

De Anza stands in solidarity

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PHOTO BY MATTHEW FERNANDEZ

In celebration of World Hijab Day on Feb. 1, Anisa Chaudhry and Annie Do adorn hijabs.

**“If ONE person is being oppressed,
We are ALL being oppressed.”**

Yane An | STAFF REPORTER

Seventy students, faculty, administration and leaders of social justice groups ranging from HEFAS to the ACLU showed unconditional support by presenting themselves as resources during the Muslim Student Association meeting detailing President Donald Trump's executive order.

De Anza College President Brian Murphy reminded students about the upcoming events supporting undocumented students, voiced support for the Muslim community and encouraged students to seek resources that were always available.

Murphy also advised students to listen to other perspectives. "Give yourself the time to listen, and ask them to listen back," Murphy said.

MSA Vice President Anisa Chaudhry said Murphy reached out to the club. "That means a lot if the person in charge of the school is protecting you," Chaudhry said.

Faculty members, including VIDA Director Cynthia Kaufman, Director of Office of Equity Vanessa Delgado, Intercultural/International Studies Division Dean Edmundo Norte and English and Women's Studies Chair Marc Coronado, introduced themselves and voiced their support for the student body. DASB Vice President Stephanie Rigsby and Student Trustee Elias

Kamal also attended.

Delgado introduced Danny Acosta, campus security, who said his door was always open.

Coronado encouraged faculty to talk about the Constitution, especially the 14th Amendment, in their classes. "Take five minutes to check in," Coronado said.

Rigsby said she appreciated the faculty openly saying they will refuse to stay politically neutral. "I'll stand up for you the same way you'll stand up for me," Rigsby said.

"[The crowd] is amazing. It's heartwarming," Social Outreach and Events Coordinator Rabia Mohiuddin, 17, computer science major, said. "We can withstand whatever comes our way."

"It was great to see everyone coming together for a common purpose," MSA Social Outreach officer, Abdarrhman Ibrahim, 18, business administration major, said. "It really inspired me, and made me optimistic for the future."

The goal of the first meeting was to get a lot of members to join and see who MSA could build alliances with, said Ibrahim.

Chaudhry said the club wanted to create a safe space not only for Muslims, but everyone on campus, especially in this time when people feel oppressed, lonely and like the world is against them.

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Wednesday, Feb. 8

Training on Organizing & Supporting Undocumented Students

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Conference Rooms A&B
The Immigration Legal Resource Center (ILRC) provides training on organization, support and advising for friends and relatives about immigration issues. For more information, contact the ILRC at 415-255-9499.

Equity Action Council Meeting

2 p.m.
MCC Activity Area
For information, contact Adriana Garcia at 408-864-5636 or GarciaAdriana@fhda.edu

Thursday, Feb. 9

Kenya Study Abroad Information Session

2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Library Room 237
The De Anza Turkan Field School allows you to earn up to nine units while studying abroad in summer 2017. Contact professor Isaiah Nengo at nengoisaiah@fhda.edu or call 415-758-8810.

Monday, Feb. 13

Legal Consultation for Undocumented Students

2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Conference Room B
The Asian Law Alliance (ALA) is known for helping immigrants obtain housing, justice in the immigration process, and access to legal and human rights. For more information on the ALA, call 408-287-9710.

Wednesday, Feb. 15

Reception with Artists

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
The Euphrat Museum
Reading by Arlene Biala, Poet Laureate of Santa Clara County, and musical performances. "Rolling Counterpoint: A Community Conversation Project" is Taro Hattori's work draws on the tradition of the Japanese teahouse. The work is envisioned as a physical and virtual space for encounter and dialogue about belonging and division in contemporary society. Contact Leah Ammon at 408-864-8986.

Thursday, Feb. 16

"A Pledge to Defend Civil Liberties"

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Visual and Performing Arts Center Theatre (Room VPA 115)
Students, professors, and representatives from social activist groups voice their perspectives on racism, Islamophobia, and scapegoating with today's civil liberties. Contact Tom Izu at 408-864-8986 or izutom@deanza.edu for more information.

75th anniversary of Executive Order 9066

7 p.m.
Japanese American Museum of San Jose
Speakers from universities, student organizations, and education initiative programs talk about the mass expulsion and racism from Executive Order 9066. Contact JAMsj at 408-294-3138 to reserve a seat.

