

*For the Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees  
and the De Anza College Community  
De Anza President Brian Murphy*

## **G**overnor's Proposed State Budget Means A Continued Shortfall for De Anza College

Top financial administrators at the district and college anticipate continued budgetary problems due to a shortfall involving millions of dollars. The release of Gov. Schwarzenegger's proposed 2005-06 budget does not offer much hope that our fiscal troubles are over, according to **Mike Brandy**, vice chancellor of Business Services for Foothill-De Anza.

More than 125 faculty, staff and students heard budget scenarios at the Town Hall Meeting on Jan. 24. It became clear that our budget challenges will not be resolved quickly or easily, especially given the budget uncertainties in Sacramento.

"We must strongly consider structural solutions to balance the 2005-06 budget," reported **Jeanine Hawk**, vice president of Finance and College Services at De Anza. "We don't expect a windfall (from the state)."

She said De Anza has two budget issues: the college's ongoing deficit of \$1 million and an undetermined share of the district shortfall.

President **Brian Murphy** acknowledged that we need to look carefully at what we can eliminate and still serve our students adequately. "We need each other to do that," he said. "I think it will take collective sacrifice."

To view the college materials explained at the meeting, go to [www.deanza.edu/president/budget.html](http://www.deanza.edu/president/budget.html). At that location, it is also possible to access legislative advocacy and state government links.

Foothill-De Anza's potential operating deficit for 2005-06 may be close to \$8 million, plus or minus \$2 million because of variables in revenue and expenses.

Brandy's Town Hall presentation was titled "A Review of Key Indicators of Revenue and Expense in 2004-05 and 2005-06." It is available at [http://business.fhda.edu/budget/budget\\_update](http://business.fhda.edu/budget/budget_update) along with budget projections.

The vice chancellor believes this is one of the sharpest financial turns he has seen for community colleges because of state-mandated fee increases as well as shifts in the student population.

President Murphy thinks it would be helpful to understand these financial challenges by educating ourselves in a broader context. He suggests checking out the California Budget

Project's Web site at [www.cbp.org](http://www.cbp.org) that covers such topics as the state budget, budget basics, education, and workforce/economic development.

## **S**tudent and Librarian Tell their Story of Survival

Two members of the De Anza family — international student **Malin Lundahl** and librarian **Tom Dolen** — were visiting Thailand Dec. 26 when a 9.0 magnitude earthquake occurred in the Indian Ocean and triggered a deadly tsunami.

Both were on boat trips that day. Lundahl had already arrived at the beautiful island paradise of Koh Phi Phi with her parents, brother, sister and family friends. They were enjoying a meal at the pier when they noticed the ocean water suddenly recede, then rise and pour into the town at amazing speed.

The De Anza student from Sweden didn't waste any time. She started to run. "I knew I was running for my life because I could hear the water behind us," she said. "We followed the Thai people to higher ground."

That morning at approximately the same time, Dolen and his girlfriend were on a snorkeling expedition. Dolen felt the first wave beneath their small wooden boat, watched it crash to shore and saw people knocked down. The captain was able to keep the boat from capsizing.

Lundahl, Dolen and their companions beat the odds. They all survived.

The Associated Press reported in early February that the disaster killed more than 157,000 people and displaced millions in 11 countries. Some estimates are even higher.

At De Anza's Town Hall Meeting in late January, these two survivors praised the way the people of Thailand took care of the tourists even though they may have lost everything, including loved ones. "They need all the help we can give them," they both agreed.

For details about Lundahl's and Dolen's experiences, read "A Little Closer to Home" that was published in La Voz Online at [www.lavozdeanza.com](http://www.lavozdeanza.com) in late January.

## **S.O.S. Fund-raiser to Be Held in Mid-February**

A college fund-raiser, S.O.S. or Shelters on Sri Lanka, will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 15, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Conference Rooms A and B to show support for tsunami

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survivors and help them in a tangible way. All donations will be used to build homes for the displaced survivors in Sri Lanka.

“We picked Sri Lanka because it had the greatest amount of destruction and loss of life per capita, and many were left homeless,” said **Manisha Perera**, an economics instructor who is spearheading the campus effort.

