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What's new with you, De Anza?

MAJOR CONSTRUCTION COMPLETED THIS SUMMER

BY LILYA MITELMAN
LA VOZ

Welcome to the De Anza makeover show!

This week's installment features the state of the art Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies, the brand new Student and Community Services building, a Writing and Reading Center and new PE facilities and athletic fields.

This summer's construction completes the four major construction projects on campus, according to De Anza's quarterly measure E update.

For more information on the Kirsch Center, see page 5.

Student and Community Services

The Student and Community Services Building is now fully operational. The grand opening will be held on Oct. 26.

The first floor houses Admissions and Records and the Cashier's Office, offering easier access with employees available behind desks instead of through an opaque window. New and faster computers will shorten waiting time. There are also new computers available for students to use for admissions and registration.

Across from Admissions and Records, through glass walls and doors, students can find the new bookstore.

The first floor also holds the Testing Center, Disability Support Services and Veterans Affairs.

Fulfilling the community part of its name, the first floor of the building is also home to Community Education and Short Courses and Cooperative Education.

On the second floor, aside from a view overlooking students in line for the cashier's office, the building holds the counseling center, now with a spacious waiting room. To the left, behind weaving wooden walls, students can find the career center.

The upstairs level also holds the Transfer Center, the Student Success and Retention Service Center, the Office of Diversity, Puente and the Student Resource Center.

Students can find a complete list of the services in the building at <http://www.deanza.edu/news/newbuildings.html>.

The building is located between the Advanced Technology Center and Staff Lot A. It has entrances at the interior and exterior sides of campus.

And best of all, it has clean bathrooms.

Writing and Reading Center

The Writing and Reading Center is a brand new addition to the campus.

Located in Science Center 3, the program opens today and will host reading, peer editing and creative writing groups. Campus events such as poetry slams and visiting speaker roundtables will be featured at the center. Also, there will be a faculty and student author bookshelf.

In-person individual or drop-in tutoring is available to all students but priority will be given to ESL and development level English students.

In addition, the Online Writing Assistance Center enables students to post questions and essays and get online tutor responses. According to the web site, <http://faculty.deanza.fhda.edu/writingcenter>, the philosophy is "help the student, not the paper."

Although the online center plans to serve all students, priority will be given to students enrolled in distance learning and evening classes.

The writing and reading center will work with adjunct skills classes and offer workshops on topics ranging from time management to grammar, spelling and vocabulary.

To actually lure students in, the center will offer couch seating and coffee.

PE facilities and athletic fields

The grass on the soccer field was ruined by fungus, said Jackie Harvey, Athletic Division administrative assistant. The ground was not level, causing puddles that didn't drain correctly and dangerous spots.

Over the summer, construction crews completed a brand new synthetic turf soccer field. Also, a new softball field is in the works set to be completed in November. Previously, the soccer and softball fields shared a location.

The tennis courts were moved to make room for the Kirsch

Center and have been rebuilt. They will open next week.

The locker rooms were rebuilt and additional home team rooms were added to create an "equitable situation" for the men's and women's athletic teams, said Harvey. Previously, the men's teams had three team rooms while the women's teams had one "tiny" room. This change meets Title IX requirements.

The physical education building also boasts a new Athletic Training Room and Wellness Center. The center now has a testing area and office space.

"It's [the Wellness Center] smaller and it's a little more workable," said Harvey.

Over the summer, the gym floors were refurbished, the walls were painted and the ceilings fixed. The Creative Arts Department and the Physical Education Department will share the gym, formerly the Wellness Center location, for dance and aerobics classes.

De Anza's president and vice presidents are relocating to the OTI building while the Admissions and Records Building is under construction.

The Financial Aid Satellite Office has been relocated to the upstairs level of the Hinson Campus Center. The mailroom is in the former bookstore and the Math and Science Division Office is in SEM 10.

Other programs formerly in the Admissions and Records Building relocated to the Mod Quad and Forum 6.

Events & deadlines

September 26

- First day of class

September 26-30

- Welcome Week events

October 7

- Deadline to add/drop a class with refund

October 14

- Deadline to drop a class with no record

October 20

- Club Day

October 21

- Deadline to request Pass/No Pass grade

November 11

- College closed for Veteran's Day

November 18

- Deadline to drop a class for a "W" grade

November 24-25

- College closed for Thanksgiving

December 13-16

- Finals

INSIDER
THE ULTIMATE STUDENTS'
GUIDE TO DE ANZA COLLEGE

HELLO AND GOOD BYE
Before you get too comfortable here

- * **SOMETHING DIFFERENT**
we hit up KFJC to see what's cracking
- * **GO GO GADGET STUDENT**
get fitted with the latest in high tech stuff for students
- * **NO, YOU CAN'T HAVE A LIGHT**
De Anza is now a smoke-free campus, we can try to help you quit

Courtesy of Inside magazine

The inside scoop DE ANZA GUIDE OUT TODAY

BY LILYA MITELMAN
LA VOZ

This fall, students will be armed with a new weapon: Insider.

Created by De Anza College journalism students this summer, the magazine boasts 48 full-color pages of new student must-have information written by the true insiders, De Anza students.

Editor-in-Chief Steven Cabana said that the contributing students were inspired to create Insider last winter quarter based on their own experiences as new students.

"What kind of information did we want to know when we first came to De Anza," Cabana said the students asked. "The information's out there but there's not one single source of information that explains parking and the services and stuff like that. Everything you find out is word of mouth or you just have to walk by something. I was thinking that would be a good idea as a basis for a magazine: to create a guide for the new students."

With articles ranging from the new smoking policy to transfer information to a food guide, and of course, a campus map, Insider offers students a breadth of information in one convenient magazine, comfortably fitting within a student's backpack.

"Each story was chosen for its impact on students," said Cabana.

Insider is not the first De Anza

magazine. Two years ago, journalism students produced La Guia, also an orientation guide for students.

As for next year, Cabana said, "I don't intend on carrying the tradition over, but there's some talented people on the journalism staff. Every year people are coming in and you get some of these really good people. I predict another magazine coming out next year." It takes "a desire of a core group of people to get together and do it."

Insider was funded by the DASB Senate during the summer with the stipulation that the senate receives a full page ad inside the magazine. The magazine comes out today and a total of 2,500 copies were printed. They will be available at stands near the Learning Center, the Hinson Campus Center and the Student and Community Services Building as well as on Welcome Week information tables.

Four contributing editors, Sarah Callahan, Anna Callahan, Scott Lipsig and Sherry Sanguinet, came up with and assigned articles, coached and supervised writers and edited. As chief-in-layout and assistant-in-layout, Julio Lara and Ryan Bell focused on the layout and flow of the magazine.

