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Dons defeat Evergreen 2-1 for second win of the season



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De Anza College freshman forward Sulma Plancarte (10) races the Evergreen Valley College goalie for the ball. Plancarte won the race and dribbled past the goalie on her way to score the first goal for the Dons.



Freshman Stephanie Probst (23) dribbles upfield and looks for an open teammate to pass to.



Left: Madlyn Kelly (18) traps the ball and attempts to keep possession. Kelly scored on a penalty kick for the Dons' second goal of the game.

Right: Sophomore midfielder Madlyn Kelly (18) pulls the ball back to avoid a tackle by an Evergreen Valley College defender. The Dons beat Evergreen 2-1 on Tuesday Sept. 30.

Cristian Munoz-Ayala
STAFF WRITER

In a hard-fought game that consisted of a penalty kick, a breakaway goal, and an incredible save, the De Anza College women's soccer team beat Evergreen Valley College 2-1 on Tuesday Sept. 30 defeating the Hawks for the first time in three years.

Despite their poor preseason performance, the Dons were able to start off their season with a win.

"Feels really good," said Dons' captain and sophomore midfielder Madlyn Kelly. "It feels like we can turn it back around and keep winning and keep improving."

As the first half progressed, the Dons dominated the field. They played at their own pace by controlling the field and did not give Evergreen any real chances to score.

After 36 minutes of a goalless game, freshman forward Sulma Plancarte opened the score for the Dons. Plancarte was able to go around the goalkeeper and place the ball in the back of the net.

"It felt good because I am hurt, and we were pressuring and it felt good to score," Plancarte said.

Before the half ended, Evergreen got a shot on the goal, but sophomore goalkeeper Alexia Flippen was able to make an unorthodox save by using her face

to stop the ball from going into the back of the net.

The Dons entered halftime with a 1-0 lead.

As the game went on, the Dons were awarded a penalty kick in the 60th minute which was brilliantly placed in the bottom left corner by Kelly, making the score 2-0.

Fifteen minutes later, the Hawks were able to capitalize off a rebound goal. Goalkeeper Flippen was able to block the first shot, but the ball got deflected to a nearby Evergreen Valley player who tapped the ball in to make the score 2-1.

With a strong performance by Kelly, the midfield had great fluidity. The Dons were able to have great communication from the forwards and the defense which helped the team pass well and make few mistakes.

"We had a strong first half and we kept our composure in the end," Kelly said. "We played pretty solid, we finished when we needed to."

The De Anza head coach Cheryl Owiesny said she was pleased with the way her team played against a tough opponent like Evergreen Valley.

"Scoring early is important," Owiesny said. "It gives you the opportunity to exhale and focus."

The De Anza women's soccer team's next game is on Tuesday Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. at West Valley College.



Tuesday Oct. 7

MEN'S SOCCER VS. LAS POSITAS COLLEGE
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
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Thursday Oct. 9

CLUB DAY
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Main Quad
Check out the diverse clubs' information tables, performances, free treats and giveaways located at the main quad. The Set up begins at 9 a.m. for club members.

Friday Oct. 10

MEN'S SOCCER VS. WEST VALLEY COLLEGE
4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Soccer field
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Announcements
Foothill

THE COPERNICUS COMPLEX: ARE WE SPECIAL IN THE COSMOS?
Wednesday, Oct. 8
Smithwick Theatre (Room 1001)

As part of the 15th annual Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series, Columbia University director of Astrobiology Caleb Scharf, one of the leading scholars at the interface of astronomy and biology, will discuss "The Copernicus Complex: Are We Special in the Cosmos?", an illustrated, non-technical lecture. Seating is first come, first served. Arrive early to locate parking.

Is humanity on Earth special or unexceptional? For the first time in human history, we stand poised to answer this question from a scientific perspective.

