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## FINANCIAL AID DELAYED FOR MANY STUDENTS Some instructors turn in grades late, leading to holds on funds

#### **Rachel Schemel**

STAFF WRITER

This spring quarter, 6,591 students' financial aid disbursements were withheld because instructors did not turn in their winter quarter grades on time.

Financial aid coordinator, Gary Valentine confirmed the students' financial aid had been placed on hold because the system was not able to update its Satisfactory Academic Progress status without the needed grades.

"If all grades are not posted, the SAP process can't run (financial aid)," said Lisa Mandy, financial aid and scholarship director. "If it's not done prior to Financial Aid running disbursements, the system puts holds on disbursements, labeled warning or disqualification."

Students had to visit the Financial Aid office to get the holds manually taken off their account before receiving their disbursements.

"It's a four-day process to get your money to Higher One," Mandy said.

Students who checked on Monday, April 7, and had the hold manually taken off will receive their financial aid on time. But students who came in later in the week and the following Monday will receive financial aid a week later.

"On Monday we run our GPA, or you maybe disbursements, and students can see on their account if money has been posted," Mandy said, "Some of it started pulling (financial aid) back the system started noticing this person is on hold."

Many students did not notice any change until they received no disbursement on Friday, April 11.

"To me personally, only about 50 came in," said Mandy on the first week of school. "I thought it would be more."

A specific group of students encountered the holds: those whose financial aid depended on their grades.

"Students who were impacted were the students who had an SAP warning status for the winter term," Mandy said. "If you've gone into warning for completion, unit your quarterly GPA or your cumulative hit maximum time frame, you're in a warning status for

that term." Students were not the only ones surprised by the holds placed on their accounts. Many faculty had not

encountered this situation before. "I didn't know that there was anything specific that happened this time around grades that was any different than other quarters," said Kathleen Moberg, dean of admissions and records.

"I do know for financial aid

students, late grades are a problem and have always been a problem and the faculty are told that late grades do cause a problem for students."

The only way current students can get real time dates on their disbursements is by asking

SAM TOVMASIAN | LA VOZ STAFF

someone at the financial aid office

"I really hope the students are real comfortable coming in here or emailing if they don't have the time," Mandy said.

SEE DELAY P. 3

## **DASB** President Stacie Rowe resigns before term expires Vice President Koosha Seyvani steps in: "Big shoes to fill."

**Jacob Sisneros** 

Wednesday, April 16.

to function without me so I was Receiving a unanimous vote of better served stepping down,





#### STAFF WRITER

DASB Senate President Stacie Rowe resigned from the senate on Wednesday March 19 because of personal reasons.

Rowe, 19, English major, said she decided to step down because she is moving to Chicago over the summer and needed time to prepare for the move.

DASB Senate Vice President Koosha Seyvani, 22, computer science major, will take over the role of senate president until the end of the term in about eight weeks.

Seyvani nominated Robert Yasin, 21, political science major, to be the acting vice president during the senate meeting on

approval from the senate, Yasin was confirmed without opposition or debate.

Seyvani will also take over the presidential responsibility as the chair of the elections committee. Seyvani said he doesn't plan to run for senate next year because he is transferring out of De Anza.

"I have some really big shoes to fill." Sevvani said. "I will do my best to adjust to my new responsibilities and also explain my previous responsibilities to the VP that we hopefully elect next week."

Rowe said she is confident the senate will work just as well as if she were there.

"I saw that the senate was able

Rowe said.

Seyvani echoed the sentiment. "Honestly, I don't really think it will affect the senate's performance in any negative way, other than everyone missing Stacie," he said.

Senator Nupur Mehta, 19, business major said the senators worked effectively in committees this year and Rowe did a good job of watching over the committees. Seyvani said the senate will miss her experience and leadership, but the major decisions have already been made.

"It was a really responsible time (to step down)," Seyvani said. "She did not leave any unfinished business."

