



Students call for 'hate speech' limits to silence preachers

Duane Soubroux
News Editor

De Anza College students have gathered more than 550 signatures on an online petition urging administrators to regulate "hate speech/discrimination," following recent campus visits by loud Christian preachers.

The petition calls for the college and district administrations to disallow speech that leaves students feeling verbally abused on the basis of their ethnicity, gender, religion or sexuality. It can be viewed at <https://goo.gl/Z5Gh10>.

Elias Kamal, a political science major who started the petition, wrote "free speech is a vital part of society," but added that harmful speech that angers students should not be permitted.

Many petition supporters posted affirming comments.

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New quarter: New library finally open to students



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Above: Students at De Anza College study with ample natural light that is filtered through new energy efficient windows and LED lighting system. The new windows also insulate the study area from outside noise.

Paul Ledesma
STAFF WRITER

More than 24,400 visitors walked through the doors of the newly renovated De Anza College library reopened its doors Jan. 4.

The library, which closed in summer 2014 for renovations, offers

many improvements including features intended to meet the needs of college students in the 21st century. The updated library has also been modernized to take advantage of the latest energy efficient and green technologies.

Tom Dolan, the library coordinator, said that the library

staff believes the numerous upgrades will enhance the educational experience for De Anza students. The library added two new classrooms that meet De Anza's current smart

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De Anza College garden being restored: tortoises, webcams, 100s of new plants



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Above: Local Californian plants flourish in the renovated Cheeseman Environmental Study Area next to the Kirsch Center for Environmental Science on Thursday, Jan. 14.

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Basketball team serves moms, kids at shelter over holidays

Laura Shkouratoff
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In December, members of the De Anza men's basketball team volunteered at a local women's shelter.

The basketball team has volunteered at the shelter for the past five years, serving families who need the community's support to get back on their feet. The shelter, known as Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence, offers many services to women and children who are victims of domestic violence.

"During the holidays, we always want to do some type of community outreach," said head coach Jason Damjanovic, who organizes the yearly event. "Student athletes need exposure, and especially with the prevalence of domestic violence lately, I think it's important that they

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Tuesday
Jan. 19

MASSAGE THERAPY CLINIC
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
PE 12L
Experience a massage customized for your needs in 45 minute sessions.

EUROPE STUDY ABROAD INFO MEETING
3 - 4 p.m.
Santa Cruz Room, Campus Center
Spend the summer traveling in London, Paris and Amsterdam and earn up to 12 credits in:
- Comparative Criminal Justice Systems
- Administration of Justice (ADJM11)
- Paralegal Studies (PARA65Z)
- Political Science (POLI2)
- Social Science (SOSC97Z)

Thursday
Jan. 21

MASSAGE THERAPY CLINIC
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
PE 12L
Experience a massage customized for your needs in 45 minute sessions.

CLUB DAY
11:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Main Quad
Check out the diverse club information tables, performances and giveaways!

VIETNAM STUDY ABROAD INFO MEETING
Noon - 1 p.m.
Library, Room 235
Spend the summer traveling in Vietnam and earn up to 12 credits in:
- EWRT 1A, 1B, 1C, 2 and ELIT 10 - ics 24 (Asian-American Literature) Summer Session - Classes start Monday, June 27. In Vietnam: July 5-25. Financial aid and scholarships available.

Friday
Jan. 22

INFO SESSION: CAREERS IN FACILITY MANAGEMENT
Noon - 1 p.m.
Kirsch Center, Room 115
Come learn about the vast career opportunities available in facility management, a profession that encompasses multiple disciplines to ensure functionality of the built environment by integrating people, place, process and technology.

Tuesday
Jan. 26

MASSAGE THERAPY CLINIC
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
PE 12L
Experience a massage customized for your needs in 45 minute sessions.

Wednesday
Jan. 27

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. CABRILLO COLLEGE
5 - 7 p.m.
Main Gym PE21
Join us for De Anza Women's Basketball against Cabrillo College. For the schedule of all De Anza College women's basketball games, visit www.deanza.edu/athletics/basketballwomen/schedule.html

Wednesday
Jan. 27

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. CABRILLO COLLEGE
7 - 9 p.m.
PE Main Gym
Cheer on the men's basketball team as they take on Cabrillo College.
For a complete list of men's basketball games, visit <http://www.deanza.edu/athletics/basketballm/schedule.html>

Thursday
Jan. 28

MASSAGE THERAPY CLINIC
9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
PE 12L
Experience a massage customized for your needs in 45 minute sessions.

BLOOD DRIVE
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Campus Center Conference Rooms A & B

Donate blood today! Stanford Blood Center will be accepting donations all day. Make an appointment at <http://bloodcenter.stanford.edu>. Special gifts: A pint for a pint of Baskin Robbins ice cream.

