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Transfer Day

Transfer Day Tuesday, October 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Main Quad. If there is rain, the annual fair will be moved to the Hinson Campus Center. Many schools will be on-campus, including eight CSUs, nine UCs and 28 private and out-of-state schools. The newest transfer information for over 50 schools will also be available to students.

For more information,

www.deanza.edu/transfer/ or the Transfer Center in MQ-7.

October 9

Club Day



Club Day at De Anza College is on Thursday, October 9, 2003, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Main Quad. Over 50 clubs will be present for fun, entertainment and information. The Kung Fu Club will perform on Thursday. La Donna student Yumori-Kaku, activities specialist, said that clubs allow students to "feel more connected to De Anza."

For more information,

www.deanza.edu/clubs/.

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DA PRESIDENT EXPECTS **FACULTY LAYOFFS**

BY BARRY SKIDMORE AND LUKE STANGEL

La Voz

It will not be business as usual for the 2004-05 school year, as the college may be forced to cut entire programs, downsize departments and leave open faculty positions vacant for another year, said Interim De Anza President Judy Miner at the Academic Senate meeting last

Any cuts will be in response to a projected \$6 million operating budget deficit that the college will have to face in the coming year. Ideas expressed on how to cut the budget were increasing fees for lab expenses, cutting every division's budget by 10 percent and targeting entire programs for cuts.

Discussions about cutting programs without a more exact assessment of the budget "run the risk of being fundamentally dishonest," said Executive Secretary Paul Setziol in response to the grim

Senate President Dan Mitchell, speaking in his office after the meeting, expressed concern over the situation.

"The college is entering a very difficult time," Mitchell said. "The budget issues are extremely complicated and the estimates that we hear

from the state change from week to

President Miner promised in the meeting that the cuts would be "communicative, collaborative and humane."

In a previous roundtable discussion Sept. 25 with Mitchell and the presidents of Classified Senate and DASB, she said, "I don't know how we're going to balance the budget

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Kevin Batangan / LA Voz

Student body senators, from right, Rabiah Khalid and Anthony Lin hand two students anti-Prop. 54 literature on a recent afternoon. The DASB recently passed a resolution against the unpopular Oct. 7 proposition and committed itself to defeating it.

BY TOM NGUYEN La Voz

While Prop. 54 has recently ignited further racial controversy in California, it has united the De Anza Student Body (DASB) to act against the initiative.

Prop. 54, otherwise known as the "Race, Ethnicity, Color or National Origin" initiative, is up for vote on Oct. 7 alongside the recall election. Prop. 54 would bar state and local governments from classifying Californians by race, ethnicity, color or national origin in education, contracting and public employment.

"Everyone in DASB is against Prop. 54," said DASB Senator Rabiah Khalid. "We were elected by the students to represent their interests, and

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UC wins \$330 mil NASA bid

FHDA TO PARTNER IN WORLD-CLASS RESEARCH LAB FOR STUDENTS

BY CAROL WORONOW

La Voz

De Anza students will be able to work sideby-side with world-class university researchers at NASA Ames on real high-tech space projects as early as 2004, according to reports last week.

NASA Ames wants to know the right mix of manned and robotics needed for exploration of the solar system. At least four students will be included in the research teams. These teams will also explore human-robotic interactions performing explorations to search for life in space.

Nanotechnology will explore miniaturization of computer components down to the size of one atom. At least three students will be included in the research teams. Advances in nanoelectronics include molecular electronics, carbon nanotube based electronics, nanowires, DNA computing, quantum computing and artificial quantumstructure systems.

These projects are planned as part of a \$330 million contract with University Affiliated Research Center awarded to the University of

California system. De Anza, Foothill College and San Jose State will be partners in this collaborative effort.

"We have worked with NASA for decades," said Martha Kanter, chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District.

Students eager to work at NASA Ames this year can apply for NASA internships. Informational meetings will be held on Oct. 14 at 12:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. at De Anza in Conference Room B in Hinson Campus Center.

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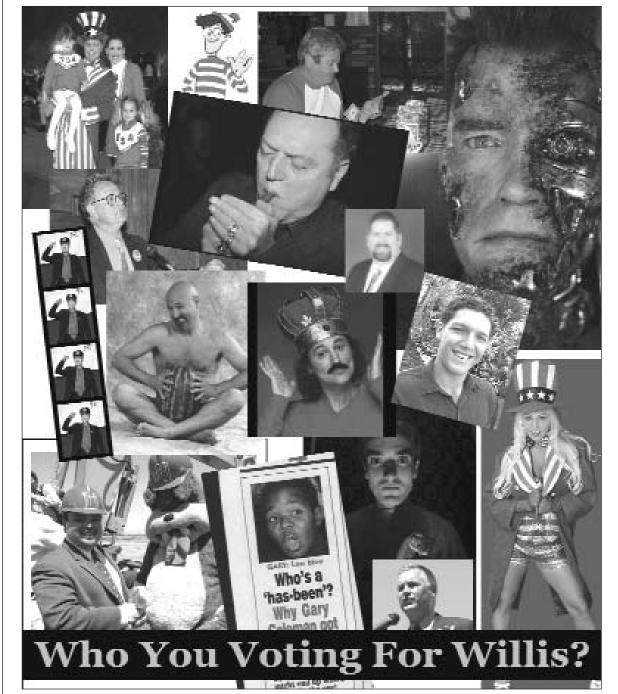
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Recall Time: Do we win?

WITH OCTOBER 7 LOOMING, LA VOZ THROWS IN ITS TWO CENTS ON THE FUTURE OF CALIFORNIA



katymalatesta

The damage has been done, and now we are on the brink of a possible recall of the current governor of California, Gray Davis. California is one of 16 states that allows its current governor to be recalled, and, if successfully voted out of office, replaced by any candidate who is qualified, then elected. Right now the United States is waiting with bated breath for October 7, when the recall debacle will be voted on.

Many people have been criticizing California for the "three-ring circus" that is the recall, mostly due to the candidates who are running. Among them is actor Arnold Schwarzenegger, former child star Gary Coleman, adult film actress Mary Carey, lieutenant governor Cruz Bustamante and state senator Tom McClintock.

There is so much talk regarding the candidates of this election. On the Game Show Network, they aired a show on October 1, called "Who Wants to be Governor of California?"

From what I understand, Coleman and Carey debated the issues on this spectacular example of media garbage. It was a night full of some serious verbal crossfire.

All joking about the candidates aside, some real concerns about the whole recall process come up. How much is it going to cost, and who is going to pay for it? According to California Secretary of State Kevin Shelley's Website (www.ss.ca.gov/elections) "the current estimated county cost of conducting the October 7, 2003 statewide special election is between \$42 million and \$55 million.

"In addition, the state will incur costs of approximately \$11 million to provide California's 15.3 million registered voters with the state voter information guide. Therefore, the total estimated cost of the October 7, 2003 statewide special election

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jonathanedwards

It's one of my favorite scenes: Jimmy Stewart's face sweating as he helplessly grips dozens of letters calling for his resignation, the last shred of hope seeping out of his face as he dejectedly slides down the Senate dais.