Announcements

Free Tax Filing Assistance for all De Anza Students!

Feb. 7 - April 18
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
T/W/Th
Fireside Room, Campus Center
The Volunteer Income Assistance (VITA) offers free tax income return filing for 2016 to all De Anza students. Drop by and make an appointment today!

Euphrat Exhibition: "Justice For All?"

Ends March 23
Museum Hours: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Euphrat Museum
"Justice For All?" features works that look at our collective history and the unconscious bias that impacts our system and lives. The artists face injustice and its consequence and call for empathy to guide our actions and institutions.

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Burger of the week:
2/6 White Castle burger
2/13 Nacho Curly burger

De Anza College Dining Services Menu: Feb. 6 - Feb. 17

For all of your on-campus dining needs, visit the FOOD COURT in the upper level of the Hinson Center.

| Monday | | Tuesday | | Wednesday | | Thursday | | Friday | |
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| 2/6 SOUP Chicken Noodle | 2/13 SOUP Chicken Tequila Fiesta | 2/7 SOUP Thai Chicken and Rice | 2/14 SOUP Butternut Squash w/ Curry | 2/8 SOUP Madeira Mushroom & Brie | 2/15 SOUP French Onion | 2/9 SOUP Broccoli Cheddar | 2/16 SOUP Beef Chili with Beans | 2/10 SOUP New England Clam Chowder | 2/17 SOUP New England Clam Chowder |
| Pizza Hawaiian Ham & pineapple | Pizza Roast Chicken, Ranch, Tomatoes, Chilies & Chipotle | Pizza Roast Chicken, Ranch | Pizza Italian Meatlovers Combo | Pizza Vegetarian Combo | Pizza California Bacon | Pizza BBQ Chicken w/ Green Onions | Pizza Mediterranean Feta and Veggie | Pizza Chef's Choice | Pizza Chef's Choice |
| | Pasta Southwestern Pasta | | | | | | | | |

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DASB SENATE 2017 ELECTIONS

THE ELECTIONS PERIOD FOR THE DASB 2017 - 2018 SENATE ARE HAPPENING! LOOK OUT FOR CANDIDATES CAMPAIGNING FOR THEIR POSITIONS!

VOTING PERIOD FEB 27TH - MAR 3RD

VALENTINES DAY

TUESDAY
2/14
MAIN QUAD
11:30AM - 1:30PM

COME TO A SENATE MEETING

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| DASB GENERAL MEETING | STUDENT COUNCIL CHAMBERS | WEDNESDAY | 3:30 PM |
| FINANCE | STUDENT COUNCIL CHAMBERS | MONDAY | 3:30 PM |
| STUDENT RIGHTS AND SERVICES | SENATE OFFICE | MONDAY | 5:00 PM |
| DIVERSITY AND EVENTS | STUDENT COUNCIL CHAMBERS | MONDAY | 4:00 PM |
| MARKETING | SENATE OFFICE | THURSDAY | 10:00 AM |
| ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY | SENATE OFFICE | FRIDAY | 1:30 PM |
| ADMINISTRATION | SENATE OFFICE | FRIDAY | 1:30 PM |
| ELECTIONS COMMITTEE* | SENATE OFFICE | FRIDAY | 12:30 PM |
| EXECUTIVE ADVISORY* | SENATE OFFICE | FRIDAY | 11:30 PM |

*THESE COMMITTEES DO NOT MEET EVERY WEEK

DASB Senate slashes staff funds in stunning move

Karan Abrol and Kunal Mehta
STAFF REPORTERS

The DASB Senate voted on Feb. 1 to defund staff positions in the offices of College Life and Student Accounts, freeing up more money to fund programs that benefit De Anza students.

The Senate's budget committee had recommended a budget based on the presumed revenue drop of \$91,000, to \$1.3 million for 2017-18.

But Senators voted to increase its total available funds by cutting \$191,000 from staff positions.

The college had fully funded the staff positions until 1998, when administration first asked the Senate to share the expenses of managing College Life and Student Accounts. 25 percent of the staff was funded by DASB.

The main reason for the cuts is to prioritize student activities by shifting funding of college staff to administration.

"The reality is we have \$91,000 less this year to allocate than what we had last year," DASB Advisor John Cognetta said. "That meant if you funded everyone at the level they got last year, we still couldn't balance the budget."