Scharf is the author of the widely praised popular book Gravity's Engines, which was the basis of the BBC/Science Channel documentary, Swallowed by a Black Hole. His textbook, Extrasolar Planets and Astrobiology, won the 2011 Chambliss Prize. Scharf will sign copies after the lecture. The free lecture series is sponsored by the Foothill College Astronomy Program, NASA Ames Research Center, SETI Institute and the Astronomical Society of the Pacific.

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LIBRARY SERVICES OFFERED THROUGHOUT RENOVATION PROCESS

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The Foothill College Library (Bldg. 3600) is closed for a one-year renovation. Library services continue to be offered throughout the renovation process. The library has reopened with full services in its temporary location in Bldg. 3600. Learn more about the remodel. For a list of indoor and outdoor alternate study areas on campus, access www.foothill.edu/news/seating_areas.php. You can also continue accessing the college's online library

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CELEBRITY FORUM
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The following people will be speaking as part of this year's series:

- Bill Nye "The Science Guy"
Oct. 22, 23 and 24
- Robert Gates
Nov. 19, 20 and 21
- Anderson Cooper
Jan. 21, 22 and 23
- Platon
Feb. 18, 19, and 20
- Walter Isaacson
March 25, 26 and 27
- Soledad O'Brien
April 22, 23 and 24
- Alan Alda
May 13, 14 and 15

Tickets are available in packages for Wednesdays, Thursdays or Fridays. To purchase tickets, go to the celebrity forum website at <http://www.celebrityforum.net/veniendi.php>.

Announcements
De Anza

ASTRONOMY & LASER SHOWS
Through December 20
Fujitsu Planetarium
October 11

- 4 p.m. - New Show This is our Sky
- 5 p.m. - ExoPlanet Adventure
- 6 p.m. - Moons: Worlds of Mystery
- 8 p.m. - New Show: Bob Marley
- 9 p.m. - Led Zeppelin

- October 18**
- 4 p.m. - The Magic Tree House
 - 5 p.m. - The Magic Tree House
 - 6:30 and 8 p.m. - Spooktacular Halloween Laser Show
 - 9 p.m. - New Show: Michael Jackson featuring "Thriller"

- October 25**
- 4 p.m. - Zula Patrol
 - 5 p.m. - Cosmic Journey
 - 6:30, 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. - Spooktacular Halloween Laser Show



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UC Application
Tuesday
Oct. 7: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday
Oct. 8: 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

CSU Application
Tuesday
Oct. 7: 11 a.m. to 12:30 a.m.
Thursday
Oct. 9: 11:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.
Tuesday
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PIZZA Roast chicken, ranch	PIZZA Italian meat lovers combo	PIZZA Hawaiian ham & pineapple	PIZZA Mortadella Italian Sausage, Artichoke Hearts, Peppers, Pesto & Caesar	PIZZA Chef's choice

SALAD
Chef's specialty salads every day or make your own!
Chicken Caesar
Spring Greens, Apple, Candied Walnuts, Cranberries, Blue Cheese and Oil & Balsamic Dressing
Southwest Chicken
Vietnamese Chicken or Shrimp
Chinese Chicken Salad

BURGER of the WEEK
Thai Beef: Curried Ground Beef Burger, Spicy Sweet Mango Salsa, Cilantro, Tomato n' Iceberg on white bread

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Moveable Feast food trucks coming to De Anza campus

Elizabeth Cardenas
Steven Hall
STAFF WRITERS

De Anza College will host Friday night food trucks and live music starting Oct. 17 for the student body and community to enjoy.

Julia Malakiman, DASB Senate president, contacted Treatbot Inc. to bring Moveable Feast, the mobile food vendors, to campus.

Malakiman said she is excited to start something new on campus.

“De Anza has never hosted something like this before,” Malakiman said.

She said bringing Moveable Feast to campus for the student body and the community to take advantage of will be a huge success and she hopes it will grow throughout the years.

Students will enjoy not having to walk far for a variety of food they might not be able to get at the cafeteria, Melissa Epps, 20, French and Spanish major and De Anza student trustee

“If I’m on campus when it’s

happening, then I plan to check it out and support,” she said. “I think it’s good that we’re trying something new.”

