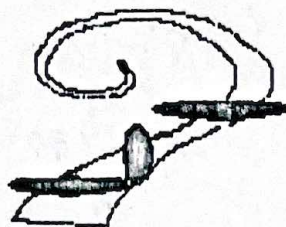


# Gamba News



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## March Meeting

The March meeting of the Pacifica Chapter of the VdGSA "con recorders" was, as usual, a stimulating experience, although why anyone would willingly choose to play an instrument derived from Neolithic dog whistles, when one, with a modicum of patience, may produce the most exquisitely dulcet of tones from bowed strings, is really quite beyond me. The morning was spent playing in small groups, while after lunch all present joined forces for music of Gabrielli. No blows were actually exchanged.

## New Consort Debuts

Those present two weeks ago at the Cal-UNLV basketball game were treated to the surprise premiere performance of the Pep Consort of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas at half-time. Coach Jerry Tarkanian stated that the existence of the ensemble should demonstrate to the NCAA and the general public alike UNLV's serious commitment to the humanities. Coach Tarkanian then led the group in sensitively nuanced performances of canzonas, fantasias, and pavanas by Henry Mancini (1578-1621) and Gianfilipe Sousa (c. 1560-1607). In an interview after the game, which the Running Rebels won, 116-42, Mr. Tarkanian did concede that the pep consort's future had been somewhat clouded by recent revelations that boosters had donated a chest of viols by Barak Norman in an effort to recruit top prospects, an action which violates VdGSA policies. The VdGSA is considering a range of sanctions. Possible measures include the so-called "Death Penalty", which would restrict the consort to reading "In Nomines" for the next two years.

## Vital Statistics

36-24-36 (delete this from final draft;  
definitely not P.C.)

## Quotation of the Month

"Yonk-ugh!...A-ow-oo-oo-uh-ih-ih!"-Dorothy  
Sayers, *In the Teeth of the Evidence*.

## New Edition of Italian Master

PRB Editions announces another important first, with its long-awaited scholarly edition of the "Innuendo" by Flagrante Delicto, available April first at newsstands near you.

## April Meeting

The April meeting of the Pacifica chapter will again be a special combined effort. This time we will be joined by the Richmond chapter of the California Gamelan Society for an exploration of the little-known, but truly intriguing "Ragalnakati" literature, which developed in the early 17th century out of interchanges between European traders and the indigenous peoples of Bali. Be sure to join us at 9:30 am on Sunday, April 17, at The Church of Our Lady of the Evening, 314159 Lostour Way, Richmond.