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VOTE TODAY

DASB elections in
main quad all week

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Survey: 62 percent won't vote

Despite a barrage of campaign posters, almost half of all students polled are unaware of this week's DASB elections

by **Jon Paul Hoornstra**
SPORTS EDITOR

A survey distributed last week on the De Anza campus indicates that most students polled will not vote in this week's De Anza Associated Student Body elections. Additionally, 27 of the 60 students surveyed were not aware of the coming elections at the time they were given the survey.

Surveys were distributed Wednesday and Thursday to 39 night students and 21 morning students at various locations on

“
There will be no pizza.”

—Dennis Shannakian,
co-director of student activities

vote would be “financial incentives.”

Sixty-two percent of students surveyed said they did not plan to vote in the election, and another 12 percent did not indicate whether they would vote or not. De Anza's official election code states that three percent of the student body (currently about 800 students) must vote in order for the election to be valid.

In past elections, the school offered one slice of pizza per vote in order to meet the minimum requirement. This year, “there will be no pizza,” according to co-director of student activities

Dennis Shannakian. “They [the election committee] will try to get votes through other means. No freebies.”

Given five choices, the plurality of non-voters felt that “better marketing and communications about time and place to poll” would motivate them to vote.

According to presidential candidate and current senator Shirin Darbani, the DASB did have the financial means necessary to provide pizza as an incentive for voters.

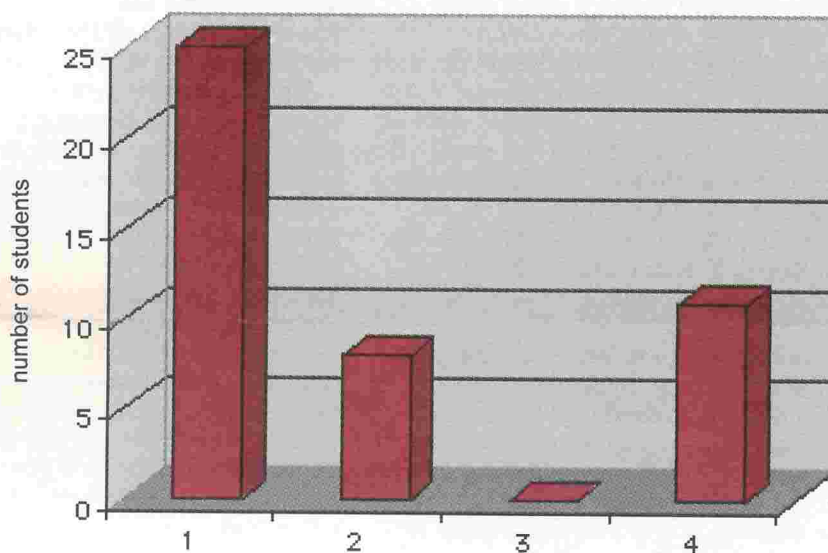
Voting is open to all De Anza students. Votes can be cast today through Friday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon. All voting will be conducted by secret balloting in the main quad.

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Current and former DASB
senators offer their opinions
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Why aren't you voting this year?



1. "I don't know the candidates."
2. "I don't care."
3. "I know who the candidates are, but I feel that none of them meet my needs."
4. "I didn't know there were elections."

Infographic by Joe Bruna / La Voz

MEMORIAL DAY HONORED



The DeCillis Vietnamese Conflict Collection (left) is displayed year-round upstairs in the Learning Center. De Anza's student and faculty veterans took time this year to reflect on how the war has touched their lives.

Brian Cua / La Voz

by **Edgar Pimentel**
STAFF WRITER

Talking about war is not easy. Interviewing people who have gone through events as powerful as war often touches upon points, or draws out images which

may be difficult to come to terms with. For the most part, the newer generation of college students has not experienced war first-hand as these gentlemen have. Our imagination and our understanding is in this case limited by our experiences.

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Men of honor? *Memorial Day oblivious in the face of atrocities by Washington officials*

by Jichen Deng
SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

Let's face it, how many times has our government been straight with us? Possibly fewer times than I have fingers ... on my left hand. We have crooks and criminals of all kinds pulling the strings in Capitol Hill. All of them can tell a lie through their teeth with a solid face, I bet none of them can say a word of truth without cracking and feeling discomfort. What do you make of that? Career politicians, that's what.

My favorite is Bob Kerrey, a distinguished member of our Senate. Did you know he's also a distinguished murderer too? He's quite an accomplished fellow. Some might disagree. It depends on how you want to look at it. If you believe slaughtering women and children during wartime qualifies as humane, then Bob Kerrey can be your hero. But let me tell you his story before I go on about what I really think of this slimy swine.

Like many other politicians, Kerrey served in the military. He led a special forces, Navy SEALs unit in Vietnam. In 1969, his team of seven members was dispatched to a small village deep in North Vietnam. Their objective was to capture a Viet Cong official. Coincidentally, the official was not in the village and Kerrey's team ended up killing a dozen or so villagers, mainly women and children.

That was the gist of it, but here's the good part — the way Kerrey remembers what happened that night is contradicted by his teammate, Gerhard Klann. Kerry and Klann are friends. Klann saved Kerrey's life in a later mission; the two apparently have no quarrel with one another. Kerry told Dan Rather in an interview on "60 Minutes," that the whole thing was a huge mistake.

The team received small arms fire from the village from the distance of a football field. The team then retaliated with its array of heavy arsenals ranging from M-60 machine guns to grenade launchers on a couple of

straw huts. Kerrey said they creamed the place before they got anywhere near it and when they did enter the pile of burning wreckage, they saw dead women and children lying around. Oh, and he also said he was very sorry, in the way a savvy politician would say it if he was pressed to the wall with a knife at his throat.

Okay, that was how Kerrey accounted for the atrocity. This is how Klann said it went down — they received no fire upon approach and entered the village unscathed. They rounded up all the occupants from the hooches only to find their target not present. However, they couldn't leave with themselves and the mission exposed. If the villagers live, they would place the team in great jeopardy.

This is where it gets real interesting — Klann stated that Kerrey gave the order to group the 20 or so women and small children in the center of the village and shoot them. The order was given and the team fired at will at point blank range, unleashing a wall of lead with bits of flesh flying at them as the bullets chewed it off the bone.

