleepless students with the help of Philip Boissiere, instructor of psychology at De Anza College.

1) **Plan ahead:** This allows you to avoid bad habits. "People will study or work in the bedroom which leads to poor conditioning around the bedroom," says Boissiere.

2) **Nap it up:** Set some time to take a 10 to 20 minute nap at some point in the day. According to Michael Breuss, a clinical psychologist and author of "Good Night," naps are a great brain exercise.

3) **Tire yourself out:** Jog around the block a few times or engage in some type of physical activity. Warning: in some individuals this might cause production of adrenaline, which will, in turn, create wakefulness.

4) **Listen to music:** Music has the power to calm and relax the muscles. Make sure it is soothing music and not music that may make your heart race.

5) **Take a warm bath:** Warm water soothes and relaxes your muscles. A cold bath will keep your body awake and alert.

6) **Buy a new mattress:** The right mattress will cause people to sleep as soon as they lay on it, but the wrong one can cause back problems, and an even bigger sleep deficit.

7) **Read:** While reading, your eyes will focus on the small print, which will tire your eyes out.

8) **Sleep/Wake up early:** Your body works on a conditioned sleep cycle. If you condition your body to sleep at 4 a.m., then your internal clock will adjust to this time.

9) **Count backward from 1000:** This may sound ridiculous at first, but give it a try. Chances are that by the time you reach 869 you will be in dreamland.

10) **Force yourself to stay awake:** "If you are having trouble sleeping, force yourself to stay awake, eventually the reverse will happen," Boissiere says.

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# 2010 De Anza College

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# SOLD Project sheds light on human-trafficking

**Saba Anees**  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

According to the University of California budget office, the UC system fee hikes and budget cuts have resulted in UC students paying over \$10,000 per year in order to fund their education.

Compare this to Thailand, where paying for a child's education and potentially saving them from the dangers of sex trafficking costs only \$1 a day.

Every day in Thailand and across the world, impoverished families choose to give up their children to human-trafficking in order to support their households. Sex trafficking has turned into a global, multi-billion dollar industry and drives the economy in impoverished areas. In order to fight these injustices, organizations like the SOLD Project have launched tours to increase awareness about human trafficking in schools and communities across America.

On April 14, The SOLD Project screened its

film, "The SOLD Project: Thailand" in conference room A of the Hinson Center at De Anza College. SOLD intern Maia Sciupac organized the screening with members of Women's History Month and Latino Empowerment At De Anza. Sciupac, a former De Anza student and UC Berkeley peace and conflict studies graduate, became passionate about this cause when she discovered her stepmother was a victim of human trafficking.

Sciupac led an interactive discussion at the screening, which allowed members of the audience to share views on the film and talk about why the issue was important.

The SOLD Project began in the summer of 2007, when a group of young adults traveled through Thailand and witnessed first-hand the effects of child prostitution. They made it their mission to spread the word and expose the social injustices taking place without punishment or control. The footage shot from these trips to Thailand made up the film, which introduced

the audience to children who were either at risk of being lost to trafficking or were already out on the streets, trying to make a living for their families.

The film introduced 9-year-old Cat, who aspired to become an Olympic runner. Cat's mother was sent to Bangkok as a prostitute at an early age. She returned home to provide her daughter with a proper education, though it has been a struggle. When the founders of The SOLD Project met Cat, they realized a better future would be lost if her mother could no longer pay for school. They set up a scholarship fund for the fourth grader to fund her education until she reached college. Scholarship foundations such as these were meant to inspire hope among families like Cat's with "prevention through education" as one of the goals of the organization.

"The SOLD Project: Thailand" also introduced children and young adults who were already victims of sex trafficking. A teenage boy named Geng spoke with interviewers about

how money forced him to commit acts he was too ashamed to admit. However, before they could do anything to help him, he disappeared and was assumed to have moved into an elderly Thai man's home.

