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Democratic candidate for California's 15th Congressional District, Mike Honda, (D) speaks at De Anza on Thursday, Oct. 19. Honda is running in a hotly contested race against Jim Cunneen (R) for the seat to be left vacant by Tom Campbell (R).



Mike Honda: Congressional hopeful visits De Anza College

by **Monica Krauth**
MANAGING EDITOR

"If you vote, you have a right to complain. If you don't vote, you can't complain," said Assemblyman Mike Honda who practiced backyard campaigning when speaking on political issues to a crowd of students at the patio stage on Thursday, Oct. 19.

"I'm running [for Congressman] because we need a change," he said.

On health care

According to Honda, when Medicare

was first established in 1965, prescription drug coverage was not included in the plan, nor was it included in most private coverage plans.

Seniors are finding it harder and more expensive to get access to the prescription drugs they need, he said.

"My opponent says that we should only give it to people of low incomes ... [I think] every senior should get it."

Honda says that in order to ensure that Medicare continues to be available for current retirees and well into the future, all social security surplus and a portion of the budget surplus should be used to pay down

the national debt.

On education

"Specifically, I am dedicated to fighting for higher paid and better-trained teachers. Without a strong teacher corps, our students will not be prepared to participate in the new economy," Honda said.

As a former teacher and principal, improving schools has always been his focus. That's why he's running for Congress, he says.

He says that more than ever, the com-

petence will be won by the young people who are best educated.

He noted that people with a good education, but a weak background in math and science, often lose jobs.

So, a long-term goal includes strong public education and a no vote on Prop. 38, the voucher initiative, he said.

Student Keith Maye said that his education has been incomplete. He questioned Honda whether or not the curriculum at

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CLUBS

DA lesbi/gay community plans Halloween

by **Christopher Pommier**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Halloween. What could be a better time for students to party? The weather is horrible, the nights are lengthening and they're stuck on campus anyway. At least, that seems to be what the members of De Anza's Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Club think.

"I want the De Anza campus to

know that the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning community does exist. We are proud of who we are and we want others to see that. And hopefully make a few friends in the process," said Monika Statkiewicz.

The LGBA club will be hosting a Halloween Party for

all LGBTQ friends and their allies in Conference Room A on Tues., Oct. 31 from 4 to 7 p.m. Set up begins at 3:30 p.m. for those who would like to come and help decorate.

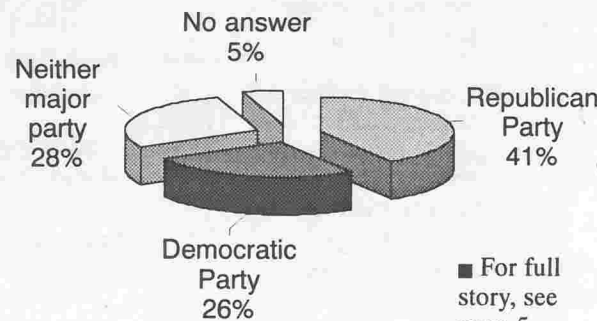
Though Halloween is traditionally a dark celebration with attendant spookiness, LGBA is planning something on

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Youth Voters' Party Preferences

This chart represents data from 1,008 young Americans age 18-24



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- data courtesy of Northwestern University

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Multiple parties work in other countries, why not U.S.?



Jasmin Bodmer
STAFF WRITER

I'm burning to cast my vote in this upcoming presidential election. I can't wait to express my voice and make my choice for the first leader of the United States in the 21st century.

Unfortunately, I won't be able to make that choice.

I'm a Swiss citizen and not allowed to vote here. So instead of voting, I keep wondering: what comes to the average American mind in regard to Switzerland?

Probably chocolate and cheese.

Maybe Swiss army knives. Does anyone ever think about Swiss politics?

Probably not.

If you did, you would perhaps find the following:

Switzerland favors the idea of a representative democracy. Just like the United States does. The Swiss government functions on the three branch principle. Just like the United States does.

The Swiss legislature is bicameral, with one chamber counting two representatives per state (we call them "Kantons") while the other chamber represents the states proportionally to their population. Just like the United States does.

Oh, and our voter turnout is embarrassingly low. Just like in the United States.

Though there are more surprising similarities, there are also some striking differences. Instead of one Mr. Fix-it, we have seven. Five men and two women. Ours are elected for four years, too.

However, once in office their re-election is almost always guaranteed. Once in office and if behaving morally and otherwise correctly, our executive leaders decide when they want to retire.

"If you think you don't have a choice, you are wrong!"

In addition, we have at least ten political parties that are alive and kicking in our congress. Out of those 10, the four majority parties are represented in the executive body.

Why am I giving you this little spiel about a country so small it could easily fit into California four times? I'm telling you because there is more than one kind of democracy.

Democracy can be more than just two parties with two greater or lesser evils running for power. You take most of your tests at De Anza College on a multiple-choice basis. Why don't you do the same in this presidential election?

If you don't identify with either party - even if you don't identify with politics at all, don't just turn your back on politics, because then politics will certainly turn on you, as Ralph Nader says.

If you think you don't have a choice, you are wrong!

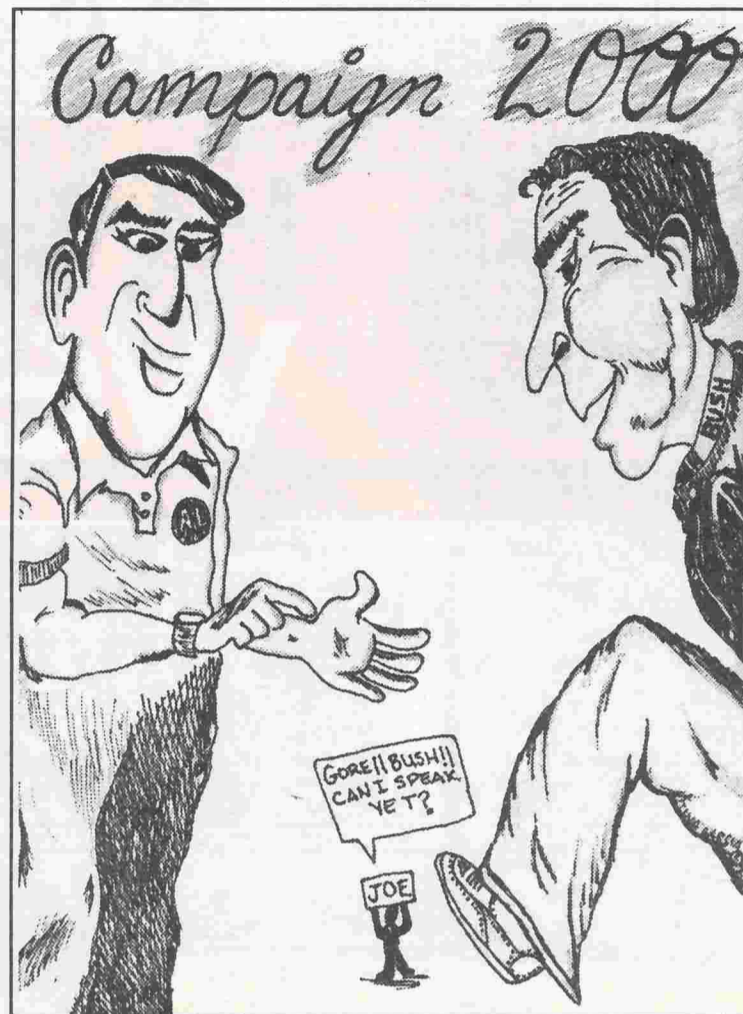
Don't turn away because you don't like either flavor the potential government has for you. Don't just decide on the bigger or lesser of two evils.