Thursday
Jan. 28

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. MISSION COLLEGE
5 - 7 p.m.
Main Gym PE21
Join us for De Anza Women's Basketball against Mission College. For the schedule of all De Anza College Women's Basketball games, visit www.deanza.edu/athletics/basketballwomen/schedule.html

MEN'S BASKETBALL VS. WEST VALLEY COLLEGE
7 - 9 p.m.
PE Main Gym
Cheer on the men's basketball team as they take on West Valley College.
For a complete list of men's basketball games, visit <http://www.deanza.edu/athletics/basketballm/schedule.html>

Announcements
De Anza

ASTRONOMY & LASER SHOWS
Fujitsu Planetarium
Jan. 23

4 p.m. - The Cardboard Rocket
5 p.m. - Earth, Moon and Sun
6:30 p.m. - We Are Aliens
8 p.m. - The Cure
9 p.m. - Beatles: Anthology

Jan. 30
4 p.m. - This is Our Sky!
5 p.m. - We Are Stars
6:30 p.m. - Firefall
8 p.m. - U2
9 p.m. - Led Zeppelin

ART EXHIBIT: BURNING ICE
Feb. 1- March 17
Museum Hours: Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Euphrat Art Museum
Explores impacts and causes of climate change from Richmond and East Palo Alto to the Arctic Circle. Artworks also honor nature and those who advocate on our behalf. A range of media from drawings, paintings, prints and photography to ceramics, glass, mixed media, textiles and a site-specific

Announcements
Foothill

IRELAND SUMMER FIELD STUDY INFORMATION SESSION
Jan. 20
Noon - 6 p.m.
Archeology Lab (Room 3102)
Excavate in a medieval castle and live at an Irish manorial estate this summer as you earn college units and learn about archeology and applied cultural anthropology. Attend an Information Session This Winter for Program Details— Learn about the Ireland field study program's application procedure, curriculum, fees and travel details by attending a free information session. You need only attend one session.

COMEDY SHOW: YOU'RE FUNNY BUT YOU DON'T LOOK JEWISH
Jan. 21
1 - 3 p.m.
Hearthside Lounge, Campus Center (Room 2313)
Four stand-up comedians will share the stage and their own experiences about being "undercover" members of the tribe.

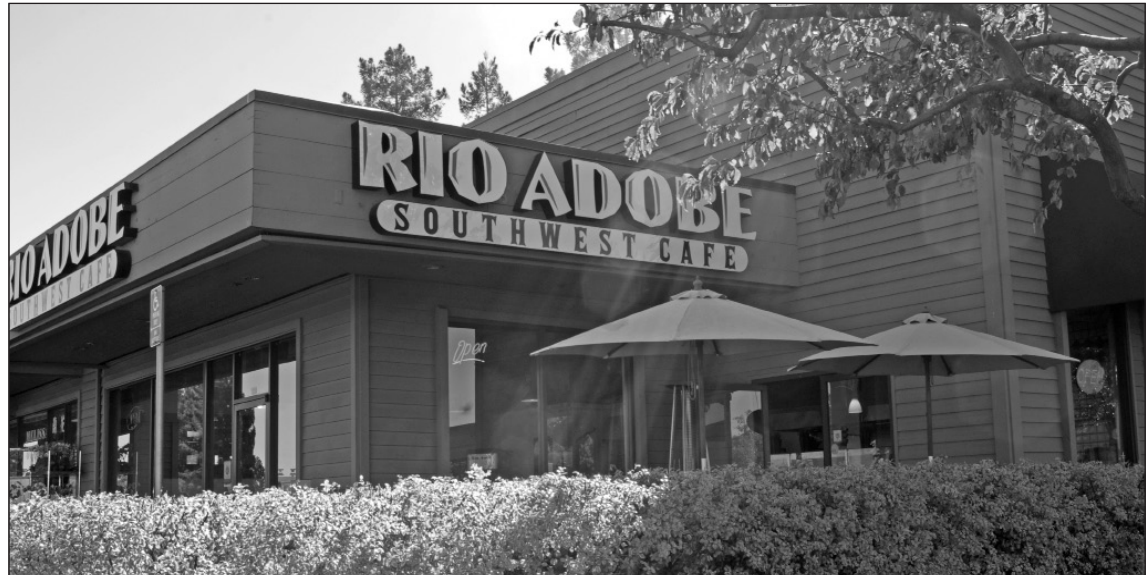
BLOOD DRIVE
Jan. 27
10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Hearthside Lounge, (Room 2313)
Foothill teams up with the American Red Cross for a one-day blood drive. There is no charge to donate. However, you must sign up in advance at redcrossblood.org and enter Foothill in the "Find a Blood Drive" box.

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Active Shooter Training Dates		
De Anza presents "Run, Hide, Defend" training presented by the FHDA Police. The program includes lecture, video and discussion.		
DATE	TIME	Location
Jan. 25	9:30- 10:30 a.m.	Conference Room B
	11:30-- 12:30 p.m.	
Jan. 26	9:30- 10:30 a.m.	Conference Room B
	9:30- 10:30 a.m.	
Jan. 27	9:30- 10:30 a.m.	Conference Room B
	9:30- 10:30 a.m.	
Jan. 28	9:30- 10:30 a.m.	MQ 2 (near tennis courts)
	9:30- 10:30 a.m.	



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01/18	SOUP Italian Wedding Soup PIZZA Chicken Ranch PASTA California Fettucine	01/19	SOUP Cream Of Mushroom PIZZA Italian Meat Lovers Combo PASTA Southwestern Pasta	01/20	SOUP Mexican Tortilla Soup PIZZA Ham and Pineapple PASTA Comfort Station	01/21	SOUP Chicken Noodle Soup PIZZA Sausage and Pesto PASTA Broccoli Bow Tie Pasta	01/22	SOUP New England Clam Chowder PIZZA Chef's Choice
01/25	SOUP Minestrone Soup PIZZA Asian Chicken PASTA California Fettucine	01/26	SOUP Broccoli and Cheddar PIZZA Hamburger Cheddar PASTA Southwestern Pasta	01/27	SOUP Beef Vegetable PIZZA Margarita PASTA Texas Chili	01/28	SOUP Tortellini Vegetable PIZZA Sun-Dried Tomato, Onion, Feta PASTA Broccoli Bow Tie Pasta	01/29	SOUP New England Clam Chowder PIZZA Chef's Choice

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classroom standard, Dolan said.