"The magazine is just chock full of information that the average student, unless they really want to find out about it and then go look after it, will never even know. They'd go their entire two years here and never know about this stuff," said Cabana.

A sneak peek at De Anza's new face

THE DASB SENATE UNVEILS THE NEW STUDENT BODY CARD

BY LILYA MITELMAN
LA VOZ

De Anza College is replacing all its associated student body card with a new card starting tomorrow.

The current card is no longer valid, said De Anza Associated Student Body Adviser John Cognetta. All students need to get new cards.

Over the next few years, services will be added to the card enabling students to use it for vending machine purchases, printing and copying, buying temporary parking permits and more.

The Student Senate is hosting a carding event in the Fireside Dining Room on the upstairs level of the Hinson Campus Center this Tuesday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Extra card making machines will reduce waiting time and prizes will be handed out to encourage students to get the new cards," said Cognetta. Students can win six iPods, AMC movie tickets and other prizes.

After Thursday, students can get the new card at the Special Events Office on the lower level of the Hinson Campus Center next to Le Café.

About 20,000 students are expected to renew their student body cards, which feature

improved tracking and access to campus services, said DASB Executive Vice President Bernardo de Seabra.

The new card is needed to use the Open Media Lab in Learning Center West and the Internet lab on the second floor of the library. By winter quarter, the Admissions and Records Department may be able to accept the card for printing and copying.

Foothill College plans to use the cards for meal plans, a limited number of copies paid for by the Student Senate and for purchases at the bookstore. Cognetta said that De Anza plans to study the demand at Foothill before deciding if De Anza will offer similar services.

In addition, the cards may be used to track students' use of campus services such as counseling.

Once the monetary services are implemented, students can add cash to their cards using cash-to-card machines. Currently, there are two machines in the library. The campus plans to add one in the Student and Community Services Building and one in the Hinson Campus Center.

The Foothill-De Anza District decided to replace the cards two years ago because the cards in use then were not functioning the way they were intended to, Cognetta said. A major problem

was that the cards could not be updated to show which students were still registered at the college. Also, any monetary charges had to be manually subtracted by an employee. The new cards will automatically be updated showing the student's enrollment status and the amount of money remaining on the card.

The new cards are free of charge and available to students who have paid the \$6 DASB fee, making them among the 90% of De Anza students who are DASB members. A photo ID, including the old associated student body card, will be needed to receive the new card, said Cognetta.

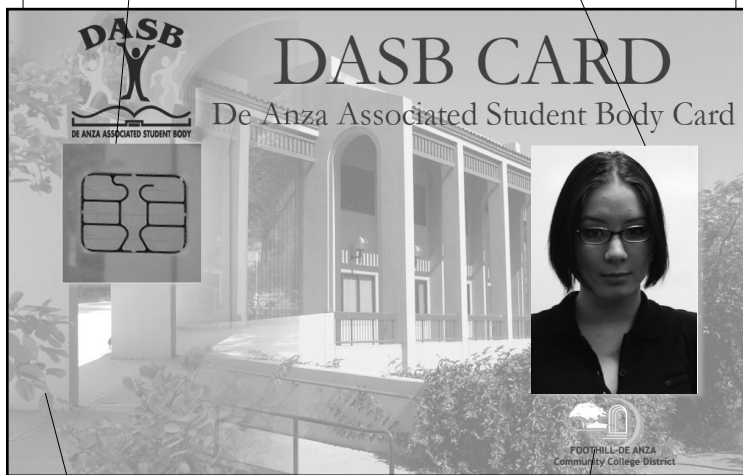
The card is valid for three years. Replacement cards due to loss are available for a \$5 fee. Students attending De Anza after the expiration date will need to get a new card. Although it hasn't been determined yet if De Anza will charge a replacement fee for those students, Cognetta is opposed to the idea.

"It would be unfair to charge students a replacement fee just because their card expired," he said.

The new cards were designed by Dennis Shannakian, the Student Activities Administrative Assistant. Cognetta said that they were bought from Capture Technologies at a projected cost to the district of approximately \$300,000 for the next three years.

Access Granted: without this, you're out of luck if you want to do more than blow your nose around campus.

You could be carrying this card for three years, so make sure you're satisfied with your picture.



The background? None other than the attractive De Anza campus, now wallet-sized so you can put it next to Mr. Washington.

The district insignia will come in handy when you're looking for a DASB-exclusive deal on your lunch. Honest.

The new DASB card is being touted as the fix-all for problems that plagued the old cards.



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DASB VP resigns SENATE GAINS, LOSES VICE PRESIDENTS

BY LILYA MITELMAN
LA VOZ

Before the school year began, the Student Senate has already lost and gained a vice president.

In early August, Vice President of Student Rights and Campus Relations Ashlie Cloutd-Barrall resigned from the senate.

On Aug. 24, the De Anza Associated Student Body Senate elected Sanjeet Heyer as Vice President of Budget and Finance. No one ran for the position during last spring's election.

"I don't know the official reason [for Cloutd-Barrall's resignation]. I know that when she talked to me it was that she didn't have enough available time to fill the position," said Executive Vice President Bernardo de Seabra.

Last Wednesday, the executive council voted to follow the process used for the August Budget and Finance Vice President election, where the nominations were opened to the student body for electing Cloutd-Barrall's replacement in the fall.

The student senate will advertise the open position the second week of school, candidates will be nominated the third week at the senate meeting and the student senate will hold elections the fourth week, said de

Seabra.

The Vice President of Student Rights and Campus Relations position has seen the greatest number of changes out of all the vice presidential positions over the past two years. In the spring of 2003, Jihai Park was elected. She resigned on Nov. 5, 2003 and was replaced by Danielle Johanson. In 2004, Martha Ruiz was elected and also resigned by never being sworn in. Nafees Hamid was elected by the senate on Sept. 29, 2004 to replace her and resigned Feb. 9, 2005 and was replaced by Cloutd-Barrall who was elected last spring and has now resigned.

"From what I see, they [senators who resign] take the senate as a lower priority," said de Seabra. There are things that are beyond his control, he said, like class load and employment, but he plans to keep people on senate by "working closely" with them and creating specific goals as well as making sure that they respect the bylaws and "take their positions seriously."

Last year, nine people ran for a total of 21 non-executive senator positions. All the candidates were elected. The only senator to resign and never be sworn in is Rithika Kumer, who also resigned on August 10. During the summer, additional people applied to become senators through the midterm election process. There are currently eight positions available.

