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## Instructor held on charges of murder

Bobby McGill

By Dean Carrico  
Staff Writer

The De Anza community was dealt a shock Friday upon hearing the news that long time Technical Drawing instructor Dan B. Mackay was being held on charges for suspicion of murder.

Mackay, 42, taught Manufacturing Design on a part-time basis at De Anza for over 14 years.

Officers arrested Mackay after stopping him on what appeared to be a stranded motorist along northbound Highway 17. Officers noticed a trail of blood on the ground next to Mackay's silver Toyota

pickup, the same truck Mackay used to commute to school. Officers also stated they found a "large quantity of blood" in the pickup bed.

After being taken to Los Gatos Police Department for questioning, Mackay eventually told police where to locate the body. Investigators for the police described him as "cooperative."

The victim was identified Sunday by the Santa Cruz County coroner as Debby Mackay, longtime spouse of Dan Mackay. Cause of death was ruled from being beaten on the head with a blunt instrument of some kind.

According to court documents, Mackay described striking his wife three times in the head with a baseball bat.

He then told officers how he had stuffed the body into a sleeping bag, placed it in the bed of his truck along with the weapon, disposing of the body alongside highway 17 just before Scotts Valley.

Mackay is now being held without bail facing charges of one count of murder through use of a deadly weapon and one count of inflicting great bodily injury.

Co-workers expressed shock and amazement over the arrest, saying they never would have thought Mackay capable

of such an action.

"It's not like him to take a drastic action like that," said John Shull, instructional associate for the Applied Technologies graphing department.

"He taught me in 1986 when I was an assistant," Shull continued. "He was very nice, an extremely nice guy. He seemed very happy. He had no problem talking to you at all."

Shull said that while he did not work closely with Mackay, he would see or speak with him for short periods often, adding that he saw Mackay briefly on the

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### Idle Wordship

## Some causes bring a foul movement

Colleges have long been fertile soil for the growth of the age old social phenomena known as "movements."

Boycotts, protests and all sorts of gripes against "social injustice" take root here in idealistic hearts willingly led by good intentioned, middle aged radical teachers who cultivate them like flowers on a landslide.

Of course, I think it is a good thing. Those that survive the inevitable fall to the rocks below often turn out to be socially conscious adults. Unfortunately, that is saying very little when considering the dog-eat-dog world that will offer them little beyond Darwin's harsh, but well founded appraisal after they graduate.

De Anza is no different from other colleges. On any given day you can find someone who is willing to tell you of the tragedies and the travesties, the crimes and callousness being captured by people the world around. And that is just from the mouth of the teachers.

The students as well form groups that address such concerns. Some of the more prominent movements these days include the eminently crucial Nike boycott on behalf of "underpaid" Southeast Asian workers or the giant one and a half block march to Whole Foods last quarter on behalf of the United Farm Workers.

These acts of protest, along with numerous others, beg the question of whether all of these movements are worthwhile or just a trifle. That question, in turn, demands that we rethink the notion that there is no such thing as a stupid question, for indeed, movements—which inherently encourage dialogue—are absolutely worthwhile.

As is the case in many aspects of life, movements tend to be marked with a great deal of irony. (I wanted to use the word "hypocrisy," but I know how tempers can flare, so I won't.) The irony that is prevalent in nearly all movements—predominantly those in the name of someone else's plight—is the fact that many protesters are often defending people that they themselves have never met and would not allow in their own home. Okay, maybe that is a little harsh, just not in the front door.

Now, before anyone gets their armband in an uproar, let me state sort of unequivocally, I guess, that I am not referring to all activists. I speak only of the ones in it for the trend, those who stand to lose nothing regardless of the outcome.

Who are they kidding? They rant and rave about the terrible, inequities, of poor education, biased treatment by the law or unfair access, but how many of them would sacrifice their own positions? How many are willing to sacrifice more of their paycheck to make a little more

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## Sculpture dedication



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Dr. Alvin and Phyllis Rutner watch the dedication of a form steel basket design turtle sculpture by Santa Fe artist Elwood Reynolds on May 1. The Rutners donated the sculpture as a part of the Arts on Campus program.

## Lack of candidates troubles DASB election process

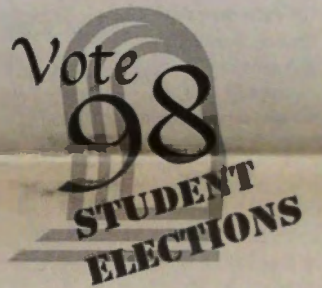
By Jordan James Harris  
Staff Writer

What a difference a year makes. In a dramatic turnaround from last year, when all 30 senate seats were filled, only 20 candidates are running for election, and out of that, only 18 senators will be elected.

DASB President Tiffany Sommerlad attributes the lack of interest in elections this year to the "lack of enthusiasm" by the senate itself and their failure to actively "find people who would be interested" in running.

Out of the twenty applicants, only two will not be elected. The only true race this election is for the President and Executive Vice President positions which run as a slate. Nicholas Pisca and Ai Khong Sing Chan, both current senators are running against newcomer Patrick Okah and current senator Bashir Eghbali. With no other competition in the election, all of the other applicants are guaranteed a seat.

Returning senators include; Amanda Holt who is running for



Vice President of Finance; Golnaz Golshan for V.P. of Marketing and Communication; and Scott Bechtle for V.P. of Technology. This will be Bechtle's third consecutive term in the senate at the same position.

Bechtle waited until the day of the deadline to turn in his application, and asked why he chose to run again said he had several reasons.

"I knew I would be on campus for another year," Bechtle said. "I feel I still have a lot to contribute [and] there is nobody running against me."

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## Classes held on the lake for a different kind of P.E.

By Jaclyn Winn  
Staff Writer

Are you looking for a challenge and at the same time having fun? Are you ready to broaden your horizons? Well, the new sailing class at De Anza College is where you'll find it.

"It took me three years to get it (the class approved)," said Charles Dougherty, the instructor for Beginning Sailing I.

This class is offered to students as a P.E. course so students will be able to do something that's, well, different. De Anza is also one of the only community colleges to offer this program.

Tom Beggs, a friend of Dougherty, thought that it would be a good idea to have a sailing class for the disabled students who needed P.E. units, and suggested it to Dougherty. Former Dean of De Anza Dr. Glenn Hanley, supported the idea.

Because he enjoys sailing himself, he decided to give it a try. But decided to make the course to all students.

He had to go through a lot of



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Beginning Sailing provides students a chance to learn how to sail on Saturdays.

transitions in order to have this course but in the end he believes that it was worth it.

During the class, the students are taught how to put up the sail, tie multiple knot style, such as the eight knot which is used to hold the

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## Activist stresses land conservation

By Annika Johansson, Jimmy Rubalcava, Saadia Malik, Sa Tran, Becki Kozina, Dale Ronan, Autumn Conrad, Melanie Luong  
Guest Writers

Winona Laduke can be added to the names Pocahontas and Sacajewea, the hort list of Native American women familiar in American history.

However, unlike Pocahontas and Sacajewea who, according to Laduke are native women known for "helping white guys," she is

fighting for the preservation of the Anishinabeg people through her non-profit organization called the White Earth Land Recovery Project.

"That's the only reason we still have our culture," she said. "Native American women are saying, 'we're not ashamed and we're not afraid.'"

Described as an indigenous and environmental activist, Laduke said she is more akin to a concerned parent who is dedicated to reclaiming the lands of Native American people.

"As a parent I don't really under-

stand why I should be more concerned about how much sugar is in my son's cereal than I am how many PCB's are in my son's tissue," she said.

Laduke spoke on April 21 at the Hinson Campus Center where she described the type of work that she does through the WELRP in addition to enlightening the audience about her culture.

Speaking to the large crowd, Laduke said her goal was to "preserve and resist" and to defend the

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Winona Laduke

# Math instructor laughs in face of "diversity" issues and policies

Last week, the Board of Trustees held a "discussion" on diversity as part of their regular Board schedule. This virtual "love-fest" of diversity supporters was full of pomp and circumstance, but lacking in any true intellectual quality. There was no discussion about the premises upon which this district bases its policies, no discussion about the legalities (or lack thereof) of District actions, and no explanation about cause and effect that many members in the District hold as universal truths.

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When governmental agencies and their agents openly flaunt the

law, we do not have enlightened civil disobedience, but rather, we have a prescription for anarchy. This is hardly the message that we should be sending to our students.

To compound their arrogance, the meeting held by the Board lacked any true debate about all the issues surrounding diversity, instead celebrating how enlightened we are. Indeed, one member even suggested that a major portion of an employee's evaluation be determined by how committed they are to "diversity". The stupidity of this suggestion cannot be overstated.

