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The dream continues ...

Students celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s fight for human rights

by **Lakeshia Hardy**

STAFF WRITER

In celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who once said, "Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that ... Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that," De Anza shared a light of knowledge, remembrance, and optimism of this cultural hero.

This commemoration gave meaning to the Inter-Club Council's motto "Unity and Diversity," as Brothers and Sisters United, the Muslim Students Association, and the De Anza Associated Student Body sponsored this emotional three-tiered event to discuss oppression, discrimination, and civil rights issues last Tuesday.

Thirty-four years after the assassination of a man who devoted most of his adult life to the fight for

full citizenship rights of the poor, disadvantaged and racially oppressed, the struggle for civil rights still continues, said a panel of eight.

Panelist Abdul Idris said that although Blacks may be able to sit wherever on the bus, a majority would rather stand than take a seat next to a Black man.

"Did the Emancipation Proclamation free the slaves? No ... In this country, the only ones that are going to set us free are us," said Dr. Drew Farnsworth, the keynote speaker of the celebration as he emphasized the importance of unification within the Black community.

"African American have-nots must join with the African American have-haves," quoted Farnsworth of King.

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Above: Panelists (L-R: Eb Hunter; De Anza ICS instructor, Phaedra Tillery, Sheirfa Tiamiya; BSU President, Sandy Munio, Adrienne Hypolite; former DASB Senator, Sharla Stevens; former DASB President, Abdul Idris; MSA Treasurer, and Marcus Earls; VP of BSU discuss issues of intolerance, racism and oppression last Tuesday. Right: Former DASB President Stevens and Hypolite share personal experiences. Left: A Tabia performer expresses strong feelings of empowerment during the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration.



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Unnecessary restrictions to RU-486



Monica Krauth
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration finally approved the abortion-inducing drug RU-486 after more than 12 years of battles between pro- and anti-abortion forces. Unfortunately while they approved it, the FDA attached unnecessary restrictions to the drug that will make obtaining the drug a hassle for womyn.

According to the Associated Press, the drug, originally developed in France, blocks a hormone, progesterone, which in turn causes the lining of the uterine wall to thin resulting in a spontaneous

abortion. The drug is more than 90 percent effective in causing an abortion if taken within 49 days of the beginning of a woman's last menstrual period.

In a bizarre, though not unexpected move, the FDA placed numerous restrictions on RU486 approving it only for distribution by doctors who, according to the Associated Press, "can operate in case a surgical abortion is needed to finish the job or in cases of severe bleeding — or to doctors who have made advance arrangements for a surgeon to provide such care to their patients."

This is ridiculous. Should surgeons who perform back surgery be the only medical professionals able to dispense medication for back pain? Millions of people see non-surgeons for heart and other ailments, which might later call for surgery without needing to find a doctor, who himself, is a surgeon.

President-elect George W. Bush opposes abortion; his father's administration banned RU-486 from this country in 1989. Many people think that Bush's selection for Attorney General, John Ashcroft, would ban birth control pills and IUDs, deny emergency contraception of a woman who's been raped and force a girl, pregnant from incest, to bear a child, even at the risk of her health.

What did the Clinton-Gore administration do for the past seven years, while the FDA stood around and dragged its feet on a drug approval that should have been extraordinarily routine? Absolutely nothing.

They apparently didn't try to dissuade the FDA from the needless conditions they attached to the drug.

-Source: FDA approves abortion pill. The Associated Press, September 28, 2000.

Letters to the Editor

No prosperity in energy deregulation

La Voz,

California's electricity deregulation experiment, which makes electricity fully subject to the free market, reverses a century of sound experience. The state's crisis — power shortages, rising rate and threatened utility bankruptcies — should be a stern warning for the rest of America.

Electric power deregulation is a result of exaggerated pride and faith in the free market that now threatens the very foundations of California's prosperity and even that of the rest of the nation.

Waterpower and animal power sustained California during the 1800s. Because the state had no coal, the

industrialization that swept the eastern half of the country never took off in the Golden State.

Californians had to import coal from as far away as England simply to run steam engines. Like America's dependence on foreign oil during the 1970s, California's dependence on coal disadvantaged the economy.

Pacific Coast oil discoveries and the development of hydroelectric power around 1900 got California out of its energy dilemma and transformed its future.

Waterpower once used for gold mining was harnessed to turn electric power generators, and Sierra Nevada hydroelectricity lighted California's cities.

Electricity came early to the state's homes. By 1930, ahead of almost every other region in America, California delivered electricity to 95 percent of its farms. Electricity helped to launch the movie, aircraft and electronics industries. Moreover, California's electric utility regulatory system became a model of efficiency for the rest of the nation. With it, the state's utilities kept abreast of electricity needs for 70 years.

Meanwhile, by the 1950s Californians grew dependent on the automobile, which became the primary user of oil.

They built their cities around the automobile. Their

lifestyles and campus-style industries, designed around the use of electric power, also used oil to fuel the ever longer commute to work at jobs that the electric power industry and the growing microwave electronics revolution made possible.

California became America's postindustrial society, a world without smokestack industry and girded by high tech. Its power grid met every demand, dealing easily, it seemed, with power outages caused by natural disasters.

In the 1970s, the national energy crisis struck California. It most visibly hit drivers, who lined up for gas at what seemed astronomical prices

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Wicked weather wrestles with students

by Tammy Roseberry

FEATURES EDITOR

Last week students started back to school with gray skies and dismal clouds that poured rain into the San Jose area.

With wind whipping papers from hands, students found themselves with more tasks at hand than just making it to class and waiting forever in the book line.

Traffic delays and power outages made it difficult and even dangerous for students and teachers going to school.

Fortunately, some students went through the week with not much difficulty.

"I've just been cool 'cause of my schedule, just been freezing my butt off and getting wet," said Jonah Vinciguerra, a De Anza student.

There was a 50-percent overall increase of accidents because of the bad weather, and the California Highway Patrol reported one fatality, said Deputy Noah Brommeland, a traffic officer covering Cupertino, Saratoga, Los Altos, and the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County.

Students on campus had their own stories to tell about the crazy, stormy week.

Leo Chang, a first year student from Sunnyvale, said he almost hit some people near Stevens Creek Boulevard.

Anabella Pinon said she saw a couple of accidents off



Nelson Ching / La Voz

Students brave the rain outside the Advanced Technology Center on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2001. Heavy rain and winds plagued students the first week of the Winter Quarter.

the De La Cruz exit and was unable to do her job for two days because of power outages in the Santa Clara area.

During storms, the potential for accidents is greatly increased, and students are advised to be careful when venturing out in mother nature's wrath.