The first time I watched Stewart in "Mr. Smith Goes to Washington" I was 14. I left my government class thinking that I too could make a final stand on the floor of the Capitol, bringing all that was right and good in this world to the American people.

Fast forward to California 2003: 135 candidates seek to replace Gray Davis in the first gubernatorial recall election in California history—a veritable political quagmire. Students fresh out of college, people paying \$3,500 to see their name etched in history, even Larry Flynt—all are candidates in this

see Arnold, Page 3

Being blonde



Stereotype, generalize, associ-

ate, infer, label, classify, categorize, typecast. We have all heard these words, and most have done just as the words imply (although unaware, probably). Recently I was told that because I am blonde, bubbly and willing to talk to just about anyone, I am a party girl.

What struck me as odd happened to be the fact that I had just met this person. I had neither given him any clue as to the person I am nor did anything to justify this stereotype. I was labeled as such without so much as an inquiry into my particular party habits or lack thereof. He could just as well have labeled me any number of things, true or not, but he chose this one.

This individual could have questioned me to get a clear picture of my character and personality. Instead, he placed me in this distinctive box, which he assumed was befitting based on looks and a brief meeting.

Oh believe me, I was heated and wanted to portray myself as something other than a ditzy blonde party girl. I didn't do nearly enough to slam him into the ground with some argumentative vocabulary that would have done Shakespeare proud. Instead I floundered and only just now am thinking of ways I could have distinguished myself as a prestigious something or other.

I had entered college with an open mind about everyone, or at least that's what I told myself. I assumed (yes, I own up to assuming also) that stereotyping stayed at the high school level and college students were far too mature to do such a frivolous thing.

Evidently I was wrong, and I accept this fact. The mature college student, who was all too expeditious to categorize me as a party girl, confirmed that my idealistic thinking was wrong again.

I recall that even in high school there was an air of acceptance from everyone, and there was a noticeable difference in how people associated one another. I guess I was just taken aback by the up-front systematizing of people into random associations.

I really feel as if I were unjustly painted to the gathering of people who happened to be listening to my exchange with this student. First of all, they have no idea who I really am, and to hear that someone thought I was a party girl, most definitely gave them this same idea. I must now put out twice the effort to eradicate this assumption.

All said and done, I must look for a way to portray myself as something other than a dumb blonde party girl. My moral in point is this: don't be so quick to judge others. What you see is not always what you get, and there could be some remarkably rad things about a person that would otherwise be overlooked.

CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

"Backtalk: What did you wish you knew when you first came to De Anza?" September 22, Page 12

The attribution was mistakenly omitted: photos and quotes collected by Kevin Batangan

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ARNOLD | Guns not big enough for California

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historic election. Yet most, due to lack of experience, financial funds and/or political connections, have no shot at winning. However, Arnold Schwarzenegger, a self-proclaimed political naivete, is leading the pool of recall candidates in the most recent polls.

Schwarzenegger is different from many of the candidates running for the governor's office. In life, he has shown that he succeeds at what he does: he took up body building and became the best in the world; he immigrated from Austria and achieved the "American dream," he capitalized on his modest acting abilities to become one of the most recognizable icons in America. Everything Schwarzenegger has set out to do, he's arguably done with excellence.

In all his previous endeavors, Schwarzenegger started at the beginning (a very good place to start). Yet with politics, Schwarzenegger assumes he can start by running for governor of California, the political leader of the fifth largest economy in the world, the head of over 34 million people, including me, including you. It seems he misplaced his formula for success when he decided to prematurely enter the arena of American politics.

In actuality Schwarzenegger has, wittingly or unwittingly, been preparing to be a political big shot for

decades. The photo-shoots featuring rippling pectoral muscles, the "tough-guy" movies ("Predator," "Terminator" series), the father-figure roles that established him as a benevolent savior ("Kindergarten Cop," "Last Action Hero") and even the marriage into the Kennedy family have all helped mold Schwarzenegger

Unless my vote for Schwarzenegger is accompanied with a free bag of popcorn and a front-row seat of him kicking some bureaucrat ass, I'm not buying.

into the image of a man who will instantly solve our problems. However, if he succeeds Davis, Schwarzenegger will not be able to resolve his gubernatorial woes by busting out the mini-gun and blowing away the California state legislature. This sounds ridiculous, yet this is the very idea of Schwarzenegger that Californians secretly harbor in their hopes for his victory.

It fascinates me how this lone-star sheriff archetype donned by the likes of Schwarzenegger and Jesse Ventura still mesmerizes the constituency in their deluded hope that everything will resolve itself in a fairytale denouement. Californians clinging to this cure-all conception of

Schwarzenegger imagine themselves as victims wronged by the big bad electric companies, President Bush, Gray Davis, etc., etc. Enter Arnold, who will, with his flaming sword of justice, avenge our injuries. The End. Roll Credits.

Reality check. He's a conservative figurehead implicitly offering, but unable to deliver, the political equivalent of a ride into the sunset. Unless my vote for Schwarzenegger is accompanied with a free bag of popcorn and a front-row seat of him kicking some bureaucrat ass, I'm not buying. I guess I've outgrown my Frank Capra/Jimmy Stewart days and realized that the human hope captured in those movies is fair game

in the cut-throat arena of politics. With Hollywood-crafted personas like Schwarzenegger entering politics and promising the voters a fairytale future, I constantly have to remind myself that it's not going to happen. Like the special effects in the "Terminator" movies, it's just not real.

No props for 54

WISHFUL THINKING DOES NOT COMPENSATE FOR TODAY'S RACIAL REALITIES



markmedeiros

Our country has a history of racial inequality. Since the beginning, one group or another has not enjoyed the same quality of life as the majority because they are a different race, come from a different culture or look a different way.

Information has been gathered, and with this, the government found out what the average income was for different groups as well as their access to the good schools and good jobs.

When we found out that there were enormous differences between the white majority and the minorities groups, we acted. Measures were taken by the administrations of Nixon and Johnson and every president since to ensure everyone has a fair chance at a job, or at school.

This data has been vital for our growth.

Prop. 54 is a piece of legislation that would ban the gathering of data based on race, ethnicity, color, or national organization by any government agency in California.

Supporters of Prop. 54 want to ban

They say they want a

"colorblind society."

While this idealist line

of thinking is nice, it is

impractical today.

racial data, even while the actions taken because of this research are proven to be working; in a study conducted by the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, minority groups have shown, "improvement over

the time period in which affirmative action has been implemented."

The list of opponents is considerable. Among those against Prop. 54 are the California PTA, the California Federation of Teachers and over 30 health groups. These are also in addition

to hundreds of organizations based on certain ethnicities and religions.

On the home front, universities use this data in accepting applicants. They recognize that a diverse campus fosters a better educational environment, and because of that they sometimes give extra consideration to an application from a minority student.