One of these classrooms is a combination classroom and computer lab that can seat up to 48 students. The new library also features a new collaboration room area for students to meet up and work in groups.

Another improvement Dolan mentions is the number of group study rooms that increased from four to 11. Most of these new rooms are now outfitted with large, wall-mounted monitors.

Wi-Fi at the old library was installed 10 years ago. It has now been upgraded to the latest standard, increasing speeds.

"Everything is nicer. I like coming here," said Xitlally Varela, 19, undeclared major.

Donna Jones-Dulin, associate vice president of college operations, said the \$12.2 million renovation of the library reflects the most up-to-date State of California building codes for energy efficiency. A modern energy efficient air conditioning and heating system, as well as state-of-the-art automated LED

lighting, are two of the new upgrades.

Windows in the building were upgraded for energy efficiency. The new windows not only help maintain the library's interior temperature, they also provide greater sound insulation, reducing the amount of external noise heard inside.

Bathrooms in the new building now have water-saving toilets and the latest energy efficient, zero-waste paper generating electric hand dryers. Jones-Dulin also said that all of the furniture is third party certified for sustainability and low toxicity under the international Green Seal certification. In addition, the library's carpeting is fully recyclable.

\$12 Million in Total Costs

- Water-efficient bathrooms**
- Energy saving heating**
- Non-toxic furniture**
- Sound insulation**
- Updated Wi-fi**

**Closed 2 quarters
Longer than expected**

**24,400 Visitors in first week
55,000 Books & art relocated**

\$6 Million Original Estimate

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FROM PETITION P.1

DASB senator Elaine Edberg, 21, sociology and philosophy major, wrote, "There's a difference between hate speech and free speech and these hatemongers need to be put in their place (and away from our school)."

Kamal and others presented the petition to the FHDA Board of Trustees at its meeting Monday, Jan. 11, and it was also discussed at a DASB Senate meeting two days later.

FHDA Chancellor Judy Miner took questions from DASB senators and spoke about the issue for 10 minutes at the Wednesday meeting.

"We will never be able to prevent people from saying things that are hurtful, that are offensive," Miner said. "Unless someone is blocking an entrance or doing something that is unsafe, they have a right to hand out their leaflets or to approach people and ask them to think about what they're doing."

Arjun Gadkari, De Anza student trustee on the FHDA board, said he thinks something can and should be done about the "targeted verbal violence."

"Our students need to feel

that they are safe when they're passing by corridors on campus, without worrying about being targeted for what they look like ... I don't think we should ever tolerate that," he said.

The FHDA district paid an undisclosed sum to settle a free speech lawsuit by anti-abortion protesters in 2005.

"(Protesters) can come in and say, 'You know what, our rights were abridged, and we will settle with you out of court for X amount of dollars,'" Miner said at the DASB Senate meeting, referring to the 2005 settlement.

Anti-abortion protesters and preachers who offend students aren't the only ones winning settlements from public colleges

that challenge First Amendment rights. Recent settlements, according to the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education, a Philadelphia-based non-profit:

- A student collecting signatures for a petition opposing NSA surveillance was paid \$110,000 by Citrus College in Glendora, California, in 2015. Administrators tried to restrict where the student could collect signatures.
- A student who had been ordered not to hand out copies of the U.S. Constitution on Sept. 17 (Constitution Day), 2013, was paid \$50,000 by Modesto Community College in 2014. The college also changed its restrictive policy.



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Above: Campus police intervene as De Anza students argue with preachers from A Cry to God outside the Campus Center Thursday, Jan. 14

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CLUB DAY THURSDAY 1/21
11 AM-1 PM
(MAIN QUAD)

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WEDNESDAY 1/27
11:30 AM
(MAIN QUAD)

MANDATORY ELECTIONS CANDIDATES' MEETING
WEDNESDAY 1/27
AT 2:30 PM
(COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

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WEDNESDAY 2/10
(STUDENT COUNCIL CHAMBERS)

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DASB GENERAL MEETING	COUNCIL CHAMBERS A	WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM
FINANCE	COUNCIL CHAMBERS A	MONDAY	3:30 PM
STUDENT RIGHTS AND SERVICES	SENATE OFFICE	TUESDAY	3:30 PM
DIVERSITY AND EVENTS	COUNCIL CHAMBERS B/C	THURSDAY	4:00 PM
MARKETING	SENATE OFFICE	WEDNESDAY	10:30 AM
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY	SENATE OFFICE	WEDNESDAY	2:00 PM
ADMINISTRATION	SENATE OFFICE	FRIDAY	1:30 PM
TECH	SENATE OFFICE	FRIDAY	10:30 AM

The mecca for De Anza artists:

Fashion-themed parties and portfolio building workshops on the horizon



Fashion illustration "Interruption" created by Fashion & Lifestyle Club cofounder Vivian Chang, 20, business major. Wang dedicated the work to disturbances in our daily lives.