Brommeland offered some potential life-saving tips for students driving in winter weather:

1. Slow down.
2. Never drive faster than the speed limit.

3. Slow down in fog, visibility is limited.

4. Brake before entering a curve since brakes do a better job slowing down in a straight line than a curve.

5. Drive advised speed limits for curves.

6. Look as far ahead as possible (raising your visual horizon).

7. Prepare your vehicle for the winter season.

8. Maintain a full tank of gas during bad weather.

9. Listen to the radio or call the state highway patrol for the latest highway conditions.

10. Dress warmly with layers of loose, lightweight clothing.

11. Store a supply of high-energy munchies and several bottles of water.

12. Allow enough time to reach your destination.

13. Keep your windshield and windows clean.

14. Be mechanically correct and keep your driving habits safer.

By following these tips, you may help prevent yourself and others from a serious accident.

Many of us are rushed from point A to point B on a daily basis without realizing the risks we take.

It only takes one mistake to change your life forever, so be cautious and arrive to your final destination safely and without preventable mistakes.

APASL art auction aids flood victims in Asia

by England Wei

STAFF WRITER

Because of the support needed for flood victims in Southeast Asia, Asian Pacific American Students for Leadership (APASL) ran an art auction campaign named "For Asia." It was held on the night of Monday, December 18, 2000 at the California History Center.

Students and local artists donated their paintings and photographs for the art auction. "Instead of going to the nearest Target . . . to purchase a Monet or Van Gogh," said Lily Duong, President of APASL, "come to our Art Auction and take home an original." As a result, people who took home an original were among the De Anza

College faculty, the artists, and APASL club members and their families. "About thirty-five people showed up," according to Betty Duong, also president of APASL. Duong believed that there would have been more people attending had the art auction been held during the quarter.

The "For Asia" art auction raised \$660 during the night. The entire fund was sent to the Unified Buddhist Church, who collected donations from around the world and distributed them to the flood victims.

The residents along Mekong River have long suffered from the flood occurred during the rain season every year. They lack sources of food, run short of medical facilities, and are in need of small boats.

Associations like Red Cross and Unified Buddhist Church are making every effort to ease the pain of flood

victims in Southeast Asia.

Besides the art auction, the events of the night also included a lecture from a guest speaker, Thich Tri Lang, who is the Head Monk of Dharma Lotus Meditation Center. He praised the effort made by younger generations that made the world different. In addition, two singers from the Vietnamese Student Association performed during the night. "Everybody showed up, and nothing went wrong," Duong said.

In the future, APASL will strive to support the flood victims in various ways. Coming soon is a charity dancing party on Friday, Feb. 2 in Conference Room A and B in the Campus Center. APASL wishes to bring more awareness and support among the De Anza student body about the flood in Southeast Asia.

California public utility electricity in danger of severe shortage

■ ENERGY

From page two

Electrical bills went up, too, but less significantly than gasoline prices.

Energy conservation became the watchword of the 1980s, as Americans worried more and more about pollution and preserving the environment. Faithful to its reputation for doing things differently,

California created a new energy commission that followed the advice of energy guru Amory Lovins by pushing the "soft energy path" of solar, wind, geothermal and other renewable energy sources to generate electricity.

In the end, however, oil supplies were reestablished. Gas prices declined, though never back to pre-crisis levels; the regulated electrical grid kept right on flowing; and Americans everywhere got back to business as usual.

Conservation and soft energy faded as the computer and Internet revolutions and the discovery of abundant, clean-burning natural gas supplies dimmed concerns about energy shortages.

"If ensuring prosperity is the goal of Californians and Americans in the 21st century, then deregulation of electric power — the life-blood of the economy — has been a terrible mistake."

But readiness over what seemed to be the free market's victory over communist-style economies and its promise of high-tech prosperity captivated Americans during last decade of the 20th century.

Faith in the market led to deregulation of airlines, telecommunications and eventually electric power.

Perhaps the most important factor that stands out in

California's energy history has been its citizens' desire to build a prosperous life and economy, a goal shared by Americans everywhere.

Therefore, when people weighed resources, costs, technologies and community values in calculating the advan-

tages and disadvantages of their energy choices, they always emphasized the goal of achieving widespread prosperity.

But never had Californians elevated their faith in the free market as high in their decision-making process as it has been during this past decade.

Rather, like most Americans, they understood that prosperity must reach the many, or it will not be long-lived for even the few.

California owes its prosperity to years of regulated electricity, which guaranteed delivery of reasonably priced energy.

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-James C. Williams, author of "Energy and the Making of Modern California" and a writer for the History News Service.

Speaking on extraterrestrial life

by Daniel Mart
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

"I studied astronomy in grad school and remember sitting above the deserts of California at three o'clock in the morning taking notes for my thesis. I was reading a book, in which it was pointed out that those very instruments [I was using to observe] could be used to communicate between the stars."

And so began a lifelong bond between Seth Shotak and the seemingly endless search for life among the stars.

"The universe is a big place," says Shotak, "and has a lot of real estate." Shotak is a member of the SETI Institute, which is a Mountain View based organization dedicated entirely to searching for life in outer space.

"If you were to take pictures of galaxies all across the sky, you would count about 100 billion of these. One-hundred billion galaxies each containing 200 billion stars is more than every grain of sand on each beach in North America."

That is a lot of stars, Shotak adds, and the fact that most of us believe in some form of life parading amongst those billions of galaxies proves that we're not all so unique in thinking as we once believed.

"The aliens are not going to look like us," he said as he pointed to an illustration of what films, books, magazines and television perceive aliens to look like.

Shotak said that he doesn't think this is a sub-conscious prediction of what humans are going to become.

"They're not black or white. They're gray. We're losing our hair. They have no hair. We're losing our teeth and ability to smell. These guys have small noses, small mouths and small bodies."

This is the media's perception of what extraterrestrials might look like, Shotak said. "Don't expect aliens to look like that today."

With a plan called Project Phoenix, SETI began searching the stars hoping to hear "ET's faint whine." This project started in 1995 with a 210 foot wide antenna in Australia.

This antenna was used until 1996, when the institute began utilizing a new telescope in West Virginia. Today, the SETI Institute uses "the mother of all radio telescopes." Located in Puerto Rico, the telescope is 1,000 feet across. Despite these new telescopes, SETI has yet to find any extraterrestrial life. However, every theory proved wrong and idea turned false is like a re-awakening, said Shotak.

"Instead of giving up hope after receiving a signal that turns out to be false, use that botched signal as a motivator. Perhaps we will find life among the stars. Perhaps we are special. Maybe not astronomically. However," as Shotak so clearly puts it ... "since we're humans, we are biologically, intellectually, and culturally special."