#### **CRAIG MORRISON | LA VOZ STAFF**

Former DASB Senate President Stacie Rowe. Rowe resigned from her position March 19 in order to prepare for her move to Chicago.





# CAMPUS EVENTS

April 21, 2014

#### Tuesday April 22 BASEBALL VS.OHLONE AT 2:30 P.M. SOFTBALL VS. MISSION COLLEGE AT 3 P.M. Wednesday

April 23

#### MAPPING THE CHALLENGES OF A NEW ERA 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Conference Room A & B

Richard Walker, UC-Berkeley geography professor emeritus and a leader of the Californiastudiesmovement, will illuminate and untangle the web of data behind California's currenteconomic, demographic, and physical transformations. His latest publication is "The Atlas of California: Mapping the Challenge of a New Era" written with Suresh K. Lodha (University of California Press, 2013). Walker focuses his research on economic geography, environment, regional and urbandevelopment, capitalism and politics, and class and race. Walker is also the author of "The Country in the City: The Greening of the San Francisco Bay Area," "The Conquest of Bread: 150 Years of Agribusiness in California" and, with Michael Storper, "The Capitalist Imperative: Territory, Technology and Industrial Growth." Sponsored by the California History Center. For more information, contact Tom Izu 408-864-8986 or izutom@deanza.edu

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April 25

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7 p.m. to 9 p.m. California History Center

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Saund overcame intense discrimination Sikhs faced in California going back to late 1880swhentheyfirstarrivedatAngelIsland. The film was made in association with the U.S. Capital Historical Society and the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies.

The producer of the film will be present to answer questions.

Wednesday 'April 30

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1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Hearthside Lounge The Foothill Authors Series presents Doren Robbins, author of Title to Pussy Riot. Admission is free. Staff and faculty earn PGA/PAA credit for attending. Authors

Series books are available at the Foothill College Bookstore, and can be purchased at a 20-percent discount. The reading is co-sponsored by the Foothill College Asian Pacific Islanders Heritage Month celebration

Title to Pussy Riot, a chapbook, includes seven new poems by Robbins. His poems are full of rancor, rebellion and a demand for social justice. His presentation will include reading with two former and one current Foothill College creative writers Lisa Baker, Steven Kineinger and Christopher Vaquerano

FILM: "GANDHI" Friday, April 25 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Hearthside Lounge A biographical movie following Mahatma Gandhi's fight against oppression, from being thrown off a train, which sparked his passion, to his assassination in 1948

#### DASB SENATE ELECTION TIMETABLE

Senate bylaw/candidate info. meeting Monday April 23 3:30 p.m. Student Council Chambers

Application deadline Monday April 28 4 p.m.

Mandatory candidates meeting Wednesday April 30 2:30 p.m.

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# NEWS

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## De Anza students desire .edu email addresses

#### Jacob Sisneros

STAFF WRITER

The demand at De Anza College for a Foothill-De Anza district issued .edu email address may soon become a reality.

"De Anza College and the district are definitely considering the wish many students have to obtain a college email address," said Marisa Spatafore, director of Marketing and Communications.

Policy issues and the mechanics of providing the email addresses would need to be discussed before making final decisions, but the topic of student email addresses is on the agenda for the May 1 meeting of De Anza's Technology Task Force, Spatafore said.

Four out of five De Anza students indicated an interest in having their own edu email address, according to a survey by the De Anza College Office of Institutional Research and Planning in the fall quarter of 2013.

In 2010, only one in five students indicated interest in a district-issued email address. The increased interest stems from students wanting online student discounts. A number of websites, such as Amazon, Prezi and Microsoft, offer discounts to students with a college-issued .edu email address.

"College students need to save money," said Aaron Rumph, 27 biochemistry major. "Anything that can make them have less debt when they get into the real world."

Rumph said he uses his DASB card to get discounts at stores such as Staples, but would also benefit from getting online student discounts.

Alex Ngo, 20, mechanical engineering major said he would use the email address to get discounts when ordering textbooks on Amazon and would also use it for communication.

"It's hard contacting teachers now," Ngo said. "They take forever to respond."