Pick Green, Socialist, Libertarian, Natural Law, or Constitution.

To translate this into a more gastronomical setting: if you don't like either jack or cheddar, pick Brie, Vacherin, Parmesan, Gruyere. There is still time - go to a website, like www.issues2000.org, and find out which cheese comes closest to your taste.

As the American political system runs now, you practically have a choice between two parties, whereas in Switzerland the choice is between multiple parties.

Or at least multiple viewpoints. Don't get me wrong here. I am not saying that one system is



Tina Garcia / La Voz

better or worse than the other.

What I am saying is that if you don't like the menu, the political system as it is, change it.

If you are not convinced that either a Democrat or a Republican will do the job, then vote for someone else.

Vote and say that you want more choice. More diversity. More political parties involved. More options.

Tell the system that you want to pick from a whole cheese platter!

I cannot cast my vote and make my pick. I hope I have given you some food for thought so that those of you who can will go out there and vote.

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Opposing viewpoints

Third party candidates: a waste or worth it?

Nader won't win, so vote Gore instead



Annette
Shussett
STAFF WRITER

Recently, I saw a representative of the Green Party in the Campus Center. He was wearing a humorous T-shirt that said, "BUSH AND GORE MAKE ME WANT A RALPH!"

I agree with Ralph Nader on several points, including his opinion

of Gov. George W. Bush. "George W. Bush we can dismiss with a summary comment: nothing more than a corporation disguised as a human being," Nader said last week, according to the Time.com website

However, a vote for Nader is clearly a wasted vote, at a time when we cannot afford to waste even one vote.

This pithy dismissal of "dubya" doesn't alter the fact that Nader, with all of his high principles, has no chance of being elected president in 2000. Even if he could win, he would make a lousy chief executive.

Some of the skills needed to be an effective president are the ability to build a consensus, the willingness to compromise for the greater good, and the skills to work out a deal to get at least some of what your side wants.

Nader is obviously not willing to compromise for the greater good, otherwise he would fold up his tent and throw his support to Vice-President Al Gore. Gore shares positions on important issues like the environment and civil rights.

Even some of Nader's own campaign

supporters have reportedly asked him to concede defeat.

They are afraid that even his low percentage of supporters could throw this close election and result in a Bush presidency, and even worse, a Supreme Court guided by Bush.

In our electoral system, getting 270 electoral votes elects a president. Marginalized candidates, like Nader, have no possibility of getting those Electoral College votes. Bush and Gore each have a chance at the White House. While some of us may be attracted to the pure idealism of Nader, this election is far too important to use your vote to "send a message."

Four of the Supreme Court Justices are or will be at least 70 years old in the year 2001. The man we elect to the office of the president this November will most likely appoint between three and four Supreme Court Justices during his term in office.

A woman's right to control her own reproductive ability, and various gradations of the search and seizure laws are just the most obvious of the laws that could be affected by the choice of Supreme Court Justices.

If your civil rights or the civil rights of future generations of Americans mean anything to you, it is imperative that you use your vote wisely. Vote for one of the viable candidates.

Vote for someone you trust to appoint three or four Supreme Court Justices, guiding that branch of our government for decades.

Don't throw your one and only vote away on a candidate who is just making a statement.

'Thrown away vote' excuse, no excuse



Robert
Haugh
SPORTS EDITOR

"The two-party system has given this country the war of Lyndon Johnson, the Watergate of Nixon, and the incompetence of Carter. Saying we should keep the two-party system simply because it is working is like saying the Titanic voyage was a success because a

few people survived on life rafts," Eugene J. McCarthy once said.

Third-party leadership is not a new concept. Abraham Lincoln was a third-party presidential ticket, of the Republican Party. In 1998, both Minnesota and Maine elected third-party candidates into major seats of office. Jesse Ventura, then of the Reform Party, now of the Minnesota Independence Party was elected to the position of Governor of Minnesota.

Independent Angus King was elected to the same office in Maine. Both have come under attack, but both Minnesota and Maine had much higher voter turnouts than most other states where there were no major third-party candidates.

Third parties have been credited with abolishing slavery, securing child labor laws and the women's right to vote.

The casual voter is vulnerable to the "Wasted Vote" theory. If everyone voted their conscience, we would easily see Nader stand a chance. No vote is "wasted." Voters have the right to vote for

whomever they feel is the best candidate, and should not be persuaded to halt the possible election of third-party candidates. The leadership of Minnesota and Maine would indicate that a third-party president could only help the flailing Congress currently dominated by corrupt Democrats and Republicans.

Those that vote purely on the basis of the Democrat or Republican label -- jackasses and elephants -- ought to be voting between Coca-Cola and Pepsi.

To add to the power and corruption of the two-party system, in January of this year, the Senate passed a law via the Commission on Presidential Debates, which mandated that only candidates with 15 percent or more of the vote are eligible for national debates.

Al Gore and George W. Bush are on vacation fundraising for their respective parties and campaigns. Is that a true leader? The candidate that considers each issue on its own merit is the person most deserving of votes. The president is supposed to be in power to serve the citizens, not to rob them.

Republicans and Democrats continue squabbling, while centrist leaders watch. In "Do I Stand Alone" Ventura referred to the Republicans and Democrats as "Demo-Crips" and "Re-Blood-licans." They are just street gangs wearing suits. Republican and Democrat leaders are in office to serve their party, and not the "common folk" of the country. They constantly fight over special interest agendas and opinions that mean nothing.

Help free the country of narrow-minded thinking and vote third-party. A third-party vote ensures that you are voting for someone concerned with the issues and not a money thirsty idiot.

Society supports bigotry through Eminem



Scott
Morris
STAFF WRITER

Much has been made in recent months concerning the amorphous group of corporations and artists who make up the "Entertainment Industry."

As Nov. 3 looms on the not-to-distant horizon, the question of sex, violence and all things illicit in film, video

games and music has been fodder for politicians and pundits of all persuasions.

On the music end of this debate, rapper Marshall Mathers, better known by his stage moniker Eminem, has been a polarizing figure. To his critics, Mathers' brand of cursing, drug abusing and woman-killing bravado is a neon-colored emblem of what the public must be

shielded from. To his fans and supporters, Mathers is a rebellious provocateur clawing against the grain of conservative America.

I feel both sides have missed the point. In no way should the public be shielded from Mathers' work.

Far from being a pillar of iconoclasm and in any way provocative or interesting, Mathers is in fact the product of the same close-minded annals of America repulsed by him.

A look at the success of this summer's "The Marshall Mathers LP" is testament to how easily Americans accept his words. Media venues such as MTV, Rolling Stone, Spin, and, TheSource, have placed little judgment on Mathers' content. They promote it as testament to how certain forms of hatred and discrimination are still very much acceptable in our society.

Some decry the amount of profanity in

Mathers' music, others his glorification of drug abuse, and still others his fantasized violence against his wife and mother.

The truly insidious aspect of his art is his explicit hatred toward gays and lesbians. In Mathers' tune "Criminal" he

informs the listener, "I'll stab you in the head, whether you're fag or les/Or a homo-sex, a hermaph or a trans-a-ves./Hate fags? The answer's yes."

What is more insidious than Mathers' words, though, is the way the American public eats them up.

A Rolling Stone review of "The Marshall Mathers MP" CD that features "Criminal" mentions homophobia but it is excused as part of Mathers' attempt to "piss the world off." Would Mathers' media proponents be as forgiving if he substituted "fag" or "les" with various ethnic slurs?

