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Valentine's Day

Wine, Cheese and Chocolates



On Thursday, February 15th, FODARA held its second Valentine's Day Wine Cheese and Chocolate Event in the backyard party room of FODARA Treasurer Barbara Illowsky's home.

In preparation for this fun event Barbara and her husband Dan did a great job decorating and making the room a fun

festive environment with red, white, and pink hearts everywhere.



FODARA was especially excited that 36 members joined us for this enjoyable wine-tasting experience accompanied by assorted cheeses, crackers, and chocolates. Once again FODARA member Diane Hawley added her special touch by providing hand-dipped strawberries. In addition to



serving a variety of wines, a non-alcoholic drink option was available that included assorted soda, bottled and sparkling water. This year, along with many of our regular FODARA attendees, we were especially pleased to have Becky Bartindale join us for the first time and to see Don Perata and his wife Ulrike back with us, along with Board of Trustees President Patrick Ahrens who is currently running for California State Assembly.

A bonus to this year's event was a special wine-tasting presentation by our very own vintners, Vicky Moreno & Don Nickel. They brought five varieties of their prize-winning Los



Novios wines to share with us.

Before serving the wines, Vicky and Don gave us a brief workshop on their wine-making process and what goes into entering their wine in different competitions. For some of us who don't drink wine



regularly, the opportunity to taste various wines was quite appealing. Dennis Conroy, who rarely drinks wine, enjoyed having Don tell him about the different wines. He found it to be a delightful experience and something he's looking forward to doing again.

During the wine-tasting event, Linda Conroy invited everyone to raise their glass in a special toast to one of FODARA's founding members Lescher Dowling. Lesher regularly attended FODARA events and sadly passed on February 13th. Lesher was a dedicated and important member who will be greatly missed by all of us who knew him.



The FODARA board would like to take this opportunity to thank Barbara & Dan Illowsky for hosting this event at their home once again this year, Vicky & Don for their very generous donation of wine, Diane Hawley for making the delicious hand-dipped chocolate strawberries, and everyone who donated wine or chocolates. This event was so fun and successful that there is already a plan to add it to our FODARA calendar next year. If you are interested in hearing the wine talk, it has been posted to our FODARA Calendar page under February 15th (<https://www.deanza.edu/fodara/calendar.html>). We hope you enjoy the pictures posted by our Webmaster Cindy Castillo and will consider joining us for this fun event next year.

In the meantime, please save the date for our annual FODARA Picnic scheduled to take place on Thursday, June 13th.

- *Linda Conroy*



IN MEMORIAM



Lescher Dowling, Foothill College

Lescher Dowling of Sunnyvale,
California, a member of the Greatest

Generation, passed away on February 13, 2024. He was 101 years old, though to meet him you'd have guessed he was much younger. Born and raised in Carpinteria, California, Lescher was the son of Julia [Lescher] Dowling and Walter Dowling. His siblings were Martha Rose (Dowling) Rodriguez, Kenneth Dowling, and half-sisters, Dortha and Irene Dowling. Lescher met his future wife, Dorothy Eichelberger, at a school dance. He was immediately smitten and did his best to win her affection, but was soon drafted into the Army when WWII started.



He served in the China Burma India 7th Veterinary Corps, shipped overseas with a load of mules destined for troop support. Dorothy felt it was her patriotic duty to write to a serviceman, and it was this correspondence that caused their relationship to truly blossom.

Home at the wars' end, Lescher attended the University of California, Santa Barbara, on the G.I. Bill. He graduated with an Industrial Arts teaching credential, married Dorothy, moved to San Diego and taught for 3 years at the San Diego County Juvenile Hall. He often remarked that working at 'Juvie' gained more positive response from potential employers than the other skills listed in his resume. He landed a job at his old Alma Mater, Carpinteria High School, where he taught shop, printing, drafting & photography. During this time, he and Dorothy had two children, Richard and Lela Ann. They enjoyed Dad's summers off, when they would go explore the National Parks. After deciding to focus on photography, Lescher took classes at Brooks Institute of Photography in Santa Barbara. He was hired to head the Photography Department at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. 'Mr. D' was a popular and personable teacher, always willing to field questions during lunch hour in his office. He cited that working with students kept him young. In 1984 Lescher participated in the founding of FODARA (Foothill-De Anza Community College Retirees Association.) FODARA is now celebrating it's 40th anniversary.