First, faculty are supposed to be here to help students learn. Newton's Second Law is not dependent upon the student's ethnicity or gender, and the political leanings of faculty members will not change the definition of a directional derivative. To base evaluations, particularly of faculty, on extraneous issues will further shift the focus of our District away from excellence in the classroom and towards a politically correct mediocrity.

Next, one could rightly ask the question of how would one evaluate an employee's "commitment to diversity". Would a faculty member that serves on the Diversity Action Council, but teaches fundamentally incorrect views of micro and macroeconomics receive a higher evaluation than a colleague who concentrates his or her energy on making sure that students are given tools to critically evaluate economic systems and their mechanizations. If the answer is yes, then we are truly in trouble.

Colleges are supposed to be places where differences of opinion are discussed and debated openly, within a basic logical framework. This suggestion would stifle true intellectual discussion, leading to indoctrination rather than education.

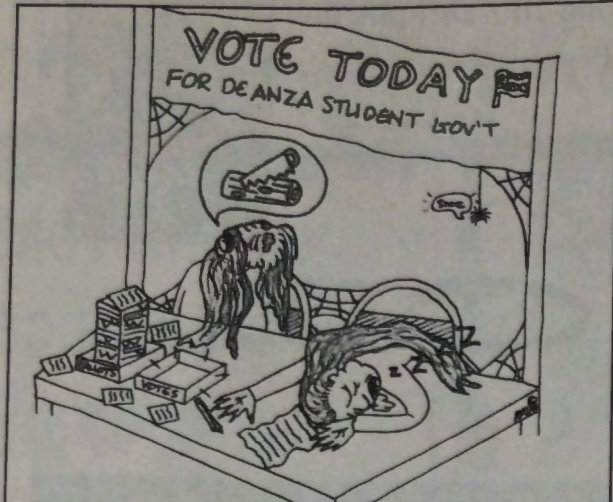
Last week, Cal-State Hayward held an informational session for students concerning Prop. 227, the "English for the Children" initiative. Ironically, all the speakers invited opposed the measure.

When asked why no one in support of the initiative was asked to speak, the leadership replied that they didn't want the session to be a debate.

This story reminded me a lot of this district. Thirty-five years ago, many people in this country stood up and said that it is wrong to discriminate against someone because of their race or gender. Today, those same people are more than willing to discriminate, as long as they get to pick which race and which gender.

The attitudes and actions that marked the segregationists of the South in the 50's and early 60's, denial of a problem, stonewalling against legal opinions, and ultimately openly flaunting legal authority are the same attitudes now being employed in the name of diversity and affirmative action. Makes you wonder, doesn't it?

Scott Peterson  
De Anza Math Instructor



# Apathy strikes all levels of student govt

Before the Statewide June elections, The De Anza community will have their own chance to participate in Democracy. And like the Statewide elections, only a small portion will actually take part.

Voter apathy hits all levels of government. Voter registration is at an all time low, and it is not uncommon for district polls to close with less than 30 percent turn outs.

De Anza is no different. Student government elections have a long history of extending registration deadlines for senators in an attempt to fill the numerous empty seats. Associated Students have resorted to give-aways to students in order to garner the required minimum number of votes, and senators have not had to fear losing to a competitor in nearly a decade.

DASB positions are vital in making decisions that affect the entire campus. The student government controls how over \$800,000 of fees garnered by the student body will be spent. Yet few students can even name a current senator, much less state what they do.

While many may place the lack of interest solely on the backs of the students, there seems to be a lack of participation from the top on down. Student Activities seems to have less interest in this years' election than the students.

Elections for new senators and executives begin next week, but one can hardly tell by walk-

ing around on campus.

Banners and flyers announcing available senate positions are almost nonexistent. The few advertisements encouraging people to run for senate are located almost entirely around the DASB Student Government office, which to us, seems to present an almost elitist atmosphere. The only students that will see these flyers are those already involved with student government.

Worse, the Activities Office has put on an air of indifference in regards to promoting upcoming elections. Material and personal statements from the few candidates that are running has not been made available to the public.

Not that this matters. Out of 20 candidates running for office, only two will be turned away. All other seats are uncontested.

The one exception has been the seat for Student Trustee. Current trustee Romi Bhatia has shown a genuine concern in making sure information about the position was made available to the student body.

Senators and Executives learn important skills in organization and leadership. But if they learn by the example of the current administration, all they will learn is apathy and procrastination.

Elections run from May 11 - 15. Perhaps if students participate in the voting process they can break the cycle of apathy, and administration will show more interest in future elections.

## Editorial The Opinion of La Voz

# Ten Commandments first example of law

Interesting article about Alabama and the Commandments. Perhaps others have told you this news, but nonetheless, I must open my trap to share them as well. The Ten Commandments are not originally Christian documents; If you recall the story from the OLD Testament, they were "handed" to Moses on Mount Sinai. Jesus came along, in Jewish history approximately a few hundred years later.

Also, it's interesting that, two-thirds through, you say the Church needs to make up its mind. For all intensive purposes, when MOST people refer to the Church, they are referring to the Roman Catholic Church, which I see referenced nowhere else in the article. So it is interesting that you should use that

expression [the Church] to refer to right-wing-fundamentalist Southerners.

Also, since the development of laws THOUSANDS of years ago, there have always been references to a common form of deity; In our society, we are fortunate that it is unpeficed, leaving the observer open to provide his or her own interpretation, but it must be said that no one forces anti-theists to look at the walls of a courthouse, or a dollar bill, or the Constitution. Moreover, in a strictly legalist mentality, the Ten Commandments is viewed as one of the first examples of law and order in society even if based on religion, thus making it all the more fitting for a courthouse.

That's my two cents' worth.

John S Leyba

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# Media ignores issues, feelings

This is in response to the article in the last issue on the front page, entitled "Gay bashing incident proves false under investigation." To start I'd like to thank staff writer Dean Carrico for the sensitive way this story was written. However, I have a complaint, or why else would I be writing this letter?

I don't seem to remember this story being front page news when it was first reported, am I correct? So what changed? Could it be that

it is about a Lying Lesbian? After all Gays and Lesbians lying is more newsworthy than Gays and Lesbians dying.

I do not write this to excuse Ms. Chin's lie, but I do think I might understand it. As a Gay man, I know how painful it can be to grow up in a straight world. To never have your feelings or issues talked about in school, church, in the media, or anywhere else save possibly in a locker-room, and only then derogatorily.

If this is as I suspect, an attempt by this woman to get someone to listen, and take her issue seriously, then the real issue

is how desperate some "queer" individuals are to be heard.

Speaking of hearing, I overheard a conversation between two people discussing this story. One of those individuals said that Ms. Chin's action was evidence of how unstable "Homo's" are (not my word theirs).

I include this little piece of "drama" to illustrate my point. Many Gay people are more emotionally challenged than other people their age. I just wonder what or who made them that way? Please, think about this

David Abram King

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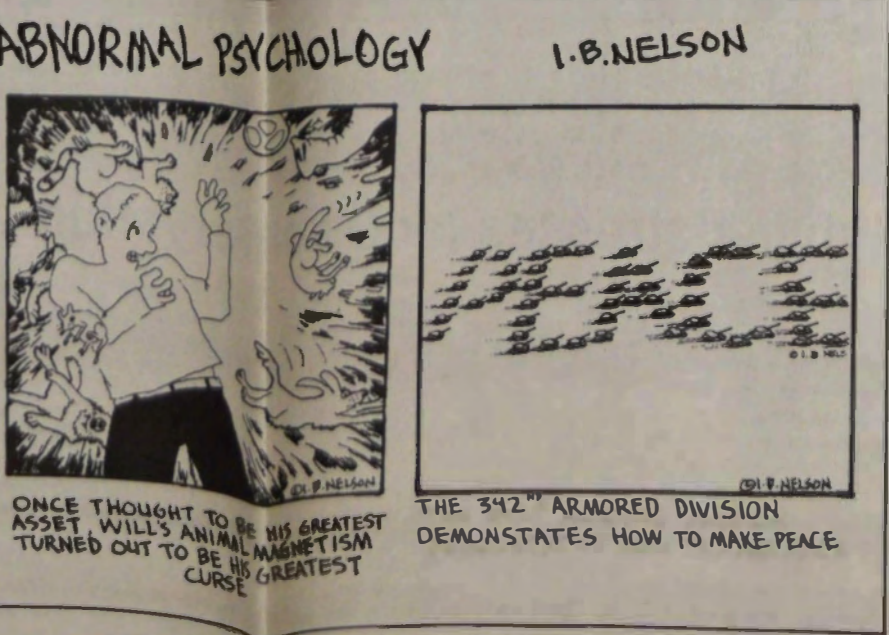
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# Searching out for the seeds of insanity

By David Rigel Brooks  
Film Writer

## Film REVIEW

Cultural induced insanity and an evil glimmer fill the eyes of the misunderstood youth, Francie Brady. In a world of war and pigs, they call him the Butcher Boy.

