



## Activities dean sues 10 De Anza faculty for libel

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On April 25, John Cognetta, Associate Dean of Activities at De Anza College, filed a \$10 million suit charging "libel and conspiracy to commit libel" against a group of 10 De Anza staff and faculty

that calls itself Faculty and Staff in Advocacy for Students.

Cognetta's suit is in response to a March 3 memo addressed jointly to Joyce L. Davis, Conflict Resolution Officer for Discrimination, and to the De Anza College Academic Senate.

The suit also implicates seven organizations listed in which Faculty and Staff in Advocacy for

Students claim leadership roles.

The organizations are the Asian-Pacific American Staff Association, White Alliance of Anti-Racists, African-American Faculty & Staff Association, Minority Staff Association, Gay and Lesbian Employees and Friends, Just a Sister Away and Latino/Latina-Chicano/Chicana Faculty and Staff Association.

**A vote of no confidence**

The memo calls for "a vote of no confidence" in Cognetta and "pursuance of due process procedures for the removal of Cognetta from his position."

The memo further alleges "ongoing disenfranchisement and discriminatory practices perpetuated against specific groups of students associated with the Campus Life

Program."

Cognetta is the administrator of the Campus Life Program, as well as the faculty advisor for De Anza Associated Student Body (DASB).

Cognetta's complaint characterizes Faculty and Staff in Advocacy for Students as the "Gang of Ten," claiming the memo was "prepared and broadly publicized" and that it

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## Drop policy means lost revenue

Nedda Mishnerghi

*La Voz Staff Writer*

Jim Lucas, Director of Institutional Research at De Anza College, reports a six percent increase, from fall 1992 to fall 1993, in the rate of drops by the end of the second week.

The increase in drops appears to be a leading factor in De Anza's budget problems.

The effect of the increasing drops on the budget are two-fold.

First, the highest percentage of the De Anza budget comes from the state. The amount of funds allocated to De Anza is based on the number of students enrolled and present on the first day of the third week.

Thus, the six percent increase in drops before the census date significantly impacts the allocation of state funds to De Anza.

The school is not reimbursed by the state for students dropping earlier than the census.

Second, the time and money spent by the college on recruiting students is lost.

This sunk cost is money that can never be recovered, and could have been more efficiently used. Many programs are suffering from a lack of funds.

De Anza's drop process has been targeted by many as an important cause.

As stated in the De Anza Faculty Senate Newsletter, "There has been much confusion and displeasure about the new drop policy which started fall quarter 1993."

Students may drop with no instructor's signature and receive a fee refund within the first two weeks. In the subsequent two weeks students must have the instructor's signature to drop as a "no show" and will not receive a refund.

Some students and faculty argue that a change in the drop policy could greatly decrease the number

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## Cinco de Mayo celebration



Jesus Munoc concentrates on his fingering during the mariachi performance for Cinco de Mayo.

Photo by Douglas Rider

## Students, staff attend forum

Rachael Gibson

*La Voz Staff Writer*

On Wednesday, April 27, De Anza President Martha Kanter, several department heads and a mixture of students and staff assembled in S-73 at 3 PM.

The occasion? Not fee hikes or budget cuts or administrative maneuvers; rather, this all-college forum was a type of fire-side chat during which any concerned De Anza college member could voice opinions, concerns or comments on any subject regarding the college.

Dr. Kanter began the meeting by handing out copies of a proposed mission statement for De Anza, as well as copies of the old statement, and a position paper she had composed about the future of De Anza College.

While the copies were passed around, it was announced that William Hall, the recent hiree for the Affirmative Action Chair position, had resigned for personal reasons.

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## De Anza to get \$1.3 million if Proposition 1C passes

Janet Li

*La Voz Staff Writer*

"Seismic experts see college buildings as potential deathtraps," reads the headline of a recent *Los Angeles Times* article. College students can avoid these "deathtraps" by voting yes on Proposition 1C.

Proposition 1C, or the Higher Education Facilities Bond Act, authorizes a bond issue of \$900 million for higher education.

If passed, the investment bonds will be used to fund earthquake safety projects, build new science labs, research centers and computer facilities, improve access for disabled students and remove asbestos and other safety hazards

throughout the state's public college and university system.

California has been hit hard by recession, budget cutbacks and earthquakes. The passage of Proposition 1C will benefit the state's economy, according to the State Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee.

**Voting for Proposition 1C will help De Anza continue to provide the best two-year education possible.**

Proposition 1C's enactment will produce a minimum of 10,000 new jobs, pumping some \$2 billion in new economic

activity into the state. Voting for the proposition will help De Anza College continue to provide the best two-year education possible.

Approval of Proposition 1C is expected to make available \$1,348,000 to De Anza College.

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## Student + Parenthood = Major Challenge

Tricia Jones

*La Voz Staff Writer*

Everyone going to college has difficulties to manage, from transportation problems to scheduling study time or budgeting for tuition.

But students who are also the parents of young children face additional challenges.

Why have they chosen to attend school at this time in their lives, and what obstacles do they encounter in the process?

My friend Leslie is a full-time student at De Anza, but I have no idea how she manages this.

She is the single parent of a young and busy toddler. Before coming to school, she must get her son ready, "toss him some breakfast," get herself ready and pack up her books.

She then drives from her home in north Sunnyvale to Cupertino to drop him off at De Anza's Child Development Center (CDC), where she hopes he doesn't have a major separation anxiety tantrum.

Next stop is Mountain View, where Leslie works for three hours at a record store.

After work it's back to Cupertino to attend three classes, hoping that she brought all the right books.

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## DASB changes Student Trustee selection process

When Ray Hartenberg resigned as the Foothill-De Anza Student Trustee, both schools had to select a replacement for the remainder of the 1993-1994 term.

Shelley Bascomb was selected by the De Anza Associated Student Body (DASB) to replace Hartenberg.

However, the selection process was handled haphazardly. Supposedly the selection was biased and there were many discrepancies, causing Bascomb's appointment to become null and void.

A new selection committee for the Student Trustee was formed because the first selection committee was overturned.

The new and current Student Trustee is Kirill A. Dimitriv, Vice President of Finance for the Foothill Student Council. In light of these difficulties, the DASB has proposed a new selection process for the Student Trustee.

The DASB suggests that there be two student trustees, one for De Anza and one for Foothill. De Anza and Foothill have grown since their inception and one trustee for both colleges is no longer sufficient.

Furthermore, De Anza will have its own Student Trustee selection committee. This selection committee shall contain two ICC (Interclub Council) representatives, two students at large and two DASB Senators.

