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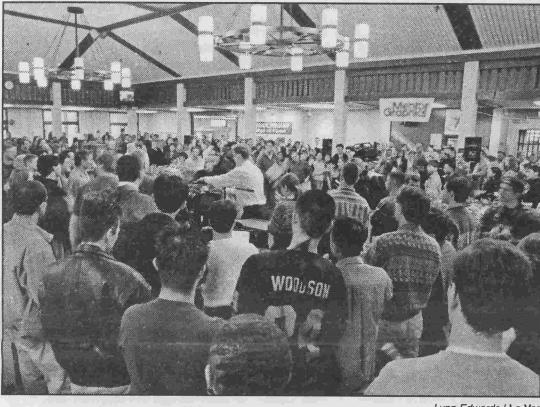


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Above, The Hinson Campus Center was packed to overflowing last Friday when Stephen Hawking made a free appearance to talk about his feelings on corporations, laws, science and human nature. Hundreds of students from De Anza and neighboring schools attended Hawking's lecture.

Below left, Ben Aiken, a student from Gunn High School in Palo Alto, uses a voice synthesizer similar to the one Hawking uses to answer questions from the crowd.

Below right, Hawking's mood was light as he joked with audience members and discussed his life's work.



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The scientist In US

by Bryan Rockstroh STAFF WRITER

he smile is what gets you. It strikes without warning and when it hits it seems to change Stephen Hawking from a wheelchair-bound physicist to a mischievous little man who would sooner play a practical joke on you than spend a lifetime trying to uncover the mysteries of the universe.

When you get close to him you are struck by an overwhelming sense of presence. It's as if he is real, and everything around him is made false for a little while. Then he leaves, and the world releases a held breath, as if a tiny black hole has passed through the room.

Professor Stephen
Hawking visited De Anza
College on Friday, Jan. 21,
and addressed a wall-to-wall
crowd for lunch in the Hinson
Campus Center. The Lucasian
Professor of Mathematics,
dressed in a relaxed red-andblue plaid shirt, spoke to the
students through the voice
synthesizer on his wheelchair
for about twenty minutes on
the topic of "Awakening the
Scientist in All of Us."

Mentor Graphics was prominently on display as students, staff, and faculty gave Hawking their complete atten-

Well, almost. At the height of Hawking's talk I looked in the corner of the cafeteria and noticed a couple of students studying. That's devotion.

Astronomy instructor Sherwood Harrington conducted the question-andanswer session following the talk. Students wrote questions down on slips of paper and handed them in before the lecture began, and some of the representative questions were directed at Hawking

It takes him some time to answer each question because he has to compose the answer on the computer on his wheelchair, word by word. It's a long process that seems to underscore the quiet determination of the man. During the lapse between question and answer, other non-scientific questions were thrown at his assistant, Chris Burgoyne.

Burgoyne.
"What kind of music does he listen to?" one student asked.

"He listens to ear-bleeding Wagner," replied Burgoyne.

"Why did he go to Vietnam?" another wanted to know. Burgoyne started to reply but Hawking appeared to cut him short, preferring to respond to the question on his

"I went to Vietnam to visit a child my wife and I had sponsored," Hawking revealed. "We had a wonderful time, and the girl will visit us at Cambridge this summer."

As for students considering a career in physics, he said, "my advice to those who want to do physics is to do well in math. Mathematics and physics are good choices for the physically disabled because they are all in the mind."

Hawking also addressed a sold-out Flint Center audience

"Can you hear me?" he asked the Flint Center audi-

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Focus on Rocker's talent not his quotes

The press should have no friends.

- Joseph Pulitizer



Robert Haugh STAFF WRITER

John Rocker is not the average twenty-five year old baseball hurler. He is pumped up, charged up, and ready to play his game in full.

Rocker makes a living out of throwing baseballs, hopefully strikes. The ace closer captivated the sports world after Braves closer Kerry Lightenberg was injured during spring

training. Rocker was called up from minorleague ball to finish off games for the defending National League champions. And that Rocker did. Rocker scored 38 saves and finished the 99 season with a 2.49 ERA. He struck out 104 hitters in 72.1 innings.

Rocker has been in the media's limelight ever since the Sports Illustrated article where he was quoted making racist comments was released. Rocker's strong words offended many and have stirred a ton of media interest. Is it a crime to express one's feelings? The First Amendment clearly gives one the right to free speech.

So, why did the Sports Illustrated editors run the article in the first place?

Because it would cause a stir and give Sports Illustrated both press and a reaction! When the media jumps on issues like the Rocker article, it makes me laugh. I imagine that there must not be any "real news." What an athlete says is not relevant unless it's about their performance. I for one don't care about their political beliefs or racial tensions. I pay to see the athletes play organized professional sports.

Has anyone thought of what competitive rage inspires within athletes? Were you on the high school team that wanted to destroy that cross-town rival? Did you or your team steal that team mascot, or vandalize or do pranks to that school? In athletics, and competitive sports, athletes have a deep down desire to win, regardless of whom or what the situation is. Sure, Rocker's words were mightily ballistic, but it was all in the nature of competition and maybe in just plain stupidness. No one can honestly admit that they haven't made a derogatory comment or racial slur in his life-

■ see ROCKER next page

The Politics of Leadership at De Anza

Cynthia Kaufman Special to La Voz

ost people are used to taking directions from older people, from whites, from educated people, and from men. When someone who doesn't fit into all of these categories is in a position of leadership, we are often caught off guard. Something isn't right with the situation. The roles don't quite feel right, and we are tempted to question the script. Because of the historical realities of exclusion and oppression, certain groups of people carry an air of authority with them merely on the basis of their group membership.

Scholars in Women's Studies have documented the challenges in the classroom faced by faculty members who don't fit the leadership stereotypes. In her article, "Gender and Race in the Classroom: Teaching Way out of Line," from "Women and Health," Lana Raskow writes.

"When women and men of color and white women enter the classroom ... [t]he identity of the professor is almost certainly incompatible with their gender and racial identities, since, as we have seen, the "generic" professor is white and male. They stand out as a member of their group or groups, their gender and race visible where the gen-

der and race of the "norm" fades away. They disrupt old civilities and certainties because the normal discourse of the academic classroom becomes problematic."

What happens here at De Anza when people who don't fit the stereotypes are in positions of leadership?

I have found that when role expectations are disrupted, all sorts of undermining behaviors follow. Among students I have seen it manifested in a tendency for side discussion to break out in my classes when an Asian woman speaks.

As the chair of Women's Studies and a mentor to faculty members who are younger women of color, I have seen it appear in disruptive and disrespectful behavior in the

Other cases that have been brought to my attention have involved women of color in supervisory positions having their right to give direction constantly challenged, or having their competence and qualifications challenged. Women of color in positions of campus-wide leadership often have their views and ideas distorted in the re-telling, sometimes they are not listened to when they speak, or people openly show their disagreement when the leader is speaking.

There is no way to be sure that in any individual case the problem is a result of role

stereotypes being challenged. Problems with leadership can be caused by the leader her/him self. But, since there is a well documented tendency for the leadership of people in non-dominant groups to be challenged, before we question people's competence it is important that we first do a reality check with ourselves and try to see if we are being fair. And, those who don't fit the stereotypes of a leader may bring different values, worldviews, and perspectives to their role as a leader. We must broaden our perspective of what leaders look like as well as how they lead.