Cognetta said most of the lost revenue can be attributed to the enrollment drop, resulting in less sales at the Flea Market and DASB cards being sold.

"Short of raising the activity fee, the DASB fee, I don't know how else they could increase funds," Cognetta said.

De Anza groups had requested extra funding that totaled over \$500,000.

"We have to understand that cuts in this



Senators vote to approve a cut.

PHOTO BY YANE AN

situation are inevitable," student trustee of the Foothill-De Anza Board Elias Kamal said. "I think the Senate did what was best for our students."

Senate President Matthew Zarate's primary concern was the consensus in the Senate that the administration would agree to pick up the tab of \$166,000 from the Student Accounts Office staff and \$25,500 from College Life staff.

"I think personally it was irresponsible for us to propose such a drastic cut without being sure the cost would be covered," Zarate said. "People seem to think that the administration will give in lightly to \$200K and I don't see that happening."

Zarate did not vote on either the College Life budget or the Accounting cut because

of a conflict of interest.

Kamal did not share Zarate's concerns about the administration.

"We've had really good relationships with the administration in the past ... I look forward to doing that in the future," he said. "I trust that together we can all compromise and work something out."

Sara Elzeiny, vice chair of student rights and services, called the cuts "awesome." Elzeiny said the Senate shouldn't have been funding the classified staff in the first place.

Zarate said, "I don't get the logic that we are forced to pay for our own services when colleges should be contributing to it."

Some staff members addressed the

Senate to talk about the importance of their jobs and why cutting their funding might be a problem.

"I manage the Office of College Life, I supervise students, I supervise the Ecopass photo program," said Dennis Shannakian, college life office coordinator. "I take care of a lot of DASB functions, I maintain a number of websites, I maintain parts of the student accounts website, and I put up all the accounts once a week."

Senate Vice President Stephanie Rigsby said, "Why isn't the administration paying Dennis [Shannakian]? If they really value him then they should be paying him."

In addition to the staff cuts, the senate also resolved to cut funding for food and refreshments at student gatherings all across the board.

Because of the Student Representative Fund (SRF) passed by students last spring, DASB had an extra \$39,000 to reward programs that fell under the advocacy requirement.

Groups such as VIDA are now receiving funding from the SRF budget instead of DASB, which shields them from the brunt of proposed cuts.

At the urging of many senators, services such as \$2,000 in credit fees for the Office of College Life and office supplies for the Senate were both cut.

Starting in Fall 2017, students will have to pay with cash for replacement Clipper cards, student ID and movie tickets, because credit fees will no longer be funded in College Life.

The senate will keep discussing the budget and vote on final recommendations in the coming weeks.

District deliberates on enrollment drop

Sarah Helwig
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza enrollment dropped four percent, while online enrollment doubled with an 11 percent increase according to the Census Enrollment Comparisons Report Winter 2016 to Winter 2017 released last week.

District wide meetings are planned to talk about declining enrollment. In an email sent out by Chancellor Judy Miner, she wrote that the data in recent reports, "underscore the importance of [faculty]your participation in developing our collective solutions for increasing enrollment and revenue."

Miner wrote that the district was "wise to conserve a stability fund as it buys us time to develop and implement a range of strategies."

A Board of Trustees study session is scheduled for Feb. 6 and will discuss enrollment trends. The session will also include a multi-year budget projection.

Some of the short-term strategies that will be discussed are to focus on pre-enrollment services at 35 regional high schools and to expand the MPS and Statway program.

Long-term strategies focus on growing online courses and the continuation of an in-depth review of student demand, three-year course taking patterns, wait lists and class cancellations.

At the time, Faculty Association President Rich Hansen said the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty had decreased, making it difficult to manage increasing workloads, fulfilling additional state reporting requirements and ensuring program quality.

With more than 50 percent of students commuting from neighborhoods east of Interstate 880 and as far north as Hayward, Bay Area traffic coupled with the Flint Garage closure may be a contributing factor to students choosing online courses over conventional classes.

In 2013, California Community Colleges started the Online Education Initiative, a \$56.9 million five-year grant sponsored by the FHDA district in partnership with Butte-Glenn Community College District.

The OEI aims to improve the quality and availability of online education to help students finish their degrees.