"Mathers and his popularity are merely symptoms of ... society."

Let me make this clear: the writer of this article is not a wilting petunia of political correctness. But, I am a believer in basic human kindness. So, when an artist encourages violence or hatred toward an entire group of people, it disturbs me.

When asked by interviewer Anthony Decurtis if Mathers would use the word "nigger" on a record, Mathers answers "That word is not even in my vocabulary ... Those are two completely different things. A gay person can be of any race."

Um ... okay Mathers.

Of course, Mathers is not really the issue here. We live in a society that has made certain hatred socially unacceptable while nurturing others. Mathers and his popularity are merely symptoms of said society. When looking closely we see that Mathers actually has more in common with right wing lifestyle police like Dr. Laura Schlessinger than with the portrait of an artistic outlaw that has been painted of him.

Letters to the Editor



English instructors voice opinions on proposed changes to math requirements

Dear Editors of La Voz,

We are three English teachers who have serious concerns about the current proposal from the Mathematics Department to raise the Mathematics requirement for an A.A. degree from Math 101 (Elementary Algebra) to Math 105 (Intermediate Algebra) this year and then to one level above Math 105 by Fall, 2003. Both the Counseling and Social Science Divisions are voicing strong objections to this proposal and we would like to raise several major issues as well. While we know faculty have been discussing these issues, we are not sure that students are aware of some possible consequences of such a drastic step.

So far, faculty have not yet actually addressed the issue of whether the standard should be raised as much as when it should be raised. Many of us are opposed to raising the standards until after an adequate support system (including small group instruction, tutoring, and possibly computer-aided instruction) is in place to assure student success in these very difficult classes. Statistics gathered by the Counseling Division show that at present the passing rate is only 55 percent for students enrolled in Math 101 and only 49 percent for students in Math 105.

We know that those numbers will only get worse for Math 105 if and when all students are required to take it for an A.A. degree.

This means that as many as half of all students will end up never successfully completing the course and having to leave De Anza or else never realizing their dream of an A.A. degree.

With this shocking potential scenario, we have to

start thinking beyond when to put this requirement in place; we have to start addressing concerns about whether to put it into place at all. We here respond to the Mathematics Department arguments that the requirement should be raised:

1. The Math Department says that math is an important life skill because it teaches critical thinking.

We reply: While we acknowledge that our current requirement of Math 101 teaches students to think in linear, incremental patterns using abstract reasoning, simply adding more of the same (Math 105) at a more abstract level guarantees nothing. According to books by Michael K. Smith, David Perkins, and Robert Sternberg (all education specialists), "There is virtually no evidence that learning more abstract math such as algebra and geometry makes people into better thinkers."

2. The Math Department says that the math that we learn in college aids us in our careers and helps us throughout our lives.

We admit that students who are going to major in math-based fields will need these courses, but they will take them anyway as transfer requirements. Students who are going to be borrowing money, investing in the stock market, and remodeling their homes will learn what they need to know as necessary.

Let us not forget that Professor Uri Treisman, renowned for his development of collaborative programs in college math, told us that the Number One reason that college students use their math beyond college is simply to help their children with their homework!

3. The Math Department says that De Anza is a

"college" so we should have "college-level" standards for graduation.

This idea makes superficial sense but if one survey colleges around the country, one discovers numerous colleges which require no math at all for graduation. One of these, Swarthmore, is, according to some surveys, the best institution for undergraduate education in the country. Stanford, Sarah Lawrence, Macalester, Pitzer, Pomona, and many other private colleges require math only for certain majors.

Within the number of students who fail math, the largest population is women and students of color. We cannot support a system which continues to discriminate against this significant group since our goal is to try to achieve greater success for all students. For many students, math is a game at which they excel so they relish the challenge. For them, the new requirement will be no deterrent to success. However, for those students who do not excel at this "game," the old requirement now prevents some from finishing. The new requirements may keep them from even playing the game, much less winning.

We do not see a need to raise the math requirement. There are solid arguments against it. But we think that at the very least, if it is decided that the requirement will be raised, that support programs should first be in place and operational before the change takes effect.

Cordially,
-Marilyn Patton
-Judy Hubbard
-Christian Purvis-Aldrich

Smoking students at student center snuff out students who savor snacks

Dear La Voz,

I have recently been encountering a wide spread problem on campus with large groups of students smoking in designated eating areas outside of the campus center. It is very difficult to enjoy a meal that was purchased in the cafeteria when a group of people is smoking near you.

I understand that smoking has been removed from indoor eating areas and I am trying to find a way to remove smoking from designated eating areas outside of the campus center. This may include "No Smoking" signs posted on buildings as well as designated smoking area signs in other areas. Signs such as these are not expensive and should be placed high enough so smoking students can not pull them down or break them.

I have spoken to other students of De Anza College and many feel that smoking should be removed from eating areas and

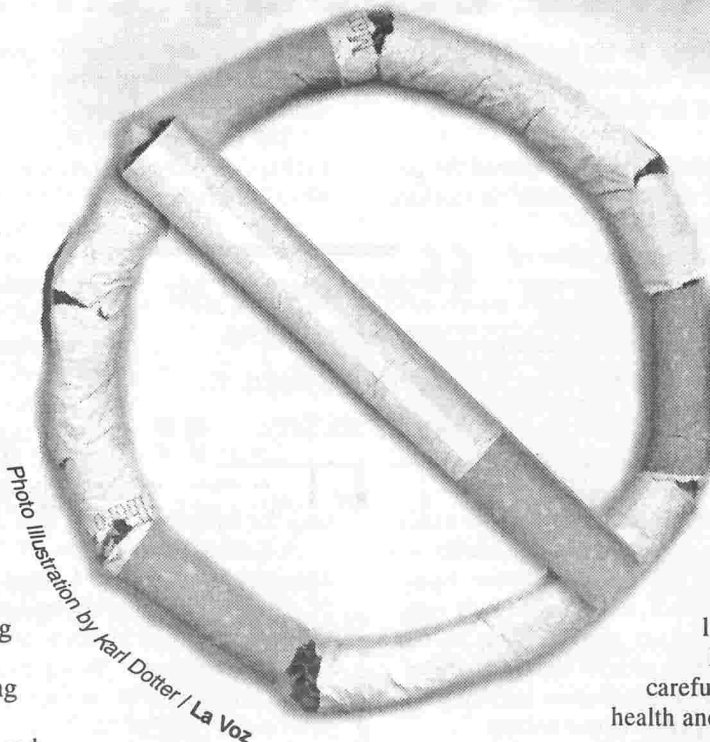


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that the campus safety and security may be able to help enforce smoking to designated areas.

I have health problems and several other students I know also have health problems. To be forced to breathe second hand smoke while going to my next class is not just unnecessary, but can also lead to lung cancer and emphysema. If smoking is limited to designated areas and enforced, this problem would be greatly reduced.

I would greatly appreciate it if the school leaders would carefully consider this matter and take into account student health and well being.

-David Hans Mickelsen

Young voters more conservative

by **Monica Krauth**
MANAGING EDITOR

Young adults are more conservative than previous generations, according to a poll of 18-24 year olds released July 24 by Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism. They say "honesty and trustworthiness" is the most crucial quality in the next president, and rate education as the number one issue for the next president and Congress.

According to the poll, six out of 10 young people haven't paid much attention to the presidential campaign, with 59 percent saying they have followed the campaign "not too closely" or "not at all."