These are students who may have been disadvantaged from the beginning, because of discrimination, lack of funds or parents who lacked the education and language skills to help them.

Prop. 54 will put a stop to information gathering that has helped so many minority students and workers. A small group of Californians who drafted the proposition for whatever reason say racial statistics aren't useful anymore. They say they want a "colorblind society." While this idealist line of thinking is nice, it is impractical today.

If Prop. 54 passes, you can expect fewer De Anza students who come from minority groups transferring to the universities of their choice. Universities will no longer be allowed to use race as a factor when considering applications. Fewer minority students in universities spells bad news.

Not only that but Prop. 54 will make it much harder for health organizations to gather important information about diseases and other health problems. Different racial groups have different health risks, and without the data needed

> to track these illnesses health officials cannot take the proper steps to prevent them and save lives.

> The truth is that here in California, the Bay Area and De Anza, minorities still don't have the same opportunities that the majority have. Without research

and data that tells us why things are this way, there is nothing to stop continuing poverty, racism and discrimination.

There will be a day when Prop. 54 can happen but for now we cannot ignore the problems in our society. We have to work to get rid of them.

RECALL Waste of money

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is \$53 million to \$66 million."

Since the budget is the state's main concern at this point, I find it laughable that we could possibly be spending \$66 million that the state could use better if this whole thing hadn't come up.

I would never want to take over the governor's position right now. For those who lack experience in the political game, it's crazy to be running at a time like this.

Who in their right mind would want to take over responsibility for a huge budget deficit the minute they step into office? We should be forcing Davis to stay in office, and clean up the mess he made. It's not as

if he would have a political career after serving his full term as elected governor. I think it's pretty safe to say that after everything is said and done, no matter what the final outcome of the recall, Davis will slink away and never be heard from again.

But by allowing him to leave office after making such a huge mistake, we aren't forcing him to take responsibility and try to mend the damage he created. We're allowing him to walk away with his tail between his legs.

I'm not a Davis supporter. I think he's an unscrupulous politician who ran on the platform of being the "educational" governor because he knew it would win him votes. But I do believe in people having to deal with what they do, face the music and be held to their word. In all seriousness, if I were Davis, it would be sheer relief to learn that I didn't have to stay in the spotlight, and could walk away with a slap on the wrist.

Not to mention that by using this "law" we are opening up a whole new can of worms, Florida recount-style.

Even though I think the recall is ridiculous, what can be done now? The vote is going to happen, the money is being spent, and Californians have to choose who is going to be the best person to clean up this mess.

Let's just hope that after this "Total Recall" we don't have to "Terminate" another governor anytime soon.



Editor's Weekly Snap

this week, it's the Opinions Editor



Parking at De Anza has never been the most uplifting experience. For those with any memories of such adventures in previous quarters at De Anza, one may agree that this quarter, with all the construction and increased enrollment, has been among the most difficult.

Piece after piece has been written about the never-ending parking situation, but, truth is, all the words in the world won't create more spaces or make fewer people drive to school.

So, in the spirit of being grateful for what we do have, La Voz would like to thank the following: God, MTV, the newly paved Lot A, the day permit pass machines disguising themselves as plastic bags, the people who gently rub our cars with theirs, and the meter maids who stick a ticket on your ride twenty seconds after you leave your car with no permit. "Hey! I was getting one."

Please, drive and park responsibly. We can't stress that enough.

La Voz Recall Voting Guide

BECAUSE YOU DIDN'T DO YOUR HOMEWORK AND NEED TO CRAM RIGHT NOW

BY MARK A. MEDEIROS

La Voz



Gov. Gray Davis Democrat

Education: During his administration, spending on higher education rose 13 percent, while spending on education overall rose 34 percent. Furthermore, spending per student has increased from \$5,695 to \$6,624, bringing us as a state from about the bottom of the rankings up to the national average. Then again, we're broke. Recently \$842 million was slashed from higher education. Tuition fees went up considerably both at community college and four-year university levels.

Environment: Enacted \$800 million program to encourage businesses to conserve energy. He also adopted measures to clean up abandoned mines, protect endangered species and restore water quality in polluted areas. Under Davis' administration, 24 new power plants were built and he

agreed to phase out gasoline additives that made fuel cleaner burning.

Economy: He will most likely raise taxes. The majority of labor unions support Davis.

Gay rights: Davis opposed gay marriage, but supported legislation to give gay partners most of the legal rights that married couples have.

Abortion: Pro-choice. "To those who would seek to deny a woman herlright to choose. Don't waste the legislature's time ... it simply will not happen on my watch."



A. Schwarzenegger Republican

" No one really knows what's being wasted and what's being mismanaged. In this year's budget, there are more special effects than in 'Terminator 3,' 'Lord of the Rings' and

- Arnold Schwarzenegger, AP

Education: The Terminator supports letting schools decide whether prayer will be part of their day. He is a self-professed children's advocate and is currently promoting a resolution to make after-school programs available to all students by the year 2010. A former community college student himself, Schwarzenegger has no plans to reduce tuition fees, and about higher education has only said that California needs a stable and predictable fee schedule so students can plan ahead.

'The Matrix' combined."

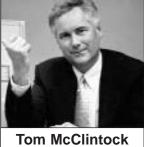
Environment: He's opposed to offshore drilling and also promotes watershed management to clean up bays and rivers. He's not exactly the greenest candidate. He has several Humvees in his garage and has alluded to getting rid of the California Environmental Protection Agency, saying that it duplicates a federal agency.

Economy: Will immediately reform workers' compensation system (argued to be the cause of much of our budget woes) and will make cuts rather than raise taxes.

Gay rights: Supports domestic partnerships with legal rights, but not gay marriage. He's also for gay adoption rights.

Abortion: Pro-choice, but against partial-birth abortions.

Death penalty: "The death penalty is a necessary and effective deterrent."



Republican

This is the historic opportunity of

our generation to roll back the taxes, the regulations destroying our economy, and to reign in our out-of-control bureaucracies, restore our crumbling public works."

- Tom McClintock, Debate, Sept. 3

Education: Has a traditional conservative stance on education. He feels that the better schools are being obstructed by government bureaucracy. Mainly, his position is to decentralize the education system to create more competition amongst schools and teachers. "Competition breeds excellence. Let teachers with outstanding credentials and performance records advertise their qualifications... and let the parents choose among them." McClintock is against bilingual education. He hasn't spoken much about higher education.

Environment: He has no big plans for the environment, and he plans to cut the California Coastal Commission to "restore protection of the coastline to local communities."

Economy: Cuts, cuts, cuts. With McClintock in office, you could definitely expect tax cuts. As one columnist put it, "Tom McClintock is more likely to cut taxes than to sneeze at ragweed." (By the way - that means he'll probably cut taxes.) He also feels that many government programs are flabby - he'll be cutting those too.

Gay rights: Against gay marriage and legal rights for same-sex couples.

Abortion: Pro-life

Death penalty: "The death penalty protects us from violent predators."