Upon retirement in 1990, Lescher and Dorothy began educational travel and learning adventures through Elderhostel. He rekindled a model airplane hobby from his youth, joining SAM 21, the Society of Antique Modelers. He built and flew gas-powered remote controlled model airplanes, but mostly enjoyed collecting and repairing their vintage engines.

Dorothy passed away in 2021, and Lescher is survived by his children; Richard Dowling and Lela [Dowling] Cirocco, grandchildren Sara & Skye, as well as 4 great-grandchildren. His wry humor, wisdom, helpful advice and stories from the old days, all will be greatly missed.

- San Jose Mercury News - Obituary Section

Please note: FODARA is not informed by the District of retirees' deaths due to confidentiality. Only if family or friends email information to Cindy Castillo (cindycastillo@comcast.net) will names and tributes be published in After-Words.

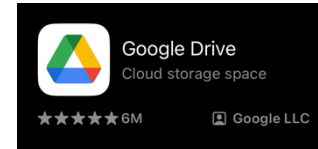


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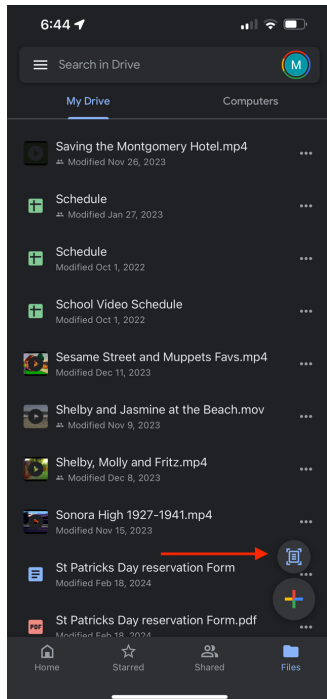
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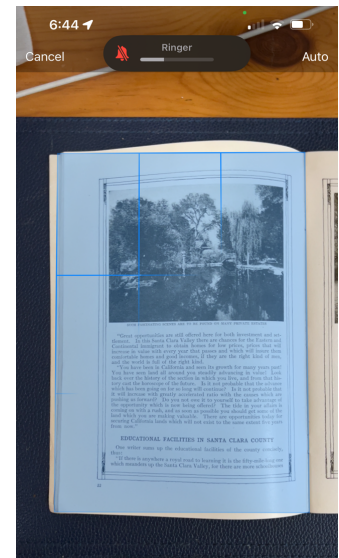


Open the “Drive” app on your phone and log in, using your Gmail ID and password. Get the document that you would like to scan and lay it down on a flat surface.



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without having to purchase added software. Simply open the PDF document in Google Drive and – double click to view the document. At the top of the document view page, you will see a button that says “Open with Google Docs.” When you open the document in Google Docs, you can edit and change the text, just as you would in Microsoft Word. Try it – it’s fun!



Updates...

Leadership

On Thursday, February 29, Dr. Lloyd Holmes announced that he was resigning his position as President of De Anza College, effective Friday, March 1. Dr. Holmes had been president for nearly four years. He did not state the reason for this decision, but did provide a list of the college's accomplishments during his term, and wished the college and all staff "nothing but even greater success." Chancellor Lambert, in a separate email, wished Dr. Holmes "all the best" and announced that Christina Espinosa-Pieb will serve as Interim President until a permanent candidate is selected. The Chancellor further announced that a nationwide search for De Anza's next president will begin right away and that we can expect to hear more details about the search in the coming weeks.