This younger group of possible voters think they are being ignored, with more than two-thirds, 68 percent, saying that "our generation has an important voice but no one seems to hear it." But nearly three-quarters, 72 percent, think they could "have an effect on government" if they got involved.

Other key findings of the survey of 1,008 young Americans, conducted in late

June, include:

44 percent favor Governor George W. Bush, while 32 percent favor Vice President Al Gore.

30 percent describe themselves as conservative, 37 percent moderate, and 26 percent liberal.

41 percent feel some allegiance to the Republican Party, compared to 26 percent who feel some ties to the Democratic Party. Only 28 percent do not lean toward either major party.

Following honesty as the most crucial quality of a president, "a strong vision," "extreme intelligence," "the ability to excite and energize the country," and "prior executive experience" were most valued.

"Agreement on most issues" was the least valued quality. Their top priorities for the next president and Congress, in order of importance, were education, 81 percent, reducing crime, 65 percent, improving school safety, 64 percent, and long term financial health of Social Security, 54 percent.

Other high priorities were protecting

the environment, providing health insurance to the uninsured, working to reduce racial tensions, and strengthening gun control laws, which were favored by 45 percent to 49 percent.

Nearly six-in-ten young adults, 57 percent, feel disconnected from government.

"If we're going to have a participatory democracy tomorrow, we need to connect

young Americans to the political process today," said Ellen Shearer, co-director of the Medill News Service. "We must start by listening to them. Politicians and the media need to begin focusing on this generation. That what this pool and project are all about. We need to improve media coverage so it covers what they care about and engages them."

Congressional hopeful visits De Anza campus

■ HONDA

From front page

public elementary and high schools should be changed to include a more diverse education. Maye says that it was not until he got to college that he learned about Black History Month and Latino heritage.

"I think the curriculum needs to change and become more diverse ... Teachers need to be more educated," Honda said.



Mike Honda speaks at DA on Thurs., Oct. 19.

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On Israel and Palestine

During a trip to the State of Israel, Honda says he was able to understand the issues surrounding the relations between the U.S., Israel and its neighbors. He says that his trip, along with the experience of being interned as a Japanese-American during the World War II, have enabled him to develop an understanding of what it means to be persecuted on the basis of one's heritage. "The issues currently facing the State of Israel must be addressed by the U.S. in order to maintain democracy in the Middle East."

Whether or not the population at large votes for Honda, he encourages everyone to go to the polls on Nov. 7. He encourages students to vote Democratic because he said Republicans hold all the seats in Congress.

Transfer Calendar

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| <p>Cal State University, Monterey Bay A representative from CSU Monterey Bay will be available for drop-in advising from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 30 in the Campus Center Lobby, Upper Level. No appointment required. For more information, drop by the Transfer Center in M-3 or call 408-864-8841.</p> <p>Spartan Connection Advisement and information about transferring to San Jose State University from an SJSU representative. Stop by the Transfer Center located in M-3 on Mondays from 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or call 408-864-8841 to schedule an appointment. Drop-ins also welcome.</p> <p>University of California, Riverside A representative from UC Riverside will be available for drop-in advising and to answer questions about transfer to UCR on Wed., Nov. 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Transfer Center in M-3. No appointment required.</p> <p>University of California, San Diego A representative from UC San Diego will be available on Mon., Oct. 30 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Hinson</p> | <p>Campus Center Lobby, Upper Level for drop-in advising and to answer questions. No appointment required. For more information, drop by the Transfer Center in M-3 or call 408-864-8841.</p> <p>University of Southern California A representative from the University of Southern California will be available on Thursday, Nov. 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to answer students' questions about transfer. Appointments are highly recommended. To schedule an appointment drop by the Transfer Center in M-3 or call 408-864-8841.</p> <p>UC and CSU Application Workshops Workshops will be held in the Administration Building, Room 9c. For a schedule of available dates and times, drop by the Transfer Center in M-3 or call 408-864-8841, or visit the Articulation and Transfer Services web site at www.deanza.fhda.edu/depts/artictrfr/transferplanning.html.</p> <p>Santa Clara University Miguel Valencia will facilitate an SCU Admissions Workshop on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. For more information, drop by the Transfer Center (M-3) or call 408-864-8841.</p> |
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Rich Wood encourages all to get involved in politics

by **George Chikovani**
STAFF WRITER

Sociology professor Rich Wood is one of the most politically active and involved instructors on campus. He advises Students for Justice, United Workers and Allies, and the Muslim Students Association. Wood encourages his social students to think critically about politics and get socially involved on the issues they care about. He says his political activism dates back to the anti-Vietnam War protests, throughout his college days at West Virginia University. He has engaged in acts of civil disobedience that have gotten him arrested more than once. He describes his own political views as "radically leftist," although he has serious disagreements with some others who call themselves leftist.



RICH WOOD

La Voz caught up with Wood to get his view on the political landscape as it relates to De Anza students on the verge of the upcoming presidential elections.

LV: Young people 18-24 have the lowest rate of voter registration and participation of any age group nationwide. Why do you think that is?

Wood: Well, there's a multitude of reasons: they feel like the government is totally unresponsive to their needs, they don't understand or relate to the issues that the politicians are pushing, and they don't like the options they are presented with. They don't feel the system represents their needs and ideas, so in a way it's perfectly understandable that they would drop out of such a system. This is true for the American public overall,

especially minorities.

LV: In a political system like ours, which is based on participation, what are the results of such indifference?

Wood: The most basic and important effect is that people who participate get their voice heard and their interests met, and the people who don't participate don't get their interests met. Those groups who traditionally do not vote, drop off the political radar and are ignored. But voting is the very least you could do to influence the political process: organizing a political group, running for office, lobbying with the politicians who represents you, taking part in protests and rallies are just some of the things you could do to influence the process. But it all starts with voting.

LV: Let's talk about the so-called two-party system that is in place right now, with the scene dominated by the Democratic and Republican parties. Do you think that contributes to the apathy of today's young voters?

Wood: Definitely; the belief that there are only two choices in every election narrows the voter's options tremendously. If there are only two candidates and you don't agree with either, then your motivation to participate is gone. But it doesn't have to be that way; the United States has a long tradition of multiple parties. Abraham Lincoln and Teddy Roosevelt were both third-party candidates, so there's no reason we can't establish another viable choice. The potential is there, as Jesse Ventura demonstrated by becoming governor of Minnesota.

LV: How pressing is the need for a third party on the national level?

Wood: We need more parties very badly, because they will provide a voice for those minorities who are not being represented right now. There needs to be reform that allows smaller parties to have a presence at the national level.

LV: In your opinion, are there significant differences between George Bush and Gore?

Wood: Yes, but the similarities are even more significant. The Republicans and the

“ Whatever it is you care about, support it with your vote and your activism, because it's your life, and if you don't fight for it, no one will. ”

Democrats have been getting more and more alike, both moving to the middle. Under either of those two candidates, the nation will remain largely the same. I would encourage those students who are disenchanted with Gore and Bush to look at third-party candidates such as Ralph Nader of the Green Party, whom I personally support. If enough people vote for Nader, it can have a very significant effect on politics in the near future, possibly leading to the emergence of a third

major party.

LV: So you think young people should vote on their ideals, without so much consideration of whether the candidate has practical chance of winning the election?