With the state's economy slowly being revived, students may also be looking for employment over education.

Marisa Spatafore, Associate Vice President of Communications & External Relations, was unavailable for comment.

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"Right now it's all about taking action, ... and making sure we have a place to be, a place to talk, a place to look forward to coming to," Mohiuddin said.

Chaudhry presented a PowerPoint detailing the executive order and encouraged students to take actions such as educating themselves, contacting local representatives and attending protests.

"You just always want to be resisting," Chaudhry said.

Everyone should be advocating for each other, Chaudhry said. "If one person is being oppressed, we're all being oppressed."

Higher Education for AB540 Students recruitment coordinator Brenda Pantoja said she hoped to collaborate with MSA and the other communities on campus.

"We're all being affected by the same person, by the same administration," Pantoja said. The meeting reminded her of the student demonstration HEFAS hosted post-election, she said.

"Even though I am very sad about what is going on," Pantoja said. "It is kind of like a blessing in disguise because it's bringing all of us together."

Egyptian international student Mohammed Ayoub, 16, computer science major, said he appreciated the resources MSA provided. "I'll

definitely be attending as many meetings as I can and I'll be doing everything I can help the cause," Ayoub said.

ACLU board member Tom Izu, Executive Director of the California History Center and Foundation, said he attended because he strongly believes in promoting constitutional rights and standing up for groups facing scapegoating like what Japanese-Americans such as his parents and grandparents had to endure.

"Being active — whether it's protesting, whether it's doing all the things MSA members said we should be doing — that's what you're supposed to do if you want to have a democracy," Izu said.

Ibrahim concluded the meeting with a prayer for the safety of those in banned countries as well as in the future.

"I have never felt in danger on this campus," Chaudhry said. "That's because of the community I'm surrounded in."

On Feb. 1, MSA celebrated World Hijab Day, commemorating the victims of the mosque attack in Quebec City last week and allowing De Anza College students to try out hijabs.

On Feb. 3, the club called U.S. senators to protest policies. An MSA representative will speak on Feb. 16, the Japanese Day of Remembrance.

ACLU board member Tom Izu draws parallels between the Japanese-American internment camps and President Donald Trump's Executive Order restricting travel and refugees.



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Valentine's Day destinations

Trisha Reyes
STAFF REPORTER

With Valentine's Day just around the corner, we all probably have the same dilemma in mind. Where will we take our special Valentine out for that traditional, and sometimes cliché, Valentine's day dinner? Nonetheless, it is the one day out of the year where extreme public and social media PDA is acceptable.

Valentine's Day is all about our girlfriend, boyfriend, husband, wife, "bae" or maybe even "side bae" totally expecting us to spoil them. We may start off the day by sending or receiving flowers and chocolates, and we have to end the day at a restaurant to spend some quality time, while snapping an Instagram picture to caption with how "special" they are.

If you are that sweetheart on a budget and can't afford a lavish five course meal, do not fear. Here are special places that won't break your bank.

Paper Plane

72 S First Street
San Jose, CA 95113

Downtown San Jose is home to the San Jose Sharks, up and coming restaurants, and multiple craft cocktail bars just like this one. Being a resident downtown drinker and diner, Paper Plane has always held a special place in my heart. They have four out of five stars on

Yelp and it is because of their amazing service, modern ambience and unique food and drink items on their menu! You will spend about \$20 a person on dinner. Grab a drink or two if you'd like. If you have a laidback date, he or she will surely appreciate this relaxed dinner.

Now if you and your date are more on the fancy side for this Valentine's Day with a couple more bucks to spare, there is a great place in Palo Alto that is for you.

INDO Restaurant & Lounge

3295 El Camino Real
Palo Alto, CA 94306

INDO Restaurant and Lounge is every couple's favorite place to dine in for dinner and especially a Valentine's Day Dinner. INDO provides authentic Indonesian food as well as a Southeast Asian-Western fusion. Favorite dishes include the crispy Roti Prata with curry dipping sauce and the pan seared Chilean sea bass with rice wine sauce. On Valentine's day, they provide a special limited set menu with multiple courses.

This restaurant also provides many great vegetarian options to choose from. You can make a reservation and enjoy a smooth night of great service under their dim candle lit romantic lighting, a night your date will surely never forget.