Obituary

Andrea Leiderman, 46; community advocate

BY LILYA MITELMAN
LA VOZ



Leiderman

District Trustee Andrea Leiderman passed away Sept. 11 from colon cancer.

Doctors diagnosed her with the disease in June, 2004 after she suffered stomach pains for years that doctors misdiagnosed, said fellow Trustee and childhood friend Hal Plotkin. By the time doctors discovered the cancer it had already spread to her liver and lungs.

Leiderman first joined the Board of Trustees in 2002, when the board appointed her to fill a vacancy. She ran for the position in 2003, winning 27 percent of the vote, more than any other candidate.

"She was passionately concerned for those who are less fortunate," said Plotkin.

When the district cut salaries during budget cuts, Leiderman advocated preserving the salaries of the lowest pay bracket employees. She also raised money for student scholarships.

At last Monday's board meeting, FHDA Chancellor Martha Kanter commended Leiderman's leadership in ensuring the district reached out to neighbors during the construction of De Anza's Stelling parking structure.

Leiderman wanted the district to create programs to provide job training for students. Through her efforts, the district conducted a study, the

Leiderman was also an American government adjunct instructor at Evergreen Valley College.

The funeral occurred on Sept. 14. Plotkin said the service was overflowing with people. Kanter is planning a community service originally planned for October but postponed until November to accommodate the Leiderman family due to the high number of Jewish holidays in October.

The Leiderman family has established "The Andrea Naomi Leiderman Undergraduate Fund for Service and Research with Underserved Bay Area Youth" at Stanford University, where Leiderman's father, Herb Leiderman, is a professor emeritus.

Monetary donations can be sent to the Stanford University Development Office, 346 Galvez St, Stanford, Calif., 94305. Donations can also be made to the Southern Poverty Law Center, the Mountain View Community Services Agency, the Cleo Eulau Center for Children and Adolescents, and the Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara.

Leiderman was born in Boston on Aug. 8, 1959. When she was four, the family moved to Palo Alto and have lived there since.

Leiderman is survived by her husband, Hayes Alexander; her parents, Herb and Gloria Leiderman and her siblings Deborah Leiderman, Erica Leiderman and Josh Leiderman.

Workforce Gap Analysis, determining that jobs were available in biology and health sciences. The district is now working on offering more classes in those fields, said Plotkin.

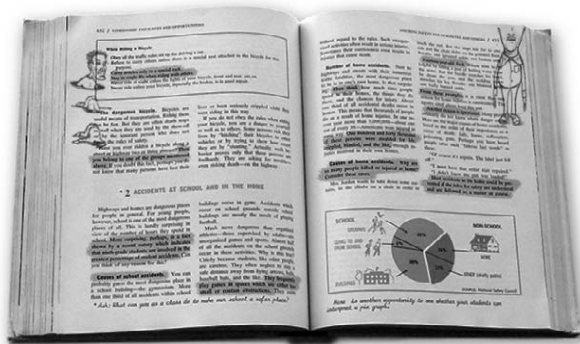
Leiderman's involvement in the community spans decades. In their youth, she and Plotkin worked as student leaders during the United Farm Workers' grape boycott led by Cesar Chavez.

Her work experience includes serving as the chairwoman of the Santa Clara County Democratic Party and working for now-Secretary of Transportation Norm Mineta when he was a congressman. She also served on the Santa Clara Board of Education. At the time of her death, she was the director of government and community relations for Kaiser Permanente's South Bay service area.

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Trustee sought

BY LILYA MITELMAN
LA VOZ

The district Board of Trustees has until Nov. 10 to appoint a replacement for the late trustee Andrea Leiderman. Otherwise, the superintendent of schools will call for a special election, costing the district millions of dollars.

By law, the district has 60 days after a seat becomes vacant to appoint a replacement to serve the remainder of the term. Leiderman's death on Sept. 11 occurred after the deadline for inclusion in the Nov. 8 election so her replacement will serve until Nov. 2007, when her seat goes up for election, said Board of Trustees President Sandy Hayes.

The four-year trustee positions currently held by Hayes and Paul Fong will be on the Nov. 8 ballot and are being contested by three candidates, including Fong. Hayes is retiring and will not seek reelection. Both trustees announced at last Monday's board meeting that they will not be candidates for the appointment.

The results of the election will not be known until Nov. 9, one day before the deadline, possibly making the losing candidate a contender for Leiderman's seat.

At the board meeting, the trustees debated whether to name the replacement before the election, thereby excluding the election candidates, or whether to wait until after the election, leaving one day to decide who the replacement will be.

Hayes said that the election candidates should be included in the process because they've already shown a considerable commitment to the board of trustees.

Trustee Betsy Bechtel agreed, saying that excluding the election candidates would be ignoring the voters

and instead the board could possibly "be looking at someone who didn't have the guts to campaign." In addition, she said it would put the election candidates in a difficult position because they'd have to choose between running and applying for an appointment.

However, Trustee Paul Fong was concerned that waiting until after the election results come out sends the message that the board simply plans to appoint the candidate with the third highest number of votes and will not seriously consider other applicants for the position.

Trustee Hal Plotkin said that with only one day to choose a replacement, a deadlock would result in a missed deadline. Vice Chancellor of Human Resources Jane Enright would be at the next meeting, he said, to report how many people the district would be forced to lay off in order to pay for the special election.

District Chancellor Martha Kanter reported to the board that the district's legal council advises being as "inclusive as possible," meaning including the election candidates if they choose to apply for the appointed position.

Plotkin said that he believes none of the trustees are stubborn enough to hold on to a position even if it costs the district millions of dollars and moved to approve Kanter's proposed timeline for the appointment process. The timeline was approved unanimously and suggests meeting early on Nov. 9 to allow the trustees extra time to decide who the appointee will be.

The advertising for the open seat and the candidate interviews will be completed prior to the Nov. 9 meeting so only the final decision will be made after the election.

The student trustees are allowed an advisory vote. De Anza Student Trustee Maryam Noor did not respond to calls as of press time.

Kirsch Center opens

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDENTS APPLY THEIR ENERGY TO NEW BUILDING

BY GERALDINE ESCALONA
LA VOZ

The Kirsch Center for Environmental Studies is one of many new buildings on campus this year, but it may be the only one that, according to Environmental Studies Department teaching assistant and student Mark Stanton, is a "building that teaches; the building is a tool itself."

According to the Kirsch Center's Web site, the interior structure and utility systems are exposed as much as possible in order to showcase the environmentally-friendly advances the building features.