We congratulate DASB for getting the concept of two student trustees approved by the Board of Trustees.

In support of this DASB proposal, *La Voz* would like to offer two additions to the proposal: The student trustee should be a voting member of the Board of Trustees and should be permitted to attend closed meetings of the Board of Trustees.

However, differnt with DASB, *La Voz* believes the trustee should be elected by the student body at large, not selected by a committee.

If the Board of Trustees agree to all these terms, the student trustee can better represent the students of the Foothill-De Anza College District.

# Pinky TALKY

Matt Leach AND Steve Kernaghan

## Beating the high costs of living

Today housing costs are spinning out of control. An average Bay Area home costs about as much as a small Mediterranean Island. Most of us can't afford the interest on a home loan, let alone the home itself. Even a decent apartment runs at about \$800 a month, which is generally out of reach for a starving college student.

However, some of your fellow students have already discovered a solution. Yes, with just \$26.50 per quarter, and their own car, they can enjoy all of the luxuries of home at a fraction of the cost, all quarter long.

This cozy little living space comes complete with virtually all of the comforts of home. Heating, air-conditioning, overhead lighting, and a state-of-the-art music center are all standard features.

One may also enjoy the comfort of dual recliners, the convenience of a large rear closet/garbage bin, and the security of four-wheel anti-lock brakes. Best of all, if you get tired of your surroundings, you can simply turn the key and change them.

You might see some of these "live-in" students in the parking lots of De Anza studying, or maybe even catching a quick snooze within the privacy of their own car. Yes, such an offer seems quite convenient for those who can't seem to find any place better to spend their extra time.

For those students who live in an actual house and who have to find a parking spot every day, "live-ins" are the last people they want to meet. These are the unfortunate souls who see these "live-ins" sitting in their cars and

mistakenly assume that they are actually going to pull out.

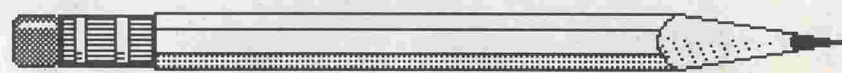
They spend 10 precious minutes waiting for these resister parkers to do so, at which point they notice the white picket line surrounding the car, and the mailbox attached to the fender.

Realizing that their chances of getting that parking space within the next 24 hours are minimal, they settle for one out on the edge of campus.

We appeal to those of you who have discovered this "solution" to the housing problem.

We understand that it is a tantalizing offer, but for those of us who live off campus, it is a cruel joke.

So next time you see someone driving around, frantically searching for a parking spot, please consider off-campus housing.



## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Now that the Advanced Technology Center and Campus Center addition are clearly taking shape, it must be a source of pride to us all that once again De Anza is in the forefront in reaching out to the underrepresented in our society, in this case by awarding the design for this project to someone who is obviously mentally-challenged.

I think this must be the first time that an architectural commission of this magnitude

must carry the stylistic designation obsessive-compulsive.

The most obvious example of the project's new reading of the classical disorders is, of course, its rampant archiholism, though nearly as striking is the lightning motif which I'm sure will be dubbed "bubble-on-a-stick," "suckers amok," or some such.

And it is certainly noteworthy that the current architect has carried on the tradition

of historical reference prominent in the original design, the principal addition here being, of course, asylum doors.

One can hardly represent a lively sense of wonder at the reaction of Kump, Mead, or Hurd were they to have upon this project. However, I expect they are all dead, and I am sure you are, too, eventually.

Ted R  
Humanities/Engineering

## Crooks deserve recognition too

Gabriel Bonilla  
*La Voz Staff Writer*

I'd like to thank a thief. I find it necessary to show appreciation to everyone -- even those who steal. Crooks need recognition too.

We often lose sight of why we have things. Objects are intended to serve us; we're supposed to control the TV set, not the other way around.

Before you touch that dial, remember that the TV set is watching you. You might think you turned on the set, but it was the clock that said it was time for you to watch.

So I must thank a thief. The robber swiped the cyclo-computer

(speedometer in the old days) and I was liberated. I was freed from the grasp of technology and reminded of the simple pleasures of bicycling without a timing device.

Sure, once I realized the bike computer was missing, I was annoyed. After all, I had collected the year's mileage, and now those 900 miles were gone.

I could no longer prove I had ridden everyday to school and the occasional Sunday assault into the Santa Cruz hills.

Now, I can't check my average speed, maximum speed, elapsed time or distance ridden. I can't bike anymore!

Then, the thought struck me. It doesn't matter. Nobody cares. I'll

keep riding and I don't have to think about all this information I am free to ride for the sake of riding.

My legs know how much I love it. The atmosphere notices one person driving. And I keep riding like I always have and will.

So, thank you, whoever you are for stealing that bit of technology from my bike.

But if those of you who believe De Anza are concerned about something, be careful.

There is someone out there trying to liberate you from your belongings. But things may not be out better than you expect.

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## Cinco de Mayo dancers

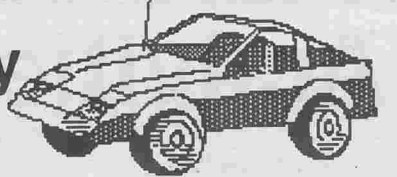


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Amber Molina participates in last week's Cinco de Mayo celebration on campus.



## ATC Autocross this Sunday



**Jennifer McFarland**  
La Voz Staff Writer

The De Anza Automotive Technology Club (ATC), the oldest club on campus, will be sponsoring the oldest club-sponsored event in De Anza's history.

The twenty-sixth annual Duel at De Anza will take place Sunday, May 15, from 7 AM to 5 PM on Parking Lot B (adjacent to Stelling Road).

The duel is an autocross to test driving skill on a tight, winding course. It is expected that the event will attract several thousand spectators and 300 cars which must pass a technical safety inspection before they can run the course.

ATC student and club member Tony Baptista said he is racing because, "I want to get more knowledge about racing and high technology without cost out of my own pocket. The club sponsors it."

Michael Brandt, an ATC instructor, said, "This is the only autocross still run on the Peninsula and South Bay. The viewing for spectators is free and excellent from the shaded grass knolls that surround the course. Door prizes are given to participants throughout the day."

Each car circles the track three times, the first as a practice run and the next two as timed runs.

The cars are classified by engine size, suspension and the extent of modifications that might have been done to the vehicle. Awards are given for first and second place in each of the classes.

Upon peering into the hood of a car being prepared for the Autocross, I became intrigued by the seemingly significant amount of time and care put into its upkeep.