Eriko Watanabe / La Voz

Seth Shotak, an astronomer at the SETI Institute in Mountain View spoke at De Anza. He earned degrees in physics and astronomy, has written several hundred popular articles on astronomy, and is a frequent lecturer and instructor. His book, "Sharing the Universe," describes the search for and likely nature of extraterrestrial intelligence.

E-business certificate program offered this quarter

by Melinda Latham
STAFF WRITER

A new E-Business certificate program emerged out of De Anza College this quarter.

"Students today have to be prepared to work in a technology environment, whether they will be working in Silicon Valley or a traditional business. The environment is rapidly changing, dynamic, and challenging for most of us who are not computer scientists or engineers," said instructor of the E-Marketing and E-Business to Business classes, Michelle Fritz.

She says that the De Anza College E-Business courses immerse students in that world and give them an opportunity to

grapple with it.

The Business Department has expanded the E-Business curriculum from regular business classes (offered for the first time last fall) to part of a program, in which students must take five 4-unit courses to receive a Certificate of Achievement in E-Business: Introduction to Business (BUS 20), Principles of Marketing (BUS 90), Principles of E-Business (BUS 70), E-Marketing (BUS 71), and E-Business to Business (BUS 74).

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- Michelle Fritz

Fritz says she often has to upgrade the textbook and redo slides each quarter, simply to keep it current.

The curriculum consists of "intensive in-class discussions, case studies, and projects ... a professional

might need to handle in the work environment" so the material is fresh and relevant, she said.

Roopali G, a new student who recently relocated here from India, worked in advertising and marketing in former jobs.

She said that she wishes to gain a better knowledge of Silicon Valley and E-Business as part of her acclimation to this country and region.

Not only will students be able to apply this program to their business major, the classes are held at night so working professionals can come and boost their resume.

"Many professionals who are already in Marketing jobs are interested in E-Marketing in order to prepare themselves for the specific challenges of marketing using new Internet technologies," Fritz explained.

Students must obtain an e-mail account and have Internet access for research for these courses.

RU-486: fiction and fact behind the new abortion pill

by George Chikovani

SPECIAL TO LA VOZ

The drug mifepristone, also known as RU-486 or the abortion pill, has been a hot-button issue in the reproductive health debate for more than a decade, and never more so than this year.

The FDA approved mifepristone for prescription use in September, and the first shipments of the drug arrived just last week.

The drug is extremely controversial and has drawn heavy criticism from the pro-life movement, leading to confusing propaganda from both sides of the issue. There is heavy debate on whether RU-486 availability will increase or decrease the amount of abortions, as well as its moral and medical implications.

A press release by WhyLife?, a division of the American Life League, announced that "colleges have formed a blockade against RU-486...[banning the drug] from campus."

Health Center Coordinator Kathy Kesten says she is concerned by the potential for misinformation among De Anza students; "I have had several people, including a reporter from La Voz, come to ask me if we would offer mifepristone through the Health Center, and that worries me. It's important that people understand that RU-486 is not a method of birth control; it is simply another way to have an abortion, and that's way beyond the scope of what the Health Center does."

Kesten called the press release "propaganda—the only way a university health center would carry mifepristone is if it already performed surgical abortions."

Apparently, one of the reasons for the confusion is the media's mistaken labeling of RU-486 as a "morning-after pill." Mifepristone is entirely different from the actual morning-after pill, which is a high dosage of birth control pills taken within 48 hours of intercourse to prevent pregnancy. The Health Center plans to carry the morning after pill, along with birth control pills, Depo-Privera and condoms, beginning next quarter. Mifepristone works in a completely different way. It shuts down the production of the hormone progesterone and forces the body to discharge the fetus, a process similar to a miscarriage. RU-486 can be used for up to 48 days into the pregnancy.

The history of RU-486 begins in France, where it was first developed in the late seventies. RU-486 has been legal there since 1988, but the FDA banned the importation of the drug into the US pending its clinical trials.

There have been allegations of political interference in the testing process leading to the unusually long delay, but a decision was finally reached on September 18 this year.

Mifepristone will be distributed by Danco Laboratories under the brand name Mifeprex, and will be available through abortion clinics such as Planned Parenthood.

The process of having a non-surgical, or medical, abortion is quite involved. It does not begin or end with simply popping a pill: before even beginning the procedure, the patient undergoes counseling and full physical exam and signs a consent form. Several days after taking a mifepristone pill at the clinic, the patient receives a second drug called misoprostol, which causes the uterus to contract and empty.

The whole process can take up to a week, and there are serious side effects involved. Most women will experience bleeding and strong cramping, nausea and

diarrhea.

While the process is over 90 percent effective, in case of failure the pregnancy must be terminated surgically.

After all the rhetoric is removed, the truth is that RU-486 is neither a miracle drug nor a vicious killer. It provides a less intrusive option for some of those women and couples who have made the difficult and grave decision to terminate a pregnancy.

For information, contact plannedparenthood.org or the pro-life database at ru486.org.

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- Kathy Kesten

Find a club for yourself!

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Dance Connection
De Anza Anthropology
De Anza Psychology
Film and Television Guild
Music Composition and Performance Coalition
Student Nurses Organization

Religious

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Grace Fellowship
Hillel of Silicon Valley
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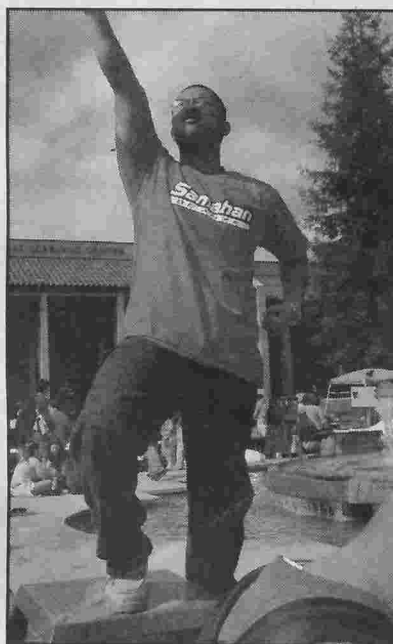
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La Voz file photos



Campus activities and news

The ICC meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 17 was cancelled due to the power outage. The next meeting will be Jan. 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Club Day will be Thursday, Jan. 25, 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Main Quad. Clubs will earn \$100 for having the:

- 1) best decorated table
- 2) best spirited club
- 3) best group performance

All clubs that perform will receive \$50. The ICC officers and advisor determine the awards.

ICC Eyeglass Drive ongoing through Jan. 26.

National Condom Week is Feb. 12 - 15 and Health Services will be giving away condom variety packs. Volunteers from clubs help put together 1,500 packs each year. The packs consist of cute, heart-shaped bags filled with condoms and lubricants.