Kassandra Amper STAFF WRITER

To provide fashion enthusiasts with a place to explore and express their unique takes on fashion, a pair of De Anza students established the Fashion & Lifestyle Club.

Business majors, Vivian Chang, 20, and James Wang, 19, brought the fashion-oriented club back to life after a previous club was declared inactive in fall 2014.

"We wanted to revive it," Chang said.

She plans to host workshops to share tips on how to construct and improve fashion portfolios.

"I have experience in establishing a portfolio, a neat one, that can get accepted," she said.

Chang studied fashion design at the University of the Arts London, but returned to the U.S. to pursue a business degree.

"Even though I'm studying business, [fashion design] is still my favorite hobby," she said.

Wang said he has always had a deep appreciation for the arts, especially for architecture, and his definition of fashion isn't

just limited to clothing. Fashion, like the club name suggests, is a lifestyle, he said. The club for him is an "outlet to connect to art."

The club is still in its early stages, but Chang and Wang explained they have big plans for the future.

"We want to throw fashion-themed parties, where the theme can be as short as one word, like bow," Chang said.

She said the attendees are free to interpret the theme however they want.

"Some might be exotic, but that's OK," she said. "Don't be

scared."

The organizers said they hope to recruit sponsors or raise enough funds to host a fashion show produced solely by De Anza students. It would be a platform for artists of all trades to showcase their talents: fashion designers, makeup artists, models and photographers.

Chang and Wang said all art forms are connected, so they encourage anyone to attend their events, even if they don't consider themselves "fashionistas."

Chang said she'd like for the club to be a place where different types of artists can convene,

network, share ideas and create together.

Club organizers plan to create a Facebook page where students can promote their own work and get feedback from their peers. The page would give De Anza artists, photographers and graphic designers a medium to display their art and meet like-minded students on campus.

"Fashion is not just clothes," Chang said. "Fashion and trends are a reflection of the culture around it."

Open mic artist address issues of inner and outer world



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Nez Martin, 23, marketing major and Craig White, 20, business administration major, get students dancing with their performance in the Euphrat Museum of Art on Thursday, Jan. 7.

Freddy Flowpez, 26, a regular at 1st Thursday Open Mics held by the 4 Elements Hip Hop Club, raps about deep personal and social issues.



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Above: Student volunteer Henry Bleisch, environmental stewardship major, and Doug Cheeseman talk Thursday Jan. 14 about the variety of ducks that have made the Cheeseman Environmental Study Area their home. Cheeseman taught zoology and biology at De Anza, and founded the Cheeseman Environmental Studies Area in 1970. Construction of the area starting in 1971.

Cecile Hoang STAFF WRITER

Take a walk in the shadows of blackberry bushes. Follow the trail where grape vines intertwine. Visit a garden to see the life of California native animals, birds and insects. A garden that feeds and teaches. De Anza college's own garden.

The Cheeseman Environmental Studies Area is in its 45th year continues to develop and expand in the hands of coordinator and instructor Diana Martinez and her students.

The 1.5-acre outdoor arboretum that has 12 different California plant communities and over 400 species of native plants in it. Students from other colleges visit Cheeseman to learn about

California natural heritage.

In summer 2015, Biological, Health & Environmental Sciences dean Anita Kandula and Martinez established a six phase restoration project to rebuild the garden.

"I want to provide students a rich and great outdoor learning experience without having to travel to get it," Martinez said.

In the future, live webcams with 24 feeds will be mounted in trees near nesting sites to view live activity of newly hatched baby birds, which occurs every spring, she said.

In the course of the project, students will have the opportunity to grow and harvest organic fruits and vegetables, such as grape vines and blackberries. They will use the open landscape area

between the Kirsch Center and Cheseman for planting organic produce after they build raised beds.

To keep developing the education component, the Environmental Studies Department obtained two endangered tortoises from a non-profit tortoise rescue group. Students are building an enclosure for the Mojave Desert tortoises.

The DASB Senate helped fund the project, making sure necessary plants gardening tools and equipment are purchased every year.

Students can start helping and making a difference by searching for flyers and sign-up sheets around the Kirsch Center.

Check out <http://goo.gl/40RyLB> for more details.

Left: (Left to right) Jordan Catura, 21, environmental stewardship major; Renee Singh, 18, biology major and Leticia Carrillo, 19, child development major, sketch drawings of native Californian plants at the Cheeseman Environmental Study Area for Krikor Andonian's environmental science class on Thursday, Jan. 14.



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Restoration project plan

Phase 1	Restoring two water areas: riparian (moving waters) and marsh pond (still waters). Done.		
Phase 2	Removing all non-native plant species that have encroached the native California plant areas. In progress.		
Phase 3	Evaluating and rerouting of the trails throughout the arboretum for better access to the educational components.		
Phase 4	Creating plan community display that will include plants and information about past and current cultural uses.		
Phase 5	Redoing plant signage in the plant communities and garden.		
Phase 6	Planting many new California native plants.		



Chris Zepeda

"What is your New Year's resolution, and are you following up on it?"

"My New Year's resolution is to be nicer to my mother and better our communication. It will definitely improve our relationship for many years. Right now, I'm having more talks with my mom and spending a lot more quality time with her."



Hugo Hernandez, 19, kinesiology

"My New Year's resolution is to spend less time on social media. Because it's not important how many likes I get on a picture, it's more important to spend time with the people I love. I really want it to be an ongoing thing because I feel like the older I get the less important social media becomes. So far, it's going well. I'm still addicted to Snapchat, but I don't post on Instagram often because school is keeping me busy!"