Moveable Feast, based in Mountain View, organizes locations for food trucks to sell their food at events, businesses, schools and other locations.

“De Anza has never hosted something like this before”

-Julia Malakiman

Food vendors will pay DASB on a sliding scale based on the number of vendors and the amount produced in sales.

DASB Senate estimates profit of \$240 per week for 49 weeks

per year totaling approximately \$11,760.

This amount represents approximately 15 percent of the projected profit made by Moveable Feast.

Additional arrangements have been made to increase the profit percentage if the event turns out to be more profitable than expected and if more than ten vendors participate.

The funds will go directly to DASB to provide additional funding for events and programs that benefit De Anza’s student body.

“Right now we’re focusing on more exotic foods,” said Ryan Sebastian, president of Treatbot.

He said students will benefit from a fun environment where the community is involved.

Moveable Feast is scheduled Friday nights from 5-9 p.m. with setup starting at around 3 p.m. and cleanup finishing by 11 p.m.

Eight to nine mobile food vendors are expected to participate.

Moveable Feast will be located in parking lot A, located off of Stevens Creek Boulevard.

Career Development Coordinator to assist students in tech programs

Diana San Juan
STAFF WRITER

De Anza College recently hired Ashley Phillips to be the new Career Development Coordinator in the Workforce Education Department.

Phillips’ job as is to assist Career Technology Education students in finding internships or jobs. For example, Phillips will help with resume writing, interview preparation and aid students in finding interviews.

CTE consists of programs such as Administration of Justice, Automotive Technology, Business/Accounting, Film/Television, Child Development, Health Technologies, Journalism, Manufacturing and CNC Technology, Nursing and Paralegal Studies.

Phillips said her main goal is to increase the number of employed students in the CTE programs.

“Over the upcoming months, Phillips will be closely working with our CTE programs to help build connections between local employers and qualified students and recent graduates,” said Margaret Bdzil, workforce education coordinator at De Anza.

The services provided by the position are limited to those students enrolled in De Anza CTE programs who are preparing to enter the workforce.

“In order to most effectively serve De Anza CTE students, Phillips will be working with CTE department chairs/coordinators and providing individual services based on their referrals,” Bdzil said.

Phillips attended Sacramento State University where she received a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. She is currently completing a masters degree in public administration at California State University East Bay.

Phillips worked for over 10 years at career centers in Sacramento and Hayward in work force development. She also worked for the State of California and local nonprofit companies in helping job seekers find employment.

Bdzil said she hopes Phillips will serve as a model for enhanced career services delivery for the general De Anza student body.

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COMMITTEES



ADMINISTRATION

FRIDAY | 10:30 a.m. | Senate office



Diversity and Events

FRIDAY | 12:30 p.m. | Chamber Room B&C



environmental sustainability

FRIDAY | 11:30 a.m. | California History Center



FINANCE

MONDAY | 3:30 p.m. | Chamber Rooms



MARKETING

MONDAY | 4:30 p.m. | Senate Office



STUDENT RIGHTS & SERVICES

THURSDAY | 3:30 p.m. | Senate Office

JAZZ BAND KEEPS SPIRITS HIGH ON MELLOW WEDNESDAY

Susan Garcia
STAFF WRITER

Mellow Wednesday, a jazz event held at the campus center patio stage on Sept. 24, was a huge success. The jazz band showed up at De Anza bursting with energy.

band was contagious,” said computer science major Oshadhi Jayasuriya, just one of the many students engrossed in the jazz performance.

“I was impressed and surprised that De Anza would host a live band, the fusion jazz caught my eye, and the keyboard player

moved their feet to the beat; others actually got up and rocked out. Everyone was singing along to their favorite jams.

The band kept their spirits high the entire performance creating a great environment for the students. “...we thought it would be pretty cool to cover pop songs



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Students came from all over campus got sucked in to the music as the band started covering pop songs from Justin Timberlake to Bruno Mars. Students couldn't help but stop whatever they were doing, watch the band, and let themselves fall into the beat of their music.