The SOLD Project's objectives are to spread awareness, provide direct care, inspire empowerment and ultimately bring about intervention for victims of sex trafficking around the world.

"There are a lot of organizations and people doing things to combat [human and sex trafficking], but unless the public is aware and is able to become enraged by it, then it is difficult to do anything to end it," said Sciupac. Who continues to work to combat human trafficking.

Sciupac has worked with her local representatives to write grants, research laws and promote ballot initiatives and has started her own online radio show.

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## DE ANZA COLLEGE CAFETERIA

### Monday, April 26

- Vegetable Soup
- BBQ Chicken with Green Onions
- Chinese Chicken
- Mediterranean Pasta

### Tuesday, April 27

- Tortellini Vegetable
  - Margherita
- Spring Greens Salad
- Southwestern Fusilli

### Wednesday, April 28

- Tomato
- Chicken Pesto
- Szechuan Beef Salad
- Asian Ginger, BBQ Pork, Green Onion, Carrot, Oyster Sauce and Baby Bok Choy, Risotto

### Thursday, April 29

- Beef Vegetable
- Caramelized Onion and Meatball
- Southwestern Chicken
- Broccoli Bow Tie Pasta
- Seared Salmon Orange Curry Cream, Fried Onion, Arugula on Green Scallion Pancake

### Friday, April 30

- New England Clam Chowder
- Chef's Choice

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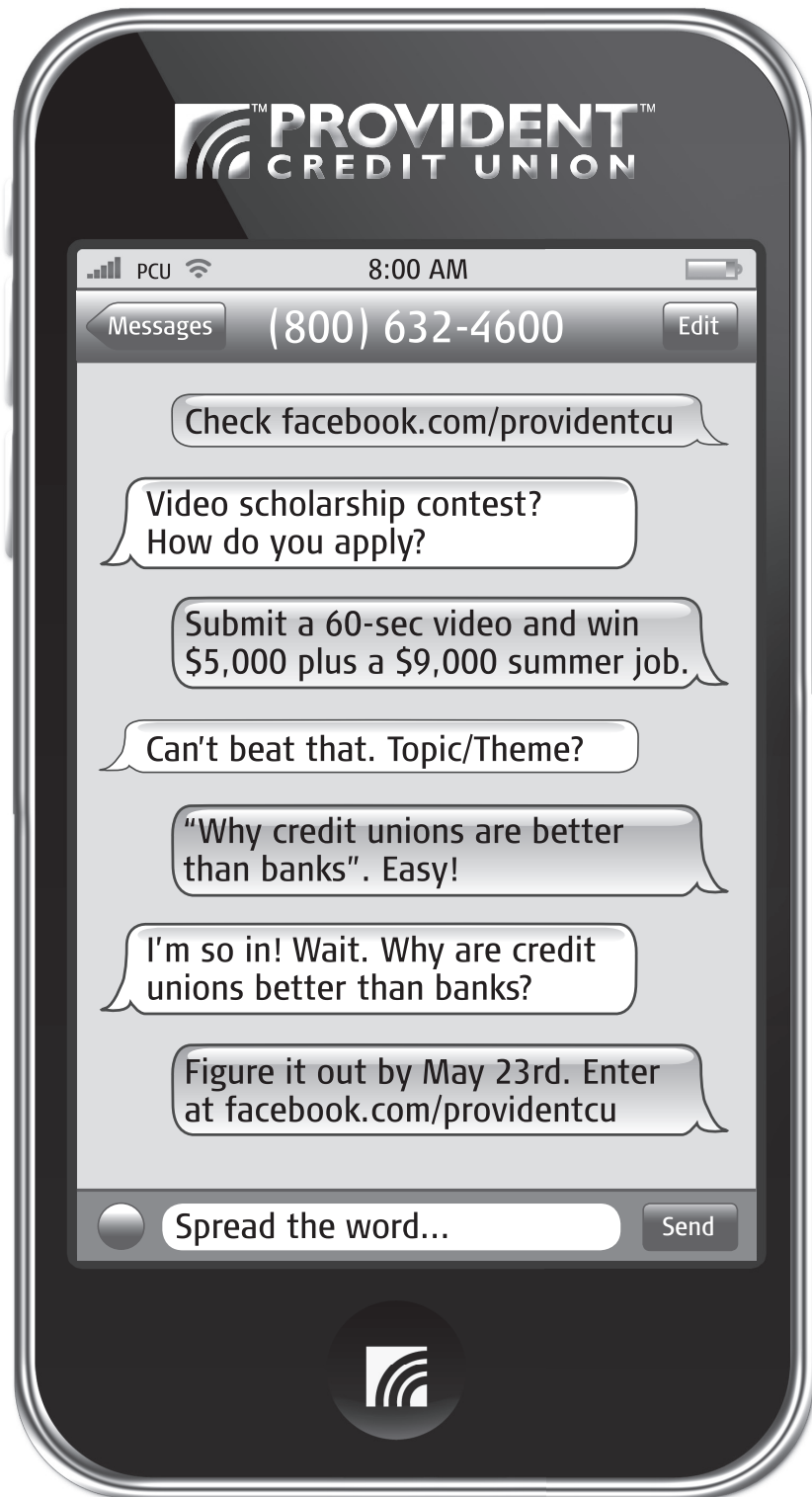
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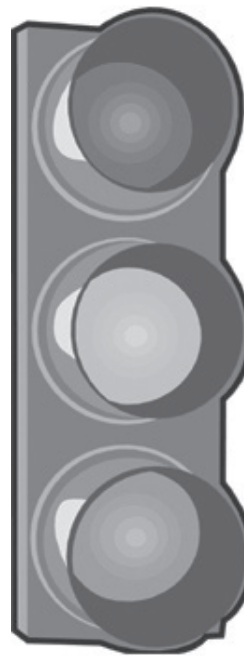
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# New technology keeps students' studies on track