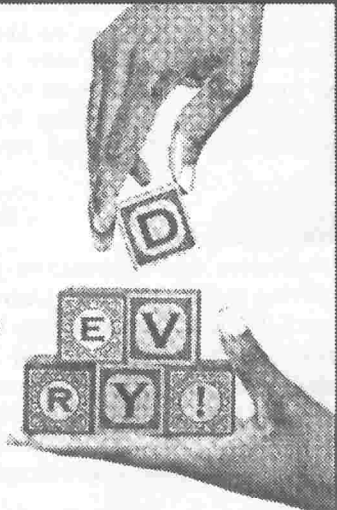
Wood: In this election, yes. Look at all the different candidates, see the one you agree with on most issues and vote for that one, whether it happens to be a major-party candidate or not. It is a strategic use of your vote: any party that receives five percent of the popular vote gets a significant amount of federal campaign funding which it can use to strengthen its national presence down the road.

That's the goal of the Nader campaign, and I think it would be a significant accomplishment.

LV: So in closing, what advice would you have for students as far as political involvement?

Wood: Learn more about the issues that you care about. Find and support the people in the community who will speak for you. Whatever it is you care about, support it with your vote and your activism, because it's your life, and if you don't fight for it, no one will.

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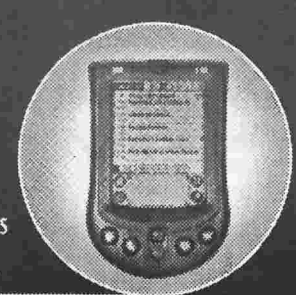


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The history of Halloween traditions

by **Maryann Voisin**
STAFF WRITER

"Trick or Treat, Trick or Treat, give me something good to eat ..."

Also called All Hallows' Eve, Halloween, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day, Halloween, all are observed on the evening of Oct. 31 in most areas of North America and some areas of Western Europe. Halloween is associated with death, the supernatural, and comes from a mixture of ancient traditions.

It falls on the eve of All Saints' Day, which was established by the Catholic Church in the ninth century to honor their saints. The most important holiday that influenced the modern Halloween tradition was Samhain, a holiday celebrated by the ancient Celts according to "The Witch's Voice," an online publication for wiccans.

There is evidence that ancient Celts believed that, because this time of year is directly in-between the Autumnal Equinox and the Winter Solstice, important events in Celtic tradition, it was a very potent time for magic and communication with the spirits. However, the "The Witch's Voice" reports that the rise of the church led to growth of suspicion of the pagan ways. Samhain began to be associated with witches, black cats, bats, ghosts, and other things that went bump in the night. Fairy tales have exploited the unrealistic image of an old hag riding a broomstick for years as symbolism of a witch.

Many people also focus on their desires for the coming years: bobbing for apples, roasting nuts in the fire, and baking cakes that contained tokens for luck are actually ancient ways of telling fortunes.

Jack-o-lanterns, another of the old traditions, have survived to this day. One of the many old folktales from the British Isles that could have contributed to this tradition is one of a man named Jack O'Lantern. Turned away from entering both heaven and hell, he was condemned

to the association of spirits and carving scary faces.

Trick-or-treating is a custom that is believed to have come from several Samhain traditions, though it may in fact be unique to the U.S. The custom of going from door to door to request dona-

tions of money or food was carried from the British Isles, according to "The Witches Voice."

By the 1920s, organizations like the Boy Scouts tried to organize ways to promote Halloween as a safe holiday, starting the practice of encouraging good children to visit shops and homes asking for treats.

Whether it is viewed as a religious occasion or as an evening of parties, Halloween has many faces and origins. It is the spooky holiday that children have come to adore. It is the end of a year

and the beginning another. It encompasses many family traditions carried down through the ages. With this abundance of origins and meanings, Halloween is a time for reverence and fun for all.



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for eternity to walk the earth with only a candle in a turnip as his light. Since candles that were placed in hollowed-out pumpkins or turnips would produce a flickering flame on the cold nights in October, this may have also led

Tai-Chi/Wushu club kicks off a new quarter

by **James Fraser**
SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

The De Anza Tai-chi/Wushu Club held its first meeting of the quarter on Oct. 14. The first two hours of meetings are dedicated to Tai-chi and Chin-na exercises.

Many consider Tai-chi an excellent stress reliever and many students practice this to beat the stress of student life and improve their flexibility and coordination. Chin-na emphasizes speed and power for self-defense applications.

The second half of the workout will feature Shuai-chiao, or grappling, and Wushu drills. Wushu is a dynamic martial art, similar to gymnastics, with high kicks and jumps.

The club coaches are Dr. Chi-hsiu Weng, a ninth-degree black belt, and Ms. Yun-yu Liu, a former member of the Shanghai Wushu Team.

Some club members are training hard to prepare for competition at the First Pan-American Shuai-chiao Kungfu Invitational Tournaments are scheduled to take place at the end of March 2001 in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

Among club members that will be competing will be Assistant Coach Michelle Lam and Chinese-American Athletic Tournament gold medalist Wayne Li.

Students who are interested in training with the club or taking part in the trip to Brazil, should attend the next club meeting. Future meetings are held from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturdays in PE 14.

Outdoor club members learn to surf into the sunset

by **Tabitha Paturi**
STAFF WRITER

The students of De Anza College Outdoor Club challenge what some of us don't even dare to dream. On Oct. 14, students braved surfing lessons at Cowell Beach in Santa Cruz.

"I stood on the board and went all the way up to the beach and stepped off," said Wendy Sato, Treasurer of the Outdoor Club, also a novice on the surfing board.

The trip was also a learning experience for many of the students who attempted to surf for the very first time. They are given the courage and confidence to do better. Their peers cheered and made each other feel welcome.

"They made me feel confident and right," said Renae Aguilar, the Vice President of the Outdoor Club, also a novice to the rising waves.

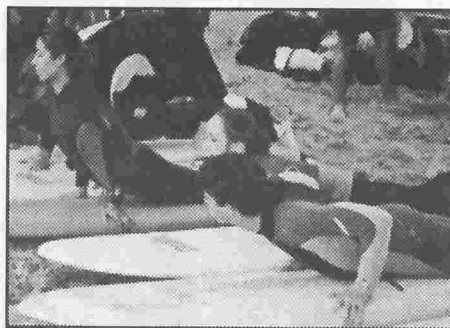
"The motto of the Outdoor Club is to reach out to students who always wanted to try something new but couldn't afford it, needed instruction, or to find someone adventurous enough to do it with.

They welcome students to join in their activities. Students don't have to be members to participate in trips, but the members pay less.

To get more information about future activities, look for the glass display in the PE Quad, to the right of the Girls' locker room and to the left of the P.E Division offices.



David Silvey gets another run in before leaving Cowell Beach.



The beginners learn the basic to surfing.



Outdoor Club Treasurer, Wendy Sato, stands up on her surfboard.



Photos courtesy of the Outdoor Club
Andrea Baker attempts to balance her posture.

GETTING FUNKY WITH FUNKRANOMICON

by Sara Spivey
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

"... It's time to get down," yelled the charismatic Joe Neto, front man of Funkranomicon, as the band



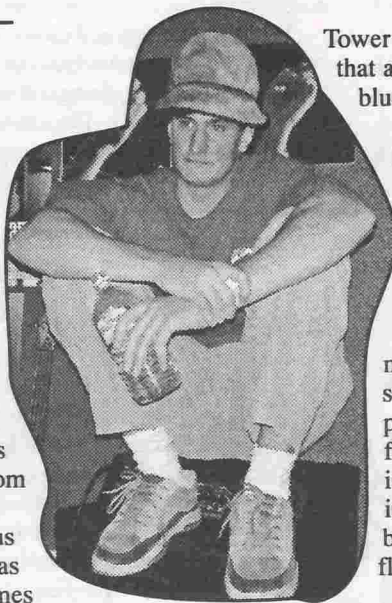
Elizabeth Johnson (5) / La Voz

Vocalist Joe Neto sings his heart out.

kicked off their fourth song, "Funky Techno Thunder" during a weekly practice session.