“The band is wonderful, lots of soul and funk; they look so professional and the combo of Bruno Mars and Michael Jackson music was perfect, the

was amazing, it was just a great performance; I picture myself being on stage, great atmosphere,” stated biology major Brendan Nforbi.

When “Nothing on You” by Bruno Mars came out, couples were enjoying a romantic moment, some were sitting and they would just hug and sing along, others would walk holding hands towards the center.

Each student showed their own way of enjoying the event. Students sitting eating their lunch

for the students, songs that they know and everyone was into it. The more we saw the students got into it, the more energy we put in, too. I just think this was the soundtrack of their evening. Music can make your day anytime and today was great,” stated lead Singer Isaiah. The performance seemed to be a hit with all students clapping at the end and many students walking up to the band to let them know how good they were.



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Left: A jazz band rocks out on the De Anza campus center patio stage; the band consists of lead singer Isaiah, keyboardist Robbie Benson and drummer Doug Burns.

Top Right: Lead singer Isaiah takes center stage with guitar in hand.

Bottom Left: Keyboardist Robbie Benson performs a solo.
Bottom Right: Drummer Doug Burns keeps up the tempo.



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New Apple Health App is too complicated to use

Adam Del Rio
STAFF WRITER

Apple's mid-September release of iOS 8 arrived with a few new built-in apps, one of them being Apple's “game-changing” Health app.

What this app provides is a domain for Apple users to log and track their nutrition and physical activity.

The app is free to all iPhone and iPad users, which nobody is complaining about.

Apple Health alone is helpful, but there's a catch. HealthKit apps are available for purchase that enable you to do way more with Health.

Basically, in order to use Health to its fullest, you will need to pay. Encouraging users to be more active and benefiting from it on a corporate level is a win-win for Apple.

The new emergency features are innovative as well. Users can add whatever medical information they please and it can be accessed from their lock screen in the case of an emergency.

Apple Health alone is helpful, but there's a catch. HealthKit apps are available for purchase that enable you to do way more with Health.



PHOTO CREDIT: GOOGLE

What's most difficult about this app is the display, which is confusing and overly specific. Without an in depth tutorial, the app is hard to maneuver.

This app lacks that “awe” factor Apple has been known to create, but has potential to be helpful in many ways.

I recommend this app, but only if you pair it with HealthKit apps.

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STUDENTS GATHER TO MEET DASB SENATE MEMBERS

Betsy Meeker
STAFF WRITER

The morning rain threatened to cancel the DASB Meet Your Senators Day event Thursday, Sep. 26. By noon the rain let up and a multi-colored prize wheel attracted a line of students to the booth in the main quad.

Students spun the wheel and won either a piece of candy or an In-n-Out gift card while learning about the DASB Senate internship and ways to get involved on campus.

Some senators walked back and forth calling out to passersby, while others sat under the tent, offering flyers, application forms and supplies marked with the DASB logo. The purpose of the booth was to give students time to get to know their student senators.

DASB senator Arjun Gadkari, 17, undeclared major, said that he first got involved in student government because of the “strong club culture here at De Anza.”

He joined the Students for Justice club after learning about it in a political science class. As his interest grew, one of his teachers urged him to run for DASB Senate.

“The Senate gets a lot of respect from administration because of their ability to control the \$1.3 million budget and because their programs have generated significant improvement in

student life,” said Gadkari. He said he “can be a real contributor” as a member of the Student Rights and Services and Finance Committees.

2014-15 school year is to “create change” before she transfers next fall.

She spoke about plans to advocate for lowering the required units for student workers from 12 units to eight units, following a revised plan to graduate with a bachelor’s degree in five years instead of four.

“Student employees can concentrate on school while still being able to do well at their jobs. They get really busy taking a lot of units and we want to make sure they don’t get fired because of it,” she said.