Sandy Rios, 20, liberal arts, social behavior



"My New Year's resolution ... that's a good question! It's probably to eat healthier! I'm preparing my own meals and I'm just going out to eat once a week. Right now, I'm doing a pretty good job. I am packing my own lunches. There have been a few times where I do eat out a few times a week for social purposes, but other than that I've been pretty successful."

Jonathon Davis, 21, political science



"My New Year's resolution is to find who I am and love who I am as a person. I'm just trying to accept how I look, and not listen to what other people are saying about me. Whenever someone would tease me, it would always make me hate myself, but this year I'm loving myself. Right now, I'm going to focus on my health and get myself to a better point, because diabetes runs in my family, so I'm going to get fit and be healthy."

Rexy Tolentino, 18, nursing



"My New Year's resolution is to get a 4.0 grade point average. I'm just studying really hard! Right now, I am studying for like 20 hours a week. Complete study mode!"

Byrle Cabinian, 20, nursing



How accurate are reviews on RateMyProfessors.com?



Will Savage
STAFF WRITER

Every college student knows about RateMyProfessors.com, the website a majority of students use to see how peers rate professors

teaching at their school. While RateMyProfessors.com has good intent, one of its many flaws is the polarization in the reviews. Only students with either lionizing praise or bitter criticism seem to author these posts.

The only time I ever wrote a review on the site was for a class I received an A in and loved the professor's style of teaching. While this was my opinion of the class, there were certainly students who had an average experience and didn't get much out of the class. The only difference between those students and me is that I wrote a review.

As a result, many prospective

students will read only my opinion of the class and expect to have a similar experience. The same concept applies for a previous student who had an unusually bad experience.

I personally have never based my decision to take a class from RateMyProfessors.com reviews. I have, however, read a review few days prior to starting a class and keep a few things I saw in the back of my mind.

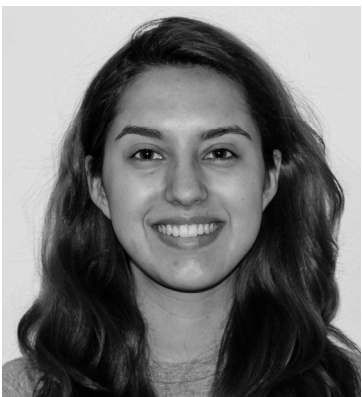
Over-equipping myself with this information is useless. Sometimes the reviews have been spot on, but other times the reviews could have not been further from the truth.

Some classes simply more likeable than others. Some professors will be easier to get along with. The subject matter itself could be more compatible with you, or the teacher may have a teaching style that you're comfortable with.

If a student puts his best effort into a class and dedicates enough time, he can succeed regardless of the professor's rating on RateMyProfessors.com.

RateMyProfessors.com is a helpful tool that can give you a few ideas on what a professor is like, but hard work and dedication will go a lot further in getting you a good grade in any class.

Belated \$12.2 million library falls short of expectations



Sarah Helwig
STAFF WRITER

De Anza students are abuzz about the newly renovated library's grand opening. As a student who has never seen the previous library, I set out to see if

the new library reflected its \$12.2 million price tag.

On first impression, the new library is a big miss on all things interior design. As students, we sit inside of white-walled classrooms all day, and now we are treated to the same lackluster view in our library.

The gray color schemes throughout the building from the carpet, wall colors, frosted glass on the stair railings, tapestries hung on the wall and furniture leave very little to stimulate the mind of students. The only vibrant pop of color comes from the side paneling on the book stacks, which look outdated.

The lack of outlets is also a

problem. Outlets are only provided on designated desks or along the outer walls of rooms. If students wish to sit on the center couches, they are left with uncomfortable seating, as the lack of desks in this area hinders studying. While the seating arrangement is a plus for students, I still find myself wishing there were more desks and fewer couches.

Library coordinator Tom Dolen said, in comparison to the old library, the new renovations encourage a positive study environment. The new collaboration and group-study rooms make exciting additions compared to the old, poorly lit rooms, he said. The library now has

11 brightly lit group study rooms. Most of them have large monitors students can plug computers into.

"We've opened it up so there's more collaboration room," Dolen said. "Before it was just desks and chairs and study carrels. Now there's a variety of options for people to study alone or to form groups and study together."

The divided funds during the renovations surely have been put to good use. I lessened my critical eye to the aesthetic of the building and saw it more for the functionality that it provided for students. Gray walls aside, I highly recommend students take advantage of the new library as a place to study.

How long should people keep their Christmas lights up?