Funkranomicon practices in a dimly lit room plastered with posters of famous musicians such as Bob Marley, James

Brown, Curtis Mayfield and the



Bass player Nate Mueller sporting the Funk Hat.

Tower of Power and De Angelo, that are washed with a dim blue and red glow.

The mellow decor of Funkranomicon's practice room might give an impression that their music is mellow. That is, until the band starts to play.

With a mission statement like, "Bringing the sounds of the past and present together to create a funksoultronic sound that is positive and universal," it is obvious that the members of this band have funk flowing through their veins.

Their musical style is reminiscent of Jamiroquai but infused with a James

Brown soul quality added by Neto's vocal stylings.

He croons soothing love song lyrics like "Ride with me see dreams I wanna show" one moment, and then switches gears to belt out "It's in our blood to groove" without missing a beat.

Come hear the funky grooves of Funkranomicon at The Agenda on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 9:30 p.m. The Agenda is located at 399 S. First St. in downtown San Jose.



Keyboardist Ryan Voss concentrates at the band's practice.

INTERVIEW WITH THE BAND

La Voz: "How did the band come together?"

Joe Neto, vocals: "Nate and I met through Safeway back in the day [in 1995]. Nate was already in the music scene. I wasn't in the music scene yet."

"... A few years later, my grandmother passed away. Nate had quit Safeway and he was in the carpet cleaning business. Nate ended up cleaning the carpets at my grandmother's house [in 1997]. My dad went to go pay him with a check..."

Nate Mueller, bass: I read the check and it said Neto. [So I asked] "Do you know a Joe Neto?" He said, "Yea that's my son." I said, "Hey have Joe give me a call, here's my number."

So we got split up previous to this ...

Neto: "We jammed out for about a year, year and a half with a bunch of different musicians."

So we've been strong [as a band] for about a year now ... and in the last four months we started playing shows."

LV: "How would you describe your music?"

Tim Welch, drums: "One thing that's nice about it is it's not political ... it's pure funk music, it's enjoyable."

LV: "Who have been your musical influences?"

Mueller: "Jamiroquai and Stevie Wonder."

Welch: "My father, he's a musician."

Neto: "Motown and hippie rock, but performance wise Michael Jackson, Madonna and Prince."

Ryan Voss, keyboards: "Stevie Wonder."

Chris Foss, guitar: "Eric Clapton and

Stevie Ray Vaughn."

LV: "Who comes up with the concepts for songs and writes the music?"

Mueller: "Everyone."

Neto: "Basically how it works is Nate comes up with the skeleton and I throw some of the meat on the bone and everybody else wraps it up with their skin."

LV: "Do you have any recordings?"

Neto: "We have a three song CD called 'Chosen to Fly'"

Mueller: "... And we're going to record again in January or February."

LV: "How do you want to be perceived as a band?"

Welch: "We want people to feel good."

Neto: "We want people to feel good and feel the groove inside of them."

Voss: "... in the very beginning they're like Funk what? and by the end of the night they're chanting Funkranomicon! Funkranomicon!"

LV: "What is your vision for the band?"

Mueller: "I want to make absolutely great music with soul that people of our time can relate to."

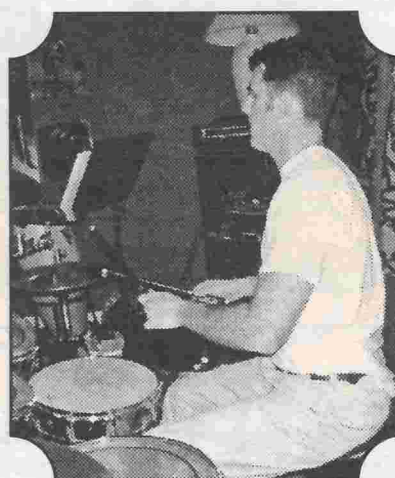
Like the music that was coming out of the sixties. It was a whole feeling going on, a whole culture and I want us to create that same culture of good, positive music that's real and tells it like it is."

Voss: "... yeah, I don't like bands that have to give you a headache to make their point."

Welch: "If you look at music from the last thirty years, stuff that has lasted, that people remember, is the stuff that makes you feel good, that's got a great groove to it, that makes you want to sing along..."



Chris Foss getting down with his guitar.



Tim Welch banging the drums.

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VOLLEYBALL

Conference title repeat?

by Jon Paul Hoornstra
STAFF WRITER

Tonight's contest against Chabot at 6:30 p.m. in the De Anza gym will be the final chance to see the De Anza Lady Dons' volleyball team at home in what could be their second consecutive conference-title season.

The team improved its league record to 5-1 after defeating Hartnell College last Wednesday in straight sets, 15-4, 16-14, and 15-7. It was the second consecutive straight-sets victory for De Anza, and it came against last year's conference co-champions. The Lady Dons benefited from 18 blocks and strong serving, and "[we] played as one unit and not as separate players, which we have had problems with," said Michelle Baca.

De Anza displayed their technical skills in the first set, in which they never trailed. Luna Duarte served six straight points to close out the set. The second

frame was a back-and-forth battle, as the teams tied six times. De Anza trailed 11-7 late, but outscored the Panthers 9-3 down the stretch. Winter Graham spiked the ball to close out the set and ice the De Anza comeback. In the final set, several unforced Hartnell errors, along with seven straight points behind Duarte's serving, rounded out the Lady Dons' victory. The loss dropped Hartnell to 2-5.

Bahareh Ramatian led the team with eight blocks. She and coach Dawnis Guevara explained their key to victory in one word, "serving."

"Hopefully for the remainder of the season," said Guevara about the team's momentum.

"It's absolutely no guarantee," she added about the Lady Dons' chance of winning the conference.

"[The fan support] could be better, because we're a really good team," said Graham. "We need some supporters to come out to the game and cheer for us."

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- Winter Graham ”

Upcoming Sports

Football

Friday, Nov. 3. vs. Hartnell at De Anza, 1:00 p.m.

Men's Soccer

Tuesday, Oct. 31. vs. Chabot at Chabot, 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4. vs. West Valley at De Anza, 3:00 p.m.

Women's Soccer

Tuesday, Oct. 31. vs. West Valley at De Anza, 3:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3. vs. Mission at Mission, 1:00 p.m.