Can you imagine that? Our honorable Senator stained with the blood of the innocent. And when asked about the conflicting stories, Kerrey said, "That's not my memory of it." Can you believe this guy? I mean, he doesn't deny it, the first thing out of his mouth is some ambiguous garble that can go either way.

When I heard that, I thought — pure politician all the way, that snaking son-of-a-b----. Don't you love those neutral answers that don't mean a horse's ass from lowlives like Kerrey? This guy can avoid straight answers with the best of them, à la Bill Clinton. Then again no one can keep up with the unprece-

dent high standards for deception out of which Arkansas Bill has made a name for himself.

Washington is like an old Spanish Galleon. If you can find one rat on board, there's bound to be a whole lot more, maybe you can't see them, but sure enough they're there. With one critter named Bob Kerrey dug up, I wonder how many more of his kind there are.

Think about it, it's a big, big government out there, the list goes from the executive office at the top down to the minute bureaucratic workhorses on the bottom.

This institution is littered with thieves, cons, charlatans, phonies and the occasional lunatics, among other things. I

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get the fear when I ponder too deeply into the multitudes of corruption happening on so many levels. It scares me, it really does, to think that my hard earned tax dollars are paying the salaries of these fraudulent pigs that are defrauding me!

There lies the irony to this masquerade, we pay them to screw with us and make our lives a living hell; I have got to ask — are we out of our minds?

With the economy on its last wheel and the imminent threat of darkness throughout the summer, it is painfully clear that the government isn't doing what it's supposed to be. It comes as no shock when the politicians aren't exactly who they say they are.

I don't know what to mourn for this Memorial Day — the fact that all those brave souls that served this country sacrificed their lives for the welfare of our people and government and the stability of our way of life, or the shameful fact that they sacrificed their lives so that a handful of swine can have power and riches and hide their dirty secrets to keep things that way.

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Student Alliance is much more than catchy slogans and pretty t-shirts

Hey! My name is Sharla Stevens, former DASB President and I am writing this to strongly endorse Luis Bocaletti and Izaac Singh for DASB President and Executive Vice President, and all of the members running under Student Alliance! These people are much more than a catchy slogan and pretty t-shirts. I have been on senate for two years now and I have made many interesting observations. Some of the people running who claim to support multi-culturalism and education through diversity, do not vote that way in senate. Some of the programs members running under Student Alliance who were on senate this past year voted to fund STARS \$26,000, SLAMS, CalWorks — which is a program that helps lower income students get books and supplies, and the Multi-cultural Center.

During the Fall quarter Luis Bocaletti, Izaac Singh, Gerladine Garcia, and Colleen McGuire as well as many others fought hard for student equity in math. That debate was that should we raise the requirement for math, we need to make sure that everyone is getting the necessary support across the color lines!!

Student Alliance cares about education across color lines. They want to make sure that we are all on board. This is just a snapshot of all the amazing things these people are about. Yes, there were people in DASB who fell asleep in meetings, used student funds to go out to eat and drink alcohol, and who did not support multi-culturalism, assisting lower income students, students with children and students of color (which is the majority of students here).

The people of Student Alliance were not those people. Their campaign is deeper than lowering bookstore prices or better food. These are the people who do this kind of stuff because it is who they are. Trust me when I say that they will be fighting for your rights whether they get elected or not! However they can fight harder if they are elected.

Luis Bocaletti and Izaac Singh and the rest of the candidates running under Student Alliance are supported by the STARS program, Sista Circle, Women's Awareness and Allies Club, the founder of the Salsa Club, Dr. Marion Winters, Cynthia Kaufman, Eugene Fujimoto- the director of Diversity, Rowena Matsunari, Thelma Redmon, myself as former DASB President and many, many others! [ed note: include Monica Krauth, La Voz editor-in-chief, as support for Bocaletti and Singh]. Be an informed voter and do your homework, then vote Luis and Izaac for President and Exec V.P. and the rest of the members of Student Alliance!!!

-Sharla Stevens
Former DASB President



David Codeglia / La Voz

Singh is not a leader

Do I want a racist representing me? Many DASB senators have seen the white board of Izaac Singh's (current DASB Senator and candidate for Executive Vice-President) office and have noticed the reverse discrimination that has been displayed. Phrases such as "down with the whiteness" and terming Caucasians as "white devils," along with expletives that I can't write in a news article, have been on a public white board but have mysteriously disappeared with the onset of election. As a former Students for Justice member and current senator, I feel I have an obligation to inform the student body of some of the realities that have been masked by a gang of purple shirts.

I am not writing this to accuse anyone of anything or as a slanderous tirade to "vote for the other side." My motivation is to accurately inform the students at large of the real wheelings and dealings on campus, something that *La Voz* has either been blinded to or is selling the student body short of.

Racism is a powerful word, one that litters this campus as much as the slogan "Student Alliance" and has lost its effect because of its overuse. Although it probably does exist at De Anza on some level, charges of racism, prejudice, and discrimination seem to be flung at the faculty and administration as if they were all members of the KKK. Singh, during the math AA requirement controversy, referred to the Academic Senate and the Math Department as being "sooooo racist." This, might I remind you, is the same administration (one that is very ethnically variant) who have been pioneers in diversity outreach programs and attempting to set standards for student equity.

As a senator, one of the privileges we have is representing the student body and bridging the gap between students and administration. How can a "leader" at De Anza fight and accomplish anything for students when there is so little trust and respect for the people who we are supposed to be working hand in hand with and who undoubtedly have the best interests of the students at heart? Contrary to what some people think, the faculty and administration are not our enemies.

I will not endorse Izaac Singh or the slate he represents because he is not a leader. A leader is someone who will fight for you and your representation, not someone who incites division.

-Senator David Raman Sarkis
Former SFJ Member

No more lies!

I'm tired of lies. As a student of De Anza for the last three years, I have seen many DASB Senators come and go. Izaac Singh, the current Vice President of Programs and candidate for Executive Vice President, stated last year in his elections material, "... one of my main goals is to establish a center for developing programs to assist students who are largely left behind in our mathematics departments." His empty promises last year have been repeated again this year. Working with him in the Senate throughout the year, I have not seen him fulfill any of his promises. Don't vote for someone who is going to continue lying to you.