**Saja Mohammad**  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

Purdue University officials have come up with an innovative way to keep their freshmen and sophomores from getting behind in their studies. The new technology, called Signals, alerts students over computer and phone of their studies status.

Through notifications that use traffic signal colors, students can keep track of how well they are doing. Red means bad, yellow means step it up and green means good. This notification system is being implemented as early as the second week of school so students can check their courses daily.

"[It] sounds like a cool way to keep on track," De Anza business administration major Anam Hasan said. "I do not think people will be able to ignore how badly they are doing in classes if they have this device."

The system is currently only being used at Purdue, but over 11,000 of their students have begun the program. According to Purdue officials, the system uses a sophisticated data mining and analytics algorithm that checks more than 20 data points that concentrate more on the student efforts rather than simply on their grades.

"I think it's an interesting idea, but it's still ultimately up to the student to do the work," Writing and Reading Center Instructional Associate Alerie Flandez said.

The new technology has had some success. Purdue reported 78 percent of students who received a red warning improved in both grades and effort by mid-term.

The question is, when will it be available to the public? This information is unknown for now, since the technology is new and Purdue University is still in the test run phase. If found to be successful, Signals will be available to all colleges soon.

"Generally, it's a good idea, but a human component is lost that would probably explain the 22 percent that did not improve," Flandez said.

Students who were told of the new technology also remain skeptical.

"It's an invasion of privacy and just another way for universities to keep tabs on their students," said De Anza business major Mohammed Usman.

"If [students] are looking for help, this allows them to see where they need improvement, but it shouldn't be mandatory," said business major and De Anza Student Body Senator Jack Chuang.

Adding phone notifications saves time for students. All they have to do is check their iPhones to know where they stand.

"There are a lot of technologies out there, but there's something to say about one-on-one attention," Flandez said. "They don't just need signals, they need support as well."