Several other California community colleges issue .edu email addresses including Santa Monica Community College, Merced Community College and Peralta Community College.

#### FROM **DELAY** P. 1

Major differences in information on students' MyPortal financial aid tab could be because of the lack of real time dates available.

"When I look at the dashboard, I can see the dates that your money was posted to your account; I can see the dates the refund came out or if any adjustments are done, like we pulled money out, I can see all of that," Mandy said. "It didn't appear

to me, when I look at what you see, that you see any dates."

Financial aid does provide help to students who need their books immediately. Book vouchers and book loans are available to students in need, but are limited.

"Normally book loans are for student's who are not on financial aid, who maybe don't have enough money in their paycheck for books," Mandy said, "so we'll give them a book loan and we let them pay it back over three months."

She has no problem giving book loans to students with late financial aid.

"It's a reasonable thing to do," Mandy said. "It's the right thing to do because I'm suppose to be here to help you guys, not hinder your ability to go to class."

## Priority registration changes fall 2014

### STAFF WRITER

Starting fall quarter 2014, priority enrollment will undergo various reforms in order to meet state requirements.

First, continuing students will be required to be enrolled full time. This means students will need to be registered for 12 units or more in order to qualify.

Second, students who have completed 150 or more units will not receive priority registration.

Third, continuing and new students must declare a major and select a goal of transfer, degree, or certificate.

Finally, new students will be required to attend a college orientation course and declare a major or educational goal before they receive priority registration. "Students will need to know the new rules and make informed choices earlier," said Kathleen Moberg, dean of Admissions and Records.

The goal of these changes is to help students be better informed when they enter De Anza and to encourage them to follow their educational goals as a method of making them more successful.

These changes were introduced as part of the Student Success Act in 2012. The act changes how students are assigned registration dates based on importance of orientation, new students, completion of educational goals and introducing new technologies to better support student services.

"The problem is that the [Student Success and Support Program] assumes students know what they want to do when they enter college and don't need time to explore their interests," Moberg said. The act does not address the depletion of resources in its design to increase student services in its 22 specific policy changes to improve students success.

One of the driving facts, according to the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, is that the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics projected that the number of jobs requiring at least an associate degree will increase by 19 percent by 2018.

Despite the government funding for community colleges having been cut by \$1.5 billion and enrollment decreasing by more than 600,000 in the last four years, there is a growing demand from high school graduates, veterans and workers seeking training.

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# FEATURES

## **APP REVIEW:** Rovertown app useless around De Anza campus

#### Cati Mayer STAFF WRITER

De Anza College's website lists a fair amount of discounts available to students with a valid DASB student ID card. De Anza also recommends to download and use an app called Rovertown that apparently allows students to keep track of current discounts.

In order to receive discounts, students need to show participating businesses their student ID and the discount on the Rovertown app.

Participating restaurants around De Anza College include J.T .McHart's Pizza, Ike's Place, I Heart Bento and 15 more businesses.

Even though De Anza students can save up to 10 percent on their orders or get free drinks, most students don't use the app or know about it.

"I eat around De Anza like three times a week," said 20-year old business major Dmitriy Gaputin. "I probably spend about 30 bucks per week on outside food," he said.

Gaputin said he never heard of the app, but would be interested in using it. After taking a look at Rovertown, he said he probably wouldn't use it, because the discounts offered don't include places he is interested in.

Rovertown has a simple layout and is generally easy to use. When the user selects a college or university, the app opens the main screen, which shows a bone symbol centered on the screen.

Students using Rovertown can collect bones every time a discount gets redeemed. Users can unlock loyalty discounts that enable even more discounts at businesses the user visits most.

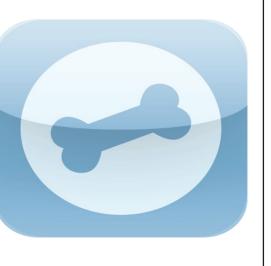
Homestead Lanes is listed as

the most popular discount on the app.