-Jaylyn Luan
Vice President of Students Rights and Services

It'll take more than straitjackets to get this Senate committed

"That's one of my Goddam precious American rights, not to think about politics." - John Updike

This month, I have effectively waived this right. Actually, I have open handedly eliminated it from my life almost entirely. For this election, I am running for Vice President of Programs, as its past failures beckoned me to get involved. The point of this article, however, is not to explain my platform for the Committee renovation. (I'll have that for this week's speeches). Instead, I find it necessary to comment on a severe lack of commitment afflicting the candidates for next year's Senate.

What concerns me most about next term is that only about half of the candidates running in this election bothered to show up for last week's mandatory Senate meeting. While no grievance has yet been formally submitted, please take this as a warning sign to the level of responsibility provided by those candidates. This neglect assails even the candidates running for executive positions. I was the only one of five candidates for VP of Programs who attended last week's meetings. I do not understand how a person could successfully lead a committee, especially one as failure-prone as Programs, without attempting to understand what broke down and how to avoid the dilemma next year. It is the consensus of the committee that a lack of devotion and commitment to the duties precipitated its failure. I have looked into a variety of ways to restructure Programs, but all require effort in the committee. All require a leader intent on making each member pull his weight. As a friend of mine pointed out, "this responsibility starts from the top and works its way down."

The same is required for the Senate as a whole to function. I fear that if you as a voter do not require this accountability, we will be subjected to a Senate that is not only subjective and ambitious in its viewpoints, but also misdirected, flaky, and immature. The Student Body Senate acts on your behalf to institute policy, to fund and endorse programs, and to hear your grievances. It is thus implied that we owe a substantial level of responsibility to you as constituents. Unfortunately, we are working at a deficit, and you, as the students, are paying the price.

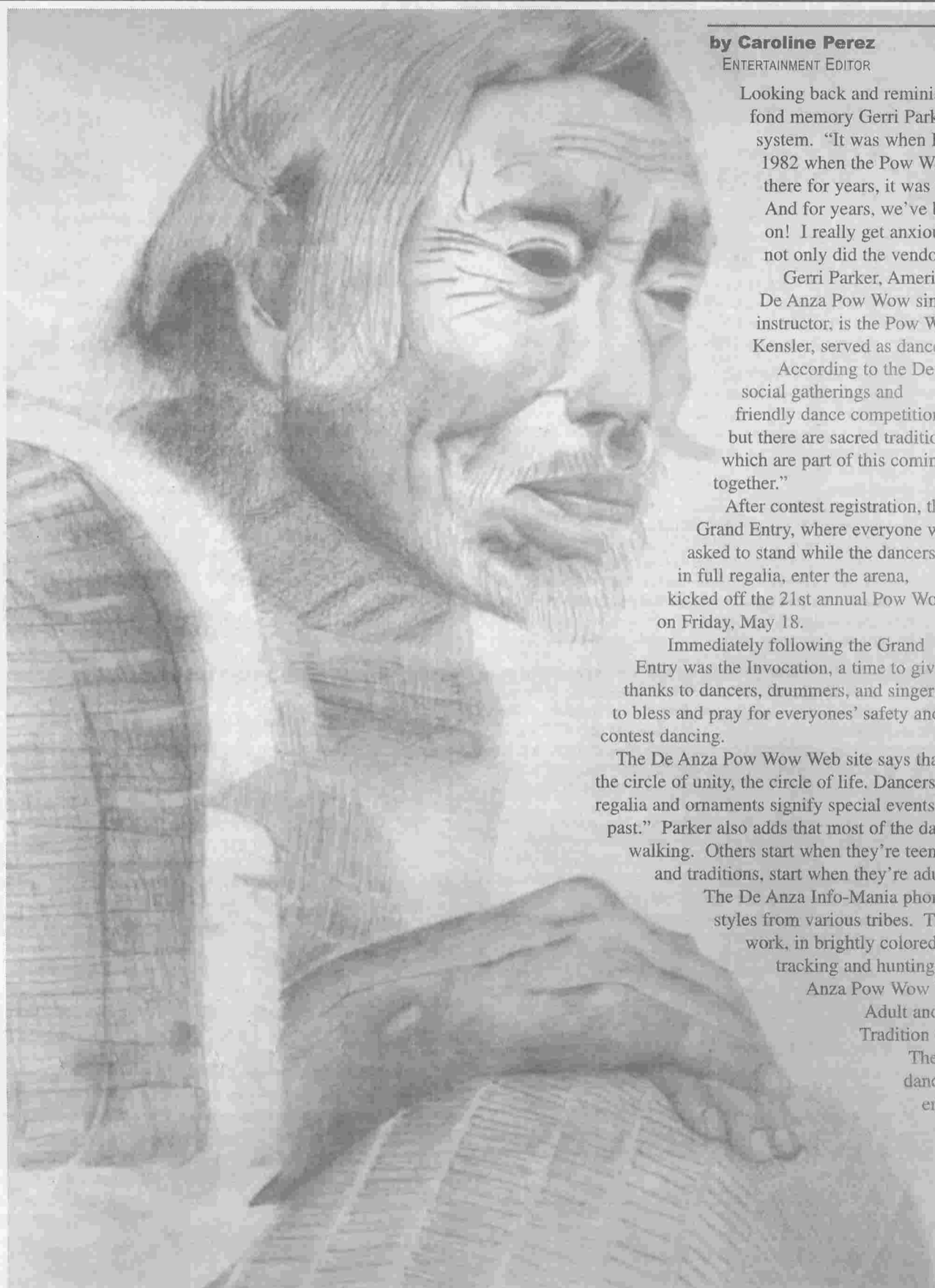
I posted a statement near my signs mirroring this incongruity. It was a product of my frustration and perhaps not the most eloquent plea to require integrity and commitment, for that I wish to apologize. My request however, remains the same.