One of the reasons that I love De Anza is that there is a general spirit here of embracing diversity. Many people in our community want to support the leadership and success of people from all social groups. If we are serious about wanting to foster a community that works for all of us, then we must do more to challenge our unconscious stereotypes of who deserves to be listened to and respected.

Only when we all take seriously the difficult task of looking at our unconscious stereotypes around respect and leadership will we have the kind of community most of us want here at De Anza.

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John Rocker's passion for the game is more important than his comments

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John Rocker is a highly competitive athlete; this is presented via his entrance to the field. Instead of walking onto the pitching mound, he charges out as if he were going to make the tackle of the game. He huffs and chugs like a steamtrain, and then clings to the mound. His large frame slings 95 m.p.h. bullets at opposing batters. The pitcher is one of the best young stars of the game today, and without much notice. Rocker, who lists pro wrestling as a hobby, is known for his intensity, often verbally arousing his own. teammates, charging them up. He lists pro wrestler "Goldberg" as one of his favorite athletes.

I think he deserves a second chance. He has apologized on a national level, via Peter Gammons, the most respected baseball journalist/broadcaster alive. He stood up for his mistakes, he admitted that he "sounded like a jerk, and that he doesn't see himself as a role model." Every being has made mistakes, and no one is perfect, so why would a 25-year-old baseball player be perfect?

Many other athletes have done worse. Recently Randy Moss was given three different chances. Moss barely made it through Marshall University, struggling with the law. After almost being kicked out of the NCAA, his last chance was with Dennis Green and the Vikings. He has become a superstar in the NFL. Tyrone Wheatley was released from the NY Giants because of marijuana problems. After a brief hiatus, Wheatley was signed by the Oakland Raiders and has become a superb running back.

Rocker deserves another chance as

Rocker's Comments

John Rocker recently hit the spotlight when he said this in a Sports Illustrated

On ever playing for a New York team: "I would retire first. It's the most hectic, nerve-racking city. Imagine having to take the [Number] 7 train to the ballpark, looking like you're [riding through] Beirut next to some kid with purple hair next to some queer with AIDS right next to some dude who just got out of jail for the fourth time right next to some 20-year-old mom with four kids. It's depressing.'

On New York City itself: "The biggest thing I don't like about New York are the foreigners. I'm not a very big fan of foreigners. You can walk an entire block in Times Square and not hear anybody speaking English. Asians and Koreans and Vietnamese and Indians and Russians and Spanish people and everything up there.

How the hell did they get in this country?"

On Mets fans: "Nowhere else in the country do people spit at you, throw bottles at you, throw quarters at you, throw batteries at you and say, 'Hey, I did your mother last night — she's a whore.' I talked about what degenerates they were, and they proved me right. Just by saying something, I could make them mad enough to go home and slap their moms."

In conclusion: "I'm not a racist or prejudiced person, but certain people bother me." Said by Rocker on Peter Gammons interview

The Battle of Seattle spills into the new millennium



Chad Makaio **Zichterman** NEWS EDITOR

the New Year, so even the most paranoid of the millennialists should be coming out of their bomb shelters and heading back to the checkout counter...

"Excuse me ... can I return my eight-month supply of emergency rations? I still have my receipt"

The doomsayers, fireand-brimstone preachers, and assorted Chicken Littles are not the scary ones. If you really want to be terrified, have a peek at some of these Chicken Bigs ... people who have taken blind optimism to truly schizo-

phrenic heights. This is only a partial list, but be on the lookout for the following suspects:

The NASDAQ Cult

The NASDAQ Cult includes anyone who treats the state of big business as a measure of global health. The NYSE and NASDAQ have been breaking record after record lately. Thousands of people are now exploring the glories of online investing and day trading.

Unemployment is low. Consumer confidence is high, and people in developing nations are enjoying new opportunities due to the unstoppable advance of a unified world of shiny, happy buyers of shiny, happy things. Everyone's prosperous! Haven't you been paying attention to the infomercials?

The Denial Artists

These are people you definitely don't want to ask for directions from, since according to them everything is somewhere else, and everything happened at some other time. McCarthyism and union busting? Those

Genocidal wars to help unaccountable corporate powers in their land-grabbing spree? That, too, was horrible, but that's over now. Racism, sexism, classism? Once again, all absolutely horrific offenses against humanity, but that's been taken care of.

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in Seattle.

Now we can all finally relax by the pool with our tight abdominal, blemishfree skin, and blemish-free reality. If people would Late last year, just stop whining, they'd see that things aren't so

bad any more.

Superpatriots

Superpatriots are essentially an odd hybrid of the above. The heart of their vision is about curing the world by letting the United States-with its monopoly on democracy and freedom-show the light to the other nations of the world. Patriots acknowledge serious problems-everywhere else, of course—and attribute them mostly to the fact that other nations aren't the

United States. If those other folks would just get with the program and set up free markets and democratic governments (and state-of-the-art espionage and weapons of mass destruction ... just in case), then we'd all truly become residents of the City on a Hill.

Some of Us Didn't Get the Memo ...

Apparently, some of us just didn't get the memo about how incredibly wonderful things are right now. I guess we were too busy juicing or taking Tae-Bo classes at the Pleasantville Formerly Discriminatory Country

Late last year, nestled somewhere between the beginning weeks of the "Top 1000 Music Videos of All Time" countdowns and the "We Won't Have a Chance to Get This Drunk For Another Thousand Years" parties, there was that little matter of the confrontation in

Some people—in this case, around fifty thousand people representing hundreds of groups from all over the world-objected strongly enough to the current global success that they were willing to face open military repression in the streets of downtown Seattle.

They did this in order to prevent the World Trade Organization - the high priesthood of global capitalism from holding it's private meetings on how best to screw most of the world for the sake of those who already have too much.

N30, or the Battle of Seattle, is part of a long human tradition of resistance to tyranny. What made this occasion special was the rare honesty with which the state responded. Right here in the United States-the supposed flagship of the magic of the Divine Right of Business—the state

was forced to show its true face. In full view of international press, tens of thousands of people rejected the lie of global economic prosperity. As a reward for declaring that private profit should not be the measure of all things, they were gassed, shot, beaten, and corralled by the Seattle Police, Sheriffs, and National Guard.

But they kept coming back.

I have news for the "everything's fine, just go back to work" crowd. Keeping your head in the sand will make you choke as surely as tear gas ... it is only a question of time.

News

Student workers dissatisfied with policy

by Chris Pommier

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Bookstore manager Jim Ladd met with De Anza officials and student workers last Monday to present and discuss the bookstore's new policy manual written over the Christmas break.

Though it mirrors the district hiring manual, a Policies and Procedures Manual written by Cindy Castillo, Director of Financial Aid, the new bookstore manual addresses specific concerns about breaks, perks and policy affecting bookstore workers.

According to Ladd, working at the bookstore is unlike working anywhere else on campus. There can be, "nearly 200 employees in that store [the bookstore] at rush," said Ladd.

Les Leonardo, Vice President of the De Anza Student Body, and Adam Welch,

a student worker and La Voz Opinions Editor, were also at the meeting to represent student worker interests.