Women's Volleyball

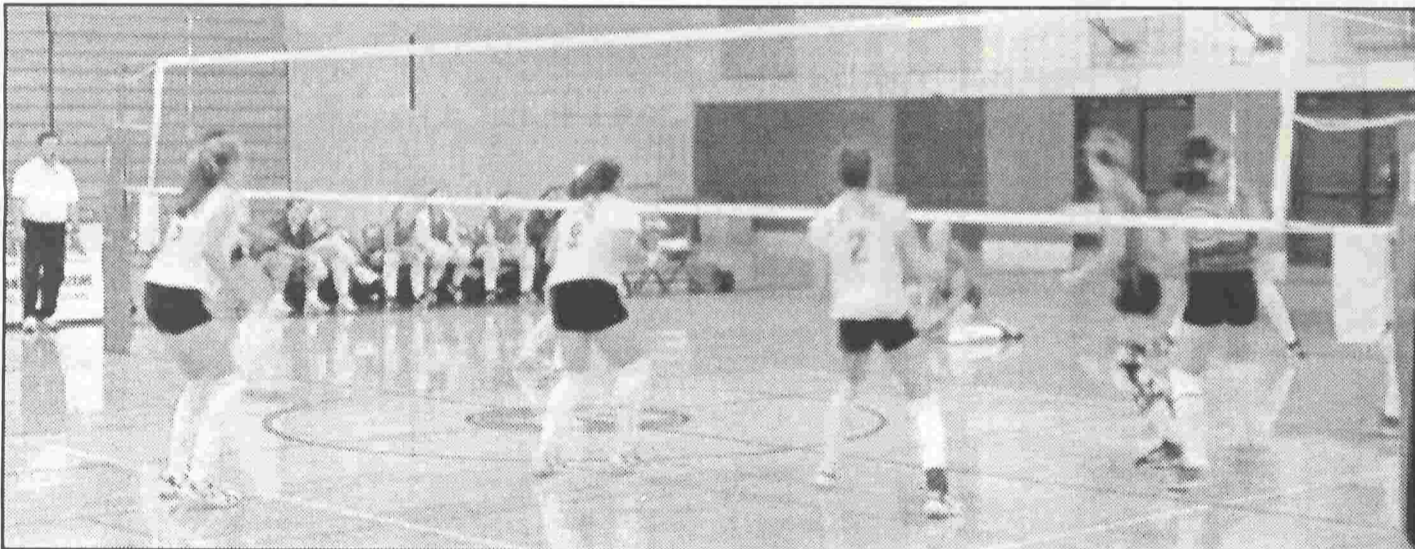
Wednesday, Nov. 1. vs. Cabrillo at Cabrillo, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3. vs. West Valley at West Valley, 6:30 p.m.

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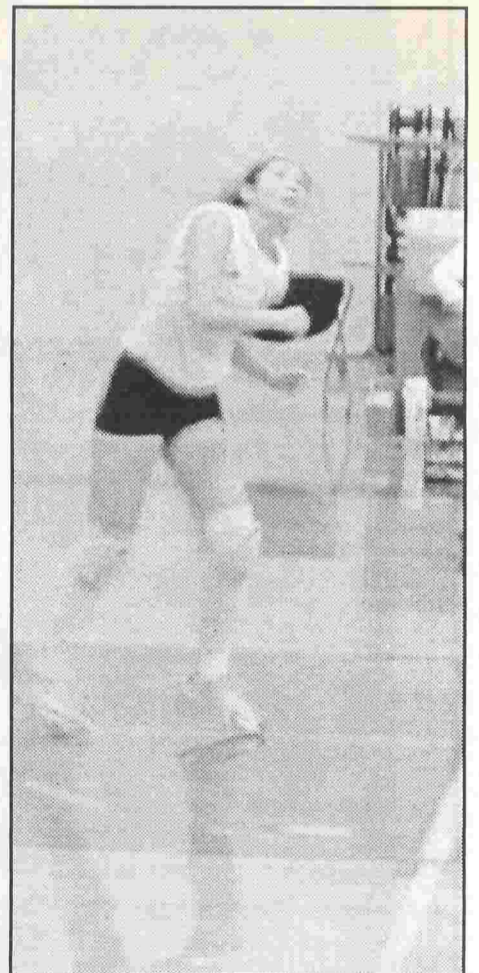
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Left: Members of the De Anza Lady Dons volleyball team anticipate the serve. The Lady Dons defeated Hartnell in three sets, improving their conference record to 5-1.



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One of the Lady Dons awaits a spiked ball. According to the team, kills and defense are the reason that they are on their way to a second consecutive conference title.


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Conference crushers: Lady Dons still undefeated in conference

by Robert Haugh
SPORTS EDITOR

A last-minute goal by Tracy Hess lifted the De Anza Lady Dons soccer team over Chabot last Tuesday.

"It was a team effort ... we play together as a unit," said Hess, who scored with one minute remaining in the game.

The Lady Dons trailed at half. Chabot forward Shannon Griggs scored on a penalty kick.

Chabot, the only team in the Coast Conference to tie De Anza this year held strong until a few minutes remained in the game.

Dianna Ridgway scored with just under five minutes remaining in the game. The Lady Dons swayed momentum their way, and took several shots on goal in final minutes.

With one minute left in the game, the

Lady Dons celebrated in unison when Gianina Gann's pass hooked up with Hess for the winning score.

The excited De Anza team extended their conference lead to four points over closest competitor West Valley, with an 11-0-1 conference record. The Lady Dons have lost only two games this season and hope to move on to the state championships.

"I think we just mentally and psychologically let down in the second half ... it was a tough game ... losing to De Anza is not a bad thing," said Chabot Coach Paolo Carbone.

"I give a lot of credit to Cheryl, and De Anza is a very good team. I don't feel bad losing to them, but it is tough to lose when you are leading with five minutes to go," said Carbone.

The Lady Dons last home game is Friday against West Valley at 3:00 p.m.



Robert Haugh / La Voz

Chabot goalie Julie Wright stops a shot attempt by Kerry Blaschke. The victory improved the Lady Dons' record to 11-0-1 in conference.

Dons destripe Skyline



Robert Haugh / La Voz

Erik Ruggiero battles with a Skyline defender to get to the ball in last Tuesday's 4-1 victory over Skyline. The four goals were scored by Erick Supnet (2), Adriano Toni and Roberto Molina. The Dons improved their record to 13-2-3. The Dons last home game of the season will be Saturday against West Valley, 3:00 p.m.

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ICC Officers Meetings 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Student Activities Conference Rm.
Muslim Students Association Club Meeting 12:30 - p.m. 1:20 p.m. Rm. 1
DASB Travel Committee 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Student Activities Conference Rm.
Disabled Students Unlimited Officers Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
DASB Marketing and Communication 2:30p.m.-3:30p.m. Student Activities Conference Room
Honors Club 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. SCC
Iran Zamin Club Meeting 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. El Clemente
De Anza Bible Study Club Meeting 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Student Council Chamber

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Leadership Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Meeting Rm. 1
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Deutsch Club Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Association Club 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Meeting Rm. 2
Music Composition & Performance Coalition 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. A 91
Students for Justice Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Association Halloween Social 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Conference Rm. A

Salsa Club Meeting and Practice 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. SCC

Wednesday, Nov. 1

Women's Awareness and Allies 11:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Blood Drive 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. SCC
Asian Pacific American Students for Leadership Club Meetings 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Santa Cruz Rm.
Muslim Students Association Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. Meeting Rm. 1
United Workers and Allies 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Meeting Rm. 2
Flu Shots 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Campus Center Lobby
DASB Finance Committee 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Meeting Rm. 1
DASB Senate Meeting 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Conference Room B
Red Wheelbarrow Meeting 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Adm. Conference Rm.