But Homestead Lanes has recently changed its name to Homestead Bowl and according to staff members, they have never heard of the discount presented on Rovertown, or of the app itself.

In addition, four of the 18 businesses that offer discounts for De Anza students on Rovertown no longer exist. These businesses include Baja Fresh Mexican Grill, Bar Code, Fresh Choice and Simply Thai.

Other colleges and universities on the app offer about three times more discounts. In contrast to De Anza College, their discounts are



more diverse and still available for use.

Overall, many discounts on the app are outdated and not guaranteed.

According to staff at Quickly and Subway, student discounts for their locations don't even exist.

Cashiers working Togo's or Coffee Society didn't know anything about the app either, but still provide discounts with a valid student ID.

Students with a DASB ID card should always ask for student discounts, because some locations actually provide special offers to De Anza students.

The Rovertown app is rather pointless and not reliable.



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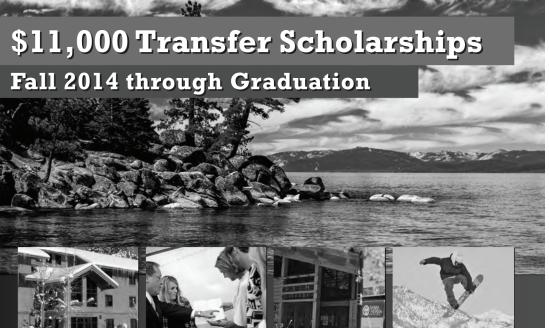
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## DASB Gives Back: New bookstore program

#### **Daneia Rodriguez** STAFF WRITER

any student who spends \$100 or more on books receives a \$10 off coupon for any De Anza sweater

Faculty members have teamed or back pack.

up with the DASB senate to create "DASB Gives Back."

Swanson said that the a bookstore incentive program, bookstore, DASB, and faculty members are looking to expand

De Anza Bookstore Director and advertise the program more. Kelly Swanson went into detail For this quarter, many students about how the program works. were unaware of the program "The program offers students and the dates and were unable to 5 percent off new books and 10 participate.

percent off used books the week Swanson said this is the first of before the first week of the new many efforts to come by faculty quarter," she said. members as well as the DASB to

The dates are extended for make books more affordable for veterans and students in the students. EOPS Program. In addition,

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# FEATURES

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## Singers show talent at Open Mic



LEFT: Hakwoo Kim, 22, undecided major, performs an original piece titled "Greetings of Another Start" at Welcome Week Open Mic. RIGHT: Artem Zinin, 20, Electrical Engineering sings Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody."

#### Chris Padilla

STAFF WRITER

Open to poets, rappers, singers and spoken-word artists, Welcome Week Open Mic drew mostly singers who filled the main quad with music from Queen, Bob Dylan, Imagine Dragons and an original student composition.

Slow to start, the perennial favorite "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zeppelin at the helm, was performed by 20-year-old electrical engineering major Artem Zenin.

Hakwoo Kim, 22, undecided major, gathered a crowd with his back to back acoustic performances of Bob Dylan's "Make You Feel My Love" and "Blowing in the Wind." He also performed and acoustic cover "Demons" by Imagine Dragons and an original song that he wrote called "Greetings of Another Start" as an encore.

As the event went on, more students gathered. It was obvious Artem Zenin's spirited karaoke cover of Queen's "Bohemian Rhapsody" was well recieved, since most of the audience sang along to the well-known hit.

Other performances included Electronica-backed hula-hoop tricks performed by 19-year-old intercultural studies major Adolfo De La Cruz, who is a member of the hula-hooping dance group Zer0 Motion and an acoustic cover of Thomas Rhett's "It Goes



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Like This" performed by Robert Valdez, 19, music major.

Most of the performers who braved the openmic stage were nervous to various degrees, including Hakwoo Kim, who took the stage to "share the music I love."

De La Cruz said that he felt okay and was "a little nervous."

"It's like practice for the real world," said Valdez "The atmosphere is really good."