Malakiman is also involved in organizing events such as Moveable Feast, a weekly gourmet food truck meetup, and plans for a De Anza Spring Carnival.

Gadkari said students can stop by the DASB Senate office in the lower level of the Hinson Student Center, where there are plenty of resources available to answer any questions.

“There is no wall between the student body and the administration, said Malakiman, urging students to voice their opinions. “If a student wants to organize something, it’s going to be heard.”



BETSY MEEKER | LA VOZ STAFF

Gadkari is currently talking to a number of local businesses, such as Panera, Ike’s Lair, and Coldstone about signing student discount contracts. “There are about forty or fifty businesses we are pursuing right now.”

DASB president Julia Malakiman, 18, communications major, said her main goal for the



BETSY MEEKER | LA VOZ STAFF



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Left: Hakwoo Kim, 22, undeclared major becons to students at the DASB Meet Your Senators booth in the main quad at De Anza College on Sept. 25.

Top Right: Students line up at the prize wheel fwhle waiting to meet the DASB Senators.

Bottom Right: Arjun Gadkari, 17, undeclared, answers questions at Meet Your Senators Day booth.

Caffe Frascati: A good study hub, hangout

Michelle Bounkousohn
STAFF WRITER

Caffe Frascati, in downtown San Jose’s artsy South First street area, is a unique coffee bar and eatery where students can study, hang out and enjoy live events.

The cafe features ample seating with tables available on the main floor, upper mezzanine with outside seating. The upper mezzanine is a popular study nook for local students. With De Anza College a 15-minute drive or a bus ride away, and San Jose State University located just three blocks to the east.

Modeled after traditional Italian espresso bars, Caffe Frascati’s menu offers your standard caffe with mochas, lattes and cappuccinos. In addition there are a variety of juices, wines, beers, paninis, pastries, salads, breakfast sandwiches being served all day.

“The cafe offers live events and a traditional atmosphere, but this really isn’t your typical

Bay Area cafe,” said Brandon McCarthy, Caffe Frascati barista. “Sure, there are people who come in here with their laptops to study or work, but we get plenty of customers who come here just to talk to each other.”

The South First Area, also known

as SoFA, is known for showcasing visual arts and entertainment, and Caffe Frascati doubles as a venue for local art and music.

“I fell in love with this cafe after my first visit,” said De Anza student Jaymar Hardesty, 20, undecided major. “Despite the intimate space, they even feature live performances on some nights!”

The cafe’s walls feature paintings and photographs from local artists and musicians can often be spotted jamming on the tables outside or performing in Tuesday’s open mic nights. Every Tuesday at 8 p.m., Caffe Frascati’s signature open mic nights feature performances from local musicians, poets, stand-up comedians and more.

On other nights, Caffe Frascati features a variety of live music, with live samba, bossanova, jazz, opera and Celtic music scheduled to perform.

Located on 315 S First Street in downtown San Jose, Caffe Frascati is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekdays, with special hours of operation on weekends.



MICHELLE BOUNKOUSOHN | LA VOZ STAFF

Above: Delicious cafe delicacies available at Caffe Frascati.



MICHELLE BOUNKOUSOHN | LA VOZ STAFF

Above: Student enjoys the atmosphere at Caffe Frascati.

D.A. VOICES: WHAT DID YOU DO OVER SUMMER VACATION?

Nana Song
STAFF WRITER



Zhuoer Huang
22
biochemistry major

“After my summer courses, I went back to my hometown. I visited a waterfall in my province, Guangxi, China. The waterfall is located by the border of China and Vietnam...”



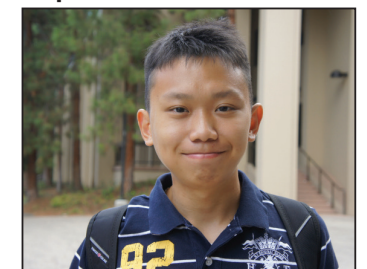
Trixie Felisco
21
animation and film major

“I just got a baby brother, so I spent most of my summer babysitting. I also hung out with friends who are transferring out to Berkeley and other schools.”