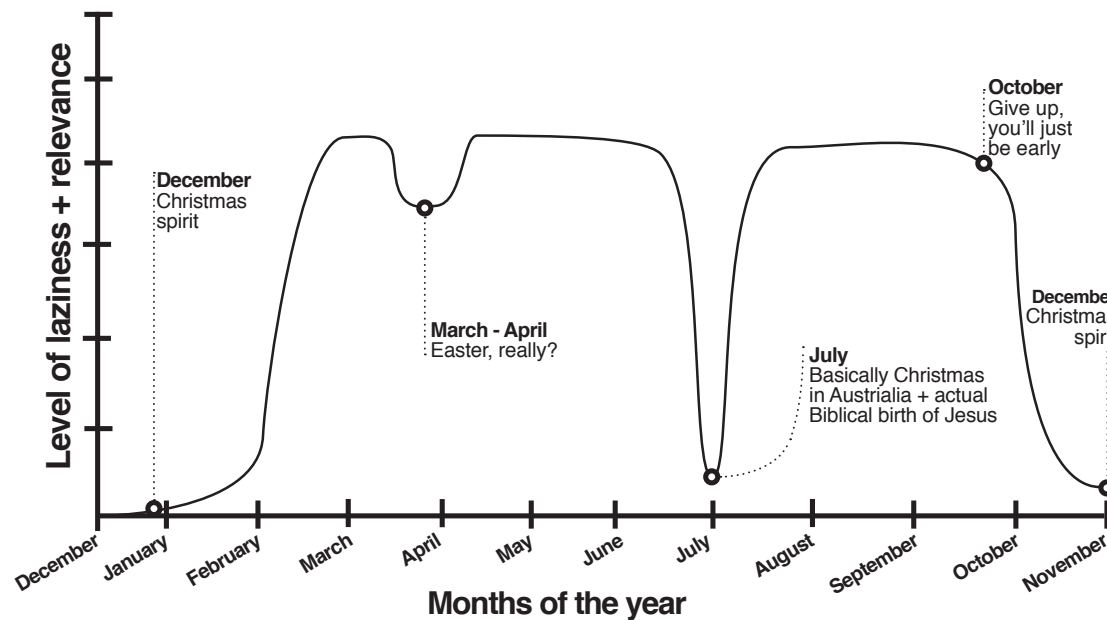


Gregory Schrader
STAFF WRITER

Every Christmas season is accompanied with all manner of fond things: fir trees, candy canes and TV reruns. But what is far too often unaddressed is the terrible aftermath of the holiday cheer, the infuriatingly twinkly phantoms that haunt middle class suburbia well into the heat of July: The left-over Christmas lights.

This is no exaggeration deep into spring, and even occasionally the summer – one can drive out at night and be blinded by the soulless twinkle of half-burnt bulbs still drawing the eye.

There are myriad reasons off-season decor is a plague. From the theoretically astronomical, social and environmental impact tiny LED bulbs could have, to the cruel joke played on the minds of Californians who yearn fruitlessly for the rain of winter months. The hidden effects of these lights



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could be potentially enormous and indeterminately dangerous.

The psychological toll may be felt by all who gaze upon the bulbs' bright and mocking glare. One associates Christmas lights with wintertime, and the harsh disconnect one finds with lights in late January is deeply unsettling. Not only does it cruelly highlight the lack of snow, rain and water, but also throws into startling clarity the sheer length of time that remains before the coming of the next holiday season.

If the Starbucks cup controversy is anything to go by, the fragility of the collective American consciousness is clearly not built to handle such horrible realizations.

Moreover, this psychological toll is not confined to the spring and summer months. Homes that hang their lights too early – or leave them up far, far too late – risk permanently scarring their neighbors and friends during the particularly vulnerable periods of October and November.

If Christmas lights are not a constant of December, then what is a constant in this empty mockery of a facade one calls life? Who can scarf down a turkey dinner with a sense of overwhelming existential horror filling your stomach?

The effects of Christmas lights are not only damaging intellectually, LED bulbs, while far more effective than conventional

halogen lighting, use electricity. Electricity can be generated all sorts of ways.

For example, one can tie children to treadmills and make them run by offering sugary drinks and Cheez-its. If you light your house with Christmas lights year round, you could theoretically be supporting this type of child exploitation, should it turn out this is how America generates power for our electrical grids.

Next time you contemplate leaving lights up past when you should, you ought to consider: Do you hate the environment, children, their neighbors and the stability of the American dream? Be a patriot. Buy a ladder.

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Above: De Anza center Marina Ramon-Lopez gets in position to take a shot, while being guarded by two players in a 59-44 loss to Foothill on Jan. 13.

Bottom: Dons center Marina Ramon-Lopez looks up towards the basket, ready to shoot, as a Foothill defender attempts to block the shot in a loss against the Owls on Jan. 13.



Women's basketball slump in defeat

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The De Anza women's basketball team fell 59-44 to Foothill College on Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Forward Marina Ramon-Lopez and guard Tiffany Raczynski led the Dons in scoring with 11 points each in the failed comeback.

The Dons got off to a slow start on both ends of the court. The offense lacked rhythm and struggled to get rebounds, displaying minimal urgency in driving to the net, which led to forced shots from the three-point line.

The Foothill Owls controlled the first half, putting up 18 points, leading the Dons by nine.

The Owls continued their offensive barrage, not allowing the Dons to rebound or receive any good looks.

De Anza trailed Foothill 14-31 going into halftime.

Head coach Megan Hankins said that a lack of effort hindered her players' success in the first half.

"We just have to play harder," Hankins said. "It's all about effort at the end of the day. It's not about X's and O's; it's about effort."

The Dons came out of half time with revitalized play, driving to the basket and getting shots down consistently.

"I felt like in the first half we weren't giving enough effort and in the second half we won the effort contest," Hankins said.

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— Megan Hankins,
De Anza women's
basketball head coach

"It's a better showing of us in the second half."

While De Anza started playing well, the Owls kept pace with them.

"It was just kind of going back and forth. We couldn't get the stop that we needed," Guard Jourdain Kirkland said. "We

would do something good and then our defense wasn't there."