Koosha Seyvani, 22, computer science major, and president of the DASB Senate said the goal of the open mic is to provide a platform on which students can showcase their talents or put forth any issues they may have.

### | Library displays banned books

#### Joey Garber STAFF WRITER

Banned and challenged books are on display in the De Anza College library.

Books read in U.S high schools, award winning books, and books turned into movies have been challenged from the time of publication.

Whether bad language, violence, anti-American, or offensive to society, reasons for wanting these books banned.

Not all of the books on display have been banned forever. Some were only for short periods of time, in certain parts of the country. Others are simply challenged with protesters explaining their reasons.

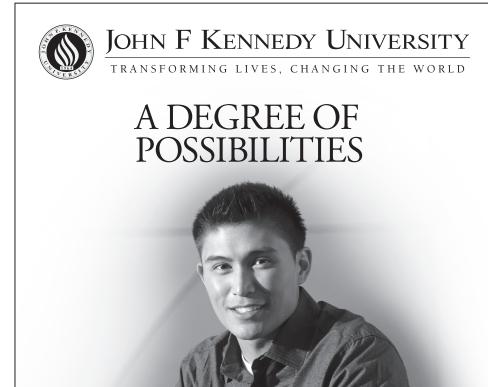
Check out the books display in the library and read a book that was banned or challenged. Here are some that may strike an interest:

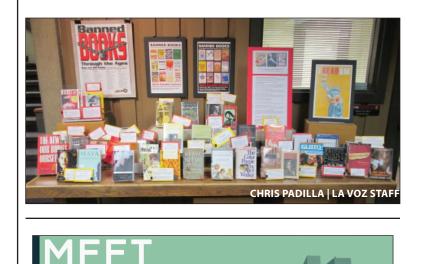
• "A Clockwork Orange" by Anthony Burgress is a dystopian novel written in 1962. Considered by Time Magazine to be one of the 100 best English novels published between 1923 and 2005. The main reason it has been banned has to do with the book's use of violence, depicted mainly with youth along with language. The book was removed in 1976 by an Aurora, Colo. school district and again in 1977 in Westport, Mass. • "To Kill a Mockingbird" by Harper Lee is a controversial book because it tells a story of an African American who is

taken to court for a rape charge, found not guilty and then still convicted for the crime. Some people found that the book was defending inequality. In addition to focusing on a case of a rape, the book contains a great deal of racial language. Stated multiple times throughout the book is the line, "A black person will always be convicted of a crime if a white man accuses him."

• "The Catcher in the Rye" by J.D. Salinger was written in 1951, and tells the story of a young teenager who is expelled from his school and runs away to New York. The book is mostly remembered for having a lot of swearing; the word "goddamn" appears over 89 times alone. Other complaints range from childhood depression to occultism, where the main character, discusses with himself whether he thinks Judas went to Hell after betraying Jesus. The book is also notably considered to be honest without being too obscene.

• "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult is a story of two sisters, one with severe leukemia and the other who was bred specifically to have kidneys for her. One sister is forced by her parents to give up the kidneys, which ends in court with the girl challenges her parents. The book has been banned for reasons such as promoting sexuality, promoting homosexuality, having offensive language and having a sex scene.







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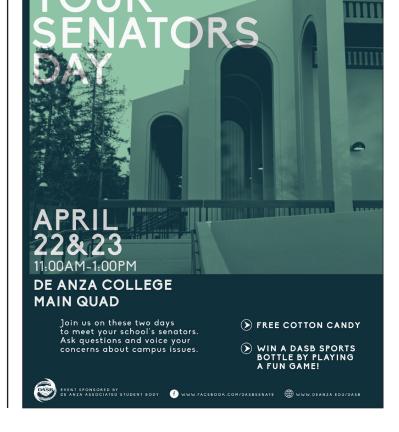
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## **BASE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION ON** ECONOMIC BACKGROUND, NOT RACE

#### **Rika Kumar** STAFF WRITER

To maximize the positive effect Affirmative Action has on minority groups, the California legislature should take into account a student's economic background in addition to his or her ethnic background.