If you want a Student Government that attends meetings and works actively to improve affairs in a constructive manner, you as a voter must demand this attitude from the candidates. If you want Senators that maintain an objective viewpoint by making decisions based on the merit of the argument, its effect on De Anza College, and separate from their personal affections towards it, you as a voter must demand it for the candidates. If you want a Student Government that actually wishes to improve the status quo and put forth the mandatory effort to do so, you must appraise and select suitable candidates. If you want next year's Senate to obey a humane level of conduct, to settle differences in a constructive and independent method and to approach issues with some semblance of impartiality, you as a voter must demand it from the candidates. It's your future and your college; you must require the accountability.

Please vote!!

-Chris Mikita
DASB Senator

21st annual Pow Wow



by **Caroline Perez**
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Looking back and reminiscing at the earlier days of the De Anza Pow Wows, on fond memory Gerri Parker, pow wow chair, has involves the De Anza sprinkler system. "It was when I was a part-timer," Parker explains. "I believe it was in 1982 when the Pow Wows were at the Advanced Technology building, has been there for years, it was there till 1991, ... and the sprinklers didn't get turned on! And for years, we've been known as the Pow Wow where the sprinklers came on! I really get anxious about making sure the sprinklers get turned off because not only did the vendors get wet, but the whole lawn and dancers."

Gerri Parker, American Indian Studies instructor, has helped coordinate the De Anza Pow Wow since 1983. Leslie Berry, also an American Indian Studies instructor, is the Pow Wow Coordinator. Former De Anza student, Megan Kensler, served as dance contest coordinator.

According to the De Anza Pow Wow Web site, "Pow Wows are celebrations, social gatherings and friendly dance competitions, but there are sacred traditions which are part of this coming together."

After contest registration, the Grand Entry, where everyone was asked to stand while the dancers, in full regalia, enter the arena, kicked off the 21st annual Pow Wow on Friday, May 18.

Immediately following the Grand Entry was the Invocation, a time to give thanks to dancers, drummers, and singers, to bless and pray for everyone's safety and health. The rest of the evening included exhibition and contest dancing.

The De Anza Pow Wow Web site says that "many dances are done in the circle which represents the circle of unity, the circle of life. Dancers often follow the clockwise path of the sun. Some of the regalia and ornaments signify special events in a person's life, religious tradition or legends from the past." Parker also adds that most of the dancers learn to dance when they're little, when they start walking. Others start when they're teenagers. "Even those who are separated from their culture and traditions, start when they're adults and someone else has to teach you [sic]."

The De Anza Info-Mania phone service states there would be several different dance styles from various tribes. The Men's Fancy Dance includes "agile and exciting footwork, in brightly colored regalia." During the dance, the dancers imitate birds, tracking and hunting, in addition to weaving and gliding, according to the De Anza Pow Wow Web site.

Adult and elderly women participate in the Women's Southern Tradition dance, which is done in a graceful, dignified manner.

The Open Gourd Dancing is the oldest and most traditional dance, which is performed by veterans of war. In certain ceremonies, dancers dress in full regalia while some wear beads or shawls over their shoulders that are decorated with German pins.

The Honor Dance is done in respect to elders or in recognition of an individual group to the community.

The American Indian Film Festival took place on Saturday, May 19. Parker says, "I started with the film festival because I wanted the community, particularly the Indian community, to be able to see the films we were using in the American Indian Studies classes. Because I think sometimes it's a mystery to the community what goes on in these classes and I want them to know what we're doing and I want to hear any objections they have to material or content."

Sunday's events included Gourd Dancing and Intertribal dancing, as well as the announcement of contest winners.

“ Thank you to the DASB, the AIS division, multicultural center for financially supporting the Pow Wow. That's really important. This is not an event that we make money off of.

Gerri Parker, American Indian Studies Instructor

Jon Paul Hoornstra / La Voz

In the 1890's, photographer Edward Curtis was commissioned by US President Theodore Roosevelt to capture Native Americans in their traditional surroundings. In his travels to the Pacific Northwest Coast, Curtis met with Chief Yakotlus of the Kwakiutl tribe in the present-day province of Vancouver. The drawing above is based on a 1910 photograph Harris took of Yakotlus shortly before the chief's death. The Pow Wow is, like Curtis' thousands of photographs, a means of preserving American Indian culture.

DASB Election Special



When:

Tuesday, May 29 -
Saturday June 2

Time:

8 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday
8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Saturday

Place:

Main Quad, in front
of the
Administration
building



graphic by Caroline Perez / La Voz

Presidential candidates Luis Bocaletti and Shirin Darbani

Questions and debate over definition of slate

by **Monica Krauth**

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Election Committee held a meeting last Tuesday where the main topic for discussion was that of "slates," which roughly translates to political parties.

The current De Anza election code states that slates are illegal and that candidates could be disqualified if caught running on slates.

Worried about disqualification from the election, The Student Alliance, a progressive coalition of 17 candidates, approached the Election Committee and asked them to further define the rule, the reason being confusion on multiple explanations.

The alliance was specifically concerned of the rationale behind a rule enforced by the committee a day prior.

"The 5:00" said that by 5 p.m. Wednesday, posters such as "17 Heads are Better than One" and those listing the 17 candidates on one poster had to be removed from campus.

Tuesday's meeting highlighted a guest speaker- the Vice President of Student Services Robert Griffin- who said that those posters by definition of slate is "campaigning as a unit."

"We [Griffin and the district legal council] think that that is a violation of your election code," Griffin said.

Vice President of Students Rights and Services candidate under Student Alliance Colleen McGuire said that the fact that candidates cannot form slates

“ It still would have been violating ‘The 5:00’ under whatever definition you go by.

- DASB Senator Kea Lowen

goes against their First Amendment rights.

"It's a constitutional right for me to associate with whoever I want on a public campus. I feel like I ran in this election with these people. I took a risk ... I don't even believe it's a risk. I believe

that I have a constitutional right to form a slate ... I've talked to some lawyers about that," McGuire said.

In addition, students from the alliance and students supporting the alliance felt that the definition changed from last year, even though it had the exact same wording.

During the past two elections, the election code stated the same diction that candidates may not form slates. However, to violate the committees at the time interpreted this to solely include a "vote for all" box on the ballot.

"This means you can't do XYZ, even though you could do it the year before. It's unfair for those who didn't know that," said former De Anza Student Body President Sharla Stevens.