Amanda Bunn
16
political science

“I spent my summer teaching at Kumon and prepared for college applications as I am still a high-school student. I try to balance that with my social life...”



Joe Lim
18
business major

“I went back to Malaysia to visit my family members. I joined the World Vision camp, where we did not eat for 30 hours to raise awareness for famine problems in third world countries.”

California sex consent law: Good2Go app

Jay Serrano
Jacob Sisneros
STAFF WRITERS

The expression “There’s an app for that” has officially gone too far.

Sandton Technologies came out with a smartphone application called Good2Go that intends to “facilitate communication between two consenting adults, which will result in fewer situations in which one party is uncomfortable, unwilling, or unable to give consent for sexual activity,” according to the Good2Go website.

We tried to field test the app, but found no willing participants.

All kidding aside, the app could prove beneficial if used properly and takes a step in the right direction to defining consent in an attempt to curb the increasing number of sexual assaults on college campuses.

The app presents the user with three options: “No, thanks,”



“Yes, but... we need to talk” and “I’m Good2Go.”

For users who choose the “No, thanks” response, a screen pops up saying, “Remember! No means No! Only Yes means Yes BUT can be changed to NO at any time!”

Users who choose the Good2Go option are presented with a screen that asks the user to rate their sobriety on a scale from “Sober,” “Mildly Intoxicated,” “Intoxicated but Good2Go,” to “Pretty Wasted.”

If “Pretty Wasted” is chosen, the app gives a warning that “you cannot consent” and bars the user from progressing further.

With the simple steps out of the way, the challenging section approaches for those who underestimated their intoxication level. The user then has to input their Good2Go account information or create a Good2Go account if they don’t previously have one.

After the account information is squared away, a confirmation text is sent to the user’s phone.

The app is a baby step toward solving the issue of sexual assault, but it’s not a bad place to start.

Letter to the Editor

APPLE EVENT ARTICLE LEAVES QUESTIONS UNANSWERED

Dear Editor,

I grabbed a copy of your paper as I headed home from my first day of class. Scanning the front page, I was intrigued by the “By the Numbers” box at the bottom. I was looking forward to reading your “ANALYSIS: APPLE EVENT AT FLINT CENTER” once I got home. Imagine my disappointment upon finishing the opinionated article, which lacked any actual analysis, and being unable to find any additional coverage of the event in the paper. I am amazed that Sam Tovmasian guessed spaceship before watch, when Tim Cook said “one more thing”; every article I read online prior to the event reported that they would announce a watch.

I find it interesting that you had Mr. Tovmasian, as a freelancer, write an opinion piece - the article is clearly marked as opinion on the website, if not in print - and didn’t have anyone on staff write a more well researched news piece. Your front page “by the numbers” left me with questions. Why is apple storing 55,000 of De Anza library books and art? Where did they take them? What does the school do with the money made from Apple’s \$500,000 disruption payment and \$157,000 rental? What type of trees where the 24 removed? What are they being replaced with? How was campus life and college business affected by Apple’s presence. I was expecting to find the answers in the pages of La Voz. Again, I was disappointed.

I like to think that someone at La Voz thought to cover the event from an angle uniquely relevant to student’s at De Anza. Why didn’t you listen to that person? I find your coverage of the event at odds with the paper’s revised mission statement as published in the same issue, printed on the same page. Where is the thorough reporting you have promised us?

Sincerely,
Brandon P. Hansen
De Anza College Student

Pluses and minuses vital to fair grading

Rika Kumar
FREELANCER

Even though only 9 percent of California Community Colleges use a plus and minus grading scale, De Anza College should keep using plus/minus grades because a majority of students benefit from the higher GPA points awarded to plus grades.

Using the scale also prepares students for transfer because 21 out of 23 CSU campuses and 9 out of 10 UC campuses use the plus/minus scale.

The best reason De Anza should stick to the policy is it properly prepares students for the academic environment they will be transferring into.