Peter Camejo Green Party

In Illinois they found about 15 innocent people on death row. I'm totally

opposed to the death penalty as are most advanced industrial nations in the world, if not all of them, except the United States."

- Peter Camejo, Debate, Sept. 3

Education: A man with very aggressive and liberal ideas for California, Camejo supports the education programs – and spending – that Davis has implemented. Like McClintock, he has plans to shift the money from the bureaucracy and "into the front lines." Also, this candidate plans to pay teachers "more than prison guards."

Environment: Plans to ban offshore drilling, protect remaining old-growth trees and promote increased use of alternative fuel technologies.

Economy: Camejo plans both to raise taxes on the wealthiest 5 percent, who currently pay a smaller percentage on taxes than people in other tax brackets, and to streamline all departments of government to save money. No cuts to education.

Gay rights: He supports full rights for gay couples, including same-sex marriage.

Abortion: Pro-choice: "Abortions should always be legally available."

Death penalty: Absolutely opposed to the death penalty, "along with the rest of the world."



Cruz Bustamante Democrat

Community colleges are invaluable. They provide the first step toward higher education, providing affordable skills training, boosting thousands into better jobs and into higher salaries."

- Cruz Bustamante, Rally, March 15

Education: This self-described "people's candidate" has said, "... but the budget cannot and will not be balanced on the backs of students," and was strongly opposed to this year's community college increases. Arguing against them in March, he said, "A 120 percent proposed increase... raises student fees out of reach and slams the door on over 140,000 community college students who cannot absorb the rate increase. It's unacceptable. Don't shut the door. Keep the doors open." Education is his priority.

Environment: It's not his cup of tea. Bustamante hasn't given a strong position on environmental issues to date.

Economy: Supports required overtime pay plus worker benefits. He proposes higher taxes on cigarettes, alcohol, commercial property, business income and the wealthy.

Gay rights: Supports domestic partnerships with legal rights.

Abortion: Pro-choice.

Death penalty: Supports the death penalty, "with every opportunity to prove inno-

SENATE | \$6 million deficit means more layoffs

FROM FRONT PAGE

without reducing the faculty workforce. We will most likely send out March 15 layoff notices to faculty. If you're looking to get \$6 million out of the budget, we've cut back B-budget as far as we can go and you can't get rid of part-time faculty. If we're going to downsize the entire institution, faculty has to be part of that."

In addition to the budget talk in Academic Senate, Physical Education Instructor Debi Schafer-Braun said that she was "infuriated to no end" with a recent on campus seminar by Larry Rosenstock, CEO of High Tech High Learning, she felt was negative toward Physical Education. She decried Rosenstock's assessment of Physical Education as containing nothing physical or educational.

Schafer-Braun said that her department stresses education of the mind and body to its fullest ability and dismissed Rosenstock as someone who had no appreciation for the modern Physical Education program and who "was probably chosen last for his dodgeball team as a child."

Other issues raised during the Academic Senate but tabled for later discussion were the possibility of introducing a plus minus grading system, a need to look at the new standards for accreditation and the prospect of Prop. 54's impact on meeting student equity requirements for the departments.

The Academic Senate is composed of two people from each instructional division at De Anza and is representative of all full- and part-time staff at the school.

The Senate holds broad power in developing or recommending academic and professional policies to the De Anza-Foothill Board of Trustees as well as developing the college's budget and institutional plan-

Dan Mitchell, the director of the Electronic Music Program at De Anza, is the new president for the Senate replacing Paul Setziol.

FROM FRONT PAGE

Prop. 54 hurts our community, one of the most diverse college campuses in the state."

The DASB has set up an information booth in front of the Admissions Office, answering questions about the measure, along with passing out fliers paired with Krispy Kreme donuts.

"We'll do whatever it takes to educate people on the issue," said Anthony Lin, vice president of DASB's Diversity Committee. "It's too important to ignore. College is a time for young people to learn, to meet other people and to grow. Prop. 54 works against all that; it'll take away information necessary to meeting student needs."

The booth will continue to run until the special election.

If approved, Prop. 54 would remove questions concerning race and ethnicity from government forms by 2005. Law enforcement, medical research and the Department of Fair Employment and

PROP 54 | Students join fight against information ban

Housing would be exempt from the law.

Ward Connerly, who authored the initiative, worked in 1996 to pass Prop. 209 into law which ended California's Affirmative Action programs. Prop. 54 is Connerly's latest attempt to achieve what he calls a "colorblind society."

Connerly and his supporters believe their initiative will establish social equality, one that values individual privacy over public obsession with racial labels, according to Kevin Nguyen, a spokesperson for Prop.

"Prop. 54 is a modest approach designed to incrementally phase out controversies over race and classification," said Nguyen. "There are important exemptions included in the measure that reflect the reality of imperfect race relations in California."

Still, the DASB maintains its challenge to Connerly's initiative.

"Prop. 54 will have a negative impact on

De Anza," said Khalid. "We're all equals, ves. But we're also all different and unique. Prop. 54 turns a blind eye toward those disparities. We need to address those differences as a community, so we can celebrate our diversity. The DASB is standing up for our students, and by voting no, we can stand up against ignorance."

Prop. 54 would disadvantage students wanting to study foreign languages and cultural history courses, according to Khalid.

"Without statistics on campus diversity, how else will students lobby for the classes they want?" said Khalid. "And how else can we learn about each other, to accept each other as equal members of this communi-

Supporters of the initiative feel otherwise, however.

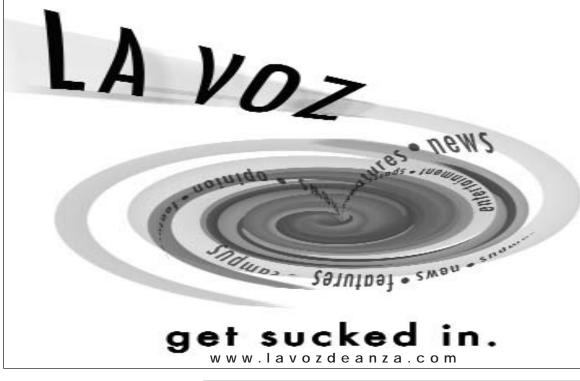
"Prop. 54 is intended to unite the community," said Nguyen. "Rather than focusing on numbers and who's entitled to what, we should focus on those students' passion for and commitment to learning. We should be focused on unity—and not creating winners and losers and more division."

Prop. 54 supporters include a host of conservative scholars like Shelby Steele. anti-tax groups and the California Republican Party.

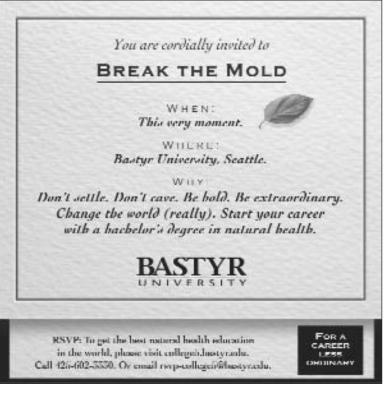
Among the opposition are the California Teachers Association, California Medical Association, American Civil Liberties Union and the NAACP.