■ see SLATES page 7



Left-
Presidential
candidate Luis
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Izaac Singh

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Presidential candidate sound bites

Athletics:

By putting more money [into programs] it would just be a band-aid. It wouldn't really solve anything. Marketing and communication to increase participation is more important.

Bookstore alternatives:

One of the members of student alliance has developed a bookstore co-op idea. He proposed a system where you donate your books and get assigned a color for each subject. For example, if you turn in a science book, you can get an equal value book back from another student. You're basically exchanging books with other students. If we get voted in, we would definitely support possible funding of this project.

Challenges faced while on Senate: No respect for fellow senators' opinions.

Executive VP candidate sound bites

Opinions on Stipends:

I think, for sure, that we should cut back on the scholarships given to senators because I think it's way too much money. I think the senate has been privileged with money and therefore has lacked in the work that they do ... I think we should come up with some sort of scale, that if you miss meetings during the quarter, you miss this much money. There's no accountability for senators at all.

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Shirin Darbani & Usman Shakeel
Luis Bocaletti & Izaac Singh

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Kea Loewen
Samrah Khan
Colleen Sung McGuire

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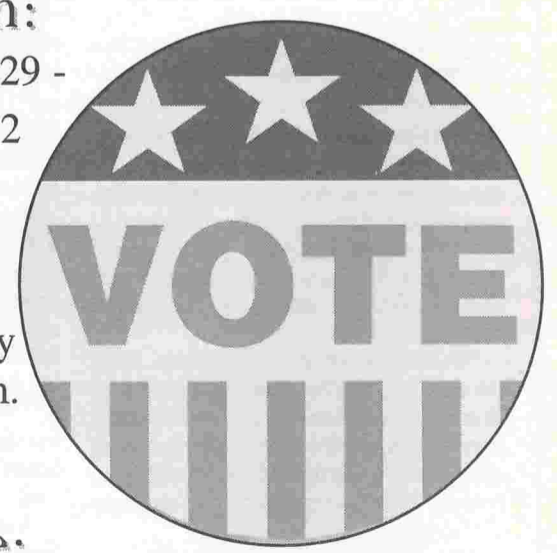
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Senate candidates

VP Finance
Brett Jensen
Geraldine Garcia

VP Marketing & Communications
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VP Technology
Neil Parekh

Senators (up to 22)

Mary Mazaheri
Christina Schranz
Srividya Shehardi
Rafael Beyer
Taban Zarrinnaal
Shira Leeder
Alice Tsui
Karie Martin
Jeff Carter
Rami Gasim
Diana La
Jittaun Batiste
Sulaiman Hyatt
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Yu-Ting Chen

April Sanders
Mimi Tao
Farid Alhadi
Joyce Chun
Ahmed Khatib
Aneela Haider
Umar Douglas
Brian Paolo Cua
Christina Luna
Kimberly Cofer
Quynh Chi Nguyen
Shannon Quady
Colin Pickel
Janie Garcia
Cassandra Flores

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asked for definition. We gave you definition," committee member

“ After the election committee meeting, I was dis- gusted. People who have a set mindset on issues or topics don't belong on the election committee. **”**

-Huong Nguyen
VP of Marketing and communication candidate

and current Vice President of Technology Christopher Domingo said.

"You gave me definition for here. but what i'm saying, it can't be implemented into the code. for next year, it can." Harris Williams said.

Candidates from the Student Alliance still had questions. In addition to the inquiry about "The 5:00," candidates from the alliance were concerned that running under the same slogan might constitute as running under a slate.

Griffin said that he and the district legal council felt that a slogan is not considered a slate. "It is a right, a freedom of expression, freedom of association."

Thus, he said, that he and the district council think the students have a right to post posters, which read "Student Alliance." "You can't stop a person from support- ing another person," Griffin said.

In the aftermath of the Tuesday's meeting, candidate for the position Vice President of Marketing and Communication Huong Nguyen said, "After the election committee meeting, I was disgusted. People who have a set mindset on issues or topics don't belong on the election committee. Regardless of how well we fight or argue our case, they already know that they are going to shoot us down."

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Shirin Darbani

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Presidential candidate sound bites

Bookstore alternatives:

Two Stanford students have recently designed a web page supported by their school for a book swap. It allows students within the campus to post used books that they want to sell.

Senate challenges:

The challenges that I faced this year were ensuring the fund- ing of student oriented programs.

Opinion on Stipends:

DASB should ... not give stipends at all to student government representatives. Even though many hours are required for each position, the students should not be paid ... Stipends only entice those who participate solely for the money and fill the Senate with apathetic student representatives.

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Executive VP candidate sound bites

Athletics:

Sports are an integral part of De Anza College. We pride our- selves on the accomplishments that th esports teams make each year. Funding for sports is quite important because it helps the teams to train hard and play well at their events. Strongly feel that our athletic events should be marketed more vigorously in order to have greater student population.

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Student elections should offer online voting

Editorial

The opinion of La Voz

Here at De Anza, students have a voice, but with the limited voting hours set forth by the election committee, many working and distance learning students won't have the opportunity to voice their right to vote in this coming student government election. Next year's committee should consider the use of web technology to help ensure all voices could be heard.

De Anza is situated in the heart of Silicon Valley. Down the street are huge corporations like Hewlett-Packard, IBM and Apple. Our little valley seems to be at the center of Internet technology development.

So, in addition to paper ballots, why aren't our student elections offered online? According to the Election Commissioner at Foothill College, Yiping Chen, in addition to the paper ballot, this is the first year they are using an online E-ballot. A team of administrators, webmasters and the Foothill student government officers helped get the online voting up and running.

The Internet claims 61.5 million active users in the United States. An additional 100.9 million Americans have Internet access through schools, libraries or other means.

While that does not represent the entire population, it does underscore the massive size of the available audience and the opportunity that audience offers to presidential candidates.

According to a recent *La Voz* survey (see front page), 57 percent of students said that they will not do so, because they "don't know the candidate." Eighteen percent of the non-voters will not vote because they "don't care." 45 percent of all surveyed didn't know elections were even taking place.