Although race-based affirmative action was necessary in the past in order to correct historical injustices, it's now time to combine race with class criteria to ensure low-income students from all ethnic backgrounds get better representation in public universities.

This way, a single ethnic group will not be discriminated against.

The economic criteria will support those who have fewer opportunities to pursue a higher level of education because of their financial background, not simply because of a racial generalization.

Affirmative action was first intended to help disadvantaged students get admission into elite colleges, before being prohibited by the approval of California Proposition 209 in 1996.

Californians have debated

whether affirmative action denies deserving students an equal opportunity to higher education.

Many Chinese-American stalled the Senate groups Constitutional Amendment No.5 (SCA-5), a measure designed to reinstate admissions-based affirmative action at California's public universities, according to San Jose Mercury News.

They believed university seats at elite public institutions such as UC Berkeley and UCLA will be taken away from Chinese-American students and given to African-Americans, Latinos and other Asian or Pacific Islander groups who have historically been admitted in fewer numbers.

UC admission data for 2013 revealed 78% of Chinese-American freshman applicants were admitted as opposed to 55% of Latino applicants and 45% of African-American applicants.

Admission rates for Asian minorities such as Filipino-Americans (57%) and Pacific Islanders (48%) reflected a similar gap.

Given their historically high rates of admission, it makes sense Chinese-Americans are opposed to SCA-5.

They pointed to Princeton University research that found Asian-American applicants needed much higher SAT scores than all other groups in order to gain admission into elite universities.

"The way Asian-American students are treated ... is a gross violation of the 14th Amendment (which requires equal protection under the law to all people)," said Shien Biau Woo, co-founder of the Asian-American political action committee.

Unfortunately, the debate over affirmative action and SCA-5 is driving a wedge between minority ethnic groups instead of bringing them together.

One important factor has been largely ignored by all sides in this controversy surrounding affirmative action -- economic and class inequality, which is rapidly widening in California.

A study of the country's 50 largest cities by Alan Berube at the Brookings Institution listed San Francisco (2), Oakland (7) and Los Angeles (9) among the top 10 in gaping income disparities.

San Francisco showed the largest increase in income inequality between 2007 and 2012.

Income inequality should be linked to the issue of affirmative action in college admissions as well.

Combining race with class criteria will allow lowincome students from all ethnic backgrounds to get better representation in public universities.

In a nationwide 2005 study of highly selective institutions, William Bowen, former president of Princeton University, showed underrepresented minorities increased chances of admission by 27.7 percent, but being in the bottom income quartile had no positive effect.

Universities do not put enough effort into boosting the representation of low-income students, even from the same ethnic groups.

Joining hands to promote affirmative action on the basis of both race and class would be a more effective use of Affirmative Action - so the measure will serve its purpose in this day and age.

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## San Jose State cheats tution freeze Uses campus fees to fund school on backs of students

#### **Jay Serrano** STAFF WRITER

The most recent CSU fee increases are a shameless attempt to circumvent the state laws that froze tuition in 2012. Despite already having the second highest campus fees in the CSU system, San Jose State University is raising their campus fees to \$2000 per year.



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If a campus fees increase isn't enough reason to be upset with San Jose State, it's also raising the student success fee from \$630 to \$790. After the raise it will be the highest in the CSU system.

All of the administrations that are raising and instituting new fees should be ashamed of themselves, none more so than popular De Anza College transfer location and worst offender San Jose State.

What makes these fee increases and allocations even more laughable are the San Jose State website's claims the CSU system makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum.

San Jose State's actions show they are doing the exact opposite.

Runner up Cal Poly San Luis Obispo is leaving their fee at \$630.

Not only are the fees being raised at the student's expense, a large fraction will provide no benefit for the majority of them.

Forty percent of the money gathered through campus fees and student success fees went to the athletics department instead of academics.

These are not the actions of a school that is concerned about helping students succeed.