As you may guess, the story turns out to be a very depressing tragedy and an interesting case study of the underbelly of 60's Ireland and its effect on one young Francie Brady.

The innocence of youth is quickly lost by the young character played by Eamonn Owens. Comic books and sci-fi shows have created a shelter from reality where he finds his only happiness.

The bliss of Francie's childhood innocence quickly dissipates, and the world outside starts to eat away at his safe haven.

Who is to blame? Is it Francie's trumpet playing father (Stephen Rea), the self proclaimed "world's best drunk"? Is it Francie's bipolar mother (Aisling O'Sullivan)? Her only escape is suicide.

Francie believes that the intricate razor sharp web of deception that entangle and destroys his life has been sewn by Mrs. Nugent (Fiona Shaw), a neighborhood mother whose son is the butt of most of Francie's jokes and aggression.

Mrs. Nugent starts spreading nasty rumors around town about Francie's family, revealing the frailties of his broken home and labeling the Brady family "pigs."

Francie stands strong in the face of adversity, but his mother cannot. Her innocence is long lost and not being able to cope, she punches out her one-way ticket - she kills herself.

This snaps something in Francie, he tries to understand, but all he can see is Mrs. Nugent messing up his game.

Try as he may, the young butcher boy cannot teach Mrs. Nugent the rules of the game. He tries to teach her in the streets and in her own home.

In the streets, he stops her in her tracks, demanding fare for her to pass by. Not paying his toll, she is frightened, and he is enraged.

He breaks into her home and eats all of her fresh-baked pastries, scribbles "pig" all over her walls, and goes to do what pigs do so well all over her floor.

The blows keep hitting him in the hundreds, and with a big fat zero for conduct he ends up in one institution, after another.

Like a tempest, Francie destroys every-

thing in his path, in his world, and everything dear to him. What he does not destroy, dies in front of him.

The world from on Francie, but he stands strong in the hard wind of adversity. Despite all of the cruel luck, young Francie Brady keeps going on, not letting anything get him down.

When Francie's faith starts to quiver he is visited by the Virgin Mary, aptly cast with Sinead O'Connor.

Throughout the film she gives him comfort in a cold world.

On the other shoulder stands the narrator, an older Francie (Stephen Rea), who converses with Francie, giving him condemning advice. This gives the film a semi-sweet surreal dreamlike lucidity that plays very well into the overall concept.

The screenplay is written by Neil Jordan and Patrick McCabe, adapted from McCabe's 1992 award-winning novel of the same name.

The film has been received well. Director Neil Jordan was nominated for the Golden Berlin Bear at the Berlin International Film festival and won the Silver Berlin Bear for



photo by Pat Redmond

Francie Brady (Eamonn Owens) get some advice from his dipsomaniacal father, Benny (Stephen Rea), in Neil Jordan film "The Butcher Boy".

his directing. Newcomer Eamonn Owens won a special mention for his astonishing lead as the Butcher Boy.

### The Butcher Boy

★★★★

D: Neil Jordan

C: Eamonn Owens, Stephen Rea

# Hidden China treasure

By Bobby McGill  
Hungry Student

Even though it is practically hidden from casual passers by, the China House in Cupertino stands out as one of the better Chinese restaurants I have been to in the Bay Area.

Nestled in the back end of the Nob Hill shopping center on Saratoga-Sunnyvale road near highway 85, the casual dining establishment is worth the effort it takes to find it.

Though lacking the posh atmosphere and the posh prices of its nearby neighbor, the Mandarin Gourmet, I found the food to be on the same par, if not better. (There is some sort of adage that is appropriate here, but I am not sure what it is.)

We went in for dinner and were greeted by the friendly host who offered us a drink from the full bar.

After viewing the menu we ordered the Eggplant in spicy garlic sauce along with an order of Mu-Shu vegetables.

My standard for judging Chinese restaurants has always been their deftness

at making Mu-Shu vegetables -my favorite dish. They did an excellent job.

The pancakes used to wrap the Mu-Shu were not too sticky, as is often the case, and the Mu-Shu itself was perfectly done.

The Eggplant was slightly spongy, but the delectable garlic sauce more than made up for this minor flaw.

The sauce was secretly spicy, with a touch of tang to take the tastebuds on the tip of your tongue to the tip top of taste. (Did I mention the full bar?)

Spread over a generous helping of steamed rice, the Eggplant was definitely the highlight of the meal for me.

As I said earlier, the China House restaurant is not a place that will appear on Martha Stewart as a stylishly decorated place.

When you walk in the front door the first object to catch your eye is a huge mirror that spans the wall from the floor right up to the ceiling. This could ruin many an appetite, including my own, so I must applaud their courageous decorative gamble.

Once going further inside, the simple, or as some may put it "simple" choice of

style may give one the impression that they have entered into a below standard establishment. I assure you that this is not the case.

The problem with the more elaborately decorated restaurants is that the little extra touches such as the Picasso in the john, means more expensive food. Not here.

The dinner entrees at China House will run you -sans Picasso- between six to nine dollars. Two people can eat heartily for slightly over twenty-five dollars. They also have great lunchtime specials offering a variety of dishes in the \$5.00 range.

The soup and the egg roll, coupled with the generous portions of the main course of your choice make the China House an excellent bargain.

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# New game born from two great role playing classics

By David Rigel Brooks  
Video Nerd

No one has succeeded in creating the one true formula for a video game, but Final Fantasy Tactics make masterful attempt.

Combining the story and feel from the best role playing game series with one of the best role playing strategy games produces an instant classic.

Final Fantasy Tactics literally takes Tactics Ogre, the sequel to Ogre Battle: March of the Black Queen, and puts it into the world of Final Fantasy.

The game has all the strategy of Tactics Ogre complete with a 3/4 overhead view with battles that are waged on scalable 3-D terrains.

The battle system carries over from Final Fantasy V. FFV could be considered the best Final Fantasy game but it never made it to the US.

Instead of having a fighter, a thief and a magician, the classes are skill based. Anyone can become any of the above if they practice.

After practicing enough, new classes become available. Ninja, Time Magicians, and Shepherds are just a few of the many classes you can become with the right practice.

The story is linear, and the major battles are fairly simple. However, the game is held together by random battles that get tougher as you get stronger. This makes room for replay and raises the game difficulty by a few notches.



Two young adventures look into the horizon on back of their trusty friends the Chocobos, in Squaresoft's Final Fantasy Tactics.

Also adding to replay value are the game's many secrets, including bonus areas and hidden characters.

The problem with Final Fantasy Tactics arises from the fact that the game is terribly addictive and like Ogre Battle, some of the battles can be really long. Final Fantasy Tactics is the perfect game

for people with lots of time and a need for the video game fix.

### Final Fantasy Tactics

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Cherie Zaslawski, a part-time De Anza student sang French popular songs in their native language at the International Days held April 29-30. About 60 people attended.

# International Days

By Nelson Ching  
Staff Writer

With a European flavor, The De Anza Intercultural/International Studies Division and Activities Office sponsored the first annual International Days on Wednesday April 29 and Thursday April 30.

The event urged students to "discover why other languages and cultures will give you a decisive advantage in today's global society," by showcasing music, videos, film, and dance from German and French cultures.

Ethnic European food, such as cheeses and french bread, was also provided to the audience to give more of a literal flavor to the event.

The French language film, "Le Rêve de la Mer", opened the second day of the event.

"I did my film in French because of the lyrical nature of the language," said Michael Derrossett, writer, director and former De Anza Student. "I tried it in English at first, but it didn't have the same lyrical

quality," said Derrossett, who does not speak French. Students cited benefits to knowing a foreign language during the event, such as opening minds.

"I started learning German because I always found foreign languages interesting," said Keri Kirkpatrick.

"Learning languages opens your mind to so many other cultures and ideas," said Kirkpatrick "Also it can help you in business since the business world is becoming so global," said Kirkpatrick.

Musical works from Schubert, Mozart, and others were performed by De Anza staff and students.

The idea for this event came from LaDonna Yumori-Kaku Student Activities Director, Heidi Melas from the German Department, and

Yvette Lasserre from the French department as a way to promote other cultures.

"There are clubs for many of the cultures on campus except for the European ones," said Melas, "International days is a way to balance it out."