Faculty Alumni

Duane Kubo is the former Dean of Intercultural/International Studies at De Anza College. While at De Anza, Duane taught Asian-American Studies for nearly twenty years. After retiring from De Anza, Duane created **J-Town Community TV**, a YouTube Channel that features "news, views, history and culture of San Jose's historic Japantown and the community beyond." He also co-founded the **Silicon Valley Asian Pacific FilmFest** and invited filmmakers and media artists to the South Bay to feature their work. He is the director of *Cruisin' J-Town*, the acclaimed documentary of the seminal Asian American band *Hiroshima* (recently honored with inclusion in the **Library of Congress National Film Registry**) as well as the producer/co-director of *Hito Hata: Raise the Banner*, the first feature-length narrative film of the Japanese American *Issei* experience.

There will be a screening of "*Cruisin' J-Town*" at the Multi-Cultural Center at De Anza College on May 30, 12:30pm--2pm. The filmmaker will be available after the screening to answer questions. For more information, please contact Duane Kubo at duanekubo@gmail.com.



CalPERS Long-Term Care Class Action Settlement

The settlement is now final. Most claimants were notified in January 2024 of the final refund amount. Most settlement checks were issued on January 11, 2024 and should have been received within 2 weeks. As there were several different categories of claimants, if you have any questions, please go to <https://www.calpersltcclassaction.com> which includes FAQs and a phone number for remaining questions.



We wish all retirees a happy, healthy post-employment life! New and “old” retirees are invited to join and support FODARA in all or any of these ways: sign up for the listserv (email cindycastillo@comcast.net), contribute voluntary dues and our student scholarship fund, and attend FODARA's many social and Zoom events. Visit our website regularly (<http://www.deanza.edu/fodara/index.html>) to see all of the information and great services FODARA provides to retirees:

- Scholarships
- *After-Words* Newsletters
- Board and Committees
- In Memoriam
- Calendar- Meetings and Events
- Directory
- Email Listserv
- Pictures and Photos
- Where Are They Now (archives)
- Good Books

FODARA also sponsors the Gold Card program, which offers retirees these benefits:

- Free admission to all home sports events at Foothill and De Anza;
- Free or reduced admission to selected cultural events at both colleges;
- Use of the college libraries in-person only--retirees do not have online access to library databases
- Free parking permit for both campuses;
- Discount movie tickets for participating Cinemark and AMC theaters available to purchase at the De Anza Student Accounts Office, Campus Center.

To get a new or replacement Gold Card, bring a Photo ID and your 8-digit employee ID number, used to access MyPortal, to the Foothill College Smart Shop (room 2016) or the Office of College Life at De Anza College (lower level of the campus center) and wait while your card is made. With a Gold Card, you can get a free current parking decal by bringing it to the campus police station at either campus.

FODARA members: sign up for or renew your **FODARA membership for 2024!** The \$10 per year voluntary dues go to incidental operating expenses with remaining funds to student scholarships. FODARA currently offers four scholarships per year, two at De Anza and two at Foothill, and these days students definitely appreciate financial assistance. Please consider donating more than the \$10 minimum so that we can increase the amount awarded. Submit your dues (for one or multiple years) by sending a check, made out to FODARA, to Barbara Illowsky, 21363 Dexter Dr., Cupertino, Ca., 95014. Or donate to the FODARA scholarship fund online via the FHDA Foundation: <https://secure.donationpay.org/fhda/>; under Designate Your Gift, type in "FODARA scholarship fund."

De Anza heritage rich, memorable

Although brand new, De Anza College boasts a fascinating history and its namesake a proud part of California's early growth.

Captain Don Juan Bautista de Anza was a Don, fighting men trained on the frontier of Mexico, sent by Spain to establish ports, protect settlements, mount cannons on points above the Pacific and protect Spanish ships. The dons dressed themselves in arrow-proof leather and black capes, and rode on horses with highly decorated saddles.

DE ANZA WAS BORN in Mexico in 1735. His grandfather and father each served 30 years on the Mexico border, his father dying in a battle with Apache

Indians. De Anza was fighting on the same Mexican frontier as his forebearers when in 1774 he was commissioned by the Mexican viceroy to start on the first of his two famous expeditions through California.

The fate of Spanish settlements hung in the balance — to bring supplies by sea involved long and hazardous voyages and placed a heavy burden on the royal treasury. Lower California was too sterile and impoverished to serve as a food depot for the struggling Spanish settlements in the north. There remained only one alternative — De Anza's idea to open an overland supply route from Sonora, Mexico, to the California settlements in the north.