Volunteers are needed on Monday, Jan. 29, from 8:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m., Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1, from 8:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Volunteers are also needed for Feb. 12 and 13 at the lobby table.

Carolee Erickson Memorial ICC Scholarship (6 @ \$500) applications are due Friday, Jan. 26, by 4:00 p.m.

APASL will be hosting a dance on Friday, Feb. 2, from 8:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. in Conference Room A and B.



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Bottom right and front page: The Tabia Performers' smooth combination of percussion and "from the heart" lead vocals expressed strong emotional desire to a diverse audience last Tuesday. Their lyrics symbolized the event's theme of remembrance, rejoicing and continuing a dream that was started some 40 years earlier by Dr. King.

Top right: Farnsworth, the keynote speaker, emphasized the importance of unification within the Black community.



... into and beyond the new millennium

Three campus events celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

■ MLK

From front page

Farnsworth said, "If we really are talking about celebrating Martin Luther King, we need to start rethinking as a people." He said that all people need to love themselves first.

In doing so, he said that each person needs to know where their roots are.

Former De Anza Associated Student Body President, Sharla Stevens, said that if you are White and feel racism, you could educate other White people.

"This is a place where other Black people can't get into," she said from the audience.

She said that Black people and White people don't have culture, but, German people, Nigerian people, and Korean people have cultures.

"Black history is U.S. history, Latino history is U.S. history, Asian history is U.S. history ... Know thyself and know thy culture," Stevens said.

Much of what the panel discussed included the same tenets of Farnsworth's speech.

Student Sandy Munio discussed what it's like to be a Latina woman when many people stereotype her as White because of her light skin.

Adrienne Hypolite, former DASB Vice-President of

Administration, talked about how racism affects children at an early age. But she didn't realize how it affected her until she was in high school.

She said that many children don't realize the effects of racism when they are young.

“ If we really are talking about celebrating Martin Luther King, we need to start rethinking as a people. ”
- Dr. Drew Farnsworth





VOLUNTEER AT HIDDEN VILLA

by **Monica Krauth**
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Welcome to Hidden Villa Farm and Wilderness Preserve, a 1,600-acre natural sanctuary where activists, mostly comprised of volunteers, preach environmental education, multicultural understanding and social justice to children everyday.

According to representative Noelle Marquis, Hidden Villa is a place to volunteer, hike, eat, go to camp and to visit farm animals of all kinds and sizes. Marquis, like many other Hidden Villa representatives visited social and behavioral science classes such as sociology, child development and environmental studies during De Anza's first week of instruction in an attempt to recruit volunteers.

According to Garth Harwood, assistant volunteer coordinator, several dozen De

Anza students signed their names, informing Hidden Villa of their interest in the volunteer programs. He said that 10 to 12 students came to the volunteer training Saturday, Jan. 13.

La Voz had the opportunity to visit Hidden Villa last week to witness volunteers in training. When we arrived, the doors to the visitors' center were locked, but a group of volunteers inside began gesturing for us to come in. We smiled, perplexed, until environmental educationist Elizabeth Bowden-Smith, who has worked at Hidden Villa for 17 years, opened the door and greeted us inside and offered us a hot cup of tea.

Bowden-Smith informed us that she was in the middle of training volunteers but that we were welcome to sit in on the session.

She was in the middle of explaining the backpack must-haves. Out of her backpack, she pulled a no garbage lunch, a water bottle, a handkerchief with a trail map on it, a sock with a magnifying glass in it, and sunblock. "It can be intense working with children ... Bring aspirin to take care of yourself," Bowden-Smith said.

"Hidden Villa encourages teaching guides to learn how to interact with the children," Harwood said. He encouraged the volunteers to discuss the "Six Plant Parts," the heat of the compost pile, feeding the chickens, and to visit Heather the Jersey cow. As in regular school, children often become bored or uninterested in this "living classroom," said Harwood. So, it's the responsibility of the leader to engender wonder and awe with the children. "Once they care about something, they'll take care of it," he said.

"If a student says, 'eww, a bug,' here's an opportunity to liven up the crowd." He said that volunteers could respond with, "That bug is one of our garden helpers." Little conversational pieces such as these hold the interest of the young students.

According to Harwood, a goal of Hidden Villa is "to open children's eyes

for the first time to see something new."

According to their website, the following programs unite diverse people and encourage respect to the connectiveness to each other and all living things:

- Multicultural summer camp programs for youth, ages 6-18.

- Environmental education programs for elementary school classes.

- Community programs offer insightful forums, hikes and cultural performances.

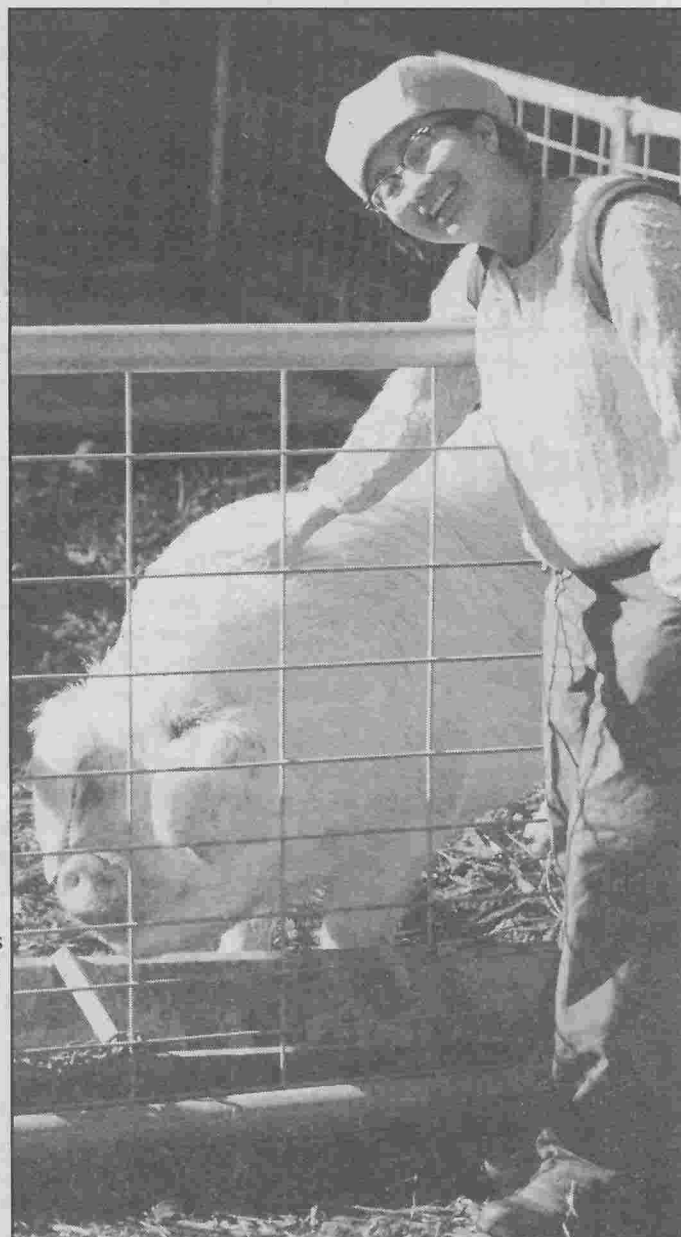
- Group rental facilities, including a hostel for international and local visitors.