# Electronic options for free mail arise all over Internet

By Will Roberts  
Staff Writer

What is the favorite word for college students? No, not coffee FREE! We all love free stuff, and why not? Within the last few years, more and more free services are popping up to try and lure people onto the Internet.

One such useful service is e-mail. There is a multitude of services out there that offer free e-mail. Some of them offer it in addition to paying for other service and some offer it free with no obligation to buy any-

thing. The latter is most student's best choice.

The four most commonly used free e-mail services are all very easy to use and each has pros and cons. Juno, Yahoo! Mail, Hotmail, and AltaVista are excellent ways of getting a free e-mail account.

Yahoo! Mail, Hotmail and AltaVista are all web based e-mail services which require you to have an existing connection to the Internet. This is fine for most De Anza students, as there are computer labs on campus that you can access

the Internet with.

With an account such as this you could check your e-mail while at school, work, home, anywhere with web access and a current web browser like Netscape Navigator or Microsoft Internet Explorer. Web-based e-mail is simple to use and does not require installation.

Both Hotmail and Yahoo! Mail automatically post advertisements for themselves at the bottom of every e-mail message sent.

AltaVista does not put advertising on e-mail messages.

AltaVista has more options to choose from such as, custom domain addresses, so you could have customize your address. Think of the options:

schoolmail.com, yourid@mail.com, brewmaster.com, cheerful.com, earthling.com, or many others.

The choice between AltaVista, Hotmail, and Yahoo! Mail is simply a matter of preference.

De Anza College also offers a free e-mail account. This account has one serious drawback, in that there is a chance you will have to

"reset" your account every quarter.

Juno offers a little bit more to users than only an internet site with e-mail capabilities. Juno actually has software, Windows 3.x and 95 only, that will dial up on the internet using Juno as your service provider. Once connected the software will automatically download your e-mail and then disconnect you from Juno. Once you have read your messages and replied or created new messages you will need to log back on to send them out.

The service is entirely free and is

easy to use. The biggest concern and drawback is that this service is only supported under Windows 3.x and Windows 95, it is not recommended to try this with Windows NT or on a Macintosh. So for Mac users, sticking with the internet based e-mail service such as AltaVista would be the best bet.

There are certainly more services, such as Lycos, than those mentioned above out there on the internet. Simply do a search using one of the online search engines for "free e-mail" and see what comes up.

# La Voz reaps the rewards of state-wide excellence for the third time

By Jolly Bimbachi and David Rigel Brooks  
Staff Writer

Every year in Fresno, community college journalists come together from across California to compete and compare their work, and learn how to improve their skill.

De Anza College's very own student newspaper, La Voz, sent eight aspiring journalists to learn and compete at Journalism Association of Community Colleges conference.

The group consisted of the entire editorial staff, along with additional photographers, and writers Editor-in-Chief Dean Carrico, Opinions Editor Bobby McGill, Production

Editor Douglas Rider, Photo Editor Nelson Ching, Arts and Entertainment Editor David Brooks, writer Jolly Bimbachi, and photographers Chris Anderson and Gabrielle Rondell met in Fresno April 24.

During the day the young journalists went to workshops and competed at on the spot competitions.

Key note speaker Paul McMasters, Ombudsman for the Freedom Forum, an organization which promotes free press, started the conference by talking about rights of the press.

After McMasters spoke, workshops began all over the Fresno

State University campus. Seminars included how to write hard hitting sports stories, how to create better selling advertisements and how to avoid fights in the newsroom, along with many others intended to improve the quality of community college newspapers in California.

Over 70 community colleges par-

ticipated in the JACC conference and competitions.

La Voz won the General Excellence award for the third year in a row.

In addition to the General Excellence award, individual staff members won other honors. Douglas Rider won an Honorable

mention for his student produced advertisement. Bobby McGill won second place for column writing, and a third place award for opinion story. Jason Stephens won a second place award for his critical review, and the La Voz Staff won an honorable mention for front page design. In the on-the-spot competition, pho-

tographers Nelson Ching and Chris Anderson both won awards for sports photography.

Confusion arose regarding awards when judges placed a ribbon on a Bring-in-Photo supplied by Nelson Ching, but failed to issue an award during ceremonies. Judges failed to provide an explanation.

# Counseling Corner answers academic questions

By Elise Johnson  
Counseling Corner

**Question:** What is the best way to transfer to a four year institution without having to go through the IGETC or any of that? In other words, how can I transfer as a sophomore instead of a junior? What are the downsides of this besides costing more money?

**Answer:** If you were eligible out of High School to enter a CSU and depending on the major (this does not work for Nursing, Occupational Therapy, some Business majors, etc. the CSU system will take you as a freshman or sophomore transfer with the notable exception of Cal Poly.

If you were not eligible out of High School you can make up the deficiencies at a Community College and transfer before your Junior year. There is an explanation of deficiencies and a chart that covers eligibility (a combination of G.P.A., High School classes taken and S.A.T. scores) in the CSU application.

The UC system rarely takes sophomore transfers. UC River side will take you if you were eligible out of High School.

Why would you not want to transfer early besides the extra costs? The availability of classes are greater for Juniors and Seniors. Natural attrition (i.e. students dropping out) at 4 year colleges leave more space at the 1 year, 2 year, 3 year transfer slots are reserved for Junior level Community college transfer students getting into a 4 year school as a junior.

Privately private schools are all different, but most will take you with less units than public school. Remember their tuition is much higher, and an extra year can be a lot more money.

**Question:** If a student drops out of all classes in the fall quarter without receiving a "W"; skips winter quarter, and then enrolls in classes in the spring quarter. Does that student lose catalog rights?

**Answer:** Catalog rights refer to General Education patterns that change from year to year. There are no catalog rights for the IGETC pattern. The short answer to the above question is no, not for De Anza. You lose catalog rights after consecutive quarters not counting summer. You do have to reapply to De Anza after missing one quarter again not counting summer.

**Question:** What classes transfer to the out of state colleges like Boston University for general education?

**Answer:** You would need to look at the individual catalog of the school you are transferring to and

with the help of a counselor ascertain what classes from De Anza are equivalent. However, unless we have written articulation from the specific school you would still need to verify the transferability of the De Anza classes with the particular school articulation officer.

**Question:** I am debating whether I should participate in grad ceremonies or just wait until I finish at State? What should I do?

**Answer:** The answer to this question is a resounding Participate! How many times do you get to celebrate an achievement. Many of our students worked, took care of families, etc. while completing their degree. A degree represents an accomplishment, take advantage of any opportunity to celebrate your accomplishments. Plus, they always do a great job with the program, get a great speaker, and I get

misty eyed just thinking about graduation. You can apply for graduation in the counseling center up until the day of graduation, but if you want your name in the program do so by May 15.

**Question:** I heard that lower-level math classes up to Math 105 are non-transferable and therefore should be taken as Pass-No-Pass, because all they could do is screw up your GPA (assuming you have a high GPA that is). Is this true?

**Answer:** You may elect to take classes that are prerequisites for transferable classes like the above Math 105. The units and GPA do not transfer to a four year institution.

Do you have questions about your academic career, but can't find the time to visit the counseling office? Have your questions answered in La Voz E-mail your questions about counseling to: Johnson@admin.fhda.edu