Whether voters approve Prop. 54, political debates over race and social equality are certain to continue beyond the special elec-

"Win or lose, we've already begun preparations for the next step," said Diane Schachterle, Connerly's Yes on 54 Campaign Coordinator. "You can expect to see an initiative similar to Prop. 209 to be floating around Michigan soon."









Women's Soccer

Lady Dons headbutt Lady Rams

STRONG TEAMWORK AND CREATIVE INDIVIDUAL PLAY ALLOWED FOR EASY VICTORY



Steve Cabana / LA Voz

Freshman Felicia Curry showcases her talent as she somersaults her throw-in. This type of throw-in is not commonly used, but provides the player with more momentum to throw the ball at greater distances.

BY STEVEN CABANA

La Voz

The De Anza women's soccer team overcame outside distractions to dominate the Gavilan College

Lady Rams in an 8-0 win at home on Sept. 26. Three players scored two goals a piece.

"I'm pleased," said Head Coach Cheryl Owiesny. "It isn't the easiest thing to keep them motivated during the first week of school."

Sophomore Samantha Bruni ended the stalemate at 29:55 of the first half when she arched the ball over the goalkeeper's head.

A few moments later, freshman Anne Guina earned the first of her two goals as she put in a quick shot at 23:35.

The Lady Rams played firm defense in their own zone, and the

Lady Dons had few opportunities to break out and score.

"Good teamwork and a strong offense kept the ball in the other (Gavilan) zone," Owiesny said. "When they did get into the zone, they were quickly repelled."

The second half started slow with the Lady Rams putting pressure on the Dons' defense.

the Lady Rams off the board with good teamwork and strong goalkeeping.

With impressive teamwork and the outstanding individual efforts of sophomore Jennifer Domenici and freshman Felicia Curry, the Lady Dons began to

create and take advantage of defensive zone turnovers.

This kept the pressure on the Lady Rams goalkeeper.

Freshman Julie Stump would also provide a noteworthy effort, as she was able to score twice in

the second half. Stump's goals came with 27:04 and later on with 12:48 left in the

The Lady Dons began to steamroll and the next goals would come quick and often.

Freshmen Tesa Osorio and Arielle Nugent scored within a minute of each other.

Guina got her second goal of

the game as she broke through the defense and went low to fake out Gavilan's goalkeeper.

To add insult to injury Bruni finished the scoring with a late goal at 1:44.

goal This would be Bruni's second of the game.

The Lady Dons will face Los Positas College on Tuesday at 4 p.m. as part of a doubleheader with mens' soccer.



Kevin Batangan/ LA VOZ



The Lady Dons presented the Lady Rams of Gavilan The Lady Dons College with individual performances as well as held tough and strong team communication. The Lady Dons will were able to keep host Los Positas College on Oct. 7 at 4 p.m.



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Men's Soccer

Settling for a tie

LATE FOUL IN THE SECOND HALF TOOK AWAY HOPES OF A VICTORY FOR THE DONS

BY STEVE CABANA

La Voz

The Central Division-leading De Anza Dons men's soccer team took to the field Tuesday against conference rival Evergreen Valley College Hawks.

The Dons settled for a 2-2 tie after a late game mistake cost them the win.

With a crowd of about 150 in attendance, the Dons got off to a shaky start.

"The opposition had a little bit of the wind and played direct," said Dons Head Coach Colin Lindores. "They put immediate pressure on our back line."

The Dons' defense kept the Hawks off the board until 20:35 left in the half when Dorian Pena slipped a low ball past the goaltender's right side.

The Dons kept scrambling for the ball during the first half.

With constant pressure on the Don's defense, the Hawks maintained dominance throughout the first half.

With just 1:30 left, freshman Angel Vidrio nailed a loose ball past the Hawk's defense and into the net.

In the second half, the Dons successfully switched gears and began repelling the Hawks' offense.

The Hawks' defense would face increased pressure as the Dons settled down and got down to business.

The Hawks' defense made some very key plays, keeping the Dons from getting within striking distance.

when freshman Paul Bellarmino made a nice deflection off

player's another blocked shot.

This lead would hold for the majority of the second half. A foul deep in their zone allowed the Hawks' Nico Arellano to release a quick shot into the net with 7:02 left in the game.

Kevin Batangan / LA VOZ

The Don's forward Miguel Villa shoots a low shot past the Los Positas College goalkeeper. Despite the win on Sept. 26th, the Dons failed to seal a victory on Tuesday as they gave up a goal against EvergreeN Valley College Hawks to settle for a 2-2 tie. As of Tuesday's game, the Dons are 4-2-2 for the season. They will host the district rival Foothill Owls on Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

"Something we talk about till we're blue in the face is tage of it and scored a goal." The Dons took the lead for the first time of the game don't give away stupid fouls," said Lindores. "We gave away a stupid foul. They were good enough to take advan-

The game ended in a 2-2 tie with no team able to create another chance to score.

> The Dons faced the Hawks after their first shut-out of the year when they defeated Los Positas College with a stunning 4-0 victory.

> Goals were made by sophomores Miguel Villa and Max Padlone and by freshmen David Tanto and Cesar Serrano.

Tuesday's tie brings the Dons' record to 4-2-2 for the season.

The Dons will host the district rival Foothill Owls on Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m.

The Lady Dons will play immediately after at 4:00 p.m as part of a doubleheader.

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Fumbles lead to Dons' tumble

BY JOHN SCHRADER AND REZA KAZEMPOUR

La Voz

After soundly defeating the College of Marin Mariners 44-30 just a few weeks before, the Dons have lost three games in a row, including a 30-14 loss to the local rival Foothill College Owls on Sept. 27. The loss exposed some major weaknesses and showed the football team needs more work to achieve a winning season.

The loss dropped the Dons' record to 1-3 and gave the Owls their first win of the

Fumbling has become a large problem for Dons this year. They fumbled the ball five times, three of which were returned for touchdowns.

The Dons began the day by pressuring the Owls to punt after their first possession. The Dons' defense created a fumble, but the Owls recovered, forcing them to punt.

On the Dons' first possession of the game, they scored on a quarterback sneak with 9:35 left in the first quarter. Quarterback J.P. Melert broke through the middle untouched beginning in shotgun position.

The Dons seemed to have gotten off to a good start, but recurring nightmares soon began for Melert and the Dons' offense.

Both defenses created numerous turnovers on downs throughout the first half. The Dons fumbled the ball five times and went three and out eight more times throughout the game.

"I simply didn't tuck the ball away. The linemen are doing a wonderful job. I am going to take blame on that," said Melert.



Wide-receiver Rick Turley gets tackled behind the line of scrimmage on a failed reverse play. The Dons' offense couldn't function after its first touchdown. The Dons went on to fumble the ball five times, three of which were returned for touchdowns.

