

DMC | WEST CAMPUS

Chess players get makeover

Harley Doerfler
FOGHORN

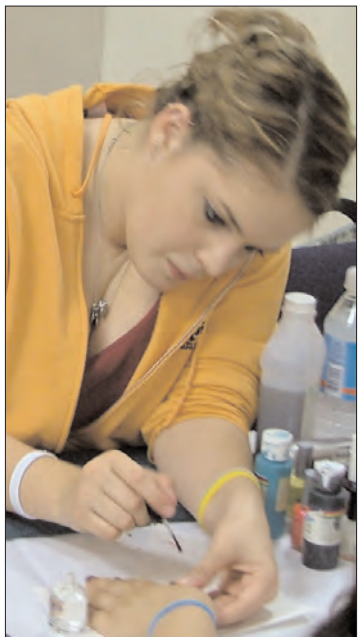
Kings, queens and knights could be seen all over the Bayfront Plaza this past weekend as well as the smiles and sounds of young girls from all over the country.

The Del Mar College cosmetology students added to the delight of the contestants as they provided free hairstyles and manicures in a community service project.

More than 200 girls from throughout the nation came to Corpus Christi to compete and to have a chance to meet Susan Polgar, the first woman to win the Men's Grandmaster title in chess and the U.S. Open Blitz Championship.

"While the game is still dominated by men I want girls to learn how to play and have a chance to compete" said Polgar, "They play it all over the world."

Students set-up shop in one of the meeting rooms and offered free hair-styles, including straightening, curling, braiding, and manicures with painted flowers and



Harley Doerfler | FOGHORN

Kelsie Frederick applies appliqués to young chess tournament competitor at Saturdays Susan Polgar National Open Championships at the Bayfront Plaza.

other details.

"While we were only suppose to be there 'til 3 p.m., so many girls wanted to be treated, we stayed till after 6 p.m." said Glaricia Aleman, a senior completing student,

"It would have been nice if we could have been there Saturday and Sunday, as I did about 30 hairstyles in the 5 hours I was there."

Another student could not say "No," because the girls were so grateful.

Sandra Flynn, cosmetology instructor, whose daughter plays on the famous Susan Polgar national Chess Championship Team, was very happy that the students were able to offer this great treat while the players were waiting their next round.

Students from the high school and college programs participated.

The high school students are part of the Duel Credit Program.

Professor of Cosmetology Dana R. DeLaPlaine said, "I am so proud of their efforts and accomplishments. Students can do glorious things especially under the worst conditions."

The students also provide services at minimal charge to all students attending Del Mar College. The Cosmetology Department is located upstairs in the Administration Building on the DMC West Campus.

For Appointment and other information call (361) 698-1723.

The next project is Locks of Love, Feb. 14.

DeLaPaine encouraged people with long hair to donate their excess locks for use as wigs for cancer patients and others who have lost their hair because of a medical condition or treatment.

"We look for special projects that help the community. The one we just completed helped us do that and our next one will more special," she said.

WALL | PROTEST



Contributed Photo

Members of Amigos de Mexico display signs protesting the notion of a wall built along the Texas/Mexico border to further efforts to keep illegal immigrants from entering the United States. At right, protestors hold a lifesize poster of Satan with a likeness to President George W. Bush.

Protest shows perspective on wall

Edwin Vasquez
FOGHORN

Several civil rights organizations from different cities across the United States met in Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico, to protest the proposed building of a 700-mile wall between the United States and Mexico, Jan. 28.

"The protest brought several hundred people to the Mexican border town to show their support against the Wall of Shame," Dora Hidalgo, president of Amigos de Mexico in Corpus Christi, said.

The groups are opposing legislation of House Bill 4437, which was introduced last Dec. 15 by the house judiciary Chairman James Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and homeland security chairman Peter King (R-N.Y.).

The bill gives the U.S. government authorization of construction of the wall between Mexico and the borders of California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

The groups met in Nuevo Laredo to protest the view of both U.S. President George Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox. Bush was called "The Great Hitler" in posters that surrounded the protest while Fox was lambasted for not taking a stronger stance against

the proposed wall.

"We criticized the position of the President Vicente Fox because he needs to make his opposition to this clear to the Washington administration and he needs to show support for the illegal immigrants in United States," Hidalgo said.

"We need to present a united front to the Bush administration and ask that the United States consider other alternatives to the immigration problem," she said. She feels that there could be other immigration reforms and laws other than simply building a wall that sends the wrong message, she said.

Francisco Chavira, representing a coalition of Mexican organizations, said in an emailed press release, "President Bush has been recognized as the Hitler of America, because his reforms impose more discrimination against innocent people who travel to United States looking for a job, and this people do not have any relation with terrorist groups."

Chavira asked the Mexican government to support the immigrants and send a clear message to Washington, asking the U.S. congress not to support the construction of the wall, which he called "Muro de la Tortilla 2"

The first "Muro de la Tortilla" was constructed between Tijuana and San Diego, Calif. During the '70s, Chavira

explained.