The meeting was an attempt by both sides to read over the new manual and suggest changes or improvements.

Some concerns that were not written in to the document to the student worker representatives' satisfaction were:

* lack of procedures for reviewing hourly worker performance in order to receive raises,

* lack of formal training for new hires.

* lack of clear organizational charts for reference when workers attempt to settle grievances,

* lack of sufficient means for employee feedback on managerial decisions.

Ladd points out that, " all manuals are a work-in-progress," and this one may



Chris Pommier / La Voz

discuss a new policy manual, written over break. Messavussu is from West Africa.

change as time goes on to incorporate new issues as they come up.

Welch expressed concern that, "there's a possibility that people could be overlooked," because of the number of workers required to run the bookstore and the lack of a formal trainer.

"Some people got caught in the cusp of losing Daryl Jones," said Ladd. Jones was in charge of training new hires at the bookstore until he transferred to Foothill College. According to Ladd the bookstore can't currently afford to train in a face-to-face manner. He hopes that the new policy manual, as required reading for employees, will help new hires through

the process.

Though the idea of establishing a formal union has been abandoned according to Welch, the goals of unionizing, to protect the interests of workers and promote respect for them, have not.

Bookstore workers Ben Fuller

Messavussu (right) help a student in line. Other student workers met with management to

(middle) and Belinda

"It's better then it was," said Leonardo when asked what he thought of the new worker / management relationship at the bookstore.

Leonardo hopes that the new policy will serve as a means for protecting bookstore workers' rights and create a solic foundation for a workplace that respects all students, whether they are customers of workers.

Clinton aims to control hackers

by Hank Hager

SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

Clinton's budget proposal for the 2001 fiscal year will include \$91 million that will go toward protecting national security. This would be an add-on to the \$1.7 billion that is spent annually on existing computer security efforts by the government.

As part of the newly proposed funds, the president would like to create an institute that would gather "the finest computer scientists and engineers" from universities, research organizations, and private enterprise to combat the ever-growing presence of Internet hackers.

To further encourage students to help the government, Clinton is proposing offering scholarships to help further fund college education.

These scholarships would go to those who are studying computer security, and would require that each student join a "Federal Cyber Service." This service

would help the government combat security breaches.

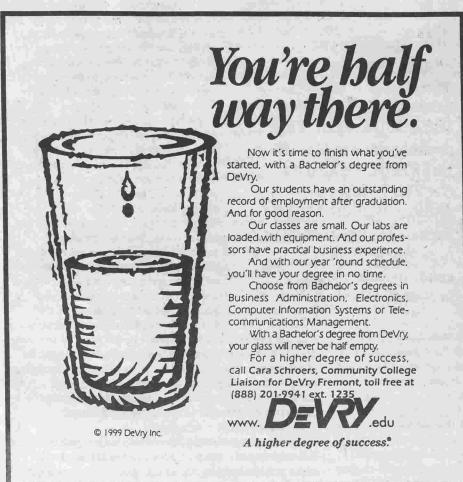
Additionally, a sophisticated software system would be put in place to help these cyber sleuths combat illegal maneuverings on the Internet.

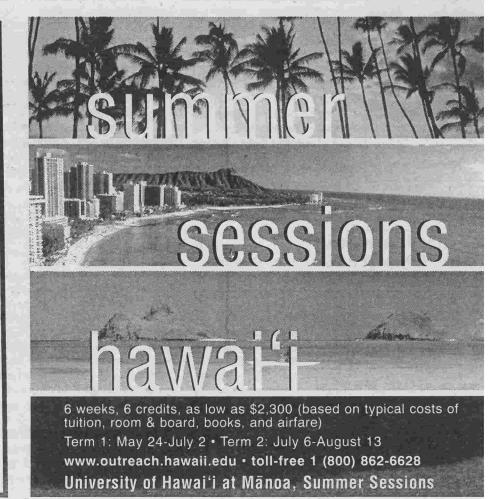
Clinton's new plan will effect the decisions that high school students make as they graduate and begin work in an increasingly technology-oriented society. These students will be the ones fighting for the government in the future.

Generally, those at the high school level are in favor of the new plans.

"It's great because it gives students a chance to work towards their college education by helping the government," said Jason Trevino, a senior at Willow Glei High School in San Jose.

Also in favor, Reyna-Hernande: Cervantes, also a senior from Willow Glen, added "It's a good idea to give stu dents, especially those in engineering, a head start in practicing for the real world."





Features

The Flint Center's Celebrity Forum hosts the Nobel Prize winner Shimon Peres

■ Three-time former Israeli Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, has been described as a man with an incisive sense of history, a thirst for culture, and a far-sighted vision.

If you meet a

woman, black or

your sister, or when

you meet a man, rich

or poor, and say, 'You

are my brother,' [then]

the night is over.

white, and you call her

by Michelle Hecht
Entertainment Editor

Brains don't have borders, neither do they recognize borders, and neither do they respect borders," said former Israeli Prime Minister, Shimon Peres, to a packed house at the Flint Center's Second Annual Celebrity Forum on Jan. 14. Peres discussed the past century, the future of America and his own country, and presented memorable philosophies.

Peres, who won the Nobel Peace
Prize in 1994, was born in Poland in
1923, and then immigrated to Palestine in
1934. Fourteen years after moving with
his family, he began his political career,
holding various posts in Israel's defense
ministry. After becoming leader of the
Labour Party, Finance Minister, and
Minister of Defense, he was elected
Prime Minister from
1984 - 1986.

A politician who always seeks peace and security for Israel, Peres said that looking back at the twentieth century, he has "mixed blessings and great regrets." He continued, saying that "The twentieth century is like a bridge. It started at one shore and ended on a different, far away shore."

So how will the twenty-first century progress? Well, according to the man who may be Israel's next president, it will be decided by the future of the world — the children.

"One to three years is the formative age of the body, mind, and personality," he said, but it is often "ignored." Peres went on to explain how with a poor family, there is not enough food and sometimes the only education the children receive is from their family. In addition, every six to seven years the skills required for a vocation change, so education plays an important factor in jobs. Peres sees education as a major expense of the budget, and as he said, "It's better

to be wise, than fat... we're going to have to be students the rest of our lives."

Peres asserted that part of education must include the study of a second language. According to him, in the future it will be a necessity to know at least two languages. Peres said, "In China, there are more English speaking people than there are in the United States."

Besides education, peace is a significant issue for Peres, who helped negotiate the 1993 and 1995 accords with the Palestine Liberation Organization. The PLO is the coordinating council for Palestine refugee groups and recognized as the Palestinian government since 1974. Regarding Israel as an illegal country, the PLO used guerrilla and terrorist attacks to achieve its goal of establishing a Palestinian state. They sided with Iraq in 1990, after the invasion of Kuwait. In 1991, the Palestinians participated in

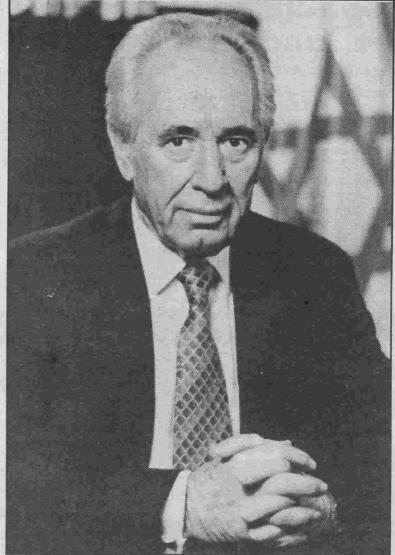
peace talks with Israel, followed by mutual recognition and the limitation of Palestinian self-rule.