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Tips to happy

Jon Dupin
STAFF REPORTER

Between swiping through your dating pool in hopes of a match, and the adrenaline-fueled anxiety of meeting a total stranger, dating apps can be both amusing and scary.

The first step to take when using with dating apps is vetting. You don't want to be murdered by a total stranger so you have to be smart about it.

The first step of screening happens before a match even begins — the swipe. Check profile bios for age, description, and any other details listed - it'll help you dodge bullets like finding yourself on a date with someone who holds ideologies or kinks you aren't into.

Pay close attention to phrasing: "in an open relationship" might mean their significant other is unaware of their partner's lack of monogamy, so don't be afraid to dig and ask questions.

When you match, message them about their interests and feel free to flirt, but you'll want to sneak in a simple yet crucial question, "What are you looking for on here?" It'll clarify the situation, establish boundaries, and give you something to work with.

Next up, you'll want to pick a place to meet. If you're fishing for a date, a public space is the way to go, preferably somewhere like a

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Long distance relationships: advice from an experienced girlfriend

Sarah Helwig
STAFF REPORTER

From 3,000 miles to 30, we had been together for almost three years, but only "together together" for eight months. We were a long distance couple: me on the West Coast and him on the East Coast in Philadelphia.

We would try to take turns seeing each other every three months, with the longest time we waited being six. After that, we vowed never to wait that long. Luckily we now live in neighboring counties.

Here is what we've learned after making the transition.

- Once you close the distance, you will become very poor. Date nights are more frequent, and gas is costly here in California. It's still a better alternative to paying \$400 on plane tickets and keeping an extra \$200 on hand for two weeks of constant date nights, multiple times a year.
- That time you spent waiting for time zones to match up for a phone call, will now be spent stuck in traffic on 880 northbound. Waiting in traffic for an hour still outweighs the eight hour travels days spent in airports.
- Goodbyes are necessary, and not forever. Being in a long distance relationship made goodbyes a routine thing and, while they suck, they do get easier.
- Not every long distance couple is lucky enough to get an end date, an official day we would close the distance. We didn't have one until the last two months of our long distance journey, thanks to an employment offer. Being

without an end date is stressful. It puts unneeded pressure on each partner to make the big move and close the distance.

Before you decide to make that jump, there are things you need to consider:

- Can you financially sustain yourself, without help from your significant other? Check if you can by using a Cost of Living Calculator: <http://money.cnn.com/calculator/pf/cost-of-living/>
- Do you know anybody else that lives where you plan to move? While your partner might be your best friend, it is a good idea to have some friends of your own. Giving each other space and having your own social life is important.
- If you were single and moving there, would it improve your life? Are you moving there for a better job or to finish school? Placing all of your hope on one person is destined for failure.
- Would your partner do this for you? Relationships should be equal. Moving across the country, to a new state, or even a new continent is a big display of love and commitment. If your partner would not do this for you without any legitimate reason for why not, then you should have a serious discussion.

Not every couple has the luxury of having an end date now, but one could be coming.

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Starbucks or a restaurant. That way, no matter how things go, you'll be in a safe space with exit options, and plenty of people within screaming distance.

If you're just in it to sleep with someone, that works too. You'll want to pay attention to details like HIV status, which apps such as Grindr helpfully make users enter. If you have unprotected sex, get tested monthly, no excuses.

Note that even if your partner is negative and STD-free, that shouldn't stop you from using protection.

On the day of your date, confirm the meet up and don't be afraid to tell a friend that you're on a date and that you'll check in when you're home. To take it a step further, you can temporarily share your location with your friend if you use an iPhone.

Most of all, try to not over think online dating and get stressed out beforehand. It's normal to be a bit on edge when meeting a stranger, but if the chemistry is good, time flies.

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Keepin' it casual

Sarah Helwig
STAFF REPORTER

The pressure to be romantic on Valentine's Day hits everyone, even those in new or casual relationships. If you are not ready to drop a L-bomb, but still want to spend the day with someone, try these creative date ideas.

- Keep it physical. Go on a hike or trail run together. By exercising together, you will still experience a rush of endorphins.
- Schedule a lunch time date. An earlier date allows you more time to lounge at home in sweatpants and watch Netflix afterwards, without feeling an obligation to impress anyone.
- Opt to hang out the day before or the day after. Most places will still be decorated for the big day.
- Keep it at a friendly level. Do something you would normally do with your friends, like go out for milk tea or window shop at the mall.
- See if you can handle doing domestic tasks together and tackle your errands list. Restaurants, movie theaters, and dance clubs will be packed all evening, leaving grocery stores empty.