The current system works well for De Anza, but some parts could be improved.

Foothill and De Anza should establish standardized criteria for grades and for separating pluses and minuses that all faculty and students can follow.

Instead of some classes starting A minuses at 94 percent while other classes start A minuses at 92 percent, there needs to be a uniform grading scale that applies to all classes.

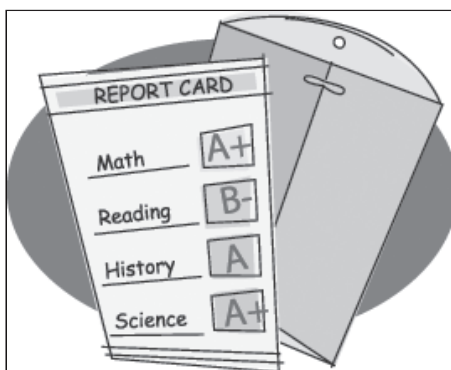
This will reduce the possibility of subjectivity and the perception of unfairness. A student’s GPA should not be dependent on which professor they took their English class with.

When the Foothill-De Anza

Academic Senates asked the Board of Trustees to approve the plus and minus grades proposal in 2006, their stated reasons were:

- The system is consistent with that used at UC/CSU campuses
- It reflects faculty members’ belief that they can distinguish between B and B+ work
- It will reduce the grade inequities that result from using only base letter grades
- It will recognize student efforts that fall short of a full letter grade.

When the change was first proposed in 2006, the DASB



senate opposed the idea.

Students argued a plus and minus scale would lower overall grades for average students. They questioned faculty’s belief that teachers can accurately separate B from B+ work and claimed the system encouraged subjective decisions by instructors.

Some students threatened to leave Foothill-De Anza for colleges that don’t use the plus/minus scale.

But enrollment statistics

showed that this threatened exodus never came to pass.

In his open letter to the FHDA Board of Trustees, acc President Dan Mitchell defended the plus/minus scale writing that the “adoption of plus/minus grade options is fundamentally about fairness to students.”

While acknowledging that a “small but elite group of Foothill and De Anza students who earn straight A’s may end up with a few A minus grades instead,” Mitchell said, “It is elitist to base a decision about grading that affects all students on the concern of this small group.”

He said that there was “no evidence” to support the view that the plus/minus system would be abused by faculty or that it would lower overall grades for average students and negatively impact transfer rates by driving away high achieving students.

Eight years after the scale’s adoption at Foothill and De Anza, the plus/minus grading system appears to be working well.

Plus/minus grades will reduce, if not eliminate, both the possibility of subjectivity and the perception of unfairness.

Let’s keep pluses and minuses, but let’s create a system where there is no possibility of subjectivity.

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Men's soccer continues dominant run with big win over Chabot



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Freshman Guy Elgar shields off a Chabot defender as he looks to pass the ball. De Anza crushed Chabot College 6-1 on Tuesday Sept. 30.

Cindy Tran
STAFF WRITER

The De Anza College men's soccer team cruised to a victory against Chabot College by a score of 6-1 on Tuesday Sept. 30.

"It's hard to have a highlight when you score in the first minute and never look behind," said De Anza head coach Rusty Johnson.

Within the first 18 seconds of the game, forward/striker Rajae Delane scored the first goal, giving the Dons a 1-0 lead. The second goal came in the 11th minute on a volley from midfielder Josue Mendoz. Forward Ahmed Mohammed scored the third goal on a header in the 26th minute to give the Dons a quick 3-0 advantage.

Despite some injuries, the Dons managed to pace themselves and maintain their lead. Forward Kapanga Mchombo scored the fourth goal for the Dons on an assist from forward Jose Avalos, ending the first half of the game with a score of 4-0.

The defense for De Anza played solid throughout the game. De Anza's goalkeeper Arshia

Aghababazadeh finished with five saves and prevented Chabot from scoring for a majority of the game. Aghababazadeh said the thought of not getting scored on and winning again was one of the reasons why he remained enthusiastic during the game.