- Fresh organic produce from the Community Supported Agriculture program.

- Kids' activities and programs on weekends for youth and families.

- Volunteer and internship opportunities in their programs, from organic gardening to trail maintenance to office administration, for ages 15-95.

Hidden Villa is located at 26870 Moody Road in Los Altos Hills.



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Top: Hidden Villa is located in a vast watershed. The facility hosts an organic garden, gift shop, wilderness trails and farm animals.

Left: Environmental educator Elizabeth Bowden-Smith trains new volunteers. She shows them the necessities of Hidden Villa's wilderness.

Above Right: A volunteer trainee learns about the farm animals that reside in the "environmental classroom".



Coen brothers triumph with latest film



Photo courtesy of www.obrother.net
Ulysses, played by George Clooney, sings "Man of Constant Sorrow" near the end of the film.

by Keith Haze
STAFF WRITER

Joel and Ethan Coen's new film "O Brother, Where Art Thou," is a masterpiece of writing and visuals.

The Coen brothers have brought us such great films as "Raising Arizona," "Big Lebowski," and "Fargo," but this time they have departed from their quirky personal tales and tackled a piece of liter-

ary history.

The inspiration for this film comes from Homer's epic poem, "The Odyssey." George Clooney, of "The Perfect Storm," plays Ulysses and is an escaped convict trying to get back to his family.

With him are Tim Blake Nelson and Coen brother staple, John Turturro.

His dim-witted partners stumble along the depression era in the south hoping to find buried treasure.

Even if you have not read "The Odyssey," you will still enjoy this creative film. The performances are excellent. Nelson is brilliant as the oft bewildered but compassionate Delmar.

Turturro continues to add to his long list of character pieces as the grumpy Pete. Clooney lends his ample charisma and charm to the main character delivering the clever dialogue with deft skill.

The film also includes excellent cameos by Holly Hunter as Ulysses' wife, Stephen Root as a radio station owner, and John Goodman, another regular of the Coen cast, who makes a lasting impression as Cyclops.

This richly written story takes you into a different world. Traveling back in time with the Coen brothers is an exciting adventure. I strongly recommend this film if you enjoy a good tale full of interesting characters.

The direction provides plenty of excellent shots and good pacing moves the story from one adventure to the next.



Photo courtesy of www.obrother.net
George Clooney is joined with two partners in crime, played by Tim Blake Nelson and John Turturro.

Movies should take you on a journey of some sort whether it is a modern adventure, a travel through time, space, or history.

At their best, the Coen brothers pull you into a different world in which the everyman is as interesting, if not more so than the lead.

A world in which characters are developed and plot is secondary, elaborate set designs are pushed aside for excellent dialogue. This is filmmaking as it was meant to be.



Photo courtesy of www.obrother.net
Holly Hunter plays Ulysses' wife.

Modern television content lacks quality and depth

by Robert Haugh
MANAGING EDITOR

Channel surfing; browsing hundreds of television stations at a rabid pace that even the Energizer Bunny seemingly ceases to exist.

Hundreds of satellite derived niche stations, everything from golf, to language, animals, kids and movies, but surfing the television is an art itself.

I ponder when channel surfing will become an Olympic Games sport, after all it is getting to be extremely difficult.

Very seldomly do I find quality programming on television. Yeah, those gunslinger, fast-paced, high-energy Kung Fu and war films are excellent, but few have proper credentials for my list of quality programming. Most TV programs are piled high and deep with raunchiness, violence and excessive vulgarity.

The Nickelodeon network, and subsidiary station TVLand, the Disney Channel and other stations continuously run "old" syndications of popular shows like "Dragnet," "Bonanza," "The Jeffersons," "The Cosby Show,"

"Gunsmoke," "Little House on the Prairie," and many more entertaining shows that anyone should be comfortable watching. TNN, the network that now has "POP," entertains a captive audience with hits like "The Dukes of Hazzard." Only an hour or two following Bo, Luke and of course, Daisy Duke, one can watch WWF RAW, the ever-so-popular version of professional wrestling that is now considered "Sports Entertainment," which it is. RAW showcases incredibly lame gimmicks and an inexcusable amount of vulgarity and smuttiness. By the way, did I mention RAW is one of the best shows on T.V.?

Broadcast news has changed recently, as all the networks want you to do is watch. I can hardly bare to watch the news anymore, because every story is sad, depressing, and irrelevant to what I want to know. After all, do I really need to know about Mr. Clinton's misbehaving pet? Granted, bad news will always get the center of attention, but what about all the good things occurring out there?

After watching the evening news, I am embedded with an image of a decayed,

misery-struck modern society that has no room for values or morals.

I'm an avid sports fan, a sports fanatic. So what has happened to televised sports? Well, networks have created sports programming that is just as ridiculous as most any other TV show. Football no longer provides brutal, agonizing, bone-crunching games. Now, they are stop-and-go contests with scheduled timeouts for the networks to make extra money.

Halftime shows don't even bother to talk about the game and let you know what happened in the first half. Instead, we are pressured with screen shots of scantily clad cheerleaders, or maybe I can just say eye candy, followed by performances by extremely unknown and bad musicians.

Baseball, basketball, hockey, and most sports play games with duration of three hours or more; it's just too long.

I will continue to keep my ears glued to the radio and I'll keep my eyes on the outlook—wait, a quality show—I need to watch it!

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Courtesy of www.tvland.com

TVLand is one of few cable networks that deter from today's television shows that encourage violence and unethical behavior, by airing reruns of classic TV shows like "The Jeffersons," "The Cosby Show" and "Gunsmoke."

"Traffic" explores the war on drugs

by **Keith Haze**
STAFF WRITER

"Traffic" is the new film by Steven Soderbergh, who also has "Erin Brockovich" and "Out of Sight" under his list of credits. The film, which opened earlier this month, stars Michael Douglas as a judge appointed to head up the war on drugs.

The film explores the different levels of the war from the viewpoints of the U.S. and Mexico.

Soderbergh uses a color variation to let the audience know where they are. He

adds atmosphere and craft to his film.

Benicio Del Toro stars as a Mexican police officer surrounded by corruption on all sides. His dream of improving Tijuana is under siege from every angle.