Al Gore, an outspoken friend of the Internet, launched his presidential candidacy online, as did Republican candidate Steve Forbes.

President George W. Bush used his Web site to disclose the



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record amount of donations his presidential campaign has received. The political debates for last November's presidential election have seen all the candidates pitching their respective Web sites.

The Internet offers the benefit of reaching the voter directly, sending an unobstructed message without a media filter, and allowing visitors to study the candidates' backgrounds, whether it is Bill Bradley's professional basketball career or John McCain's time as a POW — and issue positions in depth.

In 1998, Jesse Ventura shocked the political establishment in Minnesota (and across the country) by winning the governor's race on the Reform Party ticket. Part of his success is attributed to his use of the Internet to raise money and get his message to voters whose traditional media servings may not have taken the former pro wrestler's candidacy seriously.

Voting online itself is something that is still being researched and appears, at some degree, to be inevitable. The Internet can increase voter turnout, make it easier for many to vote from home, and perhaps create and engage a better-informed voting

public. Its scope, though, is still undetermined.

According to "Berkeley Computing & Communications," a report set out by the Regents of the University of California, a few students at UC Berkeley voiced concerns about security. The system is secured by the student's CalNet ID (not social security number) and password.

Privacy was also an issue for some voters, because computer labs are not very private. Their hope, if this system is implemented over the next year, is that many students will find private moments when they are on a computer. Also, once students are authenticated and logged in, their vote is recorded separately from their ID. The only piece of information associated with their ID is that they voted. This is to prevent multiple votes from the same person.

It's not that anything will be lost when working and distance learning students vote from remote terminals instead of at the local polling place. But what we stand to lose is ephemeral. What we stand to gain from virtual voting is very real.

Pre-election period proves poor example of politics



Jasmin Bodmer
NEWS EDITOR

I am all out of words. I used to talk a lot. I used to consider myself an agent of political socialization and sophistication. I tutor Political Science at De Anza, and I used to tell my students as much as I could about government and politics.

I used to tell my students that political offices are sought after and won by

virtue of merit and experience, not by virtue of connections and affluence.

However, the recent campaign DASB election frenzy has left our campus so over-plastered with colorful fliers and oversized banners that I am left speechless.

The Froot-Loops landscape suggests that those with the best financial resources for campaign materials leave the strongest impression, regardless of political content and conviction.

I used to tell my students that politics is not about looks, it's about brains. Nevertheless, I have never seen as many Colgate-smiles shin-

ing down from posters as I have seen this week.

I also used to tell my students that alienation from the political process is a dangerous thing. It spurs cynicism and apathy.

However, the limited preparation time allotted for candidates, the thinly dispersed announcements of the pre-election events and the election, and the recent controversy around campaign requirements leave students everything but informed and motivated to participate in the process.

I used to tell my students, too, about what a great case study our student government is.

It's the grassroots training camp for those who might one day be running for public office. It's the almost sacred ground on which perhaps — and hopefully — a better, stronger, more ideological, more honest and more

effective kind of governing will grow.

However, in wake of the DASB elections, even the most immediate and most promising

political arena — student politics — seem to fail at upholding the principles of politics we are supposed to know and honor. What am I supposed to tell my students?

To be honest, I don't what to tell my students anymore. I am all out of words.

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Open your mind and vote



Robert Haugh
MANAGING EDITOR

Well folks, it's that time of year again. Time to vote for next year's De Anza Associated Student Body government. Sounds fun, eh? Time to elect 30 representatives to whom you, the students, will allocate over one million dollars, of which they will disperse among several significant programs.

They will make consequential decisions on key issues and will collectively be your voice. These elections are your chance to let your voice be heard.

Reality, people: you don't desire taking a small fraction of your precious time to fill out a ballot that will be read by a computer. Filing a ballot will take only a few moments and you owe yourself to make an informed decision, casting a ballot for candidates that will represent your voice.

Of over 20,000 [being conservative] students at De Anza, just over four percent of those students voted last year, when they received a slice of free pizza. Dismal and pathetic. Your voice is important, and is a vital part of our campus. According to a recent *La Voz* survey [see page 1], many students only vote if they are offered free food

or other gifts. Students need to make their voice heard. Express your constitutional rights. Vote.

Like hawks hovering desert plains probing prey, campaign posters and banners flock our campus. Some posters are elaborately creative, simple and unique, and others are promiscuous, entertaining, or plain silly. Your student fees will be handled by who you elect, invest your fees wisely. Ignore those annoying catch phrases and cliches and become informed. Vote.

Next week, DASB will present the students two open forums where candidates will be addressing issues and concerns. Not attending one or both of the sessions will keep you uninformed about the candidates; there are approximately fifty candidates and only 30 are seats available in the Senate. Your vote is just as important as an extra five minutes working on that term paper you have been shrugging aside for weeks.

Challenge the candidates by approaching them and asking them intelligent questions. They might express the same opinion that you have, they may not.

You owe it to yourself to vote intelligently. Read the voter's guide and look at past senate meeting minutes that are located in the Student Activities Office.

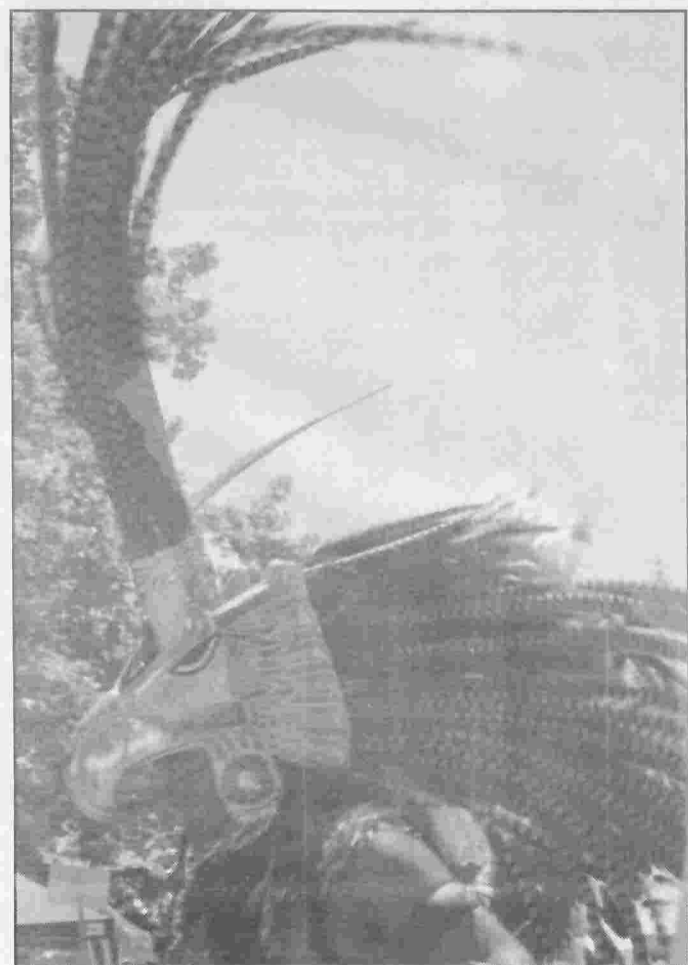
You owe it to yourself, "vote for a student senate that will live up to their mission statement: By the students and for the students," -- *La Voz*, May 14