The Kirsch Center is the two-story building located next to the baseball field. It is the new home of the entire Environmental Studies Department. Although the official grand opening of the building is on Oct. 14, the building will be open and available for the start of classes. The Kirsch Center was fifteen years in the making and its construction began about two years ago.

Pat Cornely, Executive Director of the Environmental Studies Department said, "The students [through the De Anza student government] assisted with the first \$180,000 for the conceptual design of the Kirsch Center."

Cornely said, "We have something to be very proud of on this campus. That's because of the students wanting some-

thing different for the campus. And some of these students did participate in the committees that were initially formed."

The layout of the building includes classrooms and labs on the first floor of the building. Offices and a conference room are located on the second floor. There are also five student meeting areas that are out in the open. There are six plasma screens in the building, some which will provide virtual tours of the building.

"It is the first building of its kind at the community college level. We're very proud of it," said Stanton.

According to the Kirsch Center's Web site, it is also a major statewide training center for energy professionals and building facilities staff and contains the first Statewide Energy Management (SEMP) lab and classroom.

Tours will be given on a regular basis so that not only students but also anyone who visits can learn about the energy and solar power systems. Individuals can sign up for a tour through the Environmental Studies Department.

"Students will be learning directly from the building," said Nicole Chaney, teaching assistant for the Environmental Studies Department.

"I'm amazed at all the little things and thoughts that were placed in the building. It makes you want to make changes in your own lifestyle," said Chaney.

GREEN HOUSE

The Kirsch Center was designed with these environmentally-friendly features:

- The majority of the windows are on the south and north sides of the building to bring in more light without having to use too many fluorescent lights.
- The building uses solar power for heat, hot water and power known as "passive-solar heating."
- The furniture, carpet and construction materials including glue and paint are non-toxic, which makes the building healthier for those who enter.
- The landscape is composed of plants native to California, which will attract native insects and birds.
- The furniture and surfaces are environmentally friendly. The countertops on the second floor are made of sunflower seeds and recycled paper. The centers of the tables are made of 80 percent recycled wheat product.

Obituary

John Lovas, 65; devoted instructor

BY SCOTT LIPSIG
LA VOZ

De Anza English Professor John Lovas passed away at his home on June 21.

Memorial services were held privately and at De Anza. Additionally, an array of online shrines have appeared, including the John Lovas Festschrift (<http://faculty.deanza.edu/johnlovasfestschrift/>), which contains over 30 contributions from family, friends, colleagues and students who posted comments on the web site.

They recall, among other subjects, Lovas' days of blogging and his affiliation with the student newspaper that earned him the nickname of "Mr. La Voz" and praise him for his excellence as a teacher and as a person.

Lovas taught at De Anza College from 1977 to 2005, during which time he also held the



Lovas

position of Dean of Language Arts, advised De Anza's newspaper, and wrote such books as "Experiences: The Reader for Developing Writers" and "Practical Writing." Prior to his time at De Anza, Lovas taught English at Foothill College between 1965 and 1977, after an education that took him to John Carroll University, the University of Utah and Stanford University.

He was born in Cleveland, Ohio and served as a Clubs Officer in the U.S. Army from 1962 to 1964. He was honorably discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant in 1968.

Lovas' most recent blog is viewable at <http://faculty.deanza.edu/jocalo/>.

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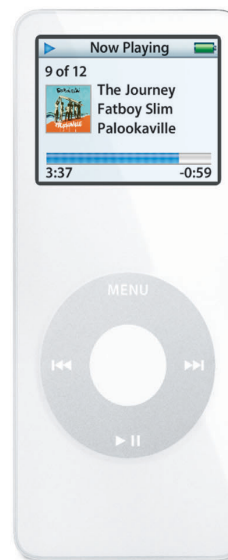
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Lemon

buildings are faculty offices. Your instructors get lonely! Visit them!

Salmon

buildings are part of the Creative Arts Division (A-quad). This includes the Euphrat Museum and Broadcast Media Center. If your class has an A prefix, it will be here.

Magenta

buildings are part of the L-Quad. The Advanced Technology Center and Multicultural Center are here. If your class has an L, AT or MCC prefix, it will be here.

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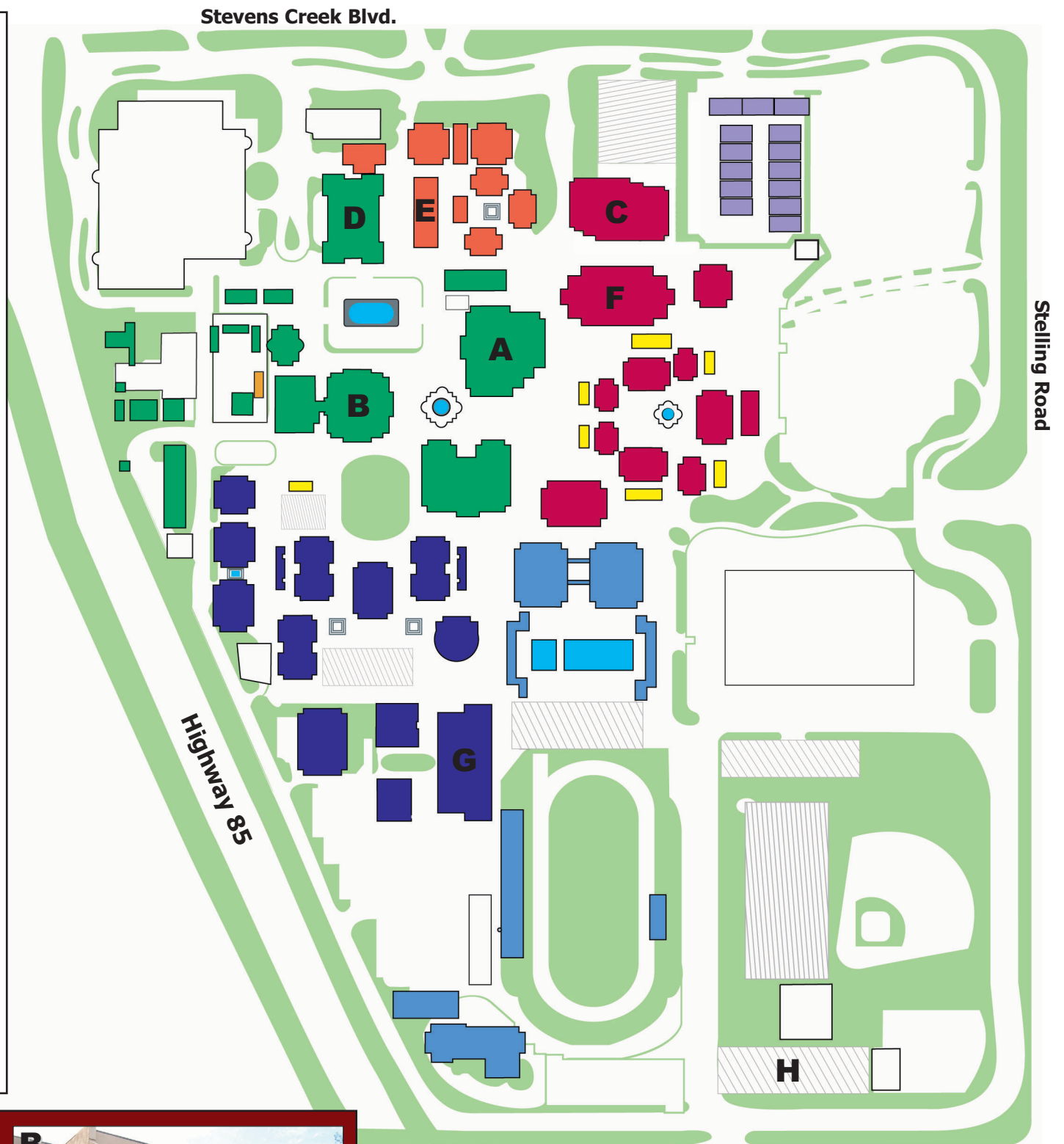
buildings are part of the Science and Engineering Divisions (S-squad and E-quad). The Planetarium, Science Center, and Autotech Garage are in this area. If your class has an S or E prefix, it will be here.