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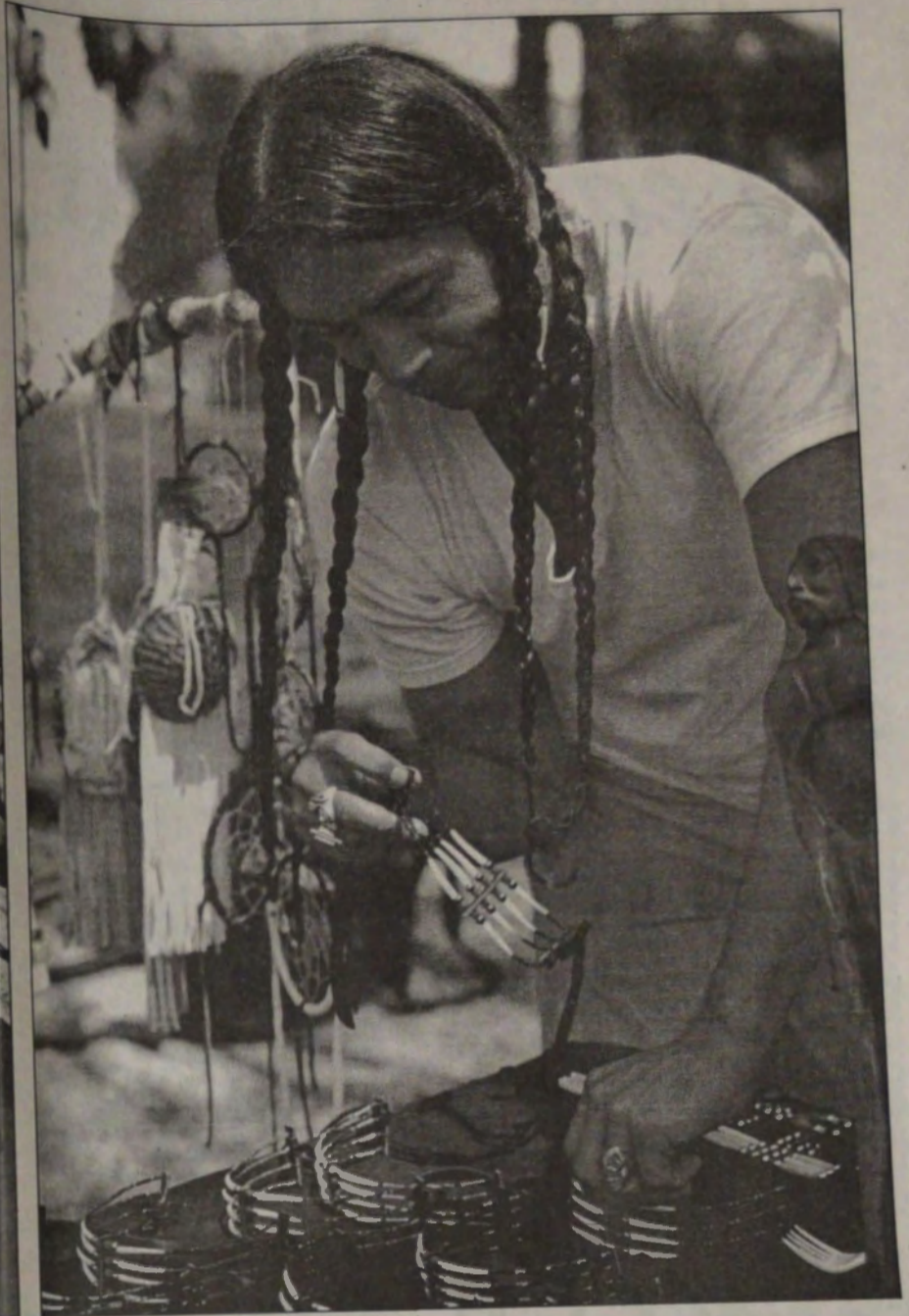
# Native American *song fills* campus air

The 18th annual Powwow and Native American Arts and Crafts fair was held on De Anza's campus on May 1-3 which brought in people from as far away as New Mexico. The powwow was part fair and part celebration of Native American culture, heritage, and spirit. The powwow included singing, dancing, arts and crafts, games, and food.

**Right:** Native American masks and headdresses are traditional worn during dancing. This mask was on display in the arts and crafts area of the powwow.

**Far Right:** John Menor of the Passamaquoddy Tribe brought in art and crafts to sell at the powwow including this display of "Dream Catcher." "Dream Catchers" are nets that vary in size and shape in Native American folklore that filter out bad dreams.

**Below:** The Dance competition awarded the first place winners a \$1000 prize. Judges based scores on how well teams of dancers, singers, and drummers kept time with each other.



**Left:** Necklaces and other jewelry were hand-crafted by Native American men and women and were put on sale at the powwow and arts and crafts fair. This one is made of coral.

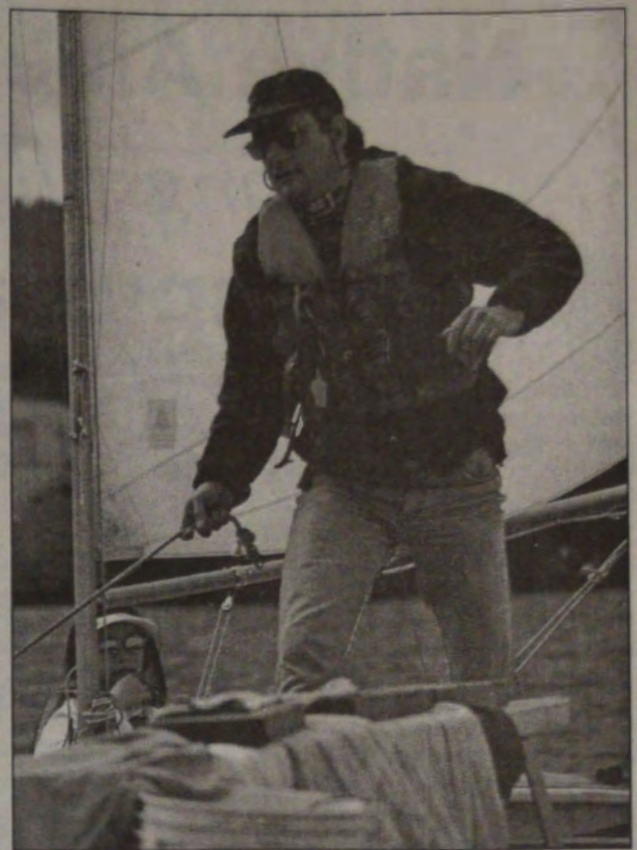
**Below:** The drumming and dancing competition consisted of Native American men and women of all ages. Dancers performed traditional Native American dances in full traditional dress. A prayer was held between each dance group.

Photos By  
Gabrielle Rondell



# Learning to sail away

Class Assistant Chris Chresmay prepares a boat for sailing in between classes the two Beginning Sailing class held on the Lexington Reservoir.



Fred Janon ties his boat to the private dock in the middle of Lexington Reservoir where all the sail boats and peddle boats are kept for the class during the week.



Chris Chresmay prepares to tower the sail on one of the boats, so that students can practice using the boats to sail on the Lexington Reservoir every Saturday.



Charles Dougherty, instructor for Beginning Sailing drives a small power boat around the lake to instruct students.

■ SAILING, from front page

boat at the deck, and the students learn how to steer the boat, which can be confusing to beginners because to turn left you turn right and to turn right you turn left.

If a student is not sailing then they are on the peddle boats. These boats are described as a good cardiovascular workout, utilizing the leg muscles to peddle what looks like a deck in the middle of the water.

For now, there are five sailboats, one peddle boat and two motor boats. There are usually two to three people on a boat and the weight balance is very important. Life jackets are worn at all times.

For those students who cringe at the thought of tests, Beginning sailing only requires one test for students -- a swim test.

The instructor will have the stu-

dents jump into a swimming pool, fully clothed, to see if they are able to at least have control and not panic while in water. A 100 yard lap is also required because if a situation does occur where the boat tips over, the students may have to swim back to the docks.

This class is very well supervised not only by Dougherty, but his assistant, Chris May who has at least ten years of experienced sailing.

"I believe that this will be a good experience for the students. It's a challenge for them and it's fun," states May.

Not only will this class be good for people wanting to sail, it can also benefit other courses taught at De Anza.

The Marine Biology course can have a class where they are able to observe the water and its natural

habitat.

"Sailing a boat requires a lot of skill," said Dougherty.

Being at the lake is a very pleasant place to be. The students are learning how to use resources in the community and it teaches them an activity where they can go out on their own and rent boats.

Dougherty hopes that this will open the door to more boating related activities. He is currently thinking about installing a peddle boat class or a course on safe boating. He is also expecting to offer different levels of boating classes that will accommodate each individual.

If the class is successful, there will be an opportunity for the students to take a week long vacation to the Virgin Islands and have class there.



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Don Weller and his daughter Rose Weller sail to the dock so the next class can board.

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# Superstitions of smokeless tobacco

I'm not a doctor of the body or mind, but I know a little about health related issues. I earn my "Armchair Umpire" status by saying that I know things, so let me treat you with some of my professional opinions on staying healthy.

**Mercedes Adams**



**Armchair Umpire**

Do not wear any Los Angeles Dodgers paraphernalia to 3Com/Candlestick. If you think this is not a related to good health, check with your doctor.

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Don't combine Polish hot dogs, garlic fries, and pizza with your stomach acid.

Along the lines of staying healthy, I usually do a few other things to keep myself in shape. I object to the idea of placing myself in situations that have the potential of providing me with slow, painful, and ugly dismemberment/death.

I intentionally avoid all medieval forms of torture. You will not find me indulging in any activity where my body is stretched on a rack, my stomach is gorged with water and then a fat man sits on me, or where a long saw is used to cut me in half. I simply tell myself to live without these pleasures.

Almost all tempting situations in life could pose a risk to one self, but the Armchair Umpire likes to weigh the benefits with the life threatening side effects.