Signals is too new to know whether it can be as successful as tutoring, though Purdue's trial is proving that at the very least, the system can give students an extra boost to work harder.

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## WEB EXCLUSIVE

### Measure C funds campus renovations

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HUIYI JIANG/LA VOZ WEEKLY

**The East Cottage is raised on stilts in preparation for renovation. When completed, it will serve as the new office of the Civil and Community Engagement.**

# SPORTS HEALTH & FITNESS

## The Dons Lose Second From Conference Match

### Dons suffer a 5 -0 loss to San Mateo after North Coast Conference

Derek Fenson  
Sunny Kim  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

The struggles of the De Anza College softball team continued after being shut out by San Mateo College 5-0 on April 15 at De Anza, their second consecutive loss to conference leaders.

De Anza played hard despite losing in nine innings on a walk off grand slam against current North-Coast Conference leader Ohlone College on April 14.

"When you go through an emotional game like this, it's tough on a team," Rachel Pacheco, manager of the De Anza team, said. "But everything aside, championships have to play every day. You still have to come out and play hard the next day."

After starting pitcher Akemi Laiger loaded the bases with no outs, she enticed three ground balls. The other two were scored as errors, one to second, and the other short, leading to two unearned runs. San Mateo's third baseman Nicole Cardoza followed with a two run single to right center, making the score 4-0 in favor of San Mateo.

The error charged to shortstop Emily Soumountha caused some controversy. After Soumountha cleanly fielded the sharp grounder, she



SUNNY KIM (2) / LA VOZ WEEKLY

**A ground ball passes the first baseman, allowing defensive play on first.**

appeared to apply a tag on the runner moving from second to third.

The umpire thought otherwise, called the run-

ner safe, and claimed that the ball was not cleanly possessed by Soumountha when she made the tag.

Pacheco left the dugout and exchanged words with the umpire.

"Whether what I think is what he thinks, it doesn't matter," said Pacheco. "You dig as big of a hole as you put yourself in."

Laiger was able to get out of the inning with a pop out to second, but her day was done, despite only allowing two earned runs and four hits. Pitcher Bianka Molina took over in the third despite having pitched all nine innings the day before. She ended up finishing the game, allowing only one more run in the top of the seventh inning on an RBI double by San Mateo's catcher Tatiana Grelli.

"I had to be strong," Molina said. "I was pretty tired, but I pitched my heart out, and did my best to keep my team in the game." San Mateo starter Lauren Cole dominated, allowing only

two hits in the game. She pitched seven consecutive innings.

"I was pretty amped," said Cole. "I knew they were out for blood, but I was ready. I knew Coach Pacheco would keep me in the whole game."

Head Coach Pacheco said that when a team is embarrassed in front of their home fans, the subsequent games are more emotionally involved. Pacheco added that she used to be friends with Head Coach Nicole Borg, of the San Mateo softball team, but now they are more focused on their respective teams than anything else.