Cyan

indicates buildings used by the Physical Education Division.

Lavender

buildings are portables. If your class has an MQ prefix, it will be here.



The Hinson Campus Center
Eats, seats, student government



The DeHart Learning Center
Check out books and do HW



The Student Services Center
Pay for stuff, see a counselor



The Flint Center
Catch the latest special event



The Euphrat Museum
Brush up on modern art



The Advanced Technology Center
Need a computer? No problem



The Science Center
Who really knows?



The Kirsch Center
Beautiful environmental reserve

Back-to-school checklist

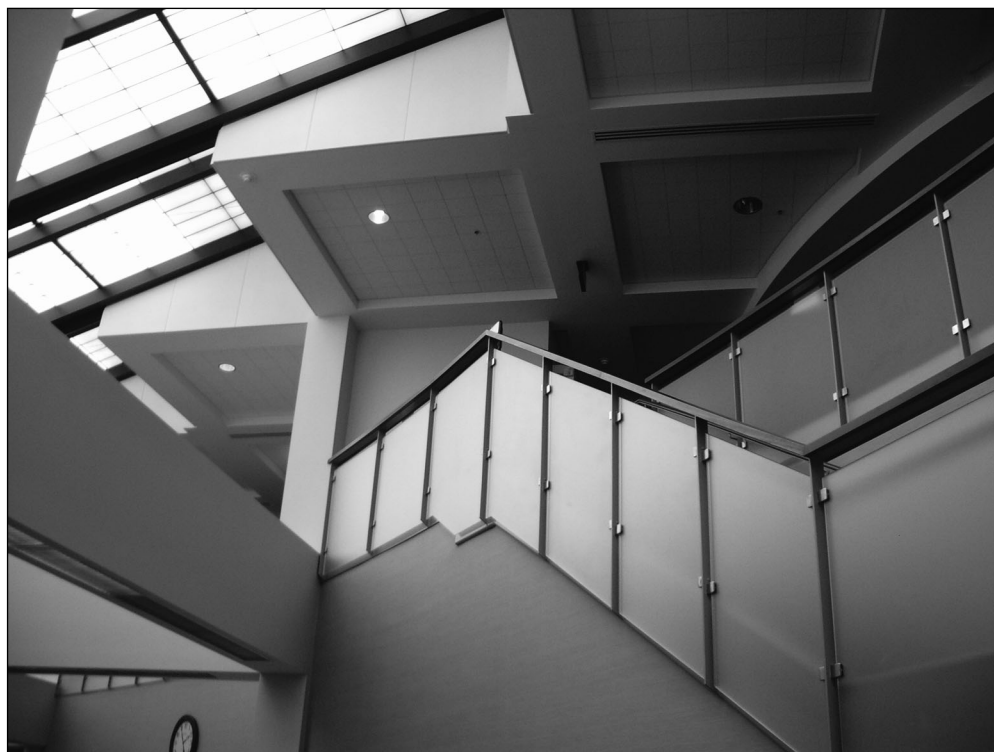
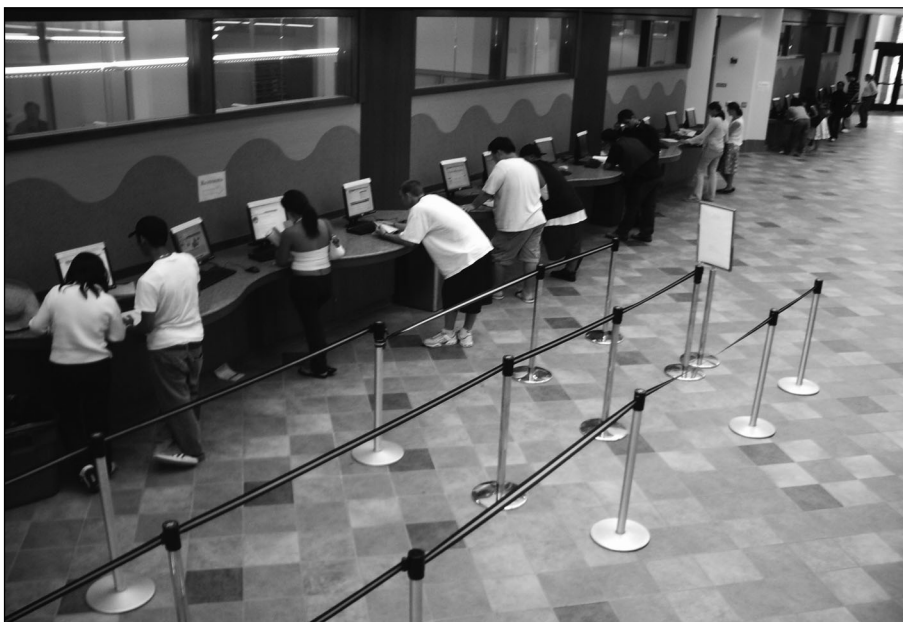
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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Buy your books! You'll no doubt have plenty of texts to purchase for your new classes. The De Anza Bookstore will have everything you need. | The Bookstore (inside location C), Aida's (in the Oaks Center) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Apply for financial aid! Free money! all you have to do is take the time to fill out the FAFSA form. Pick one up at various locations on campus. | Two offices in the campus center (location A on the map) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Get a parking sticker! Guess what? You get to pay for the privilege of hunting for a parking space in the lot. So think of it as a hunting license. | Guess where? Student Services (location C on the map) |
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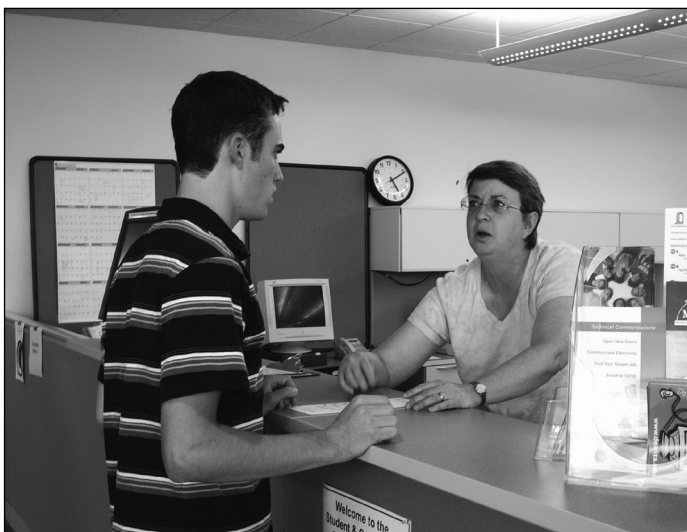