ATC student Robert Melchione, told me that in preparing for the event, "We installed a passenger seat, relocated the battery, did an oil change, got new wheels and racing tires...giving the car a thorough going over and safety inspection to make sure it is safe to drive."

Brandt explained, "It's truly a test of driving skill rather than a test of speed. The maximum speed, even if for just a brief moment, is no more than 35 miles per hour. Each lap on a tight, winding course takes about 30 seconds."

In order to gain the skill needed for the event, a group of about 15 students have been setting up a course in Parking Lot B for one Sunday every month. The students drive from 9 AM to 2 PM, totalling 300 laps, allowing each student participant about 15 laps each.

The students involved in this preparatory exercise report "knowing how to negotiate and come out as smooth as possible. If you have a lot of power but no skill, you won't do anything. There's definitely a lot of finesse here."

The week before the event, a school will come in and teach the students one-on-one how to make the car handle properly.

The major categories in the autocross are: stock, prepared, modified and unlimited classes for

any automobiles that do not fit the standard categories.

Also, within the large categories, there are subcategories that ensure that all cars run against comparable cars and there will not be an unfair advantage of one model over another.

The autocross is open to all age groups and people, spectators or participants.

This is an opportunity to experience or see an autocross for the first time for many people in this area.

Melchione compared his experience of the duel with other typical automotive events and remarked that he felt more personally involved. "It's really a team effort. There were more people to help put together the cars this time and the cars are more thoroughly prepared as a result."

Any kind of car may be used in the event and loaner helmets are available.

The automobiles range from common street cars to professionally prepared racing machines.

Registration starts at 7 AM for participants. The \$13 entrance spots are usually sold out by 10 AM.

Food and beverage concessions will be available at the event, and autocross t-shirts will be sold.

Proceeds from the annual event will help fund club activities throughout the year.

For more information, contact Brandt at (408) 864-8768.

## Pow Wow to honor Native Americans this weekend

**Rachael Gibson**  
La Voz Staff Writer

The De Anza Pow Wow, which celebrates America's indigenous peoples, will take place Friday to Sunday, May 13-15.

The Pow Wow, which has been a 14-year tradition, began as a small gathering of a few vendors, dancers and singers from the Native American community.

It has grown into a community-wide event, drawing national recognition on the Pow Wow circuit, as well as with thousands of people from all walks of life.

This year, it was doubtful as to whether the Pow Wow would even take place, due to the difficulty in securing financial support from DASB. However the Pow Wow committee received the needed funds in the last couple weeks, and De Anza is assured that this year's Pow Wow will be better than ever.

During the three-day event, over 40 vendors will sell various types of arts and crafts.

Drumming, singing, and dance contests will take place throughout the weekend, as well as open dances where anyone dressed appropriately may participate.

A special planetarium show, "Indian Storytelling Under the Stars," is featured on Saturday at 3:15 PM and Sunday at noon. Lorenzo Baca, a part-time De Anza instructor, will be the storyteller.

Pow Wow hours are as follows: Friday 7-11 PM; Saturday 1-11 PM; and Sunday 1-5 PM. Vendor hours are: Friday 5-10 PM; Saturday 10AM-10 PM, and Sunday 10AM-5 PM.

Though the Pow Wow is this weekend, volunteers are always needed and appreciated. Anyone interested should call Gerri Parker, Pow Wow coordinator, at (408) 864-5448.



La Voz File Photo

# Activities dean files suit against faculty

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"falsely asserted and implied (among other things) that plaintiff Cognetta was a racist and had been incompetent to perform his duties. They did so maliciously, with specific intent that the memorandum smear the plaintiff's name and destroy his career."

Though the memo's authors considered it confidential, Cognetta believes it has been circulated on the campuses of De Anza College and Foothill College.

La Voz obtained its copy as a part of the complaint filed by Cognetta at the Superior Court in San Jose.

Faculty and Staff in Advocacy of Students includes 10 faculty and staff members who claim leadership and advisory roles in campus organizations representing "over 50 percent of the De Anza student body."

The memo states their actions are in "response to continuing events which have recently culminated in the arrest of one of our students."

In addition to urging a vote of no confidence against Cognetta and removal from his position for having been "repeatedly unresponsive and in some cases damaging to students," the group is calling for a "change in the role, structure, and function of the advising of DASB," "a change in the organizational response patterns to student issues of this nature," and "acknowledgement of the debilitating and deleterious effects to the psychological and emotional health of the faculty, staff, and students who are continuously called upon to engage in urgent and time-consuming attempts to resolve these issues."

## Arrest of De Anza student

Though the memo makes no references to any De Anza student by name, La Voz has learned that the group was referring to the February 28 arrest of De Anza student James Hudson, former DASB Executive Vice President.

Hudson was arrested in February for violation of a restraining order obtained by former DASB Senator Shelly Bascomb.

Bascomb's restraining order went into effect on January 18, 1994 and directs Hudson not to "alarm, harass, annoy, follow, telephone or speak to" Bascomb. Hudson is also ordered to stay 50 feet away from Bascomb at De Anza College and 150 yards away from Bascomb elsewhere.

According to Bascomb, Hudson entered the DASB office on February 28 while she was present.

Hudson was warned at that time that Bascomb was present, and as a result of his not leaving the offices, campus security was called.

Hudson was detained by security until a Cupertino Deputy Sheriff arrived and arrested him for the violation of the restraining order.

Reports and memos generated by DASB President Lisa Battista and former DASB Senator Bascomb allege a history of verbal abuse committed by Hudson.

In a De Anza College Security report dated September 28, 1993, Officer L. Nelson reports having been dispatched to satellite trailer #9 to "remove a disruptive individual."

Nelson reports having witnessed James Hudson "shouting in a loud manner." He further reports Cognetta informed him that Hudson had disrupted the meeting and had become "verbally combative" with members attending a meeting in the trailer.

Cognetta went on to say Hudson "got in people's faces" and requested he not be allowed to return to the meeting.

Nelson reported that Hudson had admitted to causing the disturbance. Hudson reportedly then left the area.

In a separate report, Officer Nelson documents an incident of alleged verbal harassment reported by Shelly Bascomb. Bascomb reported that on September 28 Hudson had "harassed her verbally, in an intimidating way, in which she felt frightened."

## Denies harassment

In two separate interviews with La Voz, Hudson categorically denies having verbally harassed members of DASB.

He went on to make the point that he had never been convicted of harassment, nor has anyone pursued charges of harassment against him. Hudson characterized the history of conflict between himself, Battista and Bascomb as a power struggle of sorts.