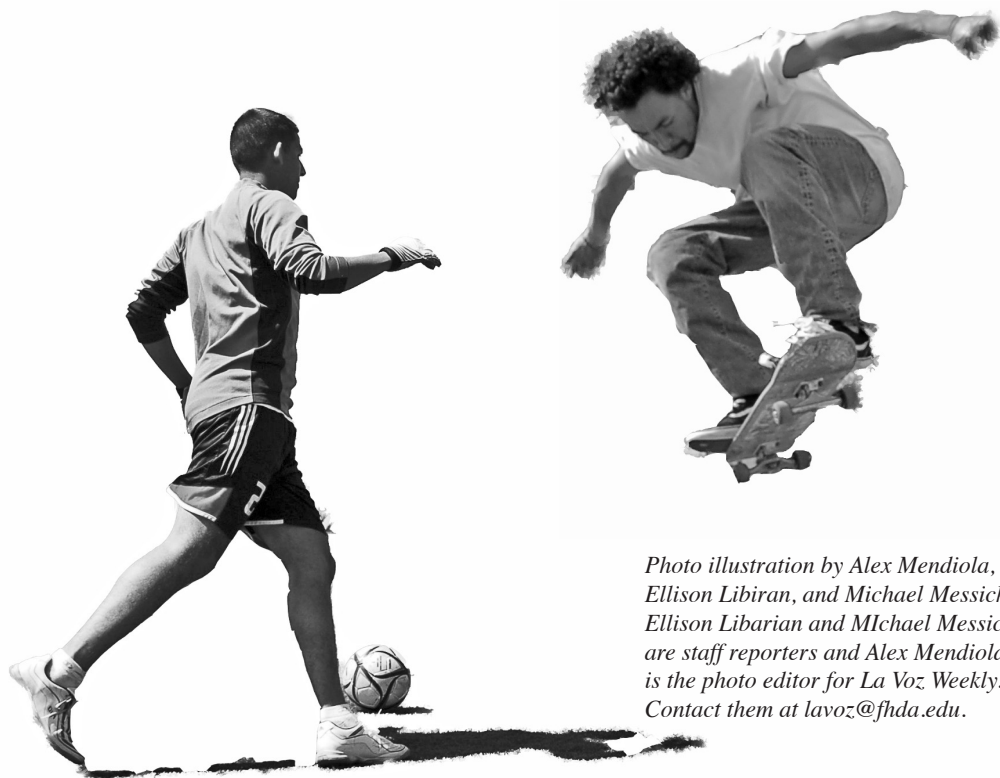
"It's definitely going to be a rivalry now," said Pacheco.

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**Number 22 at bat, hit to third baseline, no runs scored.**

## De Anza students *In Motion*



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## UPCOMING MATCHES

### Women's Badminton

Thursday April 29  
Opponent: Fresno  
Location: Fresno  
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Friday, April 30  
Opponent: Pasadena City  
Location: Pasadena  
Time: 4:00 p.m.

### Baseball

Tuesday, April 27  
Opponent: Chabot College  
Location: De Anza  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 29  
Opponent: City College of San Francisco  
San Francisco  
Time: 2:00pm

Friday, April 30

Opponent: College of San Mateo  
Location: San Mateo  
Time: 2:00 p.m.

### Men's Tennis

Thursday - Saturday, April 29, 30, May 1  
Opponents: Nor Cal  
Location: Santa Rosa  
Time: All Day

### Track and Field

Monday, April 26  
Coast Conference 10K  
Location: San Jose City College  
Time: TBA

Wednesday, April 28  
Coast Conference Trials  
Location: San Jose City College  
Time: TBA

*For a more detailed sports schedule, visit the Athletics homepage at [www.deanza.edu/athletics](http://www.deanza.edu/athletics).*

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## EDITORIAL | Networking is needed

### La Voz Weekly Editorial Board

Birds of a feather ... stick to their very own community colleges and stay at the same growth and skill level. Or at least that happens when you, dear club member, do not compete in that karate competition. Or when you, dear anime fan, ditch FanimeCon. Call it a missed opportunity to become better as an individual and better as a campus club or organization.

De Anza College currently has 71 officially recognized clubs, many of which organize regular trips to events such as competitions and conventions that connect the De Anza chapter of their clubs with the statewide, national or even international equivalents at other schools. Ask the club officers, and chances are the same faithful core group of the club jumps at the opportunity and the same stay-at-home group, well, stays at home. One word to the usual isolationist suspects: No! Go! Ok, that's two words, but the point is the same: take the trip. Meet people from other schools. You will benefit from it. Here's why:

Competition between colleges fuels ambition. An example from our own backyard: about 14 La Voz staffers, past and present, attended the Journalism Association of Community Colleges Convention at Los Angeles about two weeks ago. Among the crowd, the group of black and white printed T-shirts that was the student newspaper of Mt. San Antonio College stood out. They were a recurring theme; every workshop, every competition, every wrong turn down the hotel hallways, another black T-shirt popped up.