De Anza's first expedition in

1774 brought him to the San Gabriel and Monterey missions.

Upon his return to Sonora, De Anza made preparations for his second expedition, the object of which was the settlement of San Francisco. Two hundred sixty men, women and children and hundreds of cattle, mules and horses embarked in late 1775 on a trip that, after several months of very rough going, resulted in the settlement of San Francisco. On the way, Captain De Anza's party camped on Stevens Creek, near the campus site.

WITHOUT THE services of Captain Don Juan Bautista de Anza, there is little likelihood that Spanish settlements could (Continued on page 2)



De Anza College, 1959. A quiet orchard, Le Petit Trianon, guest cottages, a swimming pool. Library is now located just in back of the swimming pool, which has been converted into a fountain.



De Anza College VISTAS

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Federal, state grants sought

Tax election crucial to DA

Federal and state grants totalling \$1,470,000 are in the balance next Tuesday when Foothill Junior College District (FJCD) voters go to the polls in a special tax-override election.

The nearly one-and-a-half million dollar grants earmarked for Foothill College, and especially De Anza College, will be forfeited to other junior colleges unless voters stamp "Yes" on their ballots Tuesday. A "No" vote, on the other hand, will mean De Anza will have to cut back many projects already planned, such as the Little Theatre, firearms court and physical recreation facilities.

DE ANZA PRESIDENT Robert A. DeHart pointed out that FJCD voters have passed two large

bond bills: a \$10,400,000 bond issue in 1958 for the construction of Foothill College in Los Altos, and the \$14,000,000 bond issue in 1962 for De Anza College.

Dr. DeHart has addressed eight different citizen groups. Public reaction at first was not very enthusiastic, but as Dr. DeHart presented the College's strong case for the tax override, the vast majority of people realized the importance of the upcoming election to the students and future students in the area. De Anza's president stressed the necessity of getting to the polls those "friends of the College," those who value the "tremendous tradition of excellence of the College District."

Since 1959, District reserves have enabled the District to participate in federal and state grants that required matching funds, but these reserves are now committed to existing programs.

THE DISTRICT HAS dropped greatly in assessed valuation per student until today it is in 12th place among the 15 Bay Area junior college districts and 54th among the 65 junior college districts in the state. Backers of the proposed tax override point out:

- The District is the only school district in Northern Santa Clara County without an override tax.
- Projected District enrollment of 12,000 students by 1971.
- The use of grant money is the only way to meet the growing demand for trained personnel. The District no longer has funds to divert to developing or expanding technical programs.
- Student work-study financial aid grants for needy students require matching District funds.

Campus cops offer advice; new parking sticker system

Campus police are issuing new white and yellow S-2 parking stickers to student drivers this year and expect about 2,900 cars and drivers to be registered by this time next week.

All drivers, including faculty and staff, are expected to register their cars with campus police at the desk in Room L2.

DRIVERS WHOSE cars were registered at Foothill in previous years are cautioned to remove the Foothill stickers and follow a new procedure. The De Anza Parking permits should be mounted on the left corner of the windshield or rear window as was formerly the practice.

De Anza faculty-staff and student cars displaying this permit will be allowed to park in designated areas on both the De Anza and Foothill campuses, according to Joe T. Silva, supervisor of campus police.

Silva said drivers who have complained that the stickers fade or don't stay on should clean dirt and grease off the bumpers, apply the decal, then spray it with silicone spray.

SILVA OFFERED another tip to De Anza drivers: don't expect campus police to provide emergency aid or repairs if a car won't start.

"Because of insurance rules and requirements, campus police are forbidden to push or tow cars, change flats or charge batteries," Silva said.

"However, we will help stranded drivers by using the walkie-talkie to place phone calls through our office phone," he said. "That way, the driver can contact his home, a towing service or a service station. But we simply can't do any more than that."

Newspaper has openings

Editor Arn Heller said today that numerous positions are still wide open to students interested in college credit for working on the De Anza College student newspaper.