"If we value independence, if we are disturbed by the growing conformity of knowledge, of values, of attitudes, which our present system induces, then we may wish to set up conditions of learning which make for uniqueness, for self-direction, and for self-initiated learning."

– Carl Rogers, a founder of humanistic psychology



Above: Students use computers to register for classes for which they can buy their textbooks a few feet away
Right: An environmentally friendly alternative to elevators



Far left: Gail Vandiver, Senior Secretary of the Career Center, tells a student how to apply online for admission

Left and below: The Bookstore before the onslaught of approximately 5,000 students each day of the first week of fall quarter



The new director of success

YOU'RE GOING TO NEED MORE THAN ONE HAND TO COUNT THE NUMBER OF LANGUAGES HE CAN SPEAK

BY MELISSA LEWIS
LA VOZ

Gregory Anderson is the new director of Student Success and Readiness, a position designed to unify the ESL, English Writing, and English Reading Readiness programs.

His office, which he has occupied for three weeks, reflects his interest in higher education. On his shelves are dozens of books on student development accompanied by a 2005 University of Southern California award for excellence in mentoring, juxtaposed with a bottle of "Miracle Bubbles."

His workspace reflects his personality. He takes his position seriously; he ran an international teaching assistance program for the University of Southern California, and before that ran programs at colleges all over the world. When asked to confirm how many languages he speaks, he shrugged off the comment and said casually, "You know, I only feel comfortable speaking a few... French, Spanish, Japanese, a little bit of German, and a couple of African languages."

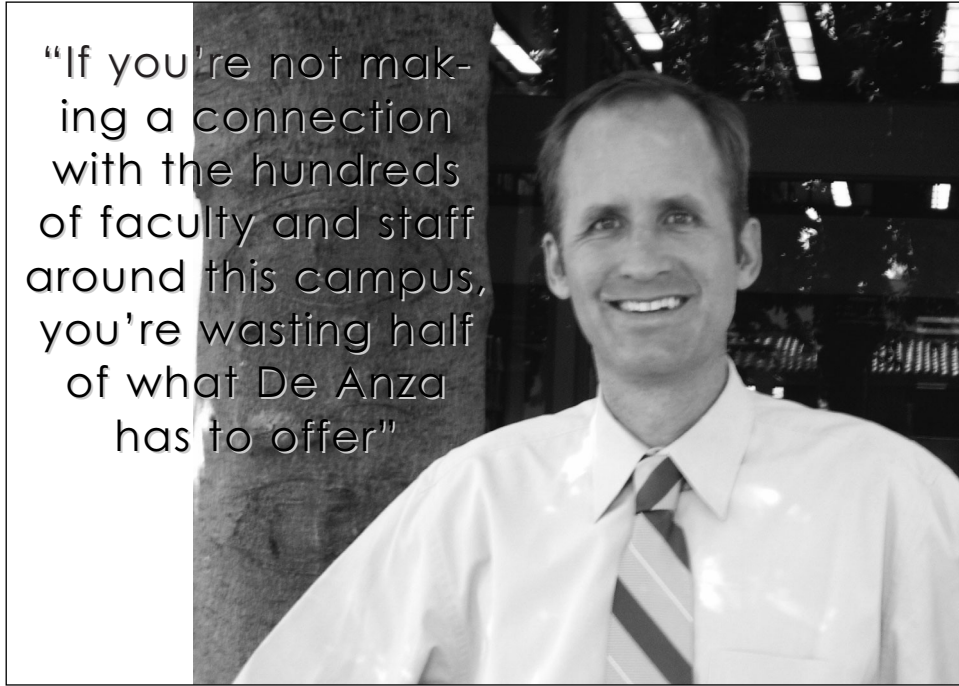
Anderson's educational background is unconventional. He was an undergraduate at the University of Wisconsin, and earned his Master's Degree at the School for National Training in Vermont.

"It's a very alternative school, where they don't have any grades at all and everybody focuses on learning rather than on GPA," he said.

He just finished coursework for his doctorate in Higher Education Administration at the University of Southern California and is working on his dissertation now.

Such an extensive education serves a purpose for Anderson.

"If you're not making a connection with the hundreds of faculty and staff around this campus, you're wasting half of what De Anza has to offer"



Anderson is as unusual as his background, which includes mentoring, solidarity and a Master's Degree from a college without grades. He's here to bring English programs together.

"I really believe in the power of developmental education. I think that a lot of people have a stigma about developmental education that is really wrong. It's for people who are highly qualified in some areas and need help in others. I think this job really focuses upon that."

Anderson, although he's yet to meet many students, likes the faculty and administration, and has enjoyed his stay at De Anza thus far.

"If you're not making a connection with the hundreds of faculty and staff around this

campus, you're wasting half of what De Anza has to offer," he said.

He believes that the benefit of going to a college like De Anza is not only interacting with staff, but also with other students.

"De Anza College attracts people of varied backgrounds, varied experiences, thoughtful people, and people who have made a difference. Students would benefit so much from getting to know each other."