In their first two games, the Dons scored 70 points versus their opponents' 58 points, but the two losses to West Valley (26-11) and Foothill (30-14) seem to have created a hole that will be hard to get out of.

attempt to convert, Pham's tight coverage on Emanuel resulted in the deflection of a pass to prevent what could easily have been a touchdown reception.

The majority of the turnovers by the

Dons occurred in the second half as the Dons' offense nine times. One of those resulted in a touchdown by Owls receiver Gerald Green.

"Turnovers are killing us," said

game. Dons' defensive linemen Jason Macciola recovered the fumble and was determined to punch it in for a touchdown. Before being dragged down by an Owls defender, Macciola lateralled to fellow lineman Jon Muniz, who finished the job by scoring the Dons' second touchdown.

When the Dons' defense forced another turned the ball over punt attempt by the Owls, they began to sense a rally coming. They trailed 21-14 and were in striking distance. The rally quickly disappeared when the Dons' punt returner, Jamal Bellow, dropped the punt. The Owls promptly scored on a rushing TD by linebacker Justin Luettgerodt to put the

> The Dons' two-point loss to the San Jose City College Jaguars (28-26) on Sept. 13 was a heartbreaker, but it gave them hope for the future. The 26-11 loss to West Valley was clearly a setback and the loss to



"I simply didn't tuck the ball away. The linemen are doing a wonderful job. I am going to take blame on that ... The turnovers are killing us."

Defensively, Dons cornerback Tin Pham prevent-

ed an Owl touchdown during a short period when the Owls were marching up the field following two consecutive passes to Owl receiver Harrell Emanuel. On the third Melert.

In the second half, the Dons' defense created four turnovers, restricting the Owls to one field goal conversion. De Anza's defense woke up the crowd by creating a fumble, one of the few highlights of the Foothill exposed some obvious weaknesses.



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NASA | District will open world-class science lab

FROM FRONT PAGE

In the Systems Teaching Institute at UARC, students will partner with experienced researchers, either at the NASA Ames Research Center, or at the colleges and universities, to learn how to apply their education to research for NASA's missions.

San Jose State University will run the teaching institute in partnership with Foothill and De Anza Colleges, according to UCSC press releases.

Partnership

De Anza and NASA Ames have a history of partnership.

Since 1971, De Anza students have participated in the NASA Internship Program.

"NASA has been funding student interns for decades," said Kanter.

On Aug. 31, 2000, NASA Ames announced the formation of a "collaborative to address Silicon Valley's critical education and workforce needs through joint research and education programs." This collaborative included UCSC, San Jose State and Foothill-De Anza Colleges.

On April 21, 2003, Foothill-De Anza announced the signing of an agreement with NASA to facilitate the development of an academic center in NASA Research Park at Moffett Field.

least five years away, said Kanter. "We are concentrating on finishing the Measure E projects now."

On April 2, NASA atmospheric scientist Dr. Azadeh Tabazadeh presented a free talk at Flint

On June 11, NASA astronaut Kathleen Burton presented a free talk at Flint Center.

"The innovative workforce that has transformed the Silicon Valley is comprised of more than 500,000 former Foothill-De Anza students," according to a district press release of April 21.

NASA Research Park

NASA Research Park is a future campus of 213 acres. Plans include the restoration of 600,000 square feet of existing buildings, and 2.1 million square feet of new construction for education facilities, office space, research and development space, and housing.

"We're building partnerships as well as facilities. Having just secured a preliminary commitment from NASA for land that will be part of the NASA Education Research Park, De Anza and Foothill will join with UC Santa Cruz, San Jose State and Carnegie Mellon-West to create a world-class center. This agreement means we can plan for 100,000 square feet of classroom

But any new facilities are at space," according to the De Anza College President's Report of October 2002.

> The total development cost is expected to be over \$1 billion, according to NASA.

> Funding for facilities would come from future state or local bonds or from private financing, said Kanter.

> The NASA Research Park development is a future project independent from the UARC contract.

Funding

Funding for the NASA partnerships at De Anza come from a combination of private grants, government grants and bonds for

"We look at all opportunities,"said Kanter.

William Berry of UCSC will manage the UARC contract. He is deputy director of UCSC's Silicon Valley Center on Bubb Road just across Highway 85 from the De Anza campus.

The UARC contract runs for 10 years and will use existing buildings on the NASA Ames Research Center at Moffett Field, although some research will also be done on the affiliated college campuses, according to NASA Ames public documents.

The budget planned for the first year, fiscal 2004, is \$15 million.



A conceptual drawing of the planned 213-acre NASA Research Park, which will bring the brightest students together with education's top researchers to work on real NASA projects.

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Students want a fourth break between spring, summer

BY JONATHAN EDWARDS

La Voz

According to a recent poll, 670 out of 1,000 De Anza students want a weeklong break between the spring and summer quarters, said Academic Senate Vice President Barbara Illowsky last week.

De Anza has a break between every quarter except spring and summer. The idea to add a fourth break was suggested by

three former student senators last quarter.

Illowsky, who doesn't teach during the summer session, said that a decision to move the summer quarter back a week would be a "very wise" and tat as it snands now, many students feel "there's no extra time to breathe [between quarter]

Illowsky described students selling spring quarter books while simultaneously buying books for summer as an example of the hectic chaos of having back-to-back

Illowsky also pointed out more substantial concerns, such as students' inability to find see their spring grades before they plan for summer classes. This presents a problem when students failing classes in the spring are unable to determine whether they meet the prerequisites for summer courses. A week between the two terms would allow teachers more time to turn in grades, and give students an opportunity to review them earlier in the quarter.

She sees no budgetary benefits or drawback to implementing the weeklong lull between terms. "The students told us this is what they needed. As faculty members, we have an obligation to our students to make sure their environment is conducive to learning."

Illowski told the Inter-Club Council (ICC) about the student desire for such a stint Oct. 1 at the ICC's first meeting.

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ENTERTAINMENT

Sandler's 'Going Overboard' makes the grade: F

BY VADIMI YAPORT

La Voz

Much like a horrible car accident that kills your entire family and takes away your ability to grow hair, you'll never forget "Going Overboard", the 17th worst Adam Sandler film ever made. This movie is chock-full of bad jokes, arbitrary cuts to random events and a cast straight from the depths of hell.

Sandler, in his most gripping and poignant role to date, plays Shecky Moskowitz, a character that makes us Jews cringe. Moskowitz is a whiny, nerdy imbecile of a waiter who wants to tell jokes on a cruise ship but isn't given a chance by the diabolical Dickie Diamond, the ship's comedian.

Moskowitz watches and moans as Diamond lies around on the poop deck surrounded by gorgeous-by-'80s-stan-dards girls in bikinis laughing at his god-awful

So I was giving it to her hard and she was going crazy, pulling at my chest hair and squeezing my nipples, and I had to say 'hey, this has got to stop, OK

> - Dickie Diamond, Going Overboard

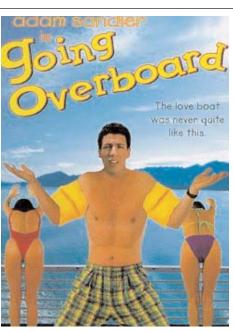
jokes.