7 a success at De Anza



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Douglas Scholfield, pictured above, is a member of the Wintu Tribe. He won first place in the Men's Fancy Dance contest.



Left: This Aztec dancer's headpiece was made from male peasant feathers. According to Gerri Parker, American Indian studies instructor, a dancer's regalia can cost anywhere from two-three thousand dollars.

Keeping the tradition alive

An inside look at Native American culture

by Brenna Candelaria

SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

My family is Mississippi Choctaw. Our American Indian name is Choate. When I was a little girl, my Aunt Judy would tell me stories, true stories about the people who made me who I am. The stories she taught me were not from books, but were passed down as sacred words breathing wisdom. Each story sings a voice from the past. These voices were kept alive, inherited by each generation.

Now I have a son and I also share with him the voices from the past that run through his blood.

My family originally came from Mississippi but was forced to migrate from Mississippi to Oklahoma. They walked what was called "The Trail of Tears." Many did not survive. As my family relocated to Oklahoma, certain traditions continued to persevere.

Dancing in the Circle of Life continued as a way to strengthen the spirit and keep the dying traditions alive. As many in our tribe began to intermarry and move on, the traditions dimmed. Hair is sacred and reflects the soul. Many American Indians cut their hair in order to get jobs and fit in.

Where is the American Indian tradition today? Today we see many powwows around the nation. However, more and more of our youth seem to be lost. The tradition is quietly weeping in a corner waiting to be forgotten.

Our youth do not identify themselves with a culture that has traditions sewn in their veins.

Our youth identify themselves with what the media shoves down their throats everyday. They do not want an ethnic group tagged to them. They want to be a part of uniform ideas that are presented to them on TV and magazines.

Traditions are slowly fading with each generation that passes.

If the American Indian people do not share their voices and stories the traditions forever will be lost. The voices are whispering to us to hear the drum beat in our hearts, to join the circle of life with our ancestors. The strength to be survivors is in our blood. Truly if the voice of our traditions does become quiet we will lose the souls who have sweated and bled for the free breath we take.

At one time my grandmothers and grandfathers had to risk their lives to dance at a powwow or have long

hair. The importance to do these things is what kept their spirit alive. American Indians

the student perspective

must not forget how important story telling is to the well being of our community.

If we lose the voices of our past we will lose the beat of our soul.

We must keep the tradition alive. The "Trail of Tears" slayed many gray-haired people who carry the words of those before them. This forced migration could have made a group of people extinct. Knowing the ways of our people will give us the strength to choose the right path.

The "Trail of Tears" did not kill the voice. The "Trail of Tears" forced American Indians to hold on even tighter to their traditions.

Today many powwows will chant "keep the tradition alive." Native Americans are holding on to their traditions, teaching children to listen to the voices that echo in our veins.

Attending powwows in respect to the prayers that are being danced in the circle of life. Our children must learn the stories. Our children will be the ones who will carry the voice of traditions on the red road.

The "Trail of Tears" did not end our tradition and neither will time. We will persevere, and our traditions will survive.

Student and faculty veterans reflect on impact of wars

MEMORIAL DAY

From front page

Our involvement in World War II had clear cut objectives. People believed in the things it was being fought for.

Vietnam and Korea left something more of a bitter taste in our mouths, we didn't know exactly what our involvement in the "conflicts" meant. The "Vietnam Fiasco" as Mr. Sandoval put it. Fighting for your survival and the immediate survival of those around you is one thing, fighting for an

idea or a theory is another. The lives lost in these two conflicts are no less valuable than any other lives lost in any other war.

Many often forget the reason behind holidays and often disregard them as just another day off work or school.

Memorial Day is a day to remember the battles, lives and sacrifices that American soldiers have endured in order to maintain our way of life and preserve our ideals.

Enacted after World War II, the G.I. Bill gave returning war veterans the opportunity to, among other things, receive federal aid while attending school.

Sowul comments on the bill, "that's how I got through college. All the way until my masters." The bill also made "a lot of money available for home loans." De Anza has an office of veteran affairs, where officers who have served the United States through military service.

Kris Padin, Veterans Program Coordinator, says, "The office of veterans affairs is here primarily to assist veterans attending De Anza College. The majority of people I deal with have served a minimum of four active years in the service."

"Most of the people are getting the Montgomery G.I. Bill who have been in active duty ... Disabled veteran's dependents also qualify for certain benefits." Contact Padin by visiting the veterans' affairs office or calling 864-8230.

Memorial Day is a reminder of the price and consequences of war. It is a day to reflect on the things that as Americans we take for granted.

"You didn't list Vietnam on your resumé if you were looking for a job before 1980 ... Vietnam split this country like nothing had ever done before, except the Civil War. That healing process continues. And there's still a lot of people,

three million people, who served in Vietnam. There's still an awful lot of people with an awful lot of problems, who won't go to these movies... because they can't handle it; they can't deal with it." says Lt. Col. John Swensson, an English instructor at De Anza.