Although students with previous experience are preferred, experience is not a requirement for joining the staff. However, prospective editors and reporters should know how to type-write and photographers must know how to handle a camera and work in a darkroom.

Journalism 61 includes reporters, columnists, sports writers and photographers. Students interested in the advertising, business and circulation aspects of the paper should enroll in Journalism 63. Both classes are two-unit transfer courses.

Further information is available from editor Heller and adviser Warren A. Mack in Room L41.

College greets 3000; Orientation Week set

De Anza College opens its newly constructed doors today to more than 3,000 students, bolstered by Orientation Week, five days of rallies, get-togethers, tours, cokes, speeches, and a few minutes off perhaps for finding out just what De Anza is all about.

"Campus tours, led by potential student government leaders," says Joaquin Herrero, "will meet at the fountain in front of the registrar's office every hour and will be followed by free coffee for everyone." College Hour (Monday and Wednesday, 1 p.m.) will offer free coke and conversation.

Friday at 1 p.m. has been designated as the time for De

Anza's first rally. The football players, cheerleaders, pom pom girls, coaches and pep band will be there to help spark enthusiasm for the Saturday contest with Foothill College.

Culminating Orientation Week activities will be Friday night's welcome dance, "Meeting People Going Places," to be held in the main gym.

A student reception, originally planned for the first week of school, has been postponed until Foothill Fiesta Week, the fore-runner of De Anza homecoming celebrations in years to come. Free cokes and hot dogs are among the many special events planned for Fiesta Week.

Dance to cap hectic week; top band at barefoot affair

A frantic first week of making it to classes, buying books, attempting course changes, getting lost, reading instructions and listening to orientation advice culminates this Friday night with De Anza's first Welcome Dance.

Based on the theme, "Meeting People Going Places," the dance decorations will feature travel posters adorning the Gym. Music for the 9 to 1 affair will be furnished by Chicago's "South Side Sound Sys-

tem." The group has just completed an engagement at the Avalon, and before then played to enthusiastic dancers at the Filmore.

TICKETS AT 50 CENTS a person go on sale today at a table set up outside the food service (Continued on page 3)

Wanted: one groovy name

How do you name a college newspaper?

Well, you come up with suggestions from the adviser and staff — such as De Anza Dispatch, the Compass, Courant, Scene, Record.

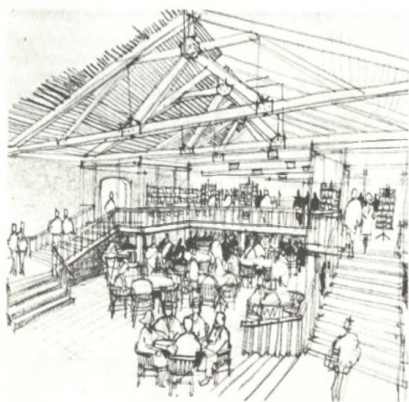
Or, you go the Spanish route: Periodico, Que Pasa, Recado, or our temporary name, Vistas (the scene).

Or, looking to the day when the old winery is remodeled into a bookstore and student hang-out, you come up with De Anza Vintage Press or just plain Press (wine or newspaper, take your choice).

But better yet, you ask your readers, because this IS a student newspaper, after all. What is YOUR choice? What's your suggestion for a name that will imply the dignity benefiting De Anza College, yet will appeal to other students?

Print your suggestion in the space below. Before Friday, drop it in the ballot boxes located in front of the temporary Bookstore or the journalism lab (L41, the building in which you registered).

Still growing . . .



For those disgruntled patrons of the temporary food services set-up, take heart. Here's an artist's sketch of the remodeled winery, which will include coffee shop and bookstore, and which will be connected by an underground tunnel to the multi-level Campus Center, where cafeteria, lockers, and meeting rooms will be located. Both projects are scheduled for completion in February.



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FODARA CALENDAR 2024

Board Meeting	Tues, May 8, 1pm	Board Member's House
Summer Picnic	Thurs, June 13, 3-5pm	Cuesta Park, Mountain View
San Jose Giants Game	Sat, Aug 17, 5pm	Excite Ballpark, 588 East Alma Ave, San Jose