"So I was giving it to her hard, and she was going crazy, pulling at my chest hair and squeezing my nipples, and I had to say, 'Hey, this has got to stop, OK, Mom,'" said

Diamond. Every joke in the movie is roughly this funny, but this was justified before the movie began when Sandler stood in front of the ship explaining (for way too long) how the movie is going to suck and that they only made it because they would have access to a ship full of beauty pageant girls. As far as I'm concerned, this is no excuse, and the entire film crew should be tried for crimes against humanity.

Adding to the pain, the film also features the most vomit-inducing kiss in cinematic history. The lead singer for the band Yellow Teeth laps at the tonsils of some groupie for what seems like the better part of an hour.

Does "Going Overboard" serve a purpose other than padding Sandler's pockets? If you are a cinema addict who stays home all weekend watching dozens of movies, and you find yourself suffering on your deathbed in search of one more movie to ease the pain, "Going Overboard" should do the trick.



"Did I need the money that bad?"

MAKING THE A-TEAM

T.O. RECEIVES THE COVETED JERK OF THE WEEK AWARD

BY SANLEY WALT

La Voz Freelance

Congratulations Terrell Owens, you are the first member of La Voz's A- Team. Don't try to blame us; you did it to yourself, buddy.

Owens' mouth needs to sewn shut with the laces of a football.

Every team has their bad years, for one reason or another. Is it the coaching? No. Is it the quarterback? No way. Could it be that the opposing teams have better defenders?

Owens certainly doesn't think so. Who is to blame then?

"I know I didn't give up ... Nobody

play hard regardless. I'm a winner in God's eyes," said Owens in an interview sizes in his career.

following their loss to the Minnesota Vikings.

Could it be the offensive line's fault? "We can't get any protection to get the ball downfield," were Owens' thoughts on the offensive line after the Cleveland

> T.O., I know you're having a tough time, but you can't blame every-

one but yourself.

It's a team effort and by acting up instead of helping out, you are bringing the team down.

So if you keep up with the dramatics, the fans will end up blaming you for the Niners' fall. Your head seems to grow exponentially every week. By the end of the season you will probably

can ever question how hard I play ... I go through more helmet sizes than Marlon Brando has gone through pant

Courtesy 49ers.com

Feeling the force

'OLD REPUBLIC' LACKS FX, MAKES UP IN GAMEPLAY

BY NATHAN ROBINSON

La Voz

"Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic" provides a digital heaven for RPG and "Star Wars" fans alike.

Building upon the D&D rules of "Baldur's Gate" and other similar PC RPGs, "Knights of the Old Republic" puts you in the middle of the "Star Wars" universe, 4,000 years before the classic trilogy and the lackluster prequels.

The story is

better than the last two films, and the game play follows suit. You can customize your Jedi into a peace-loving pacifist or a sadistic killer, depending on your interactions with others. Do you remember Obi-Wan using the force to coax guards into letting them by? This ability and tons more are

available to kill or embarrass your

On the graphics front, there have been better looking games, especially for the X-Box. There are nice details here and there, but overall the game

> suffers a bit from repetitive areas and blandlooking characters. Still, these slight problems are vastly overshadowed by game's strengths.

A quick run through game can clock in at about 30-35 hours, but

you'd probably be ignoring the plethora of side quests and missions that open up the game enormously.

If you plan to get the most out of this game, expect to cut a few classes. With so many diverse, expansive options, you'll be acting like a Star Wars geek in no time.



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COUNSELING CENTER CHANGES

BY MATTHEW KRITSCHER

Dean of Counseling and Matriculation

As the Counseling and Matriculation Division finds ways to deal with the state budget reductions, it becomes more important than ever to communicate those changes to the student body that relies on our services.

Along with the rest of the college, the Counseling Center has suffered a significant loss of funds due to the state budget reductions.

This reduction has caused the elimination of a receptionist position, among other cuts, which include assignments for part-time counselors that supplement the regular counseling faculty. The reception position was responsible for the intake of all students visiting the center.

To offset this personnel loss, the Counseling Center has installed a touchscreen computer monitor that students may use to sign themselves in for walk-in counseling and to make appointments on their own for future counseling sessions.

Educational Technology
Services is assisting the
Counseling Center in writing a
program that will allow the counselor-scheduling database to communicate with the student information database.

Thus, all students who have applied for admission will be recognized by the scheduling system even on their first visit to the cen-

As the Counseling and ter by entering their student ID atriculation Division finds ways number.

The secretarial staff is still available to assist students with the self sign-in and appointment-making processes, but we want to empower students by having them sign in when they come to the center.

After a student signs in, their name is electronically listed on the walk-in screen. This allows counselors to access the list from their offices so they know whose name to call next.

We realize there are a few bugs that need to be worked out as we grow into the system, and we appreciate students' patience and understanding as they get used to the new self sign-in and appointment-making system.

Our next endeavor is to install a program to allow students to make appointments for counseling from any computer with Internet access via our Web site www.deanza.edu/counseling.

This new web-based appointment-making system will further facilitate students making appointments without the need to come in or call the Counseling Center. We hope to have it up and running by mid-quarter.

Check our Web site at the end of October for this new on-line service, and best wishes in your fall quarter term.

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DA alumnus dies at wheel

BY LILYA MITELMAN

La Voz

Over 750 people gathered on July 5 for the memorial service of Greg Hawley, former De Anza student and son of De Anza Bookstore Lead Buyer Diane Hawley.

Hawley, 21, was killed in an auto accident on June 27 while on his way home from UC Santa Barbara. According to his mother, he decided to come home at the last minute after a long day and was tired at the wheel when the accident occurred. The Dean of Students at UCSB called the family and was crying, said his mother. It was the third such call she had to make that week.

He attended De Anza during the 2002-3 academic year and then transferred to UCSB. His mother said that he was majoring in Law and Society and was passionately opposed to the death penalty and considered becoming a defense attorney.

"Greg was very excited about his summer classes between his junior and senior years. His society and law professor wrote us a kind note about his participation in class," said his mother. "After he died, they dedicated the class to Hawley. Because of these summer classes and the preparation he had at De Anza, he was ready to graduate early in the winter of 2004."

Gail Swedroe, who met Hawley in a high school drama class and attended UCSB with him, recounted their first meeting.

"He seemed like a really nice guy. I used to get restless back-stage as I was only in a few scenes, and since my shoes made noise when I walked around, I would waltz around in circles on my toes. Greg used to look at me and just smile and laugh," Swedroe said.

"That's my first real memory of Greg. He was definitely an individual. We went to Winter Formal together that year, and he wanted to dye his hair red to match my dress."

Although the two were apart while he was at De Anza, they became close again when he transferred to UCSB.