Shimon Peres ended the night's speech by answering an audience member's question about the strategy and art of negotiation. "Remember that the real story is your partner. Don't use existing plans, but rather creative and unknown solutions. Don't forget your own people, because

they can surprise you," he stated.

Courageousness, risk taking, and honesty are substantial attributes of being a good leader who lives in the "minority of the future, not the majority of the past."

Throughout his discussion, Peres illustrated his stance of equality for all, despite race, gender, creed, and national origin. Shortly after talking about how countries that discriminate against women have only half a nation, not a whole one, Peres graced the audience with a truly memorable recollection of his experience on the Panel of Education.



Courtesy of The Harry Walker Agency, Inc.

Shimon Peres, former Israeli Prime Minister, spoke at the Flint Center on Jan. 14.

A Muslim man on the panel told a story to the rest that he had never imparted before. He spoke of a rabbi and his pupils deliberating when day begins and night ends.

"When you can distinguish a goat from the land, right is over," responded

one pupil. Another said that night is over when "you can distinguish a fig tree from an olive tree." Finally, a student spoke saying that "If you meet a woman, black or white, and you call her your sister or, when you meet a man, rich or poor, and say you are my brother, the night is over."

"If optimistic of self, that's being a selfish person. An optimist is optimistic about other people."

-Shimon Peres

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Features

Stephen Hawking speaks at Campus Center for a free luncheon and Flint Center for sold-out evening

From front page

ence later that evening. The metallic voice seemed to come from far away, and it was suddenly all so amazing - that Hawking could communicate with us, that he was there at De Anza, and that he was alive at all.

He delivered "The Universe in a Nutshell," as promised.

"I have been asked to say a little about-myself, what I have achieved, and what obstacles I have had to overcome" Hawking said. "I think my greatest achievement is being alive today."

In 1963 Hawking was diagnosed

with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Doctors said he would be dead by 1966.

"The prospect of an early death concentrated my mind wonderfully," he said.

He is one of the world's longestlived ALS patients. He contributes his survival to vitamins. Others might contribute it a sheer will to live, a sense of purpose, as if God has a plan for this man that a stroke of bad luck cannot stop.

Following his lecture was another question-and-answer session.

On whether or not scientists are close to finding the Grand Unified Theory

underwriting the whole of the universe? Hawking replied that twenty years ago he stated there was a fifty-fifty chance of discovering the secrets within twenty years. Now, twenty years later, he says there's still a fifty-fifty chance of finding the secrets within twenty years.

His favorite Shakespearean play? Julius Caesar. "It is the only play in which I ever acted, though that is not the reason it is my favorite."

Unlike the luncheon, during the question and answer at the Flint Center the audience was left to fend for itself while Hawking composed his answers. At one point he announced to his assistant that he was ready, and when Burgoyne dutifully bounded back onstage he was told to go away.

"No?" Burgoyne asked, confused. "You're not ready, that was just you fooling me?" He paused. "Right. Okay," he muttered, turning to walk offstage. The practical joker strikes again.

Bringing Hawking to the college took a lot of work. "It was a fluke," said De Anza president Martha Kanter. She learned that Hawking was in California through Terry Bristol of the Institute for Science, Engineering, and Public Policy. There was a chance he might be able to come to De Anza, but sponsors would have to be found.

"I admired Dr. Hawking," said Kanter, "and who knew when he would come back to the West Coast?" she said. Sponsors came forward and over a t sand students from local high schoo colleges came to see Hawking.

"One student came to me and afterward," Kanter recalled, "He had both parents to ALS."

I got to meet Hawking, briefly, managing to get past the Mentor Grapublic relations people, I was ushere into the Santa Cruz room. There was Stephen Hawking. But Burgoyne tol Hawking was hungry and there wou no more time for questions. Hawking already steered his chair toward the ready to leave.

Burgoyne offered to deliver my questions to Hawking via email later evening and then politely but firmly showed me the door. Janice Winkel 1 De Anza's marketing department wa waiting on the other side with her ca The timing was absolutely beautiful. "Let's get a picture," she said.

Burgoyne looked back at Hawk and shook his head and then appeare reconsider.

"Sure," he said. "But quickly."
Winkel snapped three quick pic tures. I thanked Hawking and Burgoy left the room, and broke into a smile stayed there for the rest of the day.

For more information on Stephen Hawking, visit: http://www.hawking.org.uk



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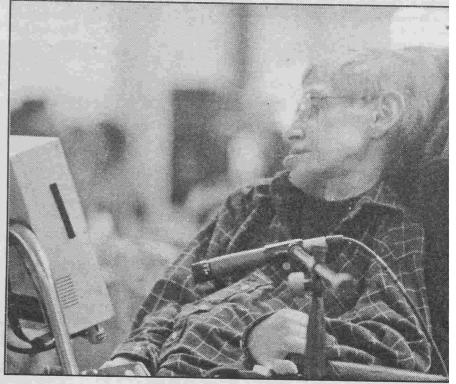


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Hawking manages to speak through a synthesizer by tapping a computer with small movements of his right hand. It's a frustrating process for him he were a computer, he said, he "would have a baud rate of three."

Hawking talked about a popular theory: time travel. "Einstein's relativity seems to allow space to be warped so much that you could go off in a space ship and come back before you left," he said.

"Certainly we haven't seen visitors from the future. So it seems that no matter how clever we become, we'll never manage time travel."

Arts & Entertainment

'Snow Falling on Cedars' melts hearts



Courtesy Universal Pictures



Setsuko Litton Staff Writer

"Snow falling on Cedars" is not about a hero, it's not about a love affair, and it doesn't have colorful computer graphics effects either. This movie is a story that strikes your heart but not your eyeballs. It is about the unfairness of life, which anybody would experience at some point in his or her life. Terrible things can happen to anyone at anytime with illogical or irrational reason. Still life goes on. You have to let go of whatever is the most precious thing you lost and get on with your life.

The story is based on a fictional island called San Piedro north west of Washington state. Ishmael (Ethan Hawke) has an obsession with his first love, a Japanese girl named Hatsue (Youki Kudoh) with whom he spent his youth.

Ishmael's heart is broken when Hatsue is sent to a concentration camp as World War II pits Japan against America. The audience watches as those who feel for each other so deeply are victimized by two country's ruthless aspirations.

Nine years after the war ends, they meet each other in a courtroom. Ishmael is the news reporter with one arm lost during the war, Hatsue is the wife of the defendant on trial for murder. Hatsue's husband, Kazuo was prosecuted for killing his co-worker, a fisherman. Ishmael's feelings for Hatsume entangle him again, conflicting with his belief in justice and the pressure from being a son of a remarkable journalist.

Prejudice between Americans and Japanese is portrayed realistically and fairly. This film confirms one belief I have had all my life about prejudice. Prejudice is simply the creation of someone with a contemptuous heart who attempts to manipulate others.