He claimed that the "in-fighting was created" as a means of "manipulating the students."

DASB, he pointed out, has a budget of \$750,000. "They understood my ideas, but didn't like the way they were presented."

In an interview with La Voz, Cognetta said, "James was on a quest for power."

In January of this year, Hudson was found ineligible to serve in DASB.

The exact reason for Hudson's ineligibility are confidential; however Hudson admits to having dropped his fall 1993 classes.

Hudson was active in California Student Association of Community Colleges (CALSA) while in DASB, and feels that the administration and Cognetta wanted to "take away some of that power."

Hudson took his complaints to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored Persons (NAACP.)

## Trustee selection challenged

Sometime in the winter quarter, Battista initiated a process to select a replacement for Student Trustee Ray Hartenberg, who had resigned. The selection process led to the nomination of Bascomb. At the Board of Trustees meeting where she was to be seated, the selection process was challenged.

On March 14, Walter Wilson, Vice President of a local chapter of the NAACP, made an appearance at a Foothill-De Anza Com-

munity College District Board of Trustees meeting to inform the board that he had received 15 letters of complaint regarding race and gender discrimination and to voice his concerns that the selection process of the interim Student Trustee at De Anza was flawed.

Others who spoke against the Student Trustee selection process were Christina Abilandou, Jose Durant, Jose Guitierrez Jr., James Hudson and Brenda Otey.

Also speaking out against the seating were Tommy Fulcher, Executive Director of the Community Action League of Santa Clara County and Dave Reid, DASB Vice President of Special Programs.

Those who spoke out in support of the seating were Battista, and Cameron Crowley, a DASB Senator. The board came to a consensus that the selection process at De Anza appeared to have been flawed.

## Thorough investigation requested

The seating of the Student Trustee was postponed, and the board requested that Greg Druehl, Acting Vice President of Student Services, conduct a thorough investigation into the matter.

In the complaint filed by Cognetta's lawyers, Cognetta claims he had attempted mediation between a black male student in the DASB Senate and a white female student who alleged the male student had called her "the devil incarnate."

The complaint also says the male student "had repeatedly broken out into loud outbursts of profanity, disrupting meetings." In a memo dated September 19, 1993, Battista alleged Hudson called her "the devil incarnate."

The complaint goes on to say "a different female student, acting on her own initiative, sought and obtained a judicial restraining order any continued harassment by this particular male student." Cognetta denies any role in that event, or in the arrest of Hudson.

In an interview with La Voz, Cognetta spoke to the "misconception of many faculty and staff members about his role as DASB advisor."

Cognetta explained that his job as advisor is just that, advisory.

"There is no authority that DASB take my advice...(I have) no authority to enforce the Brown Act (in DASB)."

Cognetta was referring to the Ralph M. Brown Act, a state code that requires public notice of meeting and restricts subjects of closed sessions to personnel, litigation and real estate.

Battista indicates that the Brown Act applies to community college student governments.

Responding to the memo written by Faculty and Staff in Advocacy for Students that call for a change in the role of DASB advisor and the pursuance of due process to remove him, Cognetta said it is "a political hitpiece with implications and reference to racism." His lawyers go on to say in the complaint that "the Gang of Ten decided to embark upon a campaign of character assassination against Cognetta" having done so "in furtherance of their personal political ambitions."

## Reluctant to go on record

In the light of pending litigation, the members of Faculty and Staff in Advocacy for Students are reluctant to go on record with anything regarding the memo or events related to it.

However, member Jean Miller of the English faculty, characterized the group as "Ad Hoc."

Miller, who in the memo claims leadership in White Alliance for Anti-Racists and Gay and Lesbian Employees and Friends, said that the intent to take action was prompted by "many other events" and she is disappointed that a lawsuit has been filed creating "a chilling effect" when these issues are being discussed.

Duane Heinz of the Chemistry department, whose name also appears on the memo as a member of the Faculty and Staff in Advocacy for Students, as well as having leadership roles in Asian Pacific American Staff Association and White Alliance of Anti-Racists, denies any involvement in the production of the memo.

Chemistry teacher Homer Tong, a member of the group, as well as a leader of the Asian Pacific American Staff Association, also appears in the memo.

He confirms his involvement, but will not comment until "problems of the confidentiality" of the

memo are solved.

Tong maintained that it was Faculty and Staff in Advocacy of Students' intent to keep the memo confidential.

## Concern about access to memo

It has been alleged by Cognetta that the memo was distributed "passers-by" in the hallway outside faculty senate chambers during the March 7 closed session when the group's actions were discussed.

Tong was also concerned that students had access to the memo as well.

One organization implicated the suit and listed on the memo has denied involvement in the authoring of the memo.

Latino/Latina-Chicana/Chicana Faculty and Staff Association appears in the memo with Alicia Cortez claiming a leadership role in the organization.

Organization members Raul Rodriguez and Olivia Patlan have responded saying that Cortez's actions were taken "independent sanction from this organization and that the organization has not formally organized."

Academic Senate President John Swenson characterized the faculty named in the lawsuit as a respected group of faculty we are working with on processes that are ongoing to address their concerns.

When asked to clarify what the concerns are, Swenson said "issues of how to handle student complaints" and "more faculty and staff involvement in DASB."

Greg Druehl, in an interview with La Voz, said he was "open more advisory control" in DASB and "maybe we should do things differently."

Druehl responded to questions about the complaints of harassment in DASB by saying "he took appropriate disciplinary action."

## Investigation being conducted

At press time, the Foothill-De Anza Community College District was conducting an investigation of the events surrounding the memo, the lawsuit and allegations of discrimination.

Robyn Yates, Labor Relations Specialist for the district, confirmed there was an investigation but had no further comment.