In the second half of the game, forward Juan Bugarin scored twice for the Dons, extending their lead to 6-0.

Chabot College managed to score a goal during the last 10 minutes of the game, but the Dons held on for a 6-1 win.

With the win the Dons improved to 8-0-0 overall and 1-0-0 in conference play as of Friday Oct. 3.

"The highlight for me is having this group firing on all cylinders," Johnson said. "We're feeling like we have a lot of depth and we're really excited for having our next game."

The next home game for the Dons is on Tuesday Oct. 7 at 4 p.m. against Las Positas.

New baseball head coach Erick Raich has big plans for program

Taylor Bicht
STAFF WRITER

After a 3-31 record last season, the resignation of former head coach Scott Hertler, and the threat of extinction, De Anza's College baseball program is alive and well with the hiring of new head baseball coach Erick Raich.

The new coach comes to De Anza from Palo Alto High School where he had been the head varsity baseball coach since 2009.

"My expectation as a coach is that the players are not only good on the field but good in the classroom as well. If you are successful in life, you'll be successful in baseball and that's the winning attitude I want to bring."

— Erick Raich
Baseball head coach



Kulwant Singh. "He came very well regarded and was a winner at his previous job."

Raich is the owner and founder of California Club Baseball, where he surveys young talent and trains players to compete at the highest level. Using his eye for talent, he was able to recruit 12 players to the De Anza program.

In addition to coaching at Palo Alto, Raich was the assistant coach for four years at West Valley College where he won two Coastal

Conference Championships (2006, 2011) in a program led by Hall of Fame coach Mike Perez.

Perez, Hall of Fame coach John Oldham and his own father, Rick Raich, have taught Raich the winning atmosphere he is trying to bring to De Anza. Raich brings six new coaches, including his father along with him who will teach and evaluate the 50 plus players involved in the De Anza baseball program.

Raich said a major focus is

RAICH'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

2005-2008: West Valley College

Assistant Coach: Won two Coast Conference Championships.

2009-2014: Palo Alto High School Varsity head coach: League Champions 2010, 2011, 2012 & Division 1 Champions in 2011.

2010: San Jose Mercury News Coach of the Year.

2005-PRESENT: Owner/founder California Club Baseball: helped over 100 players move onto college or professional levels.

Baseball

Oct. 10 at 1:30 p.m. vs. San Francisco City College

Oct. 18 at 2 p.m. vs. Giants Scout Team

Oct. 25 at 10 a.m. vs. Dodgers Scout Team

Oct. 31 at 2 p.m. vs. Halloween Scrimmage

improving the overall condition of the baseball field, which he wants to transform into a state of the art facility for the players. To achieve this he must find major donors and fundraise while focusing on bettering the other aspects of the team.

"We need to get back to basic fundamentals," Raich said. "Not try to do everything all at once, but build slowly through the fall and create a strong foundation for the season."

Raich said he enjoys taking teams from the bottom to the top. Even from afar, he said he noticed the potential of the De Anza baseball squad and is now looking to use his coaching techniques to jumpstart the team.

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LAST-MINUTE TOUCHDOWN COSTS DONS VICTORY

De Anza misses final field goal in 16-13 loss against Sequoias



Above: Sophomore wide receiver Trae Owens (80) breaks a tackle on his way to a 56-yard touchdown run. The Dons lost the game 16-13 to the College of the Sequoias on Saturday Sept. 27.

Right: Freshman defensive back Deonte Boyland (9) tackles the College of the Sequoias quarterback on the 10-yard line.

Bottom Right: Freshman quarterback Jamie Ybarra Jr. (12) winds up to throw a pass downfield. Ybarra Jr. started in place of sophomore quarterback TJ Menning, who tore his ACL in the game against American River on Sept. 13 and is out for the season.

Bottom Left: Sophomore defensive back Eric Harris (1) attempts to elude two College of the Sequoias defenders.