Don Cheadle plays a San Diego police officer fighting against the war on drugs on the U.S. side of the border. The fourth story of the film involves Catherine Zeta-Jones, who plays the unsuspecting wife of drug lord Steven Bauer.

The film bounces back and forth from story to story and all of them connect at

different points. It is simply an outstanding film that examines the hopeless and dire war on drugs. We are shown how it is fought, whom it is affecting, why it is hard to stop, and what is being done to stop it.

Instead of making a faceless enemy, the film points out very personal and particular actors involved in this epidemic. The film reminds us that drugs are being used and sold everyday and that no one is removed from its touches. It also reminds us that there is no easy solution.

Oddly enough, the weakest part of the

film is the central story. Michael Douglas does not deliver the type of powerhouse performance given by Cheadle, Del Toro, or his wife Zeta-Jones.

His struggle to balance work and family life lacks the same intensity that the other stories possess: a cop against an empire and a mother trying to regain her footing after learning her husband is a drug dealer.

Still, this small fault by no means makes it a bad film. It is still worth watching.



Photo courtesy of Gramercy Pictures
Catherine Zeta Jones plays Helena Ayala, wife of a drug lord in "Traffic."



Photo courtesy of Gramercy Pictures
Benicio Del Toro and Jacob Vargas play Mexican police officers and best friends.

Current and future music listings for CD releases

by **Caroline Perez**
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

CD Releases for January 23, 2000

- ◆ Jennifer Lopez "J Lo"
- ◆ The Donnas "The Donnas Turn 21"
- ◆ Less Than Jake "Greased"

- ◆ Gob "World according to Gob"
- ◆ Rainer Maria "Better version of me"
- ◆ Silkk The Shocker "My World, My Way"
- ◆ Dream "It Was All A Dream"
- ◆ Diffuser "Injury Loves Melody"
- ◆ Fredro "Firestarr"

- ◆ JTMoney "Blood, Sweat, and Years"
 - ◆ Joi "We Are Three"
- Future Releases
- ◆ Vitamin C "More" 1/30/01
 - ◆ Krayzie Bone "LOUD" 1/30/01
 - ◆ Big Punisher "Endangered Species" 2/6/01

- ◆ The Ataris "End is Forever" 2/6/01
- Already Released
- ◆ Alice Cooper "Makeup & Monsters: The Best of Alice Cooper"
 - ◆ Various Artists "Ozzfest Live"

Information taken from www.mtv.com and Rasputin music store.


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"New giant" trumpet musician performs at jazz club



Photo courtesy of www.yoshis.com

by **Deborah Perez**
ADVERTISING MANAGER

Wallace Roney is an exciting and multi-talented trumpet player whose many styles can blow you away!

His repertoire includes many tunes of interpretation and exploding tempos, bebop, slow swing, acoustic jazz, fusion, and funk styles, De Anza Jazz Instructor Robert Farrington said.

Wallace presents traditional sounds with other talented musicians who performed last week at the famous Yoshi's Japanese restaurant and jazz club in Oakland. His quintet includes his younger brother Antoine on saxophone, Clarence Seay on bass, drummer Lenny White, and wife, Geri Allen on piano.

Roney's latest CD, "No Argument Here," was released last September and is available in stores now.

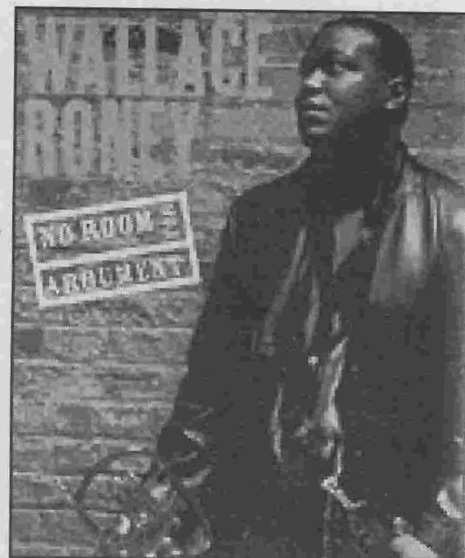


Photo courtesy of www.cdnow.com

"No Argument Here" is Wallace Roney's 10th CD. Eight of the 10 tracks are his original compositions.

Let's all make a list

One of my favorite movies this past year was "High Fidelity." The lead character, played by John Cusack, runs a music store in Chicago.

He and two other employees pass the time away by creating lists -- "top five songs for telling someone a relative just died," "top five songs for letting the person who dumped you know that even though they broke your heart, you can't get over them," etc. They are typical record-store types, displaying a breadth of musical knowledge any normal man would be ashamed to possess.

One thing that makes this movie so good is how real those guys are, the embodiment of our under-achieving, list-making society. Lists appeal to the most primitive functions of our brains.

Whatever is at the top is the best, whatever is at the bottom is the worst. It's that easy. One glance at the list and you've got the whole story right there. And those record store guys had this crude story-telling down to an art form.

Now lists aren't all bad; they can be very useful in fact. We have lists for the grocery store, to record attendance in classes, to keep track of endangered species. (Without this list, we wouldn't know the bald eagle is only threatened now. Please send future charitable donations to a more worthy bird.) Watching "High Fidelity" just made me think we might be getting a little carried away with ourselves.

I was reminded of this again over winter break. While you were hibernating, 50 of the best college football teams in the country got together for that

time-honored tradition of post-season bowl games.

A new subplot to this year's games was its less traditional and far less honorable list controversy. In the quest to create the ultimate list of the top 25 college football teams in America, various polls were conducted to produce the definitive list.

Unfortunately, all that was produced was a dilemma which wasn't resolved until the last day of the season.

The Associated Press top 25 list is generally regarded as the list to trust in such matters.

Sportswriters from around the country have ranked football teams since 1936 for this poll. They now rank teams in just about every NCAA sport.

After the cable TV sta-



Jon Paul Hoornstra
SPORTS EDITOR

We might be getting a little carried away with ourselves

tion and shortly before the magazine, ESPN attached its name to a poll of Division I football coaches. ESPN and USA Today, two big players in sports media, both say this list is the final answer. That always sets the stage for some good controversy.

And if that isn't enough, we now have the Bowl Championship Series list. The BCS system, a miracle of modern insanity, was recently devised to match up the right teams in the right bowl games to determine an undisputed national champion. This one is a list-maker's dream.

Using a computer, it factors in strength of schedule, losses, and -- get

this -- ten other lists, to rank the top 15 teams.

After the regular season, both the AP and ESPN/USA Today polls had Oklahoma (then 12-0), Miami (10-1) and Florida State (11-1) ranked 1-2-3 in that order. Any hope of national consensus was lost, however, when the BCS formula ranked Florida State ahead of Miami.