This sounds like the right attitude to have when it's your job to prepare thousands of students for their future at De Anza.

A De Anza professor in Texas

ENGLISH TEACHER MARY ELLEN GOODWIN PROTESTS NEAR PRESIDENT BUSH'S RANCH

BY CORINNE REILLY
LA VOZ

De Anza English professor Mary Ellen Goodwin wanted to take a summer trip. She considered traveling to Amish country, or New Orleans. But in the end, she decided she'd rather spend her vacation in a ditch.

For two weeks, Goodwin camped in Crawford, Texas, just down the road from President Bush's ranch, next to Cindy Sheehan and the thousands who joined her hoping to bring an end to the continuing war in Iraq.

Sheehan, whose son died in Iraq in 2004, began her encampment in the ditch along the gravel road leading to the president's ranch on August 6, after Bush did not take time from his five-week vacation to meet with her to respond to questions about the war and her son's death. "I want the President to tell me what this 'noble cause' is that my son died for," Sheehan told the Associated Press.

"I didn't really decide to go there. It was a calling," Goodwin said of her decision to travel to Camp Casey, named after Sheehan's deceased son.

"Over the last five years, I've felt our country has been hijacked. It's not the direction I believed our country should go in," Goodwin said. "It's not the way I want it to go, so what am I going to do to change it? I can sit here and complain about George Bush, the administration, the war. But in the end, what am I going to do about it? There's not much I can do as an individual, but when you have thousands of individuals, they can move mountains. They can make

change."

Goodwin left the Bay Area on August 17 at 1 p.m. with Jesse Dyen, a musician from Oakland who replied to her online post for a rideshare to Camp Casey. They arrived 32 hours later.

"Going down to Texas was about hope. Something was finally really happening," she said. "We could run to Canada or Mexico or wherever, but what good will that do? I think it's worth our effort to try to change things."

Goodwin said that it's not the military she opposes. "It's not our military. We need them. It's the administration and how they are using the military. The experience wasn't to go down there and protest and make friends. It was to go and make sense of the madness that is going on out there."

Goodwin and Dyen were among the first to settle at Camp Casey II, an acre of open space bordering Bush's ranch, offered by a local landowner as a second site to the original roadside ditch, which had become crowded with anti-war activists in the 11 days since Sheehan arrived.

Fueled by donations from all over the world, Camp Casey II became an improvised small-scale society, according to Goodwin, complete with large tents for shelter, a full kitchen, a PA system, a medical tent, plenty of port-o-potties and shuttles running between camps.

"We took care of each other," Goodwin said. "And there was no problem we couldn't handle."

Someone always emptied the trash. Someone directed traffic. Someone stayed at the information booth to help new arrivals. There was coffee every morning.

"People just took it upon themselves to do what needed to be done," said Dyen.

Amid hard work, relentless fire ants, snakes and 100-plus degree temperatures Goodwin found transcendental moments.

Everyday she changed the rubber bands holding together the white crosses set up in rows by Veterans for Peace, each cross representing a soldier killed in Iraq. "The heat was so much that the rubber bands just disintegrated, so they had to be changed. That was a special time of the day for me," she said. "The crosses were a constant reminder that what we were doing there was so important."

For the first time since the war began — nearly two and a half years ago, nearly 2000 American deaths and countless Iraqi deaths later — Goodwin said she finally believes the movement to end it is making progress.

"No one else could break down this barrier," Goodwin said about Sheehan. "I think that's because she really is just a grieving mother. She really believes that we need to do better for our children. We didn't raise our children to die for someone else's greed."

Goodwin saw Sheehan's struggle as an opportunity to reclaim her country.

"The message is 'take our country back.' What is it that the people of the United States really want? Is it the Bush agenda? In my heart, I really don't believe that is what people want. Coming out of the experience, I felt like I had a right again to claim this as my country," she said.

"I think that fifty years from now, people will go to Crawford, Texas and stand on that corner and say, 'something happened here.' I've come away with a new sense of purpose."

KISS your butts goodbye

BY LILYA MITELMAN
LA VOZ

De Anza College has become the eighth smoke-free community college in California as of Sept. 1.

The FHDA Board of Trustees unanimously approved the change, which affects Foothill and De Anza, on June 20.

At De Anza, smoking will now be permitted only in student parking lots A, B, C (excluding the Stelling parking structure), the north section of parking lot E, staff lots A-1 and J, and the top floor of the Flint Center parking structure.

"No smoking" signs, funded by the DASB Senate two years ago, have been put up around campus and all ashtrays have been moved to the designated smoking areas.

The health center will distribute 4000 quarter-page flyers with a campus map showing areas where smoking is allowed, suggestions on smoking alternatives and contact information for organizations that can help students quit smoking.

This year, there will be no disciplinary action for those not adhering to the new rules. De Anza Health Educator Mary-Jo Lomax calls it "enforcement through education." The college will focus on informing students of the new rules and will form a committee comprised of health center representatives, administrators, campus police and students to discuss possible disciplinary action to be implemented next year. Other colleges that have gone smoke-free have reported that there is no need for disciplinary measures because most people follow the rules, said Lomax.

Last fall, Robert Johnstone of Institutional Research conducted an online smoking survey, according to the March 2005 issue of "A Su Salud," the De Anza Health Services newsletter. Out of 6,839 student, faculty and staff responses, 80 percent wanted stricter restrictions than last year's 25-foot rule. Nine percent preferred a 40-foot policy, 27 percent preferred designated smoking areas and 44 percent preferred a smoke-free campus.

Robert Cormia, a Foothill instructor, Foothill's Coordinator of Health Services Naomi Kitajima and Lomax presented the survey's results to campus governing boards including the Student Senate, the Academic Senate, the Classified Senate, College Council and the Chancellor's Advisory Committee. The Student Senate unanimously voted to endorse a smoke-free campus. Lomax said that the other campus governing groups supported a smoke-free campus also.

The survey findings were presented to the FHDA Board of Trustees at the June 6 meetings and the issue of a smoke-free district was voted on at the following meeting on June 20.

"We thought we would be under the gun and it was just on the consent calendar," she said.

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Here at De Anza College, regurgitation of facts and statistics is no longer enough to earn you that gleaming 4.0, and if you are being educated correctly, grade point average will matter less.

Your experience here need not be simply a means to an end; it is inherently a valuable

journey. Here, amongst over 25,000 other people, you will learn more about yourself as a single human being and more about your function as a member of humanity. Your relationship with yourself and others is dynamic, and this college affords you the opportunity to take advantage of that inevitable characteristic.