Some reviews seem to be critical with the film's use of scattered flashbacks, however those flashbacks are meant to be symbolic of how two kids love one another just with a pure mind without any interruption of prejudice.

"Snow Falling on Cedars" was directed by Australian Scott Hicks whose previous film "Shine" put him in the spotlight. The original story by the same title sold more than four million copies. A million-copy bestseller book does not always mean there is a great story in it, but in this one the author and director's souls are in it.

Be a witness to a part of war history that has hardly ever been revealed before.

Official web site: http://www.snowfallingoncedars.com/

27th Annual American Music Awards

A listing of the winners for busy students who missed the broadcast Compiled by Michelle Hecht

Pop Rock

Favorite Male Artist
Will Smith
Favorite Female Artist
Shania Twain
Favorite Band, Duo, or Group
Backstreet Boys
Favorite Album
"Supernatural" (Santana)
Favorite New Artist
Britney Spears

Soul/R&B

Favorite Male Artist
R. Kelly
Favorite Female Artist
Lauryn Hill
Favorite Band, Duo, or Group
TLC
Favorite Album
"The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill
(Lauryn Hill)
Favorite New Artist
Tyrese

Country



Courtesy RuffHouse/Columbia

Lauryn Hill wins at music awards.

Favorite Male Artist
Garth Brooks
Favorite Female Artist
Shania Twain
Favorite Band, Duo, or Group
Brooks & Dunn
Favorite Album
"Double Live" (Garth Brooks)
Favorite New Artist
Montgomery Gentry

Adult
Contemporary
Favorite Artist
Phil Collins

Soundtrack

REELMINDERCE

The independent filmmaking forum of La Voz

Hecht

ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Three college students, Heather, Michael, and Joshua chose to do a film project on a certain witch in a Maryland forest. Nothing remains of them, except for their film a year later.

No, De Anza isn't hiding anything from the students. This is, as you may have already guessed, the premise of "The Blair Witch Project." The popular film grossed \$142 million setting box office records for an independent film.

Without the financing of Hollywood and big name studios, five filmmakers made this surprise hit under their independent company in Florida, Haxan Films. They weren't the first to do this. Since the 1940's, filmm

this. Since the 1940's, filmmakers have found the freedom to express themselves without the supervision of executives looking for the next profitable blockbuster. Nothing could hinder the creativity of these movie artists, thriving on freedom and going back to the roots of filmmaking.

Money is an issue in independent filmmaking. Without millions of dollars from studio financing for production and advertising, directors are left to the chore of fundraising, along with their filmmaking. Some end up selling their screenplays to big production companies, while others stick to the low budget that independent films are known for.

Independent filmmaking costs can be very low, ranging from \$100,000 to an astonishing \$7,000 for Robert Rodriguez's "El Mariachi," which led him to a current multi-picture deal with Columbia Pictures.

Independent films began their increase in the 1950's, with United Artists becoming the biggest independent movie production company. UA distributed the era's biggest films, including Stanley Kubrick's "Paths of Glory," Fred Zinnemann's "High Noon," and Chaplin's "Limelight."

The Hecht-Lancaster Company joined the list of successful independent production companies in an era in which 65 percent of all Hollywood movies were made by independents.

In fact, seven independent films won Best Picture at the Academy Awards between 1954 and 1962.

The nineties' hit,
"The English Patient," carried on this tradition of fine
movies made by independent artists achieving top
recognition when it won an
Oscar for Best Picture.

Recently, Kevin Smith's "Dogma," starring Ben Affleck and Matt Damon reached critical acclaim, exemplifying how art-house films can attract

blockbuster ensembles. In fact, many actors strive to help independent filmmakers, by providing them talent and support. Just look at the recent picture catching everyone's eye, "Being John Malkovich."

Independent productions are prevalent. The French New Wave's Jean-Pierre Melville and Roger Vadim of the 1960's were a coupole of the many international directors to open the way for independent popularity.

The studio system in most countries started to decline in the 1960's and from then has somewhat remained in the background. Recent international hits have included. Germany's "Run Lola Run," Brazil's "Central Station," and Italy's "Life is Beautiful."

The distribution of independent films has been aided with the surge in popularity of videos and cable television. Now with channels like Bravo which broadcasts "Independent Film Fridays," and the Independent Film Channel, films that represent our lives and have a personal touch that many studio flicks just can't provide, are brought to us in our own living rooms.

"Wild Wild West"

Rap/Hip Hop Favorite Artist DMX

Latin Music Favorite Artist Ricky Martin

Alternative Music
Favorite Artist
Red Hot Chili Peppers



Courtesy Warner Brothers Records, Inc. Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Sports

NFL Playoffs - two viewpoints



Shazib SPORTS EDITOR

acksonville Defeats Miami with a crushing 62-7 in AFC **Divisional Playoff** Game

On Saturday, Jan. 15 a team of brainless zombies replaced the Miami Dolphins. Ranked number six in their faced the numberone-ranked Jaguars in Jacksonville.

Most spectators would expect a game like this to be a battle of the best. After all, it's a playoff game. Fans were excited to see two football teams duke it

out for a chance at Super Bowl XXXIV. However, this was not to be the case.

Fans agree that this game was the worst professional football matchup in the last few decades. As soon as the Jaguars caught the Dolphins kickoff punt, the game went downhill.

Jacksonville made a touchdown and the extra point on their first possession in only two minutes. Then it was time for Miami.

league, the Dolphins

Here are some quick facts to help you get a feel of the game:

-Miami had a total of seven turnovers, five of which were before half-

-Eleven minute into the game, Jacksonville's Fred Taylor makes a 90-yard run for a touchdown after receiving a punt. The longest run ever in a playoff game.
-Miami's first 1st down

was twenty minutes into the game

-Miami's first and only touchdown was two sec-onds before halftime.

On Miami's first play of their first possession, the ball was intercepted. Miami's first folly.

Eleven minutes into the game Jacksonville's Fred Taylor received Miami's second punt to make his recordbreaking touchdown run. Where was the defense?

Thirty seconds after Taylor's run, Marino fumbled the ball. Tony Brackens recovered it and was able to stumble all the way to the end zone for a touchdown. Yet again, no defense.

That was just the first quarter. Three and a half minutes into the second quarter Aaron Beasley intercepted a pass from Dan Marino.

Later on in the second quarter Marino threw a lateral pass that was dropped and then recovered by

Jacksonville. Is Marino getting old, or can Miami just not catch?

The third quarter was boring. The end zone sprinklers going off accidentally provided the only excitement.

The final quarter was just another quarter of turnovers and a play where Miami's punter dropped the ball while preparing to kick it.

Miami managed to score a TD and an extra point in the third quarter, and even Jacksonville fumbled the ball once.

I can only say that I hope I never watch a game like that



Robert Haugh STAFF WRITER

he Titans' 19-16 victory wasn't beautiful, but a win is a win. The Titans shut down the Colts' starstudded offense. The first half was dominated by field goals. Indy had three, and Tennessee had two. That gave the Colts a 9-6 halftime lead. The third quarter saw little action.

The only score

was George's 68 yard TD run. With the score still close, 13-9 Titans, Tennessee added a field goal, increasing their lead to 7, 16-9. Time was running out on Indy's championship hopes.