As a result, Oklahoma would play Florida State in the Orange Bowl; many felt that these were not the two best teams in the country playing for the title.

Worse yet, expecting a Florida State victory, the nation pondered this apocalyptic scenario for three weeks: six teams, each with only one loss, and no definitive list to tell us which is the best.

Then Oklahoma won, and our fears were forgotten faster than Y2K.

But I digress. The football season is over and college basketball is now in full swing. Having yet to lose a game, Stanford is the number one team in both major polls, a rare luxury. This

polling tranquility will not last.

By the time March Madness (at least we're being honest with ourselves here) hits, Stanford will have lost, and the usual list-making idiocy will have resumed.

De Anza athletes should in many ways feel fortunate. They don't face the same pressure as Division I student-athletes who must compete knowing that, in the eyes of the nation, their performance is often measured only by how high their school is placed on someone's list.

Athletics at college, and at all levels, means much more than that to its participants. We can only also hope that it does for the fans.

Top Five College Football Teams

With this list, I am contributing to more problems than solutions, but am not about to stop now. Here's my list:

- 1. Oklahoma (13-0).** That's easy.
- 2. Portland State (8-4).** As pointed out in the December 4 Sports Illustrated, they beat Hawaii, who beat SMU, who beat Kansas State, who beat Missouri, who beat Oklahoma State who came just five points short of knocking off number one Oklahoma. Good enough for me.
- 3. TCU (10-2).** I actually played baseball in high school with backup running back Chad Purcell. And let me tell you, he's really fast.
- 4. Northern Arizona (3-8).** I must admit I know next to nothing about their football program. But if they can do for the gridiron what they did for the woolly mammoth, look out.
- 5. De Anza (1-9).** The way I see it, factoring in strength of schedule, their lone victory of the season is enough to catapult them past almost all of NCAA Divisions I, I-A, I-AA and II a-z. Besides, if they don't make my list, whose list will they make?



Ryan Little / La Voz

De Anza center Thomas Kucera (50) drives to the basket in a Jan. 10 loss to Monterey Peninsula.

NEXT FIVE GAMES

MEN'S BASKETBALL (10-12)			
Wednesday	vs. San Jose		7:00
Friday	vs. Hartnell		7:30
Jan. 31	vs. Cabrillo		7:00
Feb. 2	@ Monterey		7:00
Feb. 7	vs. West Valley		7:00

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL (11-11)			
Wednesday	@ San Francisco		5:30
Friday	vs. Foothill		5:30
Jan. 31	@ Ohlone		7:00
Feb. 2	@ San Mateo		7:00
Feb. 7	@ San Jose		5:30

Records as of Thursday; all times p.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM STATISTICS through Thursday, Jan. 18

	G	FG%	FT%	RPG	APG	BLK	STL	3PM	PPG
Jennifer Kennedy	20	41.8	73.1	10.5	2.3	37	63	3	14.3
Kimmer Horsen	10	43.9	83.3	4.7	1.9	6	17	14	14.1
Melissa Gallant	22	35.8	76.9	5.3	2.8	4	26	24	12.5
Natasha Brosseau	22	36.5	65.8	5.0	4.8	2	97	13	10.3
Melissa Newberg	22	36.2	55.7	7.0	3.8	73	57	13	9.6
Diana Johnson	10	31.1	40.0	1.8	1.1	1	9	0	4.8
Cassandra Sisco	22	35.6	78.3	2.8	0.4	4	6	2	3.7
Denise Friedrich	9	55.2	50.0	4.6	0.4	4	6	0	3.7
Andrea Lee	22	13.8	66.7	1.0	1.0	1	8	3	1.5
Stacey Guerro	10	26.7	100.0	1.2	0.1	0	3	0	1.0
Nina Zukic	5	0.0	50.0	0.2	0.4	0	0	0	0.2

G = games; FG% = field goal %; FT% = free throw %; RPG = rebounds per game; APG = assists per game; BLK = blocks; STL = steals; 3PM = 3-pointers made; PPG = points per game

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Drives benefit underprivileged and domestic violence victims

by Catherine Kung
STAFF WRITER

This quarter three donation drives are in the works at De Anza: a backpack and school supplies drive, an eyeglass drive and a cellular phone drive.

Backpack and school supplies drive

According to Phi Theta Kappa President Lani Bondshu, any type of new or used school supplies such as rulers, crayons, lined paper, pencils, and backpacks can be dropped off in room S76G.

She said that the supplies will be given to the homeless children currently living in the emergency housing consortium. Bondshu said that this is the first backpack and school supply drive sponsored by Phi Theta Kappa. The drive ends on Thursday, Jan. 25.

Eyeglass Drive

Inter-Club Council Chair of Programs, Ryan Bellon, said that the goal of the drive is to collect at least 200 pairs.

The glasses will go to Lens Crafters who then, through optometrist groups, will donate, deliver, and re-fit the glasses for the underprivileged in places such as Mexico and Asia. Bellon said that this drive began five years ago and has taken place each winter since then.

Collection boxes for the glasses can be found in the Student Activities Office, Administration Building Lobby, Advanced Technology Building Lobby, and the learning Center Lobby. The eyeglass drive ends on Friday, Jan. 26.

Cellular phone drive

Donations of old, unwanted cellular phones will go to victims of domestic violence to use during times of emergency. This drive will take place from March 1-16.

A pair of old glasses, some used school supplies, or an old cellular phone can go a long way in terms of helping those who can't afford to buy new ones.

Student

activities

With over 40 clubs on campus, you can track down one that appeals to your interests, whether they are politics, religion, community service, or wrestling.

Thursday, Jan. 25
is
Club Day.

Many clubs will have candy, soda and even condoms to draw your attention to their tables.

It can be worthwhile to spend time meeting the people who work behind the scenes to keep campus diversity alive. If you have any questions, visit Student Activities or call 408-864-8693.