So recently I thought over one of these health related situations. I could use a drug to increase my heart rate and blood pressure resulting in what is commonly called a "buzz", and have something fun to do when I'm bored, and it might help me fit in with a great group of guys. It's also a euphoiant, and its legal! What is making me stop to think, you ask. Jump right in!

If there was an all knowing God of decision making, he might hand me a list of negative side effects of this fun little drug.

One would be cancer. Heck, I'd say, typing up my column could probably give me cancer, so what the hell do I care?

Another would be mood swings. Well, my mood can swing as quickly as Jeff Kent's bat, so that's no serious threat.

Finally the Decision God throws a curveball, and asks me how I feel about tooth abrasion and discoloration, gum recession, and the possibility of having part of my face melt off.

Well, I can think of a better way to spend a Saturday. Maybe this drug isn't going to be good for me.

**Something to chew on**

Unfortunately, the God of Decision-making does not spend every day deterring the use of smokeless tobacco. If he did, the Federal Trade Commission wouldn't have reported the sale of 116,387,464 pounds of smokeless tobacco products in 1995 (where are the gods when you need them?). I guess he must be busy with all those people trying to decide what Giants six pack to purchase.

Even without the help of some

all knowing being, it seems to be common knowledge that tobacco products are harmful to the health of humans no matter what their batting average.

So why are so many people (and especially baseball players) using smokeless tobacco? How much oral cancer can we expect to see, when the Federal Trade Commission reports sales of \$1,735,840,489 in smokeless tobacco products in 1995? Should we fear for the teeth and tongues of the chewers in the MLB when we learn that 116,387,464 pounds of smokeless tobacco products were sold in 1995?

Is there some benefit that I'm missing? Oh, wait a second. I could be a baseball player if I chew tobacco. Does that sound silly to you? It shouldn't, because some former players say that coaches encouraged them to learn to chew in order to be a real player. Yeah, that was probably in the 1950's, but it happened!

Chewing tobacco is an interesting habit for athletes to have. It is a horrible tasting substance that will cut up the soft flesh of the mouth. It causes stress on the heart, and requires the user to spit frequently. It is an addictive substance comparable to morphine and cocaine. And yet a report released in 1996 claimed that 40 percent of professional baseball players in the US regularly use spit tobacco, but can't stop spitting.

Yeah, that makes me want to dip.

Sometime long before baseball was even a game, tobacco was formed into a nicotine-laced substance that men began to smoke and chew for diverse reasons and beliefs. It was there at baseball's inception. It has outlived rules and records, lasted longer than commissioners and strikes.

Sitting on a bench in the warm summer sun, watching two teams slug it out on the field is a healthy way to spend a Saturday. Chewing tobacco is not. Yet the history and the future of this game are intertwined in a pouch of unhealthy tobacco.

On the advice of the Armchair Umpire, stop chewing to improve your health.

**Quittin' time**

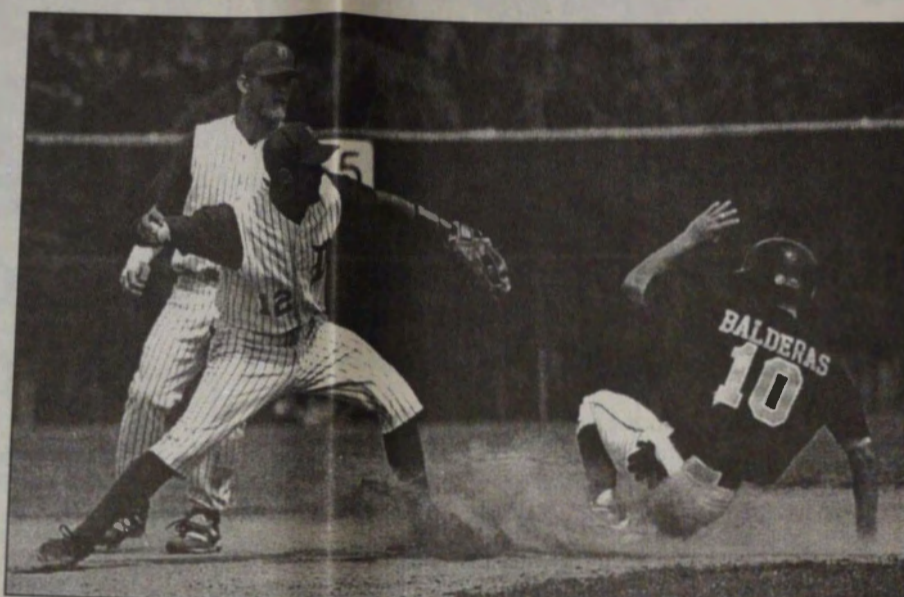
If you want to, you could be a quitter. Why not stand up in the dugout, cup your hands over your mouth, and yell out to your team, "I'm a quitter!" and see what the response is.

Maybe your coach will send you back to A ball, or maybe a teammate will give you some mint snuff.

Does anyone still believe that something like chewing tobacco can improve his or her performance? I've seen some guys who will never step on foul lines because of some old superstitions, so I'm sure there are still misconceptions out there. But there should be enough people with the right information to address any old superstitions.



Jordan Dierks (centered) gets congratulated by team mates after Dierks hit his second homerun of the game.



La Voz Christopher Anderson

Shortstop Gabe Interiano attempts to make a double play against Cañada College on Saturday. The Dons lost the season finale to Cañada 17-11.

# Cañada loss ends season

By Ali Abdallah Staff Writer

The 1997 De Anza baseball season came to a bitter but emotional end as the Dons fell to Cañada 17-11 in a wild season finale. "It was kind of a sloppy game," head coach Mark O'Brien said. "Cañada is a very good team."

De Anza jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Jordan Dierks hit a solo home run in the bottom of the first inning. The momentum shifted heavily after that initial blow. Cañada tallied nine runs in the next two innings, including five in the second off of sophomore starter Greg Mena. "There were a couple of errors, then they hit the ball hard a couple of times," said Mena. "I should have been out of it but I gave up a home run and a few other hits."

"It's going to be tough for me. The sophomores did everything I asked of them. I'm going to miss them very much. They are fantastic kids."

-Mark O'Brien Head Baseball Coach

After scoring four more runs in the third inning on sophomore Juan Alegria, Cañada took full control of the game until the Dons struck back in the bottom of the inning. Sophomore Scott Grover began De Anza's comeback attempt with a two-run homer that narrowed the deficit to 9-3.

Cañada added two more off of Matt Declercq in the top of the fifth, but De Anza followed with their most significant rally of the game. After Gabe Interiano singled, Grover doubled him in. After an error on the hit by Max

Childress, Grover came in with an unearned run. Ryan Del Ciarro followed with another line drive that Cañada met with another error that allowed Childress and Brandon Hill to come across. The two Cañada errors allowed the Dons to score four runs on just two hits and brought them to within 11-7.

Interiano brought De Anza as close as they would get with a solo shot in the bottom of the sixth that shrunk the Cañada lead to three at 11-8.

The Dons were not able to capitalize on their momentum and Cañada effectively put the game away in the top of the eighth. Aaron Wasserman was not successful in keeping the game close, allowing six runs.

Dierks hit another home run in the eighth, this time a three-run job, in the bottom of the eighth, but it was too little, too late. Dierks, however, ended finished the game four-for-five, with two home runs, four runs batted in and three runs scored. "It was a good way to go out, especially since I started off slow, but I came on at the end," said Dierks, "It's hard knowing that it was my last at bat after spending two years here and it's all ending."

O'Brien expressed his gratitude to his players' for their perseverance. "It's tough to start when you know that the hard work isn't going to get you anywhere."

He also commented on the difficulties in his future. O'Brien said, "It's going to be tough for me. The sophomores did everything I asked of them. I'm going to miss them very much. They are fantastic kids."

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# Superstitions of smokeless tobacco

I'm not a doctor of the body or mind, but I know a little about health related issues. I earn my "Armchair Umpire" status by saying that I know things, so let me treat you with some of my professional opinions on staying healthy.

**Mercedes Adams**

**Armchair Umpire**

Do not wear any Los Angeles Dodgers paraphernalia to 3Com/Candlestick. If you think this is not a related to good health, check with your doctor.

Avoid the Superfund site just around the corner from the 3Com parking lot (if you don't know what a Superfund site is, then the government has successfully implemented its plan to keep all nearby residents in the dark about toxic waste).

Don't combine Polish hot dogs, garlic fries, and pizza with your stomach acid

Along the lines of staying healthy, I usually do a few other things to keep myself in shape. I object to the idea of placing myself in situations that have the potential of providing me with slow, painful, and ugly dismemberment/death.

I intentionally avoid all mediaeval forms of torture. You will not find me indulging in any activity where my body is stretched on a rack, my stomach is gorged with water and then a fat man sits on me, or where a long saw is used to cut me in half. I simply tell myself to live without these pleasures.