Tennessee was forced to punt from mid-field. A bolstering punt blasted into the arms of Terrence Wilkins. He broke tackles and returned the ball to the Tennessee 3-yard line. But: Colts' Coach had tried to challenge the play.

The Coach had seen Wilkins step out-of-bounds during the return.

After finally getting the play reviewed, Wilkins was ruled out on the Colts' 34 yard-line. Indy ended up punting away the ball. The Titans took advantage and scored 3 more points on another Del Greco field goal. The Titans extended their lead to 19-9.

After getting the ball back again, Tennessee just needed to run the clock out. So they handed the ball to Eddie

George, wrong move. George fumbled and the Colts recovered the ball. Mannin took no time and ran a keeper for 15 yards, and the TD.

The Titans' lead shrunk to 3 points, 19-16. In desperation, the Colts were forced to an on-sides kick. Tennessee ser out their "hands" unit, and recovered the ball. All that was left for Tennessee was downing the ball. A hard-fought victory, but the Titans move on down the road to Jacksonville, the AFC championship

Eddie George was the evident star in this game that pitted two young teams against each other.

George rushed for 162 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter, the only Titans TD of the game.

Peyton Manning, the Colts supersta quarterback was held to only 227 yards passing. Star back, Edgerrin James was held to a mere 56 yards, far less than his typical 100+ yard games.

The "anticipated stars" weren't that effective (with the exception of Titans back George). Tennessee's MVP had to be the field-goal kicker Al Del Greco. He mustered up four field goals (49, 37, 25, and 43 yards).

NFL Divisional playoffs have come and gone. There are now only four teams left standing tall.

The rest of the best have gone home While the Vikings, Colts, Redskins, and Dolphins start the long preparations for the next season, the four remaining teams will duke it out for the coveted Super Bowl championship.

Sports

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Monterey Peninsula College Friday, Jan. 28, 7:00 p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

San Francisco City College Foothill College

Wednesday, Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m. Friday, Jan. 28, 7:00 p.m.

Listings in bold denote home games

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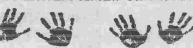
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Sports

Dons Defeated

by Shazib Hassan SPORTS EDITOR

Last Thursday, The Don's faced off against their cross-town rival, West Valley College at home. Coach Riley appeared to be intent on regaining DeAnza's home winning streak, this was not the case how-

"We lost." Stated Coach Riley at the end of the game. What a big loss it was too. The final score was DeAnza 60 and West Valley 92 "We were beaten by a better team." Riley said again.

What would you expect when the gym was full of West Valley supporters and just a scant few DeAnza supporters who didn't cheer the Dons as much as the cheerleaders.

West Valley showed some excellent positioning skills. They made it look like they had 20 people out on the court against DeAnza's 5. Yet West Valley had an extremely low shooting percentage. They missed at least 3 out of 5 shots.

West Valley's Coach also seemed to use an unorthodox strategy of letting most of his players play for only one minute at a time.

The Dons were struggling on Defense, which allowed West Valley to have all the open shots they wanted. The Dons played so horribly that the toddlers that came out during halftime appeared to make more of their free throws then the home team.

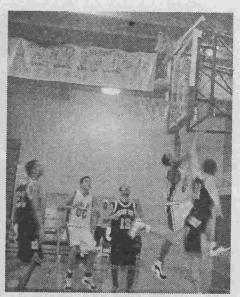
DeAnza didn't look too bad out on the court though, Aman Heran and Derek Monroe both lead the team by scoring 14 points each, scoring almost half of the Don's final total. Little man, Drew McGhie seemed to be doing a lot fancy crossover passes and it was fun watching that guy out on the court. Too bad he didn't score any points though.

The game was a massacre; hopefully the Dons can recover from this soon. Their next game is at home against Monterey Peninsula College on Friday. Good Luck



Robert Haugh / La Voz

Dons and Vikings Get Ready for the Rebound.



Robert Haugh / La Voz

The Action is Fierce as Two Rival Basketball Players Jump for Possesion of the Ball.

Ski Resort Conditions: Courtesy of Weather.com

Alpine Medows: Packed Powder w/ 7-10" of new snow & 43-78" of new snow

Kirkwood: Packed Powder w/ 4" of new snow & 42-80" base. Northstar: Packed Powder w/ 1-3" of new snow & 32-56" base. Squaw Valley: Powder w/ 5" of

new snow & 12-69" base. Sugar Bowl: Powder w/ 4-6" of new snow & 48-96" base.

Sierra At Tahoe: Powder w/ 4-6" of new snow & 24-69" base. Donner Ski Ranch: Packed

Powder w/ 5" of new snow & 24-

36" base. Bear Valley: Powder w/ 5" of new snow & 50-56" base.

Dons swing by without leading scorer Sean Mollins against Cabrillo College

By Tom Thygesen SPECIAL TO LAVOZ

Missing leading scorer Sean Mollins (20 pts. a game), who was out with the flu, and with their second leading scorer, Jason Beryer, playing, but banged up with eight staples in his head to protect a three inch cut suffered in the win over Hartnell,

The De Anza Dons Men's Basketball team started slowly, but coasted to a 60-48 win over league opponent, Cabrillo College last Friday night in Santa Cruz.

Fifth year De Anza coach Mike Riley knows that his basketball team is better than its .500, 11-11 record might indi-

Riley stated after the team's second league win over Cabrillo, "When we are healthy, we can beat anybody. We have five quality wins over top 15; we are just snake-bitten this year. It's Murphy's Law, anything that could go wrong,

Despite waiting for two hours before the game, due to

miscommunication concerning a girls' basketball game, the Dons finished the night with a win over the Seahawks of Cabrillo College.

The Dons got off to a slow start, trailing 31-27 at the half. The slow start didn't rattle this veteran team though. The Dons went on a 12-0 run to start the second half of play. With the rejuvenation on offense, the defense kicked into turbo and held the Seahawks to just 17 points after halftime.

The defense was lead by

Craig Gunderson rebs./2blks.) and Beyer (11 rebs.). Aman Heran lead the team with a 16 point effort, but Drew McGhie put the game out of reach for Cabrillo when he drove to the hoop, made the bucket and the foul shot of a three-point play, making it 51-

The Dons kick off the second half of league vs. Monterey Peninsula College next Friday night on Jan 28 at 7 p.m. at home. Be there!

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Sports Question of the Week:

What do you think of Michael Jordan's new postition as President of Operations for the Washington Wizards? Do you think he'll help bring victory to the loosing Wizards or is it just a publicity stunt to attract more money? Send comments to Lavozsports@hotmail.com.



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Counselor's Corner

Goal-setting skills can help you study and keep that New Year's resolution

SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

From all of us in Counseling, we would like to wish you a happy New Year. Traditionally we usher in the New Year with a rekindled desire for change both personal and global. In the heart of winter, when nature awaits the promise of spring, we turn inward and address the question, "Who am I?" We make New Year's resolutions in our efforts to improve our self-concept, which is our judgments and attitudes about our behavior, abilities, and yes, always, our appearance.