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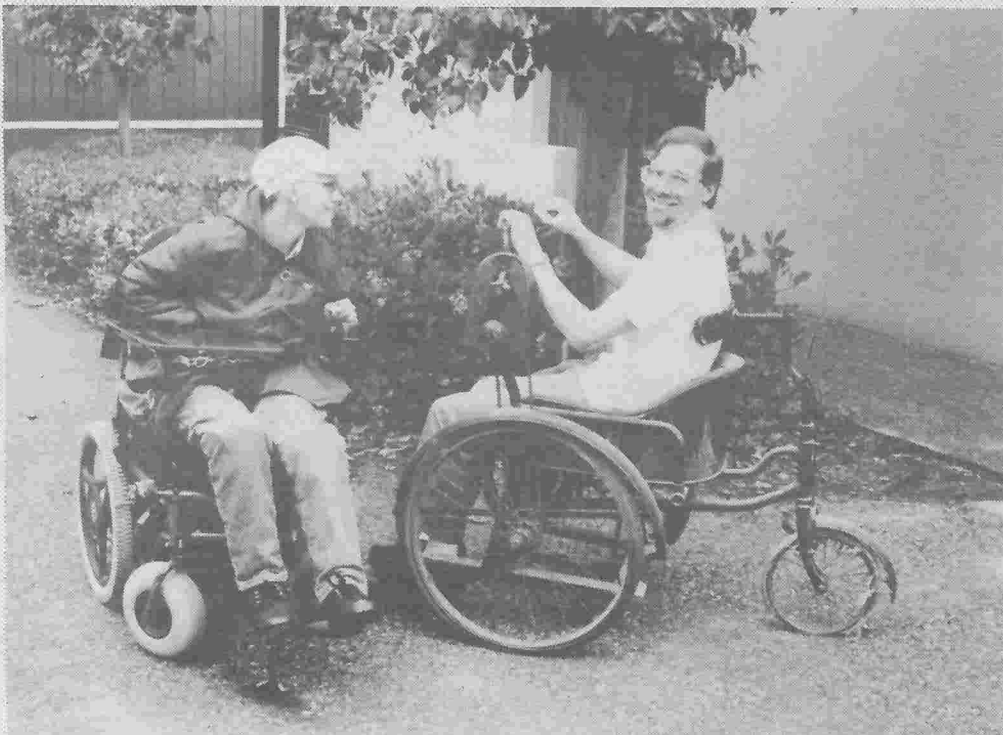
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## Antique show to benefit Disabled Students Unlimited



What: Tenth Annual  
Antique Show and Sale,  
produced by Twin Bridges  
Antique Productions

When: Saturday and Sunday, 10 AM-6 PM

Where: Hinson Campus Center, De Anza College

How Much: \$3, refundable with purchase

Why: Proceeds from the admission fee and sales of refreshments will benefit Disabled Students Unlimited.

For more information, contact Janice Winkel at (408) 864-8371.

In anticipation of their club's annual fundraising event, Stephen Hinze of San Jose, president of Disabled Students Unlimited, shows off a circa 1900 wheelchair along with member Karen La Grange of Cupertino.

## General Ed classes to be more challenging

Helen K. Kiely  
La Voz Staff Writer

What can students expect from the courses that will be offered next fall? Are there any improvements in our curriculum for the 1994-95 school year? How will these changes effect the General Education (GE) courses?

Through the Curriculum Committee, De Anza College is creating higher educational standards with an overall goal of making GE courses more demanding.

In order to fulfill this goal for next fall quarter, the committee has integrated new and important philosophies.

According to Bruce Sturm, Chair of the General Education Committee, De Anza hopes to bring issues that have been ignored in past generations (such as women, minorities, and cross-cultural issues) to the mainstream of all GE courses.

The State Education Code of California for GE courses also has had changes. Recently, this code has been revised to require all GE courses to include critical thinking and have students expand their writing skills with more research papers and essays.

The Curriculum Committee encourages the combining of programs in order to avoid duplication of material. This is causing departments to find major connections between different programs, thus creating new courses.

The committee has also found courses that contain similar aspects and have combined courses from different departments, such as the new course which consolidates technical communications, graphic arts, and a Computer Applications and Office Systems (CAOS) lab into one course.

This avoids duplication that many students sometimes run into. The committee would like to expand this sort of consolidation of GE courses wherever they find it necessary.

There is a desire to fulfill De Anza's new GE goals of having multicultural and women's issues as a major part of every class, and a need to include all requirements of Title 5 of the State Education Code.

The Curriculum Committee has begun yet another goal for the future courses at De Anza--the idea of interdisciplinary education.

Within the committee, a task group has been formed to define this term.

Some may say interdisciplinary is defined by team teaching. Others believe it includes the idea that courses should include much more information that is now expected in a given GE course.

Sharon Miller, Dean of Instruction, Liberal Arts and General Education, says this task group is seeking how they can prepare models that can help implement interdisciplinary education into all De Anza courses.

In the catalog for the school year 1994-95, you may also encounter another significant change.

In the past, many courses have been outlined in the catalog, when in fact they are not and have not been offered for some time.

They have finally been deleted from the catalog, so what you see is actually what you will get.

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## Students with kids continue their education at De Anza

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After classes, Leslie has about an hour and a half to either attend her afternoon lab or put in her volunteer hours at the CDC. She might use a computer to do her homework in the English Writing Lab, since she does not have her own computer.

After that, she picks up her little boy and heads home to spend time with him, make dinner, make ends meet and try to study.

Some weekends are spent on a second job, and then there's also the desire to make time for some semblance of a social life.

There are difficulties with this kind of a daily schedule.

Not having a computer at home, she uses the ones at De Anza to produce her papers. This is a fine option, but when you're taking care of a small child, it would certainly help to be able to use a computer at home.

A young child demands a great deal of attention and study time is constantly interrupted. The alternative is to work late at night.

She says her study and "personal" time is usually from 9 PM until 1 or 2 AM, but after the hectic demands of this kind of day, her energy is usually long gone.

"I read and study whenever I can," Leslie said. "I carry books around with me. I sleep with books in my bed."

Then there are the times when her little boy is sick. Despite the benefits of day care, one reality is that children spending time together are constantly trading germs.

Recently, Leslie had to miss a day of classes out of sheer exhaustion after having been up most of the night with her son, who had a fever. The next time I saw her she had a fever herself, but she had already missed classes once that week, and didn't want to risk it again.

"I returned to school when my son turned two, because then he was eligible for the college day care," Leslie said.

One of the options De Anza's CDC offers is a reduced fee for parents who volunteer three hours a week. This savings, plus the fact that the Center is conveniently located on campus, helps make it possible for Leslie to attend school right now.

Attending a junior college is the most economical way for her to approach schooling, but it still requires a good portion of a single parent's income.

The cost of books alone is staggering. Besides her tuition and the cost of her son's day care, she must also pay for food, clothing, rent and her own medical expenses.

She admits that it's often difficult, but school is very important to her.

"I love being in school," she said. "I love to learn." Leslie will major in English. She's a writer

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**—Leslie, Parent and De Anza Student**

and she plans to teach at the college level.

Robin is another returning student who juggles school with parenting responsibilities. Robin came back to school after a several years absence because she wanted the chance to be "a little more self-sufficient."