But most memorable of all was the slogan:

"Mt. SAC – The ballsiest news team in town."

Mt. SAC had spirit. They won awards. They cheered for the home team. They were like a group of black and white-clad cheerleaders. And they got us thinking: how can we capture that spirit? Sure, we have camaraderie: quarter after quarter of production nights until witching hour has fostered that.

But our well-endowed brethren from Mount SAC reminded us – not to get a T-shirt – but that there are innovative ways to have a fruitful conversation with you, our readers. We'd like to talk to you, but in a way, we do that every issue, every week. What we really want is to create additional venues to hear back from you.

To that end, we've been hatching some ballsy ideas of our own. Pay close attention to the Video La Voz broadcasts in the next few weeks. We're taking a page out of radio etiquette and hosting De Anza wide contests, stunts and other events. As they say, stay tuned.

Would we have gotten this inspiration had we stewed in our own soup? Let's just say, the convention helped.

Please consider the same healing method for your own performance. You will be more motivated to practice your kicks, forms and speeches, find sponsors, advertise and recruit, simply by seeing what the competition at other colleges is doing.

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## Metal vs. Wooden: Baseball's weapon of choice



**Victor Arredondo**  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

Metal bats should be banned. Imagine stepping into a baseball pitcher's cleats, bases are loaded, bottom of the ninth, and you're only one pitch home from securing a win over your opponent. You line up your pitch and before you know it, your fastball is coming straight for your brain-housing group twice as fast.

No matter how quick one might try to catch the ball, it is futile, as in an actual case of a Marin county hospitalized boy who found himself in a coma on March 25, or even a father who died while teaching his son to hit a baseball and was hit by a ball traveling at 114 mph.

Practice makes perfect. Some athletes are gifted phenomenally with hitting a ball. That said, what happens when you take a Louisville aluminum slugger, a well-trained hitter and throw them on the home diamond? One might say you have a solid formula for a home run.

Why would someone get injured and what increases the risk? It's a matter of physics and a well-trained batter. More importantly, it comes down to the aluminum bat. Now, I am no professional baseball player, but there are some concerns that come to mind when such a bat is used for its actual role, rather than busting in someone's kneecaps, and it can still land someone in the hospital.

Currently, there are sanctions on metal bats across the nation. The National Softball Association only uses approved models, and measurements

have even been inducted for the NCAA.

De Anza College baseball coach Scott Hertler, when asked to comment on such injuries, said, "The incidents are few and far between, but run at a higher cost."

For reasons of "lower risk management" and even "leveling out the competition," the old wooden bat is still universal. Still, how does higher batted ball speed translate to better performance that can be costly to the pitcher, catchers, and even basemen?

The answer is a difference of up to eight mph, as the average batted ball speed for a wooden bat is 98.6 mph, as opposed to an aluminum bat that can average 106.5 mph. The averages are based on a pitch that is only 56.6 mph fast. You might be asking yourself, "what does this have to do with a ban?" The "sweet spot" or area on the barrel that will make a ball fly with maximum force and velocity is 10 percent larger on an aluminum bat versus a wooden bat.

To make my point even more evident if you were to use a metal bat: You swing faster, hit longer ranged balls, develop bad habits because of dependency on its "Trampoline Effect," that is dependence on the compressed spring like effect of the metal allowing more energy to transfer to ball over all. "The game would be a better game with wood bats," said Hertler.

Ban the aluminum bat. In the end it could mean all the difference of someone in a hospital. A player with no talent might look good, but it allows cheating when you look at it from a physics perspective. Keep the bats wooden because we all know real players use their wood the right way.

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## Corrections

In the April 19 issue...