Monday, Jan. 24

Honors Club- 10:30 a.m.- 11:30 a.m., SCC
Muslim Students Association Prayer- 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., L32
Disabled Students Unlimited Officer's- 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., SCC

Tuesday, Jan. 23

Chi Alpha Christian Leadership- 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Meeting Rm. 1
Muslim Students Association Prayer- 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., L32
Students For Justice Club- 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., SCC
Drishti Indian Club- 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., SCC
Salsa Club- 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., SCC
Chi Alpha Christian- 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., SCC
Asian Pacific American Students for Leadership- 12:30 p.m.- 1:20 p.m., Meeting Rm. 1
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Association- 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., L42
Muslim Students Association Prayer- 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., L32
ICC- 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., SCC
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Association- 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m., S35
DASB Senate- 3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., SCC
Red Wheelbarrow- 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Administrative Conf. Rm. C

Thursday, Jan. 25

Club Day- 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., Main Quad
Auto Tech- 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., E12B
Wrestling Appreciation- 11:30 a.m.-12:30p.m., SCC
International Connection- 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., Mtg. Rm. 2
Muslim Student Association- 12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m., SCC
Students For Justice- 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m., L32
Students For the Truth- 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., SCC
Phi Theta Kappa- 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Santa Cruz Rm.
Grace Fellowship- 4:15 p.m.-5:45 p.m., SCC

Friday, Jan. 26

Physics and Math- 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., SCC
Vietnamese Student Association- 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m., SCC
Salsa- 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m., SCC
Dance Connection- 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., PE 11U

Saturday, Jan. 27

Shotokan- 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., PE11U

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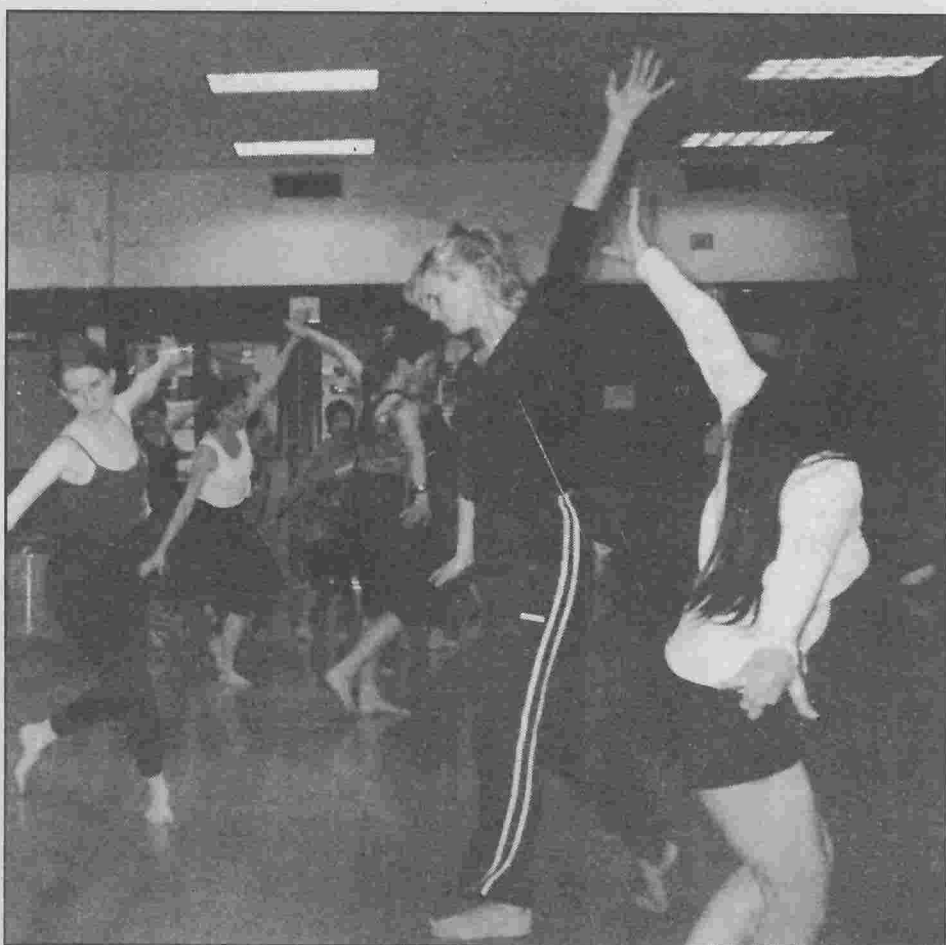
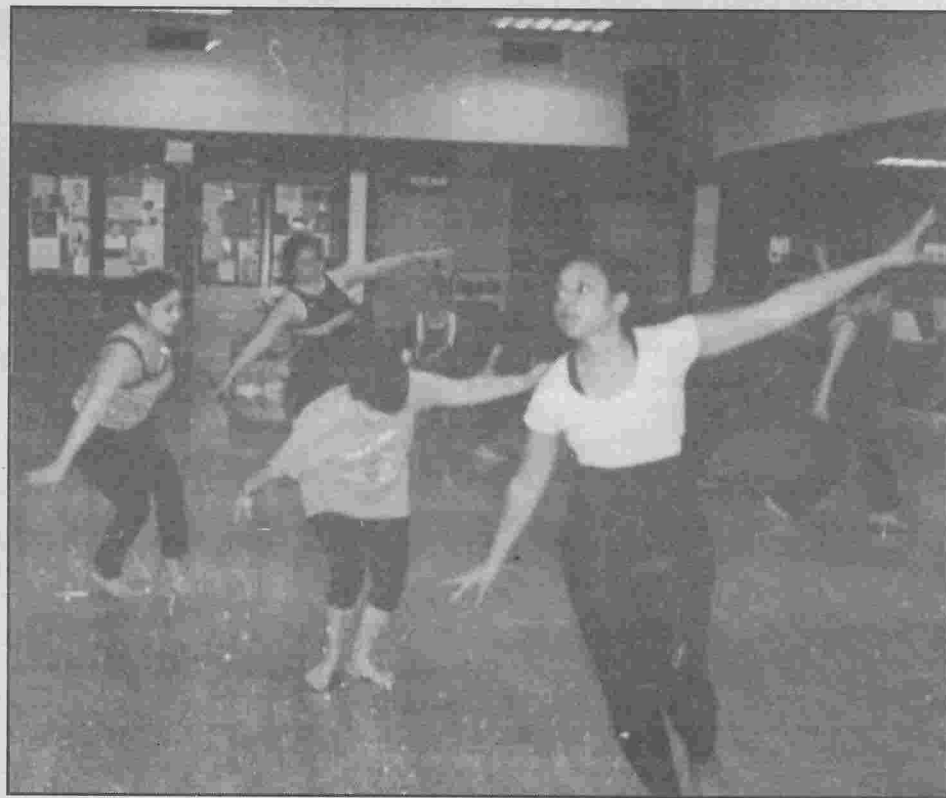
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Dancing into De Anza



Eriko Watanabe (3) / La Voz

Janet Shaw's new Dance 23A-61 Contemporary/Modern Dance class is for the beginning dancer. The class has no written tests or assignments and meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. in the dance studio in PE 11U. Students begin slowly and then are introduced to dance moves and stretches. According to Shaw, the class is extremely fun and takes a load off of a hectic college schedule. The class fulfills GE requirements in Area E, Group II (the PE requirement). Shaw says that the class is a great way to open up the mind and to feel good. Call 408-225-4114 for more information.