Thursday, Nov. 2

Flu Shots 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Campus Center Lobby
M.E.Ch.A Club Meeting 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. El Clemente
Auto Tech Club Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. E12B
Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. SCC
Student Services Day 11:30 a.m. - 1:30p.m. Main Quad

Wrestling Appreciation Club 11:30a.m. - 12:30p.m. Meeting Rm. 1
International Connection Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Meeting Rm. 1
Muslim Students Association Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Council Chamber
Students For Justice Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Meeting Rm. 2
DASB Executive Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Santa Cruz Rm.
Student for the Truth Meeting 2:30 p.m. - 5:20 p.m. E 35
Phi Theta Kappa Club Meeting 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Santa Cruz Rm.
Grace Fellowship 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Student Council Chambers

Friday, Nov. 3

Film & TV Guild - Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
VSA 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Dance Connection Rehearsal and Club Meeting 4:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. PE 11U

Saturday, Nov. 4

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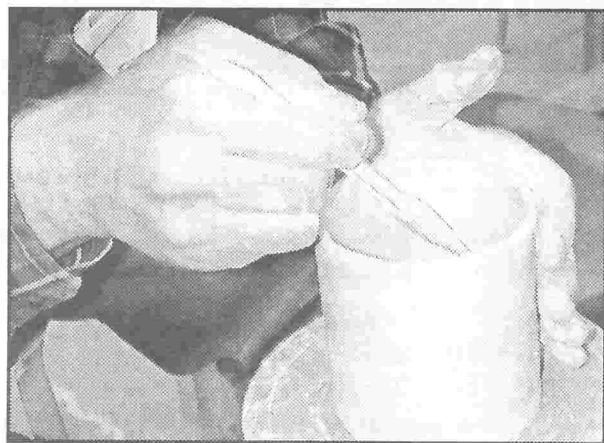
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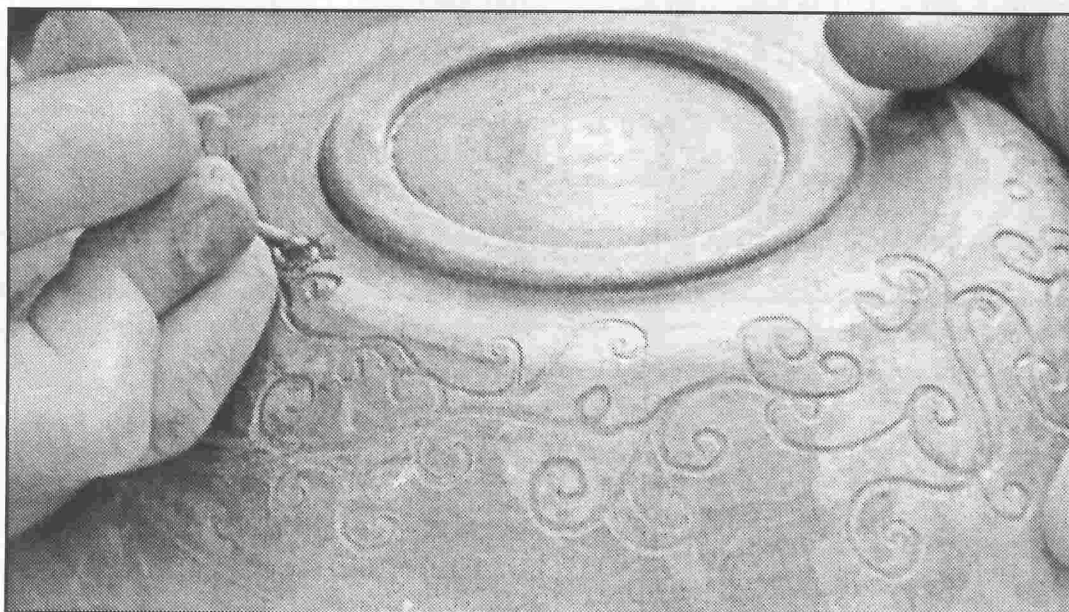
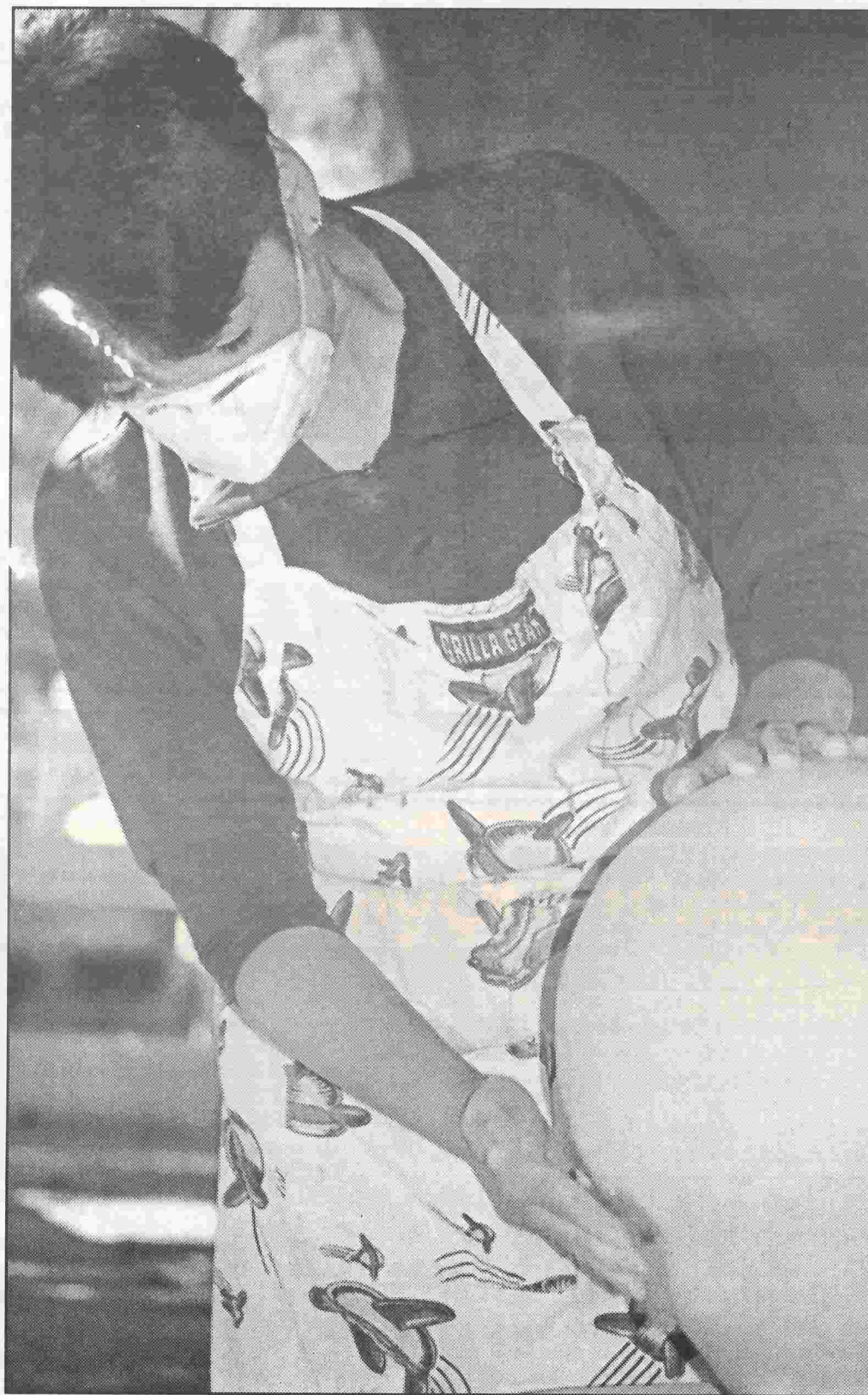
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The art of ceramics at De Anza is both a relaxing and creative outlet for students. The first day of a beginning ceramics class unites a small mound of sticky clay with the hands of a student. From there, wheel-thrown bowls, coil pots, and figurines emerge. There are various pottery techniques that add to the satisfaction of making an aesthetically pleasing and utilitarian piece of art. These include Raku, which requires the student to over-bake ceramic pieces in extremely hot temperatures then smolder them in newspaper. Flames fly in order to obtain a shiny black crackle result that is elegant and unique.

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