As your new sentries, we also appreciate the diversity of backgrounds, perceptions, opinions, and values that our campus has to offer.

We have just as much to learn from the people with whom we disagree as we do from the people who share our views, perhaps more.

We look forward to plenty of "Letters to the Editor."



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Where the @#%\$! is parking lot E?!

De Anza Voices

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 LA VOZ

What do you think of De Anza's new smoke-free policy?



"I don't smoke, but it doesn't matter to me if people smoke on campus if they have designated places outdoors and places to throw their cigarettes away."

— Chris Larosa



"They should allow people to smoke on campus, because the smokers will all be crowded into the parking lots."

— Jae Jung



"I think the school should designate areas closer to the campus for smokers so they don't have so far to go if they're smoking between classes."

— Min Kim



"It's better without smoke everywhere on campus. There are a lot of smokers who never respected the 25-foot limit around the classrooms and just smoked right outside the door. It's very irritating."

— Sara Verches

Harsh climate

IN THE AFTERMATH OF KATRINA, THERE ARE STILL PLENTY OF BLOWHARDS



MELISSA LEWIS

When Hurricane Katrina hit counties in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama and destroyed thousands of homes, killing hundreds in the process, people reacted irrationally. It seemed the only faces you saw on television are of people raiding stores, screaming, crying, or making accusations. They are now homeless, panicked, sick, dying people. And politicians.

Yet people who have homes, who need not panic, who are neither sick nor dying are also acting irrationally. People have been blaming opposing political parties and sundry politicians and have been screaming endless hypothetical situations and ideas of what should have been.

Every day, on Air America Radio, hosts Randi Rhodes, Jerry Springer, Al Franken and Laura Flanders repeatedly criticize President George W. Bush, former Federal Emergency Management Agency Director Michael Browne, and conservatives in general for their responses to Hurricane Katrina.

Rush Limbaugh spoke of liberals "rubbing their hands together" in anticipation of the ability to blame conservatives for the hurricane. The headline for his September 9 show in his archives at <http://www.rushlimbaugh.com> reads, "The Left Celebrates Katrina Destruction, Terror Attack They've Been Waiting For."

Liberal talk show hosts and

writers call President Bush "evil," "stupid" and "a puppet." See: Al Franken, Bill Maher, and Jon Stewart. Conservative talk show hosts and writers call liberal politicians "evil" and "treasonous," and accuse liberals of assaulting our schools and military. See: Ann Coulter, Michael Savage, and Rush Limbaugh.

Politicians, the media, and people in general have repeatedly blamed President Bush, Michael Browne, the local and state governments of the states affected, the people who did not leave their homes after they had been advised to do so, Satan, and Mardi Gras. Whether these factors are to blame, is irrelevant at this point.

America's legacy is not derived from the actions of a specific government; it was designed to remain fundamentally the same but comprised of different agendas every few years. Its legacy is its people and their ability to cooperate in order to preserve their collective and individual rights and liberties. However, the government will not work to right its wrongs if the people are too languid to state their grievances to anyone but their buddies and blogs.

The definition of patriotism is clear for most: love of one's country and willingness to sacrifice for it. What seems to be lost in the definition is the meaning of "country" and "sacrifice." "Country" includes the people you don't like or even know, too — not just the romantically abstract star-spangled freedom and liberty paths of it all. And "sacrifice" means giving what you value to a greater purpose, not pausing mid-purchase of your fiftieth pair of designer shoes to remark that you can't understand the government's apathy toward the underprivileged.

FLINT CENTER

IT'S ALL COMING TO DE ANZA COLLEGE THIS OCTOBER

BY DAVID GUNDERSON
LA VOZ

With the old administration and bookstore buildings closed, the campus center might seem like a ghost town. Yet, there's still some life in that large building next to the sunken garden. No, we aren't talking about the library, exciting though it may be. We're talking about the Flint Center, one of the most happening places on campus.

A nationally known venue, the De Anza Flint Center draws personalities and performances from all walks and levels. Here's what to expect this October:

October 1-2:
Malan Flower, a contemporary Chinese fairy tale.

Boasting opulent set designs and production values that will appeal to all ages, this adaptation includes not just the original stories but new twists and turns for those who have heard it before, along with the addition of song and dance numbers.

According to their Web site, stepping inside transports you to the magical forest of Malan Mountain. And who couldn't use a little more of that? The performance will be in English on Oct. 1 and Chinese on Oct. 2.

October 8:
Silicon Andhra

Silicon Andhra is using the Flint Center to hold their 2005 cultural festival in celebration of the culture of the Andhra Pradesh region of India. In contrast to the speakers and lecturers the Center plays frequent host to, this festival opts for show instead of tell.

One hundred and fifty children will perform the history of Andhra as a dance ballet, and other dancers will reenact important events in the historical or cultural development of the region in more detail. One featured dance number is the Fire Dance, which features dancers in neon makeup moving to high-energy tribal music.

In the Shadow Puppet Theatre, one of the most popular traditional arts, attendees will have the opportunity to see Andhra Puppets, which are considered

October 11:
Irish Tenor Ronan Tynan

Known internationally as one of the Irish Tenors, Ronan Tynan is touring to support his latest CD. With his variety of traditional Irish songs and those from other cultures, Tynan is a fantastic vocalist not to be missed.

October 14:
San Francisco Symphony performs Grieg's Piano Concerto

Herbert Blomstedt, famous for his interpretations of Bruckner, leads the San Francisco Symphony.

This concerto, like all of Grieg's work, was based on the folk myths of his native Norway and works to pull the listener down into the mystery and wonder that lies within them.

October 19-21:
Celebrity Forum presents Robert Ballard

Celebrity Forum brings leaders, scientists, and those at the head of their profession to De Anza and gives students an opportunity to interact with the people who shape our world. Robert Ballard is an internationally renowned oceanographer. Although you may not know his name, you know his work. Explorations of sunken ships such as the Bismarck, Britannic, and Lusitania are a few of his claims to fame – but you'll know him as the man who found the legendary Titanic. Dr. Ballard will be illustrating his talk with slides and video clips.

October 22:
Peninsula Symphony Presents Jon Nakamatsu


Jon Nakamatsu is a California native whose ability on the piano has taken him around the world and back again. A former high school German teacher, Jon has enjoyed international acclaim since becoming the gold medalist of the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in 1997. He is the first American since 1981 to receive that honor. He will be performing Wagner's Prelude to Act III of Lohengrin, Beethoven's Piano Concerto #4 Op. 58, and Symphony #1 in D from Mahler.

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