She felt that an education would make a difference, and she likes the stimulation that school offers. "If you don't use your brain, it goes to waste," she says.

Robin really enjoys her classes, and says that an added plus is meeting people from so many different backgrounds and cultures.

Robin also has a son who stays at the CDC. She, too, is familiar with the difficulties of trying to keep up with classes when your child is sick, and trying to juggle parenting responsibilities with educational goals.

"I think the hardest thing is to try to make study time when you have a family, and disciplining yourself," Robin said. "There's a difficulty in trying to find a balance between being so many people—a mom, a student, a wife..."

Margaret is a De Anza student and the mother of two children.

She returned to school after a 15-year absence because, "I had a chip on my shoulder. I felt inferior about having no degree."

She'd already read Shakespeare and worked as a journalist, but had always wanted to study literature and to have an outlet for her energies.

Now, she's majoring in English, and plans to teach. Margaret says that returning to school "helps me to stay young."

She cites the many differing demands she feels when trying to combine school with family life.

"School is the whole reason for life when you're younger. When you're older, it's part of a much bigger picture," said Margaret.

Since her children were old enough to stay with a babysitter and De Anza was affordable, it was a good time for Margaret to go back to school.

Margaret is fortunate in having a babysitter who comes to her home, although it can still be problematic to find childcare when the babysitter becomes ill, which occasionally happens.

Many De Anza students come from other states and countries and there isn't always a relative standing by to step in and help when it's needed. When you're new to the area, often there isn't anyone you

can call.

I also have children. On one occasion, my little girl was not all that sick, but deemed too sick to meet the requirements of her day care on a certain day.

**'If you don't use your brain, it goes to waste.'**

**—Robin, Parent and De Anza Student**

In this instance, I actually brought her to a class with me. Fortunately, she sat quietly, coloring and looking at her *Babar* books. I was actually able to meet the attendance requirement and hear my understanding instructor lecture.

Though this turned out well, it's not an incident that I would attempt to repeat, but sometimes there is no other option except to miss class. The up side is that many De Anza instructors are sympathetic to the problems parents face if you just take the time to discuss the issue with them.

Students who are parents face certain restrictions. These can in-

clude feeling more limited in study time due to family responsibilities, having to plan your class choices with an eye toward what classes fall into your scheduled child care hours rather than what is needed in your program, and just knowing that there may be times when you simply won't be able to do it all.

In some cities, working parents have the option of using special "sick child" care centers staffed by trained personnel when their children become ill, but all parents are not comfortable with that option, or for varying reasons, don't have it at their disposal.

De Anza's CDC is staffed for a capacity of approximately 110 children, but like most preschool or daycare facilities, it doesn't have the resources for "sick child" care.

Despite the challenges faced by returning students who are parents, all seem to agree that coming back to school is well worth the effort.

We are back for many reasons: to earn degrees, to change careers, because there is more we want to know.

Being a parent can be extremely rewarding and challenging, but many would agree that the stimulation and the rewards to be gained through attending school again, because you love to learn, give you even more to offer as a parent.

Go back to bed Billie. Can't you see I am doing my own homework?

Daddy, can you help me with my homework?



## Bored and broke? Students share ideas for cheap dates

Rachael Gibson  
La Voz Staff Writer

If you had a date, but were tired of the same old thing (not to mention broke) what would you do? I asked several De Anza students this question, and got some, well, shall we say interesting feedback.

Needless to say, you all had some good ideas after we got past the background of this mystery date. (What the person looks like, etc.)

### Palo Alto Baylands

For those of you who like the outdoors, the Palo Alto Baylands might prove to be an intriguing day trip.

Entrance is free and the scenery won't last much longer, so for all you aspiring ecologists-hoping-to-score-politically-correct-points with your date, head north on 101.

The numerous parks which dot the south bay also provide privacy, peace and quiet, and one spectacu-

lar view, if you happen to go the mountain peaks.

### Henry Coe Park

Henry Coe Park and Fremont Older are said to be safe for weathered relationships, while newer relationships can travel to Los Gatos, Saratoga or downtown San Jose for elegant parks and great people-watching. (If nothing else, you and your date can make continuous commentary on passersby.)

During good weather, bicycling through the hills of south San Jose and Morgan Hill on Hellyer bike paths is a good bet, or you can always brave the mountain bike trails which wind their way over the river and through the woods of our hills.

### Go-karting

Anyone enjoy driving around in cars five times smaller than your own? Then try go-karting.

Really, it's a lot of fun and if Malibu is too far away, there's always the track on Monterey Highway in San Jose.

### Nightclubs

Like to dance but hate the cover charge? Simple. Just find a club you like and ask if they have special quarter nights or free nights like San Jose Live does on Thursdays.

### Amusement Parks

For those of us who get bored easily, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk also has quarter-night Tuesdays, and environmentalists will enjoy Great America's endless promos which take dollars off admission if you bring an aluminum soft-drink can.

### Sports

What if Mother Nature decides to make your life a living hell and

it rains for seven days and seven nights--and your date is on the fourth night?

No problem. Gather a few friends if they happen to not have a life that night, and go bowling.

It's cheaper if more people go, and you all look pretty lame in the shoes, so why not?

This might be especially relaxing if you and your date don't know each other all that well. It gives you both a chance to look equally stupid playing a game. (We'll assume your date is no bowling champ.)

### Rent a movie or watch TV

A famous last-resort is the local Blockbuster, which, depending on the other people in the store, can provide entertainment in and of itself. (It's always amusing to watch two people fight over *Bambi* and *Cliffhanger*--this could make or break a relationship!)

And for those of you who have absolutely no money because you spent it on books and registration you can always raid the fridge or hunt the channels for *Grease 2* or *E.T.* or something.

Never underestimate the humor of a really sappy movie--you and your date can just turn down the volume and ad-lib your own dialogue!

### Plane-watching

If you like it loud, you and your date could always go to the San Jose Airport and watch the plane land. Though I had to raise my eyebrows at this one, the person who offered this suggestion swore by it.

### The usual

And of course, never forget the trusty standbys--go out for coffee or ice cream after a movie.



photo by Douglas Rider

Chad Snowden bears down on the way to throwing a complete game, leading the Dons to a 2-1 victory over Canada. De Anza won the regular season championship.



photo by Gabriel Bonilla

Ben Contreras of De Anza, third from left, keeps pace with the leaders in this heat of the 800-meter race at San Jose City College. Blake Taylor, also of De Anza, boxed in at far right, eventually won the heat and placed sixth overall in the event.