If the academic situation is so dire

the school has to find loopholes in the tuition freeze and raise students' fees, all of the new income should go to correcting academic funding shortages.

None of the money should go to luxuries such as athletics.

Another troubling issue — there is nothing to stop the administration from raising fees again or giving more income from the fees to athletics.

When the administration raised

with the students before making a unilateral decision. San Jose State went with the second option, leaving students out of the decisionmaking process.

and allocated the most

recent set of fees,

they did it behind the

According to the San

Jose Mercury News,

San Jose State has two

options when it comes

They can either hold

a student referendum,

The community college and California State University programs exist in order to provide affordable

college options. Instituting fees that make colleges unaffordable works counter to this mission.

Instead of placing fees that curtail attendance or force students to take on vast amounts of debt, the CSUs should look for other ways to offset their costs.

Having state colleges is pointless if the majority of people are unable to attend.

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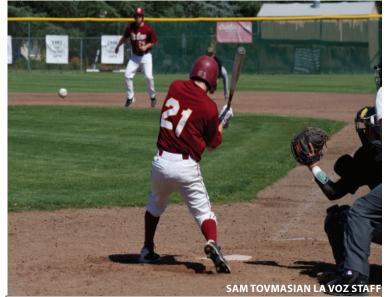
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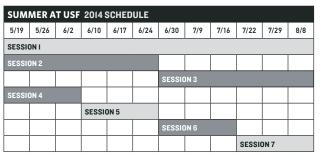
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# DONS OVERWHELMED BY GLADIATORS IN LOSS



**Above:** Freshman outfielder Christopher O'Conner (21) slides into second base before the Chabot shortstop tries to tag the base.

**Top left corner:** Freshman outfielder Christopher O'Conner (21) takes a swing against Chabot. The loss moved the Dons to 1-15 in conference play.

#### Sam Tovmasian STAFF WRITER

De Anza College's baseball team lost to the visiting Chabot Gladiators 20-2 on Thursday April 10.

In the first inning, freshman starting pitcher Marcus DiBenedetto kept thwarting attempts by Chabot's base runner to steal second base by throwing to the first baseman. The plan worked and DiBenedetto ended the inning without allowing that runner to score.

In the second inning, Chabot's Michael Johnson got on base

by bunting a single to the third baseman. Ivan Perez drove in Johnson from first base after Dons shortstop Jake Smirnov committed an error on the play to give the Gladiators a 1-0 lead. Travis Hull then hit a sacrifice fly and drove in Perez from third base to push the lead to 2-0.

The Dons loaded up the bases in the bottom of the second inning after drawing three consecutive walks from the Chabot starting pitcher. The Dons could not capitalize on the chance to put runs on the score sheet and left the runners stranded on base.

Chabot tacked on four more runs at the top of the third inning.

Patrick Massoni and Tyler Davis each got two RBIs to put the score at 6-0.

The Dons fought back at the bottom of the third when freshman first baseman Stanley Sumibcay hit a single to drive in freshman outfielder Marcus Maldonado to cut into the Saints lead at 6-1.

In the top of the fourth inning, Chabot added four more runs to spike their lead against the Dons to 10-1.

Neither team scored in the fifth and sixth innings.

During the seventh inning, Chabot's Smith led off with a double to center field. The next batter, Ryan Howell, drove in Smith by doubling to left field. Two batters later, Hull got an RBI single by driving in Massoni from second and increasing the Gladiator lead to 13-1.

In the bottom of the seventh, the

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"We played better than we did last time," Sumibcay said. "We've seen improvement in both our defense and offense."

Chabot scored another four runs in the eighth inning to push the lead to 17-1.

In the top of the ninth inning, Chabot added three more runs to increase their lead to 20-1. Then at the bottom of the ninth, Dons sophomore infielder Michael Lee scored the game's last run to put a final stamp on the game.

"We're improving, we're getting better," said De Anza head coach Scott Hertler of his team. "(But Chabot is) really good."