- Alex Mendiola and Nick Girard co-wrote the DASB open house article with Coree J. Hogan.
- In the DA Voices "What do you want to see in a student body president?", the student's name is Fizza West, not Fizz West.
- Cain Ramirez wrote and produced the Muckrakers article.

## De Anza can be more "green"



**Aliyah Mohammed**  
LA VOZ WEEKLY

De Anza College is one of many campuses nationwide attempting to become greener through school programs and club activity. The effort to make campuses more environmentally friendly is part of a widespread movement occurring globally.

The current efforts to be a greener campus are noticeable from the cafeteria to the bathrooms. The cafeteria grows and uses seasonal vegetables from gardens on campus, organic vegetables from local farmers, fair trade coffee and uses biodegradable containers and utensils.

The cleaning supplies used on campus are environmentally safe and green certified. All the bathrooms have energy efficient recycled soap dispensers, biodegradable soap in the bathrooms, 100 percent recycled toilet paper, paper towels and seat covers and the men's bathroom have waterless urinals to save water.

The Kirsch Center, in particular, provides a national archetype for sustainability and education. The building, made of different recycled materials, uses solar panels and is ventilated by windows that face towards the sun.

Although these practices are good, there is still a lot that must be done in order to make De Anza a more sustainable and environmentally friendly campus. For example, incorporating non-science classes into the Kirsch Center would be more beneficial for the campus and for the students.

There are things that can be done with the school's current budget and resources. Solar panels should be installed not only on the Kirsch Center, but also on all the roofs of buildings that receive sufficient sunlight to offset electricity use. Computers and other technology in classrooms and labs should be turned off when not in use and unplugged at the end of the day. Computers, and other electronic devices that are plugged in continue to drain energy even after they are turned off.

Measure C, passed in 2006, approved a bond worth \$490.8 million for the De Anza and Foothill campuses. The money we are using for renovation and construction should be used to fund these initiatives. Also the school should give carpoolers incentives such as discounts at the bookstore, on food and DASB credit.

"As with many complex issues there are a lot of stakeholders at the table and cost is always an issue. Just like any project, there needs to be agreement and funding to implement major change in an academic institution, but nevertheless, this should not be a deterrent and this is something that is," said Environmental Science teacher Mary Poffenroth.

One of the clubs working to make a difference is Working to Institute a Sustainable Environment on the 37th Parallel. Formed by a small group of students to bring local organic food options to De Anza's cafeteria, W.I.S.E. 37 has become a large environmental club and is now working on a variety of environmental issues on and off campus through education, outreach and activism.

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# Blue Light Cinemas

## Films showing this week

Alvin and the Chipmunks:  
The Squeakuel  
Avatar  
Crazy Heart  
Green Zone  
Our Family Wedding  
Percy Jackson & the Olympians:  
The Lightning Thief  
Shutter Island  
The Blind Side