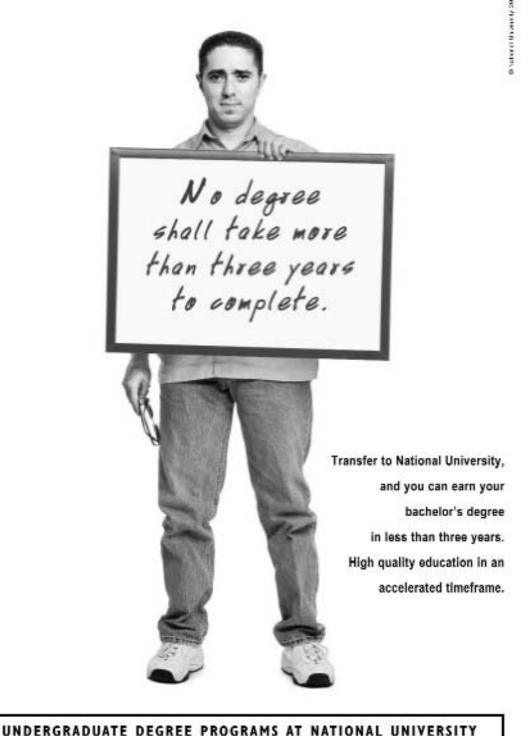
"He was a great listener – very

smart," Swedroe said. "He was able to articulate his thoughts so well, both in written and spoken form. He was a great person to get into a debate with. He wasn't afraid to speak his mind but he never came across as being pretentious. He was always trying to help his friends whenever he could."

His mother recalled a girl who attended the memorial service said Greg was the reason she stayed in school. She said that the best thing she could do to honor Hawley's memory was to continue in school. A Web Site has been set up by one of the family's friends, which has been visited by people from over 19 countries.

"Greg was one of the nicest guys I have ever met," said Swedroe. "He had a great outlook on life – didn't worry about the little, petty things. He was creative and brilliant – and the world just isn't the same without the great quirks he brought to it."

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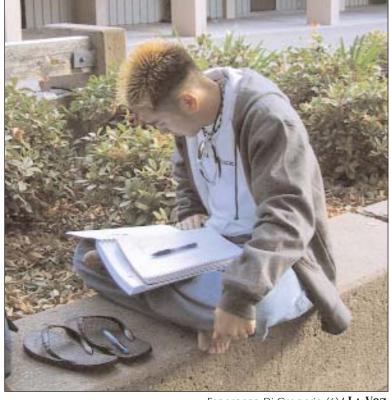


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Cool places

YOU NEARLY WENT BROKE BUYING YOUR TEXTBOOKS, SO YOU MIGHT AS WELL USE THEM.



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on campus

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It's already a few weeks into school and you can't believe how much reading and studying you already have to do for that wretched <insert course name here> class. What's worse, your teacher announced you'll be taking a test soon!

Well, take a deep breath. Don't scream or pull your hair out ... everything will be fine. All you need is to find a comfortable place to study – oh, and lucky you, I've already searched the campus and found some great places for you to get into study mode



De Hart Learning Center

Contrary to popular belief, the library isn't completely full of coke-bottle glasses-wearing, pocket-protector nerds. In fact, there's a plethora of people who love to hang out at the library to get their study on, and with two floors open to De Anza students looking for some quiet study time, this is the closest, most practical place to study. Open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on

Fridays, it offers books for borrowing and computers for Internet surfing. A group of three or more people can even rent out a private room for a secluded study session. For more information, contact the Reference Desk at 408-864-8479.

Hinson Campus Center If you like eating and

If you like eating and studying at the same time, the Hinson Campus Center is the perfect place. If you are hanging out on the top floor, whether it's in the Fireside Room or the Main Dining room, you have easy access to coffee from the Espresso cart, ice cream from the De Anza Express store, or anything a choice of sandwiches, burritos or pizza at the Food Services area. And with ample seating with appropriately sized tables, there

should be no reason why you can't spread out your math book and biology book at the same time.

But if you would like a quieter and less odoriferous studying environment, I suggest studying on the Hinson Campus Center's lower level. Though seating is limited to ten benches and six couches, it's less congested and has a lower percentage of foot traffic. The drinks at Le Café can satisfy your caffeine cravings as well as provide you with a cozy studying atmosphere. Le Café is open Monday through Thursday 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and on Fridays from 7:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

If you are the type who likes studying with lots of noise and people around you, you can always try studying at one of the tables out on the Hinson Campus Center patio. Just watch out for stray hacky sacks.

The Stage

No, not the stage out on the patio, I'm talking about the stage-like area in the A Quad. Right above the Euphrat Museum near the bookstore and Creative Arts Division offices are some stairs that will lead you up to a perfect spot above all the

bustle of community college campus life. There are six benches and a bunch of steps you can lounge on with just enough shade depending on the time of day. Also, if you're observant enough, you may even find the famous whiteout

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pen De Anza students from years past have used to write messages for future De Anza Dons (if you find it, you'll understand).

The Crack

This tiny spot lodged between the S and E buildings is so secluded it can easily be considered a little crack on campus, hence the name.

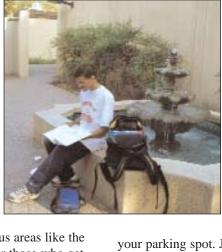
It has one dainty fountain with essentially one little seating area right across from a few faculty offices. This area is ideal for those looking to

escape the chaotic campus areas like the Main Quad, but is not for those who get easily claustrophobic.

Heart's Garden

OK, you know that big white building that sort of looks like the White House near the Sunken Garden? Well, that building is called the California History Center ... and to the right of it -- again, for those who hate studying indoors -- there is this great little place that barely anyone knows about ... well, at least until now. It has six

tables and even one tiny fountain. It's not as pretty as the Sunken Garden or as spacious as the Hinson Campus Center, but it provides privacy for those who like seclusion but hate sitting in a stuffy room.



The Sunken Garden Sandwiched between

Sandwiched between the Learning Center and the façade of the Flint Center is the beautiful Sunken Garden. During most of fall quarter, this area is perfectly lit by the sun yet can provide just the right amount of shade needed for the vitamin D intolerant. If you come prepared, the lawn can provide a great resting area as well. When you're ready for a study break, you can always watch the water fall on the La Vita É Una Fontana or the clouds go by, or even amuse yourself with squirrel tag.

And if all else fails:

Your Car

You paid for the permit and spent hours scouring the parking lots; you might as well take full advantage of your parking space and study in your car. Ideal for those with 30-minute to three-hour breaks between classes, this is the best way to get your privacy yet still keep

your parking spot. Just make sure you roll down you windows for ventilation, and don't be mean – if you notice a parking lot shark who thinks you're leaving, be nice enough to make some gesture to let him or her know you're not exiting so him or she can move along and stalk someone else.

But the bottom line is this: as long as you have the ability to drown out the noise of campus life, don't mind second-hand smoke and can find decent lighting, you

> can park your butt anywhere on campus to get a head start on tomorrow's homework or whizz through homework you have due in ten minutes.

Need more places to get your study on? Check out next week's issue for off-campus places to study.