What we're really trying to do is what psychologists call "self-actualize," that is, further the process by which we learn, create, and work to the best of our ability. Being successful students and attaining your academic goals is undoubtedly high among your resolution lists. For many students pursuing their educational and career goals, this comes at the expense of not paying enough attention to other equally important aspects of your lives. Focusing on academics, as enriching as it sounds, may mean not focusing on your health, for example.

Too much sleep deprivation from midnight studying, lack of healthy eating habits due to eating on the run, no time for exercise, and stress in meeting deadlines are just some of the ways we hurt ourselves in the pursuit of knowledge. Add on the necessity to work to support your educational goals and you find there's little time to devote to healthy living and taking care of your other needs.

Obviously a balanced lifestyle is

what we should seek, but as students, you know this is easier said than done. This makes the promise of the New Year all the more relevant to you as students. This is your opportunity to review and revitalize your lifestyle that makes being a student less stressful and more rewarding. If you're spending too much time studying, then maybe you're not studying smart. Explore ways to use your time more efficiently or, better yet, sign up for any of the Study Skills classes found under Skills in the De Anza class schedule.

And what about all those New Year resolutions that we make only to break later? Seems like the disappointment we suffer from unfulfilled change only makes us resolved not to make resolutions for the next year.

Actually, research shows that resolutions can work if done correctly. When we refer to making resolutions what we are really talking about is goal setting, that is the specific articulation of one's intention to perform and achieve a desirable change. Research also suggests that specific goals lead to higher performance than general goals. For example, for a person desiring to lose weight, setting a goal to lose weight in general will not be as effective as the goal that sets a numerical cap.

In one study, two groups of people were given a set of math problems to One group was told that they should "do their best" while the other group was given a specific quantitative goal such as "solve 15 problems." The results showed that people given specific goals outperformed those trying to "do

So how is it that we set so many goals at the beginning of the year and then fail to achieve them? The answer may have something to do with the relationship between goal difficulty and performance. Research shows that difficult goals lead to better results than easy goals. However, if the person believes the goal is unattainable, then the person may simply give up. Choosing unrealistic New Year's Resolutions is probably the single greatest reason why we not only fail to achieve our goals, but feel so frustrated in doing so that we are reluctant to try again.

And so for all of you who are still looking for that single New Years resolution to make, may I suggest one that I believe could help you with all the other resolutions you are afraid to make?

Be true to yourself and be good to yourself. In answering the age old question of "Who am I?" reaffirm your beliefs and your dreams. Like Lennon said, if you want to change the world you better change yourself instead. Following your heart doesn't guarantee you'll get to where you want to be. But at least you should have fun and feel satisfied along life's way

May 2000 be a healthy one for you and your loved ones. May this last year of the twentieth century be a prosperous one - both materially and spiritually for us all. And may you get some of the simple things in life like all of your classes each quarter and not having all of your finals fall of the same day.

........... Don Nickel is a counselor for the De Anza College Counseling Department.

Rough Cuts

They're doing it again ...

The De Anza College Actor's Ensemble presents Rough Cuts, a series of performance recitals of works in progress.

At 12:30 p.m. on Jan. 26, the Ensemble will hold its first performance of the century.

Short scenes, comedy, monologues, one act plays and original material written and directed by students will be performed in the new Theater Arts classroom in the G-3 building. Hester Schell, cochair of the Dance / Theater Department, who has been teaching at De Anza since 1991, directs.

Last quarter's performance included scenes from such plays as "Glass Menagerie" by Tennessee Williams, "Eukiah" by Lanford Wilson and "Final Placement" by

"This is an informal and fun way to build [the actors' experience] working with an audience," said Schell of last quarter's popular performance.

Admission is free, but the seating is very limited.

Call Schell at 408-864-8872 for additional information on this and other Theater Arts classes and opportunities.

Student

Week of January 24 - 29, 2000

Food Service Menu:

Monday: Chicken Sandwich & Fries. Tuesday: Philly Cheesesteak & Fries. Wednesday: Burrito & Spanish Rice

Roast Turkey, Mashed Potatoes & Thursday:

Vegetables.

Friday: Fish & Chips.

Clubs/ICC/DASB Meetings:

Monday, Jan. 24

Gente del Quinto Sol. 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., Student

DASB Travel. 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m., Student Activities Conference Room.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship - Prayer Meeting. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Meeting Room 2.

De Anza Students of India. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Students for Justice. 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Student Ambassadors. 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Wednesday, Jan. 26

Chi Alpha Christian Fellowship. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Disabled Students Unlimited. 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Women Awareness & Allies. 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m.,

Inter Club Council (ICC) Financial Orientation. 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Conference Room A.

DASB Finance. 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Meeting Room

DASB Senate. 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

5:10 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Administrative Bottomfish. Conference Room.

Thursday, Jan. 27

Club Day. 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Main Quad.

Muslim Student Association. 11:30 a.m. - 12:20 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Brothers & Sisters United. 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Students for Justice. 12:30 p.m. - 1:20 p.m., L31.

Students for the Truth. 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Grace Fellowship. 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Phi Theta Kappa. 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Santa Cruz Room.

Friday, Jan. 28

Film & TV Guild. 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Vietnamese Students Association. 12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Student Council Chambers.

Dance Connection. 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., PE 11U.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Dance Connection. 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., PE 11U.

Campus

Tense about textbooks

■ Ashley Johnson explores alternatives to the high (but necessary) cost of textbooks



Ashley Johnson Staff Writer

Levery quarter we pay our tuition and then are slapped in the face with the price of textbooks which often exceeds \$200. A question comes to mind. Do we really need to pay this much for textbooks? I say no.

I feel distressed every quarter after having given in to

this necessary expense. However, I have found other ways and less expensive ways to get the books I need. For example, many of the books I buy are commonplace. In my History 4A class I needed the book, "The Iliad."

This, along with many others, can be found at bookstores such as Barnes & Noble and Crown Books. Buying them from those stores is usually less expensive and accounts for 50 percent of my books.

Another place to find books is at the library. One quarter, I spent roughly \$40 on an art book only to find the same book at the library. Now, I know I must be respectful and suppose that other people also need to check out the same book. A better strategy would be to check out the book and make copies of the chapters or pages needed. Many teachers do not require that the whole book be read.

In addition, some teachers compile their own books. I have had teachers write books for my History 17A and 4A,

4B classes and EWRT 1B class. These books are inexpensive and just as good as regular textbooks, if not better. They are comprised of subject matter pertaining to the course and are specifically tailored for that course. This makes them more personalized and geared toward the students' success.

With the growing popularity of the Internet websites dedicated to selling textbooks at lower prices have also become more popular.

Some of these websites are Bookjoint.com, ecampus.com, and textbooks.com. I visited each site in an attempt to decide which was the most reasonable.

Bookjoint.com requires you to be a registered user before you can search for books or do anything else on that site. I did not like this site because it asks for name, telephone number, and even a pager number. Thus, I was unable to search and find out any information about the site.

I then went to textbooks.com.
At textbooks.com, you can search
by author, title, subject, and ISBN
(International Standard Book
Number), which is located on the back of

Number), which is located on the back of the book above the bar code. You can also search by school, although that is yet to come.