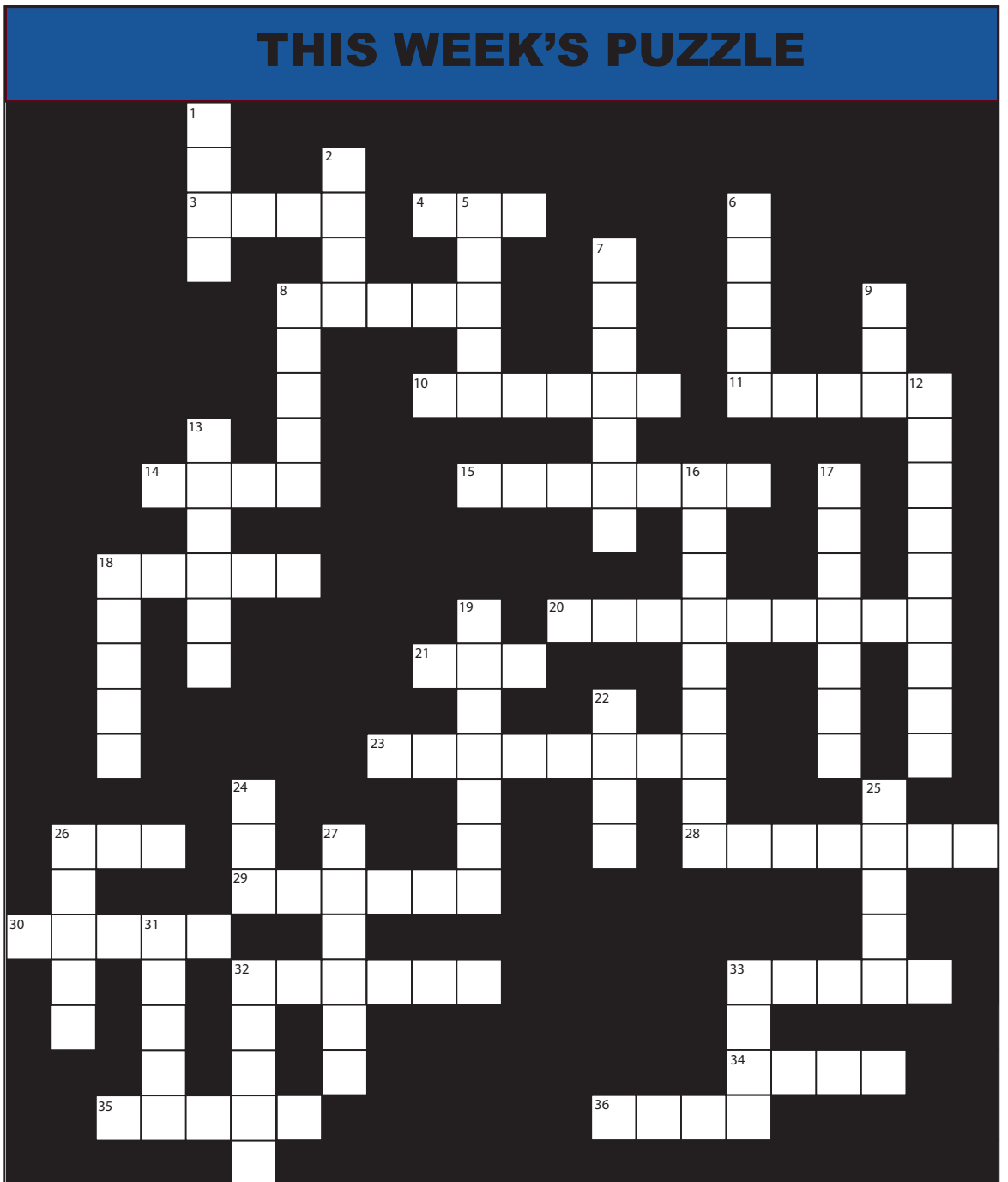
Coming soon: Chloe, The Ghost  
Writer (both on April 30)

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**Across:**

- Spartan's university
- Police informant
- Unadulterated coffee
- Nose Piercing
- Consistent borrower
- Sacrifice in baseball
- Confused with rice pudding
- Capitol of South Korea
- Irish folk-punk band
- City of Angels airport
- Candidate race
- Gesture of respect
- Scoby's Cousin
- Wall hanging or mouth gunk
- Like burgers or gossip
- Head-sock
- Rosy cheeks verb
- What photographers look through
- Type of hair curl
- Honey beer

**Down:**

- On-campus student gov't.
- An overused knife
- Bone broken by a cross-over
- Canadian tuxedo material
- Diabetic's supplement
- Floppy French hat
- Common lighter
- Hippie circle aerobic activity
- Math puzzle
- "Squeakuel" rodents
- Feudal warrior
- Telekinetic choice of cutlery
- Floppy French bread
- Present
- Tree secretion
- Cowboy accessories
- "Et Tu ..."
- Browser with compass icon
- Milk holder
- Classroom writing surface
- Monks "do"

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