The Owls maintained their lead over the Dons 43-27 with 10 minutes left to play.

The Dons pressed to get the game closer, going on a late runs with most players hitting their shots.

"The second half, we came out I think we definitely did better, turned up the intensity, got it down to eight," Kirkland said. "We just couldn't finish."

The Dons got into foul trouble which negated their positive play and could not stop a steadfast foothill offense.

Although De Anza lost, they looked good in the second half and made it a close game.

"The second half, yes, I'm happy," Hankins said. "There are still places that we need to get better, but we will get better."

Kirkland said a better start and stronger defensive play is where her team needs to improve.

"We are definitely going to work on our intensity and energy when we first come out and our defense," Kirkland said.

The Dons next game is on Friday, Jan. 27 against Cabrillo College at 5 p.m.

Patience, Raiders fans



Bicht Please
Taylor Bicht
SPORTS EDITOR

Relax Raiders fans, your beloved team is going nowhere, at least for now.

Last Tuesday's landmark decision means that the St. Louis Rams will move to Los Angeles this year. The San Diego Chargers will likely join them soon, leaving the Raiders as the odd team out. The City of Los Angeles is unlikely to host three teams.

Now that the move has been officially rejected, the Raiders can focus on better options, such as staying put and focusing on turning around a franchise that has endured 13 straight losing seasons.

But to keep the Raiders, Oakland needs a new stadium. During the past year, the Raiders have operated on a one-year lease at the Coliseum, after asking to move for years.

Their current stadium is the only NFL stadium that still houses the local MLB team and is by far the most disgusting, outdated stadium in either league. The baseball field is visible during football games, which is an eyesore for fans, and the overall structure of the

stadium is so decrepit that it is past the point of renovation.

"Oakland has so much to offer the NFL and the Raiders, starting with its passionate fans," Oakland mayor Libby Schaaf told the Mercury News. "We have one of the strongest markets in the league and one of the best sites for transit accessibility."

To build a brand new stadium, Oakland needs the support of its residents and a great deal of cash. Once residents find out the money would come out of their taxes, support for a new stadium goes down considerably.

But what about Raiders owner Mark Davis? Shouldn't he pay out of his own pocket?

That is exactly how Rams owner Stan Kroenke was able to secure 60 acres of land in LA to build his proposed \$1.9 billion stadium.

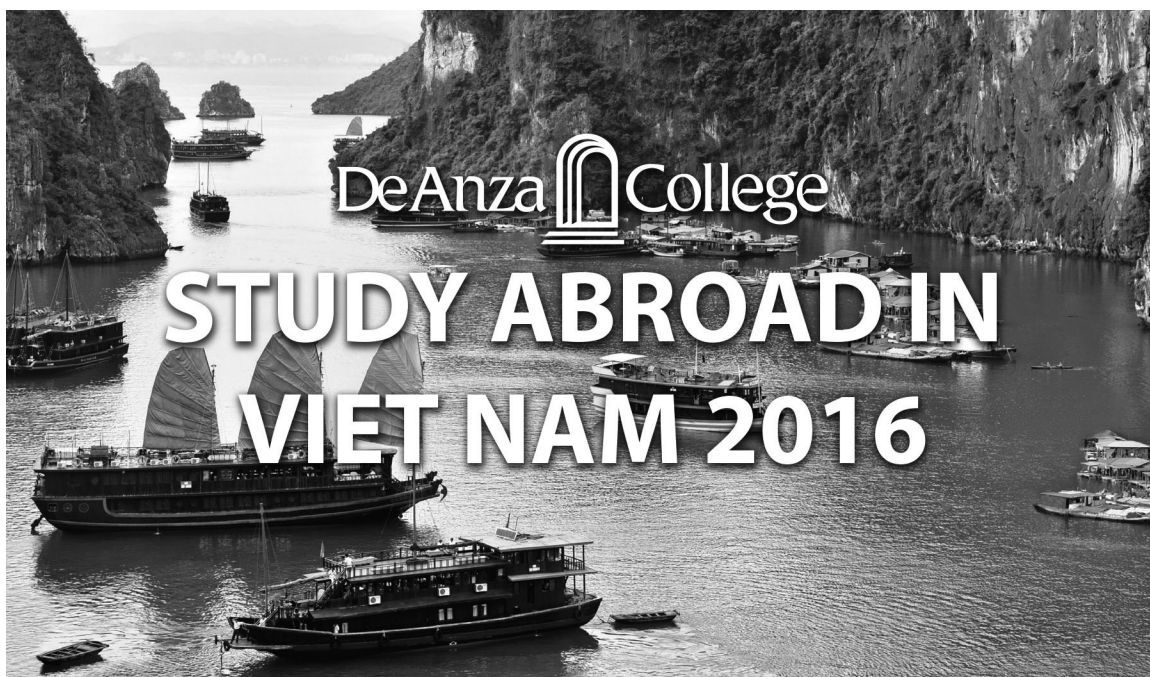
Clearly Davis does not want to fork over the money and Oakland definitely does not want to raise taxes as city officials did not make a presentation to keep the team.

With both sides at such an impasse, it is upsetting that fans must go into each season uncertain if team will be in Oakland next year.