Jerry Sowell, a retired math instructor at De Anza received the purple heart in World War II. He came face to face with death and was nearly killed himself as a mortar shell came in and debris from an

explosion killed one of his comrades, wounded another in the arm, and hit him in the chest area.

De Anza Student and Vietnam War veteran Dan Sandoval

“Vietnam split this country like nothing had ever done before.”

-John Swensson, English instructor

commented on the cold reality that Vietnam War veterans received when coming back to the United States. "Unfortunately a lot of young troops and military people came out and started falling by the wayside. The drug culture really had a terrific impact, it destroyed a lot of lives."

"Memorial Day is a part of our tradition, a part of our heritage, and therefore it should be looked upon in a more patriotic way."

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Miscellaneous
Church of Scientology - Your personality determines your happiness. Know why? Call for your free personality test, 1-800-293-6463.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND NEWS

Asian Pacific American Students For Leadership: APASL will present a discussion on Asian American and Pacific Islander activism in politics and community. The event will take place on Tuesday, May 29, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Conference Room A in the Hinson Campus Center.

Asian Indian Fun Fair: The Drishti Indian Student Club will present a fair with food and dance in the Main Quad and Campus Center Patio on Wednesday, May 30, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Wacmania 2K1: The Wrestling Appreciation Club will present a wrestling event on Thursday, June 7, at 12 p.m. in the Main Quad. Participants include "Kamikaze Kid" Jardi Frantz and "The Innovator" Vincenzo Massaro.

22nd Annual Student Film Festival: The Film and Television Department will present student shorts produced for different film, television and animation classes. The event will be held on Friday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. in Room A11. Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door. For more information, contact 408-864-8527.

The Marketing/Communications Office of De Anza College contributed to this compilation.

Student activities

Tuesday

DASB Election 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Main Quad
APASL - APA Month Panel Discussion 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Conference Room A
Chi Alpha Christian Leadership Club Officers Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Student Activities Conference Room
DASB Administration Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meeting Room 2
DASB Programs Committee 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Activities Meeting Room
Students for Justice Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Indy Media Center Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Meeting Room 1
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Association Meeting 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Sunken Garden
Phi Theta Kappa Meeting 3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Santa Cruz Room
Drishti-Indian Club Meeting 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Student Council Chambers

Wednesday

DASB Election 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Main Quad
Chi Alpha Christian Meeting 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Drishti Indian Club - Asian Indian Fun Fair 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Main Quad
Inter Club Council Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
DASB Finance Committee Meeting 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. Santa Cruz Room
DASB Technology Committee 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Meeting Room 2
DASB Senate Meeting 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers

Thursday

DASB Election 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Main Quad
MSA: Talk on Women in Islam 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Conference Room A
Auto Tech 11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Room E12B
Chi Alpha Christian Club Prayer Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Meeting Room I
International Connection Club Officers' Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Student Activities Conference Room

Wrestling Appreciation Club Meeting 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Student Council Chamber
Asian Pacific American Students for Leadership Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Room L-96
Chess Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. Student Council Chambers
International Connection Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Meeting Room 2
Students for Justice Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Meeting Room 1
Studies of the Old and New Testament Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m. L 42
DASB Executive Committee Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Santa Cruz Room
Muslim Student Association Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m. Student Council Chambers
DA Film & TV Guild Meeting 2:45 p.m. - 4 p.m. AT 120
Students for The Truth Club Meeting 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. Student Council Chamber
Grace Fellowship 4 p.m. 6 p.m. L-21

Friday

DASB Election 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Main Quad
DASB Marketing/Communication Committee 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Activities Meeting Room
Drishti Indian Club Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. L-23
Dance Connection 2:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. PE 11U

Saturday

DASB Election 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Main Quad

Sunday

Dance Rehearsal & Club Meeting 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. PE 11U

Monday

Inter Club Council - Karaoke 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Campus Center Patio Stage
De Anza Anthropology Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. L 31
DESSI Club Meeting 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers
Disabled Students Unlimited Club Meeting 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers

-Courtesy of Student Activities

De Anza celebrates culture of Asian Pacific Americans

by **Caroline Perez**
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

From guest speakers to spoken group performances, the last two weeks of May have been devoted to Asian and Pacific Americans. In 1992, May was officially designated Asian Pacific American Heritage Month.

The main purpose of the events were to bring more cultural awareness to the De Anza College community. The cultural celebration started on May 14, with the Asian-American and Pacific Islander clubs of De Anza setting up tables in the main quad.

The tables displayed maps of Asian countries and products, such as books and food, to represent each cultural group.

The next several days included guest speakers, film screenings, a Pan-Asian spoken word group from Chicago called 2 Tongues, and a number of additional events.

One speaker, Todd Inoue, is a freelance music writer and a former De Anza student. His works have been published in the San Jose Mercury News, The Metro, Skateboarding, 360hiphop.com, Wallofsound.com and other media.

Inoue spoke on how he got into writing and held a question and answer session.

Other events to come are a discussion on activism and politics by De Anza's Asian Pacific American Students for Leadership Club today in Conference Room A and an Asian Indian Fun Fair sponsored by the Drishti Indian Club in the Main Quad on Wednesday, May 30.



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From left to right: Vanessa Torino, Tuan Thanh Louv, and Eugene Fujimoto.

Two \$500 Asian Pacific American Staff Association Scholarships were given out to De Anza students Vanessa Torino and Tuan Thanh Louv in a reception held in the Euphrat Museum on Thursday, May 17.

The snacks provided at the recep-

tion represented different Asian countries, from India to the Philippines.

Student applicants had to write an essay describing their efforts and involvement in the Asian community as well as gather letters of recommendation.

33rd Annual Duel at De Anza



Photos by Brian Cua / La Voz

According to the De Anza website, the annual "Duel at De Anza" autocross, which draws an average of 2,000 spectators and attracts competitors from throughout California, invaded Parking Lot A on Sunday, May 20.

Competitors pay \$15 single, \$25 combo M&F, three divisions, many cars including vintage Lotus, Corvettes, Cobras and modern imports as well. Racers are required to wear helmets and seatbelts, and are given three laps around the course.

They race not just for time, but also for accuracy, being penalized for hitting cones and whatnot. Contact Mike Brandt and the Auto Tech Club and Program at 408-864-8527.