Almost all tempting situations in life could pose a risk to one self, but the Armchair Umpire likes to weigh the benefits with the life threatening side effects.

So recently I thought over one of these health related situations. I could use a drug to increase my heart rate and blood pressure (resulting in what is commonly called a "buzz"), and have something fun to do when I'm bored, and it might help me fit in with a great group of guys. It's also a euphoiant, and its legal! What is making me stop to think, you ask. Jump right in!

If there was an all knowing God of decision making, he might hand me a list of negative side effects of this fun little drug

One would be cancer. Heck, I'd say, typing up my column could probably give me cancer, so what the hell do I care?

Another would be mood swings. Well, my mood can swing as quickly as Jeff Kent's bat, so that's no serious threat.

Finally the Decision God throws a curveball, and asks me how I feel about tooth abrasion and discoloration, gum recession, and the possibility of having part of my face melt off

Well, I can think of a better way to spend a Saturday. Maybe this drug isn't going to be good for me.

**Something to chew on**

Unfortunately, the God of Decision-making does not spend every day deterring the use of smokeless tobacco. If he did, the Federal Trade Commission wouldn't have reported the sale of 116,387,464 pounds of smokeless tobacco products in 1995 (where are the gods when you need them?). I guess he must be busy with all those people trying to decide what Giants six pack to purchase.

Even without the help of some

all knowing being, it seems to be common knowledge that tobacco products are harmful to the health of humans no matter what their batting average

So why are so many people (and especially baseball players) using smokeless tobacco? How much oral cancer can we expect to see, when the Federal Trade Commission reports sales of \$1,735,840,489 in smokeless tobacco products in 1995? Should we fear for the teeth and tongues of the chewers in the MLB when we learn that 116,387,464 pounds of smokeless tobacco products were sold in 1995?

Is there some benefit that I'm missing? Oh, wait a second. I could be a baseball player if I chew tobacco. Does that sound silly to you? It shouldn't, because some former players say that coaches encouraged them to learn to chew in order to be a real player. Yeah, that was probably in the 1950's, but it happened!

Chewing tobacco is an interesting habit for athletes to have. It is a horrible tasting substance that will cut up the soft flesh of the mouth. It causes stress on the heart, and requires the user to spit frequently. It is an addictive substance comparable to morphine and cocaine. And yet a report released in 1996 claimed that 40 percent of professional baseball players in the US regularly use spit tobacco, but can't stop spitting.

Yeah, that makes me want to dip.

Sometime long before baseball was even a game, tobacco was formed into a nicotine-laced substance that men began to smoke and chew for diverse reasons and beliefs. It was there at baseball's inception. It has outlived rules and records, lasted longer than commissioners and strikes.

Sitting on a bench in the warm summer sun, watching two teams slug it out on the field is a healthy way to spend a Saturday. Chewing tobacco is not. Yet the history and the future of this game are intertwined in a pouch of unhealthy tobacco.

On the advice of the Armchair Umpire, stop chewing to improve your health

**Quittin' time**

If you want to, you could be a quitter. Why not stand up in the dugout, cup your hands over your mouth, and yell out to your team, "I'm a quitter!" and see what the response is.

Maybe your coach will send you back to A ball, or maybe a teammate will give you some mint snuff

Does anyone still believe that something like chewing tobacco can improve his or her performance? I've seen some guys who will never step on foul lines because of some old superstitions, so I'm sure there are still misconceptions out there. But there should be enough people with the right information to address any old superstitions.



Jordan Dierks (centered) gets congratulated by team mates after Dierks hit his second homerun of the game.

# Cañada loss ends season

By Ali Abdallah  
Staff Writer

The 1998 De Anza baseball season came to a bitter but emotional end as the Dons fell to Cañada 17-11 in a wild season finale. "It was kind of a sloppy game," said head baseball coach Mark O'Brien, "but (Cañada is) a very good team."

De Anza jumped out to an early 1-0 lead when Jordan Dierks hit a solo-home run in the bottom of the first inning. The momentum shifted heavily after that initial blow. Cañada tallied nine runs in the next two innings, including five in the second off of sophomore starter Greg Mena. "There were a couple of errors, then they hit the ball hard a couple of times," said Mena. "I should have been out of it but I gave up a home run and a few other hits."

"It's going to be tough for me. The sophomores did everything I asked of them. I'm going to miss them very much. They are fantastic kids."

-Mark O'Brian Head Baseball Coach

After scoring four more runs in the third inning on sophomore Juan Alegria, Cañada took full control of the game until the Dons struck back in the bottom of the inning. Sophomore Scott Grover began De Anza's comeback attempt with a two-run homer that narrowed the deficit to 9-3.

Cañada added two more off of Matt Declercq in the top of the fifth, but De Anza followed with their most significant rally of the game. After Gabe Interiano singled, Grover doubled him in. After an error on the hit by Max

Childress, Grover came in with an unearned run. Ryan Del Ciarro followed with another line drive that Cañada met with another error that allowed Childress and Brandon Hill to come across. The two Cañada errors allowed the Dons to score four runs on just two hits and brought them to within 11-7.

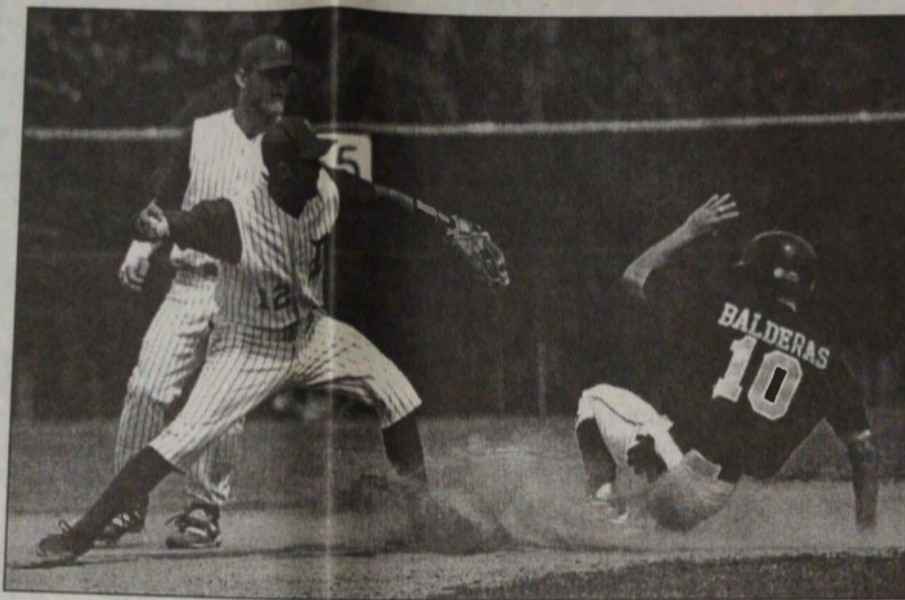
Interiano brought De Anza as close as they would get with a solo shot in the bottom of the sixth that shrunk the Cañada lead to three at 11-8.

The Dons were not able to capitalize on their momentum and Cañada effectively put the game away in the top of the eighth. Aaron Wasserman was not successful in keeping the game close, allowing six runs.

Dierks hit another home run in the eighth, this time a three-run job, in the bottom of the eighth, but it was too little, too late. Dierks, however, ended finished the game four-for-five, with two home runs, four runs batted in and three runs scored. "It was a good way to go out, especially since I started off slow, but I came on at the end," said Dierks. "It's hard knowing that it was my last at bat after spending two years here and it's all ending."

O'Brien expressed his gratitude to his players' for their perseverance. "It's tough to start when you know that the hard work isn't going to get you anywhere."

He also commented on the difficulties in his future. O'Brien said, "It's going to be tough for me. The sophomores did everything I asked of them. I'm going to miss them very much. They are fantastic kids."



La Voz Christopher Anderson

Shortstop Gabe Interiano attempts to make a double play against Cañada College on Saturday. The Dons lost the season finale to Cañada 17-11.

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Bobby McGill

## Idle Wordship

## Movements spawn 'activist yuppies'

■ MCGILL, from front page

room in their neighborhood or even give up their own job?

I think it is important in our quest towards a more benevolent society that we examine the problems within the ranks of these pushing for change. A self examination of sorts. Is the cause better served by the inclusion of "activist yuppies" which swell the numbers, or is it more productive to have a core group of true believers that service the cause with greater efficiency? Or, is it best to have both?

Regardless of the conclusion, I think that it is a crucial aspect in our societal make-up to have people out there crusading for the down-trodden for the down-trodden generally don't have time to do it themselves. As the old Chinese proverb goes: "The one who rows the boat seldom has time to rock it."