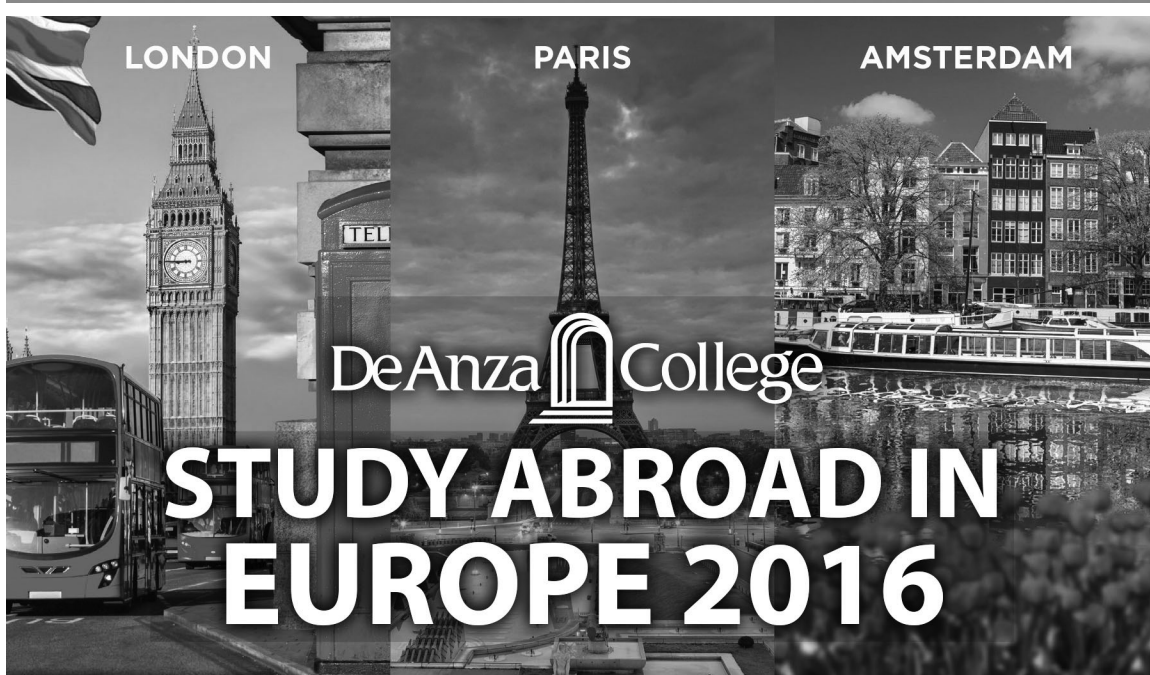
Now that LA is out of the question, staying put will gain an increased amount of momentum.

But this might be exactly what the city wanted. Proposing a stadium project now would not do anything since the team or city has no idea what they want to do.

Instead, fans should remain patient and watch the continued improvement of their Raiders team in Oakland.



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Jan 21, Feb 24, Mar 9 | 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm | Library, Rm 235



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MENS BASKETBALL FALLS SHORT OF COMEBACK

Dons lose to the Jaguars 84-75 after a dreadful first half



Left: Freshman guard Ifeanyi Ekechukwu slashes through the lane against two defenders in a loss versus San Jose City College on Wednesday, Jan. 13. "I knew the guy that was guarding me couldn't defend me, so every time I got past him I knew my shooters were going to be open" Ekechukwu said.



Left: Team captain Cooper Wilson drives to the hoop after pick was set by center Karl Mann in a loss to San Jose City College on Wednesday, Jan. 13. Wilson said that after a bad first half the team turned it on in the second and fed off each others energy.



Above: Dons guard Ifeanyi Ekechukwu drives against a Jaguars defender in an up and down effort against San Jose City College on Jan. 13. Ekechukwu said a lack of team defense and communication lead to defeat.

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understand what's going on around them."

Next Door, the shelter, has been in operation for more than

45 years in San Jose and offers many services, including a 24/7 hotline, support groups, an emergency shelter and long-term housing.

Jeremy Ishimaru, 19, guard, who volunteered for the first time this year, enjoyed speaking with the children at the shelter.

"All of the kids seemed so happy and excited, and it made our team feel good about what we were doing," Ishimaru said.

In the past, volunteers have

split up the women and the children to help each group select and wrap a gift for the other. This year, however, there was a large number of people, almost three times as many as

is typical for the event. As a result, the athletes worked different jobs, some serving food, others greeting families at the door and the rest wrapping gifts.

"It's nice to see people giving back to the community, helping out families with gifts that they would not usually be able to afford, and helping them out when they need it," said Andrew Adams, 20, power forward, who worked as a greeter at the the event. "We were there to make sure people knew what was going

on, wish them happy holidays and just to be friendly to them." Through talking with and getting to know the children, Adams said, he saw the importance of volunteer work and he hopes that his teammates did, too. He said he also wants events like these to positively impact the De Anza community.

"I hope that when people see athletes taking time out of

their schedule to help out that it pushes them to do something, too," Adam said.

Though limits restrict Damjanovic from bringing the whole team to volunteer, he said, he believes that those who attend bring a new dynamic to the group. After the event, the basketball team discussed the work they had done, reflecting on their experiences as a whole.

Damjanovic said he hopes

the volunteer work helps the community understand that his players are more than the game they play or the stories that are heard in the media.

"We see them just as athletes and students all the time," Damjanovic said. "But by doing this, you really get to see them in a whole new light."



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Head coach Jason Damjanovic (left) and a few players from the De Anza men's basketball team participated in helping at a local womens shelter right before the winter holidays.