The event will begin with a panel discussion addressing a number of topics, including personal experiences during the disaster as well as the extent of damage and how we can help.

Craig Williams, founder and director of Architects Without Borders, will discuss methods and plans to build houses, villages and communities in the affected areas.

In addition to Williams, the panel will include:

- Rev. Kahanda Amarabuddhi, chief abbot, Buddhist Institute, Santa Clara
- Saman Amarasinghe, professor at M.I.T., Cambridge
- **Tom Dolen**, librarian, De Anza
- Nalayini Gunanayagam, software engineer
- Peter Suaris, chief scientist, Mentor Graphics, San Jose

Another event organizer is **Willa Dawson**, an instructor in De Anza’s Administration of Justice Department. “If everyone on campus – students, faculty, staff and administrators – each donated \$1, I believe at least 16 homes could be built in Sri Lanka,” she said.

Perera and Dawson hope De Anza’s support in rebuilding Sri Lanka will develop into an ongoing relationship between our campus and the people who need our assistance almost halfway around the world.

The college community and general public are encouraged to attend the fund-raiser. For information about the event or to donate funds, contact Perera at (408) 864-8999, ext. 3716 or Dawson at (408) 864-8999, ext. 3682.

## **G**oogle Mini Improves our Web Site

The new Google Mini was launched on the De Anza Web site in mid-January, and that first day it benefited about 100 users an hour.

De Anza is one of the first medium-sized organizations to take advantage of the new Mini, a scaled-down version of Google’s enterprising search engine product. The Mini lets the site be indexed or catalogued much more frequently, which results in improved searches that provide more choices and increased relevancy.

Users can still search the entire Web site, but they now can do a quick search of the Searchable Schedule of Classes or narrow the search within four categories: Admissions and Records, Financial Aid, Counseling and Faculty Web sites.

Check out the new search capabilities at [www.deanza.edu/about/searchcenter.html](http://www.deanza.edu/about/searchcenter.html).

## **A**wards, Accolades and Achievements

**Nelson Ching**, the La Voz editor in chief in the fall of 1998 and winter of 1999, is living in China and took photos showing the aftermath of the tsunami. One of his photos was included in the print version of Time magazine in mid-January. Use this link to see his photo in the online version of Time Asia: [http://www.time.com/time/asia/covers/501050117/tsunami\\_dead.html](http://www.time.com/time/asia/covers/501050117/tsunami_dead.html).

**Phyllis Helene Mattson’s** new book, “War Orphan in San Francisco,” tells her coming-of-age story through the letters she wrote to her family scattered by World War II. She has taught science at De Anza and is presently working as an instructional assistant in the Readiness Lab. The 346-page book was recently published by Stevens Creek Press.

The textbook titled “Constitutional Law: Principles and Practice” has just been published by Thomson Delmar Learning. The co-authors are **Joanne Banker Hames**, who retired in June after teaching paralegal studies at De Anza for 27 years, and **Yvonne Ekern**, a member of the faculty at Santa Clara University Law School and a part-time instructor at De Anza.

**Susan Lister’s** book, “Medical Spanish - The Instant Survival Guide” has a new publisher (Elsevier Publishing) and has undergone extensive revisions. The fourth edition has just been released. She says this resource benefits English-speaking health professionals who work with Spanish-speaking patients. Lister has taught part time in the Intercultural/International Studies Division for seven years.

## **P**ick Litter Up; Don’t Put It Down!

For the first time in years, De Anza’s grounds will be treated to an enormous spring cleanup by students, faculty, staff and administrators.

**What:** Campus Pride Day

**Who:** Everyone!

**When:** Friday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Where:** Pick up free gloves and bags at the Main Quad

**Sponsors:** DASB, Classified Senate and Academic Senate

At the Main Quad, volunteers will be assigned to an area but can indicate a preference. College Services will pick up the filled bags at designated areas by 1:30 p.m. Any amount of time given to this project will be appreciated!

In the meantime, take care of this beautiful campus and recycle cans and bottles in blue recycle bins.

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