The next time there is a large march, go have a look, see who turns out. Aside from some of the more prominent movements, most of the people in attendance are little affected by the outcome. Where are the down-trodden? I assure you, most of them are busy "rowing the boat." Sadly, many of them are back cleaning the silver spoons and washing the designer tie dyed shirts of some of the protesters.

## Idle Babble

-Mike Tyson, banned from the ring and bored with pro wrestling, will no doubt show up on Jerry Springer any day now.

-In the last issue, La Voz exposed that the "hate crime against the gay and lesbian community" last quarter, was instead a complete fabrication. I truly see this as a positive step for the rights of gays and lesbians, whose cause I support. I say this for the simple fact that it shows "they" can take equally moronic measures as anyone else in society to get a point across.

-I find television very educational. Every time someone switches it on I go into the other room and read a good book." Groucho Marx

-For the three of you out there who intend to vote please read the text of Prop. 226. Especially the part that proposes to deny employers or labor unions their current practice of spending a percentage of worker wages on political movements without their consent. As I see it, this legislation is as ridiculous as "term limits." It promotes a lack of democratic participation and general passivity. You can find the text at:

<http://Primary98.ss.ca.gov/VoterGuide/Propositions/226text.htm>

-A voters guide to pronouncing Al Checchi's name: "Look Jane, look! See all of the big Checchi is writing for his campaign!"

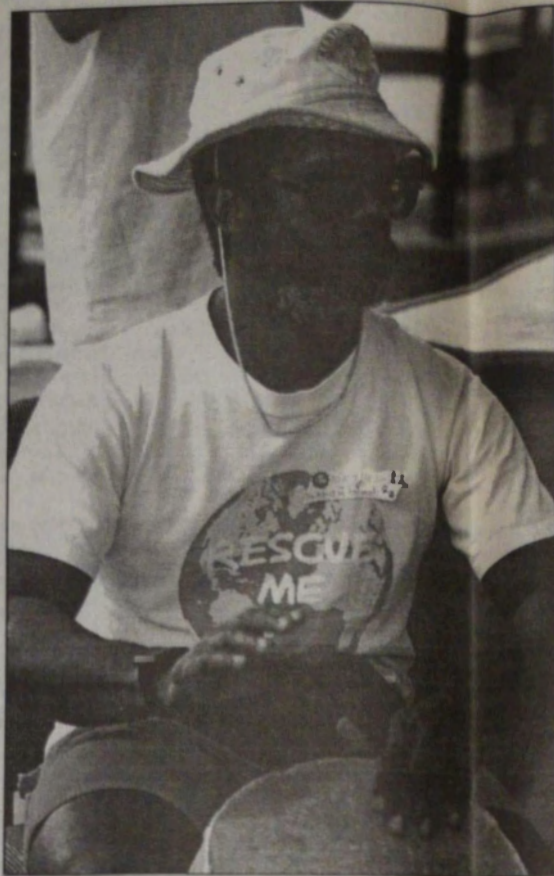
-I have to ask. What is the point of putting those obnoxious bass speakers in your car? All of the advances made by our species and we still have a bunch of knuckle scraping cavemen trying to be cool. Seriously, what's up?

-More quality titles from the top ten music charts: "Retaliation, Revenge and Get Back," "Charge It 2 Da Game," and my personal favorite, "I Got The Hook-Up!" Profound and yet, absurd Dig it.

-With everyone suing the tobacco companies for what is mostly their own fault, I think that you too should join the bandwagon of ridiculous lawsuits. I encourage you to sue this newspaper for allowing me to carry on like this.

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## Earth Day



La Voz / Douglas Rider

Etheridge James takes part in a drum circle on the Hinson Campus Center Patio on April 20 for the celebration of Earthday.

## Minimal candidates for DASB elections

■ DASB, from front page

The only new candidates running for an executive position are Reza Khan for V.P. of Programs and Aaron Quigley for V.P. of Students Rights and Services.

Senators John Byun, Cindy Fong, and Susan Kuo are running for re-election along with new candidates Nova Bronstein, Sarah Doty, Tabatha Garza, Peter Kim, Sunita Lagan, Iman Lalehparvar, Janna Mordan, and Ida Tang. La Voz is unable to provide complete statements from each of the candidates because Student Activities failed to provide them in time for publica-

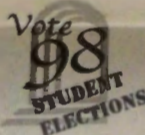
tion. Cognetta assured the college that information on all of the candidates would be made available to the student body before the election.

"De Anza, being a two year school, and most of the students here are coming out of high school and are not aware of all the opportunities on campus," said Candidate Tabatha Garza. Garza feels these factors could account for the lack of interest in student government.

Elections slated to begin May 11 and close on May 15. Numerous polling stations will be set up around the campus.

"I hope everybody gets involved in the democratic process and votes this year," encourages DASB president Tiffany Sommerlad.

Results of the election should be announced Monday May 18.



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## Part-time instructor arrested for murder

■ MACKAY, from front page

eve of the slaying.  
"I saw that he was getting his briefcase or something like that out of his truck, but I didn't really get to talk to him that night."

The Santa Cruz County coroner's office estimated the time of death at approximately 8 a.m., just over 10 hours after Mackay finished teaching students for his technical Drawing class.

Coordinator for Manufacturing and Design Technology Mike Engle first heard about the incident by reading about it in the San Jose Mercury News. Engle said he had doubts at first that the paper was talking about the same man who had taught at De Anza for almost 15 years, but noticed the Merc had published his street address at Doane Street in the Irvington district of Fremont, where Mackay had resided for over eight years.

While the Merc's stories covered many areas of Mackay's personal life, little to no mention has been made of his career in academia.

"It was a big shock," Engle said. "My immediate concern was for the class." Engle met with Mackay's students the following Tuesday and

explained what had happened.

"When I explained what had happened to the class it seemed like a big shock for most of the class. Only about four people knew, and they had been in class with him the night before, so that was about nine hours before the incident took place," Engle said. "Three or four people actually looked ill. A couple of people said they couldn't believe that he'd be involved with anything like this. The class was a combination of lecture and lab, so they had a considerable amount of time to get to know him."

Engle went to lengths to make sure the class understood their work and effort would not be wasted, reassuring them that the new instructor was well qualified and ready to jump mid-way into the course. Monte Vista High School instructor Jim Carlstrom took over teaching duties two days later.

Engle described Mackay as having a very collegiate and professional appearance. "He had a sense of humor, though he seemed to be kind of conservative. But he seemed like an all-around nice guy."

## LaDuke stresses activism, community involvement

■ LADUKE, from front page

Native American's indigenous beliefs of living off the land, and resist the American culture of materialism.

"This society is about making everybody one thing — making everybody who shops at the mall," she said.

Speaking about the most recent Nuclear Waste Act, also known as "Mobile Chernobyl," she said the U.S. government is transporting tons of nuclear waste on the highways across 43 states exposing toxins to over 50 million people during transport.

Seventy tribes have voted to make Native American reservations nuclear free zones. She said that when government officials make policy, they do not consider the impact on the 7th generation ahead.

"Policy should be made for future generations, not the fiscal year," she said.

LaDuke stated that 90 percent of the Anishinabeg people have disappeared since the 1920s, because the Minnesota land that supports their culture and their economy has been converted to public lands. So much mercury is present in the reservation's 47 lakes that Anishinabeg are advised to eat only one fish per week although fish has been a traditional staple in their diet, said LaDuke.

LaDuke has been able to recover 1,300 acres through her non-profit organization. Other projects include teaching their language and culture at Pine Point School and the operation of Native Harvest which markets maple syrup, hominy corn, wild rice, raspberry preserves, baskets and other items.

In addition to strengthening their traditional economy and way of life, the mission of WELRP is to facilitate recovery of the original land base of the White Earth Indian Reservation while preserving and restoring their traditional practices of sound land stewardship, language fluency, community development and strengthening spiritual and cultural heritage.

"We are a forest people," she said. "We're trying to keep our forests standing, not cut."

LaDuke's list of achievements include the 1988 Reebok Human Rights Award and, in 1994, she was named one of Time's magazine's "50 for the Future: Leaders in the United States Under 40 Years of Age."

Throughout her speech La Duke continually urged her audience to get involved and change America for the better.

"I tell you my story so maybe you get an idea (that) it's possible to make a difference," she said. "I'm not going to wait for NBC, CBS or ABC to pick it up. You cannot expect or wait for that to happen when the major networks are owned by GE, Westinghouse, and Disney. Instead it ends up being your responsibility to tell the story because if you do not tell your stories then you forget who you are. You forget what happened."



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