"Ironically, the United States was one of the countries who fought to remove the Berlin Wall, and now, under the Bush Administration, the U.S. wants to build another big wall like the one which used to exist in Germany," Chavira said.

Those attending demanded an economic boycott of all American border cities on Feb. 14 in order to point out what they called "the oppressive" tendencies of the United States. Joe Magallon, executive director of the Tepeyac association in New York City, asked by fax for all civil and social organizations to support another economic boycott to stop the House Bill 4437.

"A protest against this bill will be done through stopping buying alcoholic drinks during February 2006 until this bill will be stopped at the senate," he said. "Taxes from alcoholic drinks should not be expanded to build another wall at the border."

Approximately 300 people showed in support of the wall protest. They travelled from Dallas, El Paso and other cities around the border. Corpus Christi was represented by Hidalgo, president of Amigos de Mexico.

LAPTOP | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Finance, said the equipment would be replaced.

"Yes, it's being replaced because it's needed for instruction. Anytime something leaves campus, for instance a projection unit from the lab, we have to replace it because an instructor needs it," Alaniz said. "We don't have a fund set aside to replace equipment just because it got stolen. And it's not just the college's problem, it's everybody's problem. [Students] pay for it because the tuition and fees that they pay, will go to part of the budget that will replace the equipment. So it hurts everybody's pocket."

With all the costs stemming from these thefts, the college has made plans to combat any more theft by implementing new measures.

"We've instructed staff, faculty and everybody to be alert; to lock up classrooms, not leave stuff in the open and we've tried to put warnings in the *Foghorn* for students not to leave their backpacks unattended. Theft happens all over campus and it gets you when you least expect it," Alaniz said.

Alfonso said that the Information and Technology Department is going one step fur-

ther with the new equipment that DMC buys.

"The first thing that we're doing proactively is that any new computer that the college buys, we're subscribing to a tracing application which is a preventative way of preserving college assets. Also the second proactive measure that Information and Technology has taken is to let our budget officers, who are the department heads, know that in the event they need a locking mechanism, all they have to do is request it and we will provide it for laptops, desktops and projectors at no charge," Alfonso said. "The reason laptops are being stolen is because of their popularity as a gaming tool and productive tool for education. Along with that, LCD projectors are a really good way of doing projection of entertainment with games and DVD's. It's now an option, instead of buying a large-screen TV, or if you already have a computer set up in your house, you can place a projector and have a wide screen projection at your home."

"These series of thefts have never happened at DMC," Alfonso said. "We're hoping that Corpus Christi Police Department can help."

Laptop and LCD thefts at DMC

(Note: All incidents are taken from the Del Mar Security Incident Log Sept. 2005 through January 2006)

September 2005

- Garcia Health Science

Employee reported her laptop missing from her office.

- Garcia Health Science

Employee reported a stolen laptop & projector from a locked storage room.

- Venters Business Building

Employee reported two laptops missing from a room.

October 2005

- Garcia Health Science

Employee reported a missing LCD projector from a storage room.

- Center for Economic Development

Employee reported a laptop & LCD projector missing.

- Garcia Health Science

Employee reported a laptop missing from under a desk of a locked office.

- Heritage Hall

Employee reported 3 laptops missing from a locked cabinet.

- Garcia Health Science

Instructor reported the cabinets were unlocked & open in the room & her laptop was missing.

January 2006

- Venters Business Building

Employee reported an LCD projector missing from under his desk along with a battery pack, 150 watt lamp, a blue carrying case & a cable.

- Air Conditioning Building at West campus

Instructor reported the glass to his office door had been broken & the door was opened. A laptop, overhead projector, Freon tank cylinder & an AC vacuum pump were missing.

STATE | CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Ray Grasshoff, Director of Special Projects for the THECB said, "Clearly, community colleges will play a major role in enrolling the increased numbers of students needed to meet the Closing the Gaps goals."

The goals were established after studies indicated that Texas enrolls a lower percentage of its population in higher education than many other large states, Grasshoff said.

"In addition, the state's Hispanic population, which hasn't participated in higher education at high levels in the past, is the fastest growing large population group," Grasshoff said.

"So unless the state educates more of its people, especially its fast growing Hispanic population, the state's workforce of the future won't have the knowledge and skills needed to attract, build and retain the best jobs,"

he said.

The Commissioner of Higher Education Raymond Paredes noted the state's community college accounted for 67 percent of the state's enrollments growth this fall, continuing a trend over recent years.

"The enrollment growth at our two-year colleges strongly supports the need for additional resources for those institutions," he said.

"We must rethink the state's higher education policies to reflect all of these new realities," Commissioner Paredes said.

"We can't afford to rely on outdated policies and programs, such as those developed when more of our students went to four-year universities and were not the first of their families to go to college.

"We must understand and respond responsibly to these and other changes in higher education."