## Russian River Canoe Trip

The Outdoor Club is sponsoring its Thirteenth Annual Memorial Day Russian River Canoe Trip. Spend three nights camping on the Russian River with day trips in canoes. Four meals are included.

"The record for falling out of a canoe is currently six times, but most people stay in theirs unless friends help them out," the club stated.

The trip will be Friday, May 27 through Monday, May 30. Reservations are \$55 until tomorrow; \$60 until May 25.

Membership in the club is not necessary to go on the trip, but discounts are given to members. The club officers meet Tuesdays at 2:30 PM in the Physical Education Division Conference Room, located behind the pool diving boards on the second floor.

Other club events include pool parties, surfing, bike trips, snow camping, broomball, kayaking, learning first aid, camping, hiking and backpacking.

For more information, call (408) 864-8357.

## SPORTS UPDATES

### BASEBALL

De Anza Dons Baseball (29-13, 19-4) clinched another Coast Conference Championship with a 2-1 win over Canada on Saturday, April 30. They head into their last week of community college play.

### SWIMMING AND DIVING

The Dons' Swimming and Diving Team is on their way to the State Championships in

Long Beach May 5-7.

The Women's Team won the Coast Conference Championships at Ohlone College the week of April 28-30. The Men's Team placed third.

The Women's Tennis Team goes forward to NorCal this weekend.

### TRACK AND FIELD

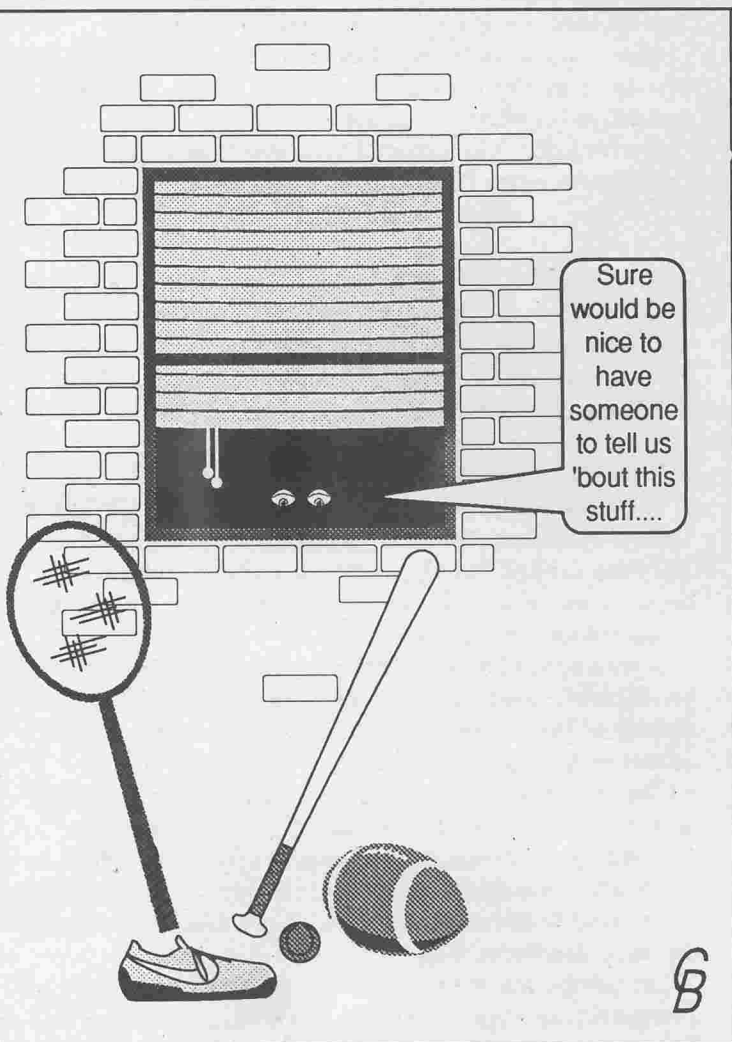
The Women's Track and Field team won their third straight Conference title on

Saturday, April 30, in the Coast Conference Finals held at Foothill College.

Ine Jones led the Dons by winning the 400-meter hurdles.

Stacy Moseley placed first in the 1,500 and 3,000.

The Men's Track and Field placed second following Hartnell 176-153. Josh Heath won the shot-put and javelin.

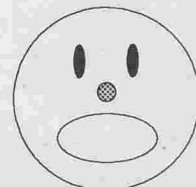


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## Drop policy results in loss of revenue

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of students dropping before the census date.

"The school should extend the refund date for dropping to the end of the third week, so that fewer students would drop in the first two weeks," argues student Johnny Wang.

The exact impact of the policy on reducing drops is not clear, but it does increase paperwork and costs.

Basically, the drop policy rests on two pillars. The first, and strongest, pillar is Title V, the administrative regulations governing California community colleges, which establishes the refund and census dates.

The solution of extending the refund date is not feasible, because the refund date is not controlled by De Anza.

The second pillar is "educational interest." The instructor's signature is required in order to give the faculty an opportunity to influence students into staying in the class.

The theory rests on the fact that students do not know enough about

period and, on the other hand, the student's responsibility to confront the instructor on any nebulous issue.

In essence, the drop policy has become a battle ground for financial versus instructional interest.

Instructor and counselor Glen Bushnell asks the students and faculty of De Anza, "In a period of dire fiscal crises, and with De Anza's enrollment down approximately six percent, why is the senate toying with policy changes that could cost our district several million dollars of lost revenue from the state of California?"

The budget and drop policy are issues that directly effect the students of De Anza. Any questions or concerns on these topics should be directed to DASB or even to a member of the De Anza Faculty Senate.

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a class in the third week to justify dropping it.

Vice President of Instruction Sandy Acebo maintains that teachers must become more familiar with their students. It is the instructor's responsibility to convey information about the class within this time

## De Anza to benefit if Proposition 1C is passed

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\$1,146,000 will be used to restore the existing computer and technology laboratory spaces to general purpose classrooms once the laboratories are relocated in the new Advanced Technology Center.

The remaining \$202,000 will go into the expansion of the Child Development Center (CDC).

Remodeling the vacated facilities in Buildings E-3, L-7 and L-9 will provide needed lecture space and an improved teaching environment for the following courses: biology and anatomy, language arts, mathematics, theater arts, business and computer information systems, social science (history, sociology, philosophy and economics) and intercultural

studies.

The reconstructed buildings will bring the ratios of lecture, lab, office and library space back in line with state requirements.

Funds will not be used for instructor or administrative salaries.