# SPORTS

## April 21, 2014 **POOR PITCHING LEADS DONS TO BIG LOSS**

Saints score eight runs in the seventh inning to put win out of Don's

#### **Ines Ben Cheikh**

STAFF WRITER

The De Anza College baseball team lost to the Mission College Saints 16-1 on Saturday April 12.

Freshman pitcher Kavin Mistry started the game and managed to keep the Dons on track for the first four innings while allowing only two runs.

The only run the Dons scored was courtesy of freshman outfielder Christopher O'Connor in the bottom of the fourth inning closing the gap for the Dons to 2-1.

During the fifth inning, Mistry was substituted after allowing the first three Saints players to bat to get on base. The Saints scored three runs in the inning to give them a 5-1 lead heading to the bottom half of the fifth.

In the top of the seventh inning, freshman pitcher Grant Shomberg took over at the mound for the Dons but allowed Mission's Reed Kienle, Matt Cole and Justin Hearn to score. Freshman righthander Jack Buchman replaced Shomberg and allowed five runs to score after coming into the game.

Freshman pitcher Jake Smirnov replaced Buchman to hold the Saints to eight runs in the seventh inning. After the Dons got the last out of the inning, the score was 13-1 in favor of the Saints.

"We had a couple of chances to make a defensive play and we didn't at some critical times in the game," De Anza head coach Scott Hertler said. "We didn't play very well today. This was not one of our better games."

In the top of the eighth inning, the Saints added two more runs to push their lead to 15-1.

Freshman pitcher Cole Lang entered in the ninth inning and allowed only one run that increased the score to 16-1 in favor of Mission.

"Baseball comes out to three things: pitching, hitting and defense," Hertler said. "You got to play all three of them to have the chance to win.

"We didn't have very good pitchers today, we didn't swing the bats very well and we had some chances to play good defense, stop them and we didn't."

Despite the defeat, Hertler expects his team to perform to the end of the season.



We've got 45 innings left in the season (to) play as hard as we can," Hertler said. "(We have to) practice good and play hard every time we get the chance to play." The Dons' next game is on

Tuesday April 22 at 2:30 p.m. against Ohlone College.

Above: Freshman first baseman Stanley Sumibcay (3) attempts to prevent the Mission player from returning to first base.



Left: Freshman right-hander Kavin Mistry (18) completes his throwing motion to the plate against Mission College.

## Stanley Cup will come home to San Jose

#### Jeff Facun SPORTS EDITOR

In the NHL playoffs, it is the year of the San Jose Sharks.

The Sharks are one of the best teams in the NHL in one of the most difficult divisions in hockey, the Pacific Division.

The Sharks finished with a 51-22-9 record, 111 points and fifth place overall in the league. The team is stacked with great players like Joe Thornton, Joe Pavelski, Logan Couture, Marc-Edouard Vlasic, Brent Burns, Dan Boyle and Tomas Hertl. The team plays a fast transition game where the scoring chances are aplenty. The this type of game excites hockey fans watching, even those who don't know much about the sport. The Sharks have been a model of consistency for the NHL, making the playoffs every year since the lockout in 2004-2005. They have collected four division titles and accumulated at least 90 points in eight of their nine seasons.

haven't had the glory yet.

The Sharks are due for a championship sooner or later whether it's 2014 or not. The fan base is hungrier than ever.

At the last home game of the year against the Colorado Avalanche on April 10, the fans started chanting "Beat L.A." as the game clock was winding down, a reminder of who the Sharks will have to beat in the first round this year to advance in the playoffs. Every year since the lockout, the Sharks have been many people's choice to win the Stanley Cup because of the strong regular seasons they have had in past years. But for some reason, the team can't replicate the success and apply it to the postseason. However, the outcome of the 2014 playoffs will finally go in the Sharks' favor and a parade in downtown San Jose in June is going to happen. "They are going to love it in San Jose when the Sharks win the (Stanley) Cup Final," Dan Rosen told nhl.com in November 2013. "I do think this is the year."



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