Lastly, I went to ecampus.com. At this site you can search by author, category, title etc. You can also search by school and upon doing so, I found De Anza. Unfortunately, De Anza has not



Michelle Hecht / La Voz

S'more creative uses for the Fireside Room

Besides warmth, student Pat Crossen finds another use for the fireplace in the Campus center's Fireside room -- roasting marshmallows! Crossen, along with his friends (not pictured) Charlotte Smith, Erica Vilmann, and Pat Hege melt the marshmallows with chocolate and graham crackers to make the timeless treat, s'mores, on this cold January morning.

submitted a book list. You can also sell textbooks back here.

Ecampus.com provided free shipping. I decided that this was the best site because it is easy to navigate and provides many options for the student.

Another way to buy your textbooks less expensively is to go directly to the students. Flyers for books proliferate on the book board, located in the lower half of the campus center. These books are often half the price of the books at the bookstore.

This is also a great way to sell your books, as well as to help other students out who need that money to buy more books.

So, next time you are paying \$150 or \$200 for books, think again, because there might be a less expensive way.

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The PowWow Committee will meet on Sat. Jan. 29 at noon in L-95 to discuss issues such as location and admission costs for the 20th annual De Anza College Pow Wow on May 5, 6 and 7.

Eyeglass Drive

Drop off your unwanted glasses in collection boxes in the Student Activities Office, Admin. Building Lobby, ATC Lobby or Learning Center Lobby by Friday Jan. 28.

NASA/AMES Internship Meetings

Informational meetings about the internships will be held on Tuesday Jan. 25 at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Asian Pacific American Staff Association

APASA Welcome Reception will be held Tuesday Jan 25 from noon to 1:30 in the Euphrat Museum of Art. All welcome; refreshments will be served.

Working with Vietnamese-American Students

A workshop on Thursday Jan 27 at 1:30-3 p.m. in Conference Room A will explore various basic cultural issues and characteristics of Vietnamese students. Pre-registration is not required.

Tutors needed

The Tutorial Center is hiring student tutors at \$8.00/hr, especially in upper level math, science, EWRT, ESL and social sciences areas. Contact Diana Alves de Lima at 864-8485.

Massages Available on Campus

Advanced massage students will give 45 minute massages to students (\$5), staff (\$10), and the community (\$15) on Tuesday and Thursday at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30 through March 16. Call 864-5645.

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World

News

CHECHNYA - Acting Russian President Vladimir Putin has a bit of a problem on his hands. The Russian army has officially begun a full-scale assault on the capitol city of Grozny, and it hasn't fallen despite Russian claims of vast superiority. Chechen rebels are using underground tunnels to launch guerrilla attacks on Russian soldiers and the longer the war continues, the louder the memories of the 1994-1996 Russia-Chechnya War become. Official reports from the Russian government say that Russian casualties are low and Chechen deaths are high. Russian soldiers disagree. "We've had a lot of wounded soldiers in the past two days," one told CNN. Those who fail to learn from past mistakes are doomed to repeat them, as the saying goes, and it appears that Putin has a hard lesson headed his way.

CHINA - Last October, the National Geographic Society welcomed Archaeoraptor liaoningenesis to the world of paleontology. People thought it was the missing link between birds and dinosaurs. Now Xu Xing, a Chinese paleontologist, says the celebrated fossil is a composite. National Geographic said recent examinations appear to confirm Xing's assessment but further work needs to be done.

ECUADOR - A three-man military junta composed of Ecuador's military chief, one of its former supreme court justices, and an indigenous leader has overthrown President Jamil Mahuad. Vice-President Gustavo Noboa took command shortly afterward and Mahuad, despite stating that he was the victim of a military coup, threw his support to Noboa in the interest of the country. The junta

was dissolved after American warnings that Ecuador could lose foreign aid without a democratic government in place. The coup took place shortly after Mahuad announced he was abandoning the sucre, the national currency, in favor of the U.S. dollar. Many of the country's indigenous people have their life savings in sucres, and they were not happy about the intended change.

GREECE - There's just not much going on in Greece. A parliament member wants the Development Ministry to investigate the Sea-Monkey, or "Little Sea Souls," as the Greeks call them. It's a question of ethics according to Greek consumer general secretary Christina Papanikolaou. It's "a live organism being used as a toy," she said. According to the Associated Press, the Greek chapter of Greenpeace may advocate for Sea-Monkey rights. So it goes.

NEW YORK - It could have been worse. Senator Jesse Helms visited the United Nations last week and delivered a blistering address to the assembled diplomats, touching on things like international law and the limits the United Nations should observe. He told the UN not to try to dictate American foreign or domestic policy in an international version of "Do as I say, not as I do." On whether or not America is a deadbeat country, Helms said that payment of nearly \$1 billion in back dues would require certain "common-sense reforms." Otherwise, "it would mark the beginning of the end for U.S. support for the United Nations."

NORTH KOREA - If you can't beat them, join them. North Korea says it may start testing long-range missiles again, shortly after the United States' failed test of an interceptor missile system designed to take out incoming nuclear weapons. Last September North Korea agreed to

stop testing missiles designed to strike the American West Coast while negotiations between the two countries continued, but now all bets are off.

RUSSIA - Don't give up on the International Space Station, say the Russians. They are committed to the project but want to try to keep the troubled Mir space station from falling into the sea. Rockets originally designed for the ISS have been reassigned to Mir. Now Russia will have to come up with the money to replace them. Mir has been orbiting the earth unmanned since August. One entrepreneur wants to turn it into a resort, but Russian officials have not yet taken his offer.

SPAIN - Something nasty is falling out of the sky in Spain. Some people think the large chunks of ice are frozen human waste dropping out of airplanes. Others think they are comet debris. Whatever they are, one of them hit 70-year old Juana Sanchez Sanchez [Ed. note: not a typo] while she was walking home and knocked her out. Another man lost his car to a 9-pound chunk. Scientists are still examining the objects.

WASHINGTON - Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers have come to take him home, but first they have to get through Washington. Attorney General Janet Reno and INS Commissioner Doris Messiner met them on Saturday to hear their pleas. Elian has sparked a worldwide debate on whether a father's love for his son is enough to justify a life in communist Cuba. Some feel his grandmothers are in the U.S. to act as propaganda machines for Cuban President Fidel Castro. Others believe the U.S. government has its nose where it doesn't belong.

- Compiled by Bryan Rockstroh

Backtalk

Compiled by Chris Pommier Photos by Michelle Hecht

What did you think of Stephen Hawking's talk?



Christina Manis

"I thought it was pretty much the same stuff as his documentaries. You can just read his books."



Eric Espiritu

"There weren't a lot of questions. I would have liked to hear more about his theories on physics."



Joe Calgeror

"It was kind of like his book. I enjoyed it, but I was hoping to find out more about the work he is doing right now."



Homan Mehr

"It was great, but it was very basic. I was disappointed he only answered student questions, not professional ones."

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Announcements

The Spirit, a new age African-American feminist lez-gay literary news magazine, is looking for stories, cartoons, essays and features for the Spring Women's Issue (deadline Mar. 15) and for the Summer Millennium Issue (deadline July 1). Fax 408-279-6636* (star key) or email womanin-moon@earthlink.net for details. Reading fee includes written evaluation. Visit the web site at www.womaninthemoon.com.

The next issue of La Voz, the weekly student newspaper of De Anza College, will be available Jan. 31. Look for it!

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