The CDC provides access to education for a growing number of young and single parents who would otherwise be unable to receive education or participate in job training.

Child care and parent education is currently provided to 115 families who are enrolled in over 500 De Anza courses, with over 350 families on waiting lists.

The expansion will double the capacity of the existing center, thus providing more child care service to meet demands.

In spite of all its benefits, there are people against Proposition 1C.

Opponents believe that those who choose to receive college education should pay the cost entirely by themselves.

Proponents believe that Californians will benefit from a healthy higher education system because strong public colleges and universities provide opportunities for those seeking improvement. It also creates jobs and boosts the economy.

Terri O'Connor, Director of Marketing and Communications at De Anza College, said students should register to vote and actually vote on ballot day.

"We could win this election if every student votes because there is a large number of students at De Anza," O'Connor said. "It is within their power to vote and help us."

## Attendance low at college forum

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It was also stated that five faculty members came forward with concerns about mentoring students of color, as well as the continued aid to minority students regarding complaint resolution, the filing of grievances and cases of discrimination and harassment.

The resignation was considered regrettable, as Hall had only been in office for two and a half weeks and had showed promise as the chair.

Currently, the position is once again vacant, but concerns over the selection process and hiring committees were voiced by a significant

number of faculty members present, and Kanter conceded the concerns were well-founded.

Next, a makeshift agenda was created, and the topics for the afternoon ranged from discussion on the bond election idea to student representation and shared governance to the importance of Distance Learning to the De Anza community.

Student Body President Lisa Battista gave a brief spiel on Lobby Day, which was yesterday, and De Anza Associated Student Body election dates were announced for May 23-25.

After reporting that between 1987 and 1993 De Anza tripled its number of transfer students, Kanter stated that PG&E had made an offer for the college to take on statewide teaching of energy conservation.

Distance Learning was addressed as well, and it was reiterated that 8,000 students are enrolled in this program. With this in mind, Beth Burris' trip to the Northern California Telecommunications Consortium and learning communities were discussed.

A remedy for the cleanliness problem on De Anza's campus was sug-

gested: trash drills. Much like fire drills, a trash drill would approach the idea of campus cleanliness in a timely fashion.

Next, the De Anza mission statement was discussed, as were ways in which the committee could further rework the document to reflect the ideals and current goals of De Anza. Several spoke of wanting the mission statement to address De Anza's past as well as its cutting-edge future.

Finally, strategic planning, the act of creating significant areas of improvement for the college was discussed.

During a retreat which about 80 college staff attended, certain areas of the college were rated and placed on a scale.

Kanter remarked that a significant number of areas were rated poorly, and touted lack of communication as a major reason for the discrepancy.

Towards the end of the meeting, student James Hudson raised questions regarding the mentoring available to students on campus.

Overall, the meeting was informative, though a little sparse in student attendance.

## CAMPUS NOTES

**FOOTHILL-DE ANZA BOARD OF TRUSTEES** will meet May 16 to discuss reports on legal services, accreditation response and environmentally-sound practices. The meeting will be held in the district Board Room at 7:30 PM on the Foothill campus.

**CAMPUS CENTER EXPANSION** grand opening is Sunday, May 22 at 12:30 PM.

**CALIFORNIA HISTORY CENTER** presents "Exploring the California Dream, a Children's Exhibit Experience" through June 3.

The exhibit showcases the work of fourth-graders from 10 local schools. Models, wall hanging, clay art work, mobiles and a myriad of artwork will be on display.

The center is open Tuesday-Thursday 8:30 AM-noon and 1-4:30 PM.

For more information, call (408) 864-8712.

**ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY AREA** free tours are conducted by docents the first Sunday of each month from 10 AM-2 PM and by appointment. See 1.5 acres of plants and animals and learn about native plants and conservation. The study area is located on campus at the corner of Stelling and McClellan.

For more information, call (408) 864-8346.

**EUPHRAT MUSEUM** presents the De Anza College Student Art Show May 22-June 17.

Hours are as follows: Tuesday-Thursday 10 AM-3 PM; Wednesday 6-8 PM; and Saturday 11 AM-2 PM.

For more information, call (408) 864-8836.

**DE ANZA DAY** is May 22 from 8 AM-4 PM. The 23rd annual community fair features a pancake breakfast, hot-air balloon rides, international entertainment, an artisans fair, children's entertainment and activities, Santa Clara Aquamaids, remote-controlled car races, environmental exhibits and much more. Admission and parking are free.

For more information, call (408) 864-8756.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FILM** *Salvador*, director Oliver Stone's first major film, will be shown May 20 at De Anza. The film captures the danger, chaos and futility of American military involvement in Central America.

The following week's film is *Platoon*, also directed by Stone. It is about the day-to-day existence of American GIs in the Vietnam War.

Showtime is at 8 PM in the Forum Building, Room 1. Tickets are \$1 and \$2.

For more information, call (408) 864-8457.

**ISABEL ALLENDE**, author of *The House of the Spirits*, will discuss her latest novel, *The Infinite Plan*, at A Clean Well-Lighted Place for Books next Wednesday at 7:30 PM.

*Plan* is Allende's first novel set in the United States. It is about one man's search for love and his struggle to come to terms with a childhood of poverty and neglect.

The bookstore is located at 21269 Stevens Creek Boulevard in the Oaks Shopping Center, across from De Anza.

For more information, call (408) 255-7600.

**JAZZ PERFORMANCES** by local high school and college ensembles, vocal jazz groups and combinations will be on campus in the A-Quad May 20 from 8:30 AM-5:30 PM. A short concert featuring Latin jazz performer Marcos Silva will be in the Choral Hall at 5 PM. All events are free.

### STUDENT COUNCIL MEETING UPDATE

The filing deadline for applications and statements for Student Senator candidates has been changed to today. The original filing date of May 2 was changed due to a lack of candidates. This decision will not affect the election process for the office, scheduled for May 23 through 27.

Several appointments were announced. Kirill Dimitriv, Vice President of Finance for the Foothill Student Council will serve as Student Trustee until the end of the quarter. He does not plan to seek reappointment.

The new Interclub Council Vice Chairperson is Ron Laran, from the Solo Flight Ministries Club. It is a one-year term.

Senator John Navas was appointed as the new Student Council Vice President of Communications, who was approved by the Student Senate. He replaces Jill Lenmark, who resigned for personal reasons.

The administration is considering a college hour when no courses will be taught on campus, which would give more time for faculty planning and student clubs to meet.

Let us know what you think. Leave a voice mail message for La Voz at (408) 864-5626.