Before attempting any of these, it is best to talk it out with your partner. Keep your expectations low and realize that you do not have to do something just because it is Valentine's Day. Keep a backup plan ready for yourself when you get home if things go south. Nothing like queuing up your favorite movie, a chilled drink, and pizza to tell yourself how you really feel.

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FEB. 14

Show me your moves, baby

Virgilio Gonzalez
STAFF REPORTER

Single's Awareness Day approaches, and with that comes single men and women trying to get each others' attention.

There's the traditional heart shaped pizza from Pizza My Heart or the old put your hand around your companion at the movies trick. Things have changed though, and not everyone's stories are as conventional.

"I crashed my car into her family's property, and kept it a secret. She showed me pictures of it on Myspace," said Eddie Rodriguez, 25, cultural studies major. "The crazy person that she is, [she] said if I didn't go with her to Christmas Ball, she would tell everyone about it. And now, we're married."

For most people making a move won't mean marriage, but at least it'll be another story to tell.

Luckily in 2017, it's not so uncommon for a girl to be making the moves on a guy. There isn't pressure from gender roles, which makes females flirting first more acceptable in society.

Jasmine Abela, 18, nursing major, took the initiative and made the moves on her boyfriend. "I asked him to take a shot with me, and I tried to hold his hand," said Abella. Abella then took her partner to dance.

Sara Shoars, 35, general education major, said she was at a local bar when her friend played the wingwoman. "My friend spilled beer on him and told him to get my number," Shoars said.

Men are still doing their part though. Aiden McDaniel, 18, business major, said his tactic is to "get close to them, put my arm around them, point to their ring finger and tell them their vein leads to their heart."

Getting treats for your crush still works, like it did for Nicole Kovalev. "I baked him a cookie and now we're together," Kovalev said.

With Valentine's Day approaching, it's not too late to make the moves on your crush whether it is getting them treats, crashing your car into their property, or simply taking them to dance. Brainstorm creative ways of getting your crush to go out with you, especially on V-Day. Word of advice: don't actually crash your car into anybody's property. You'll probably get their attention but will also get you arrested.

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Hearts and flowers

Mary Sullivan
GUEST COLUMNIST

Two things come to mind when you think of February — hearts and flowers. At Student Health Services we focus on sustaining a healthy heart and avoiding sexually transmitted infection (STI) "flowers."

HEARTS

Heart disease is still the leading cause of death. The American Heart Association advises a normal (optimal) range of less than 120/80 mm Hg.

Stop by our auto blood pressure station in the hall outside Student Health Services. You can also always make an appointment to see a Health Services Practitioner.

To improve your heart health, consider these steps:

- Regular exercise for 30 minutes, three times a week. Park at the edge of campus to increase daily steps. The goal is 10,000 steps per day.
- Healthy eating. The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension (DASH) diet suggest reducing salt intake to 2,300 mg of sodium or less a day. Plan and pack campus meals, to avoid the temptation of buying chips and sodas.
- Reduce/quit smoking - Quitting can cut the risk of heart and gum disease, and stroke. Health Services offers a free smoking cessation program.

The good news is that health disease can be prevented when you make healthy choices. Health Services can work with you to create opportunities.

FLOWERS

Roses are red, violets are blue, let's practice safe sex and get tested anew! STIs such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, hepatitis B and trichomoniasis are at a 20 year high. All are treatable and curable with antibiotics. Herpes, genital warts and AIDS cannot be cured, but can be treated or managed.

Data shows one in two sexually active young adults will get an STI by age 25 - and most won't know it. Untreated, the infection can cause permanent damage to reproductive organs, even death.

There are no home remedies, so see a healthcare professional if you are infected or suspect you might be. Come or call Health Services for where to get tested, on campus or in the community.

To take control of your sexual health, consider these steps to reduce or prevent infections:

- Vaccination to prevent hepatitis B and HPV
- Abstinence - the most reliable way to avoid infection is to not have sex - anal, vaginal or oral.
- Reduce the number of sexual partners - less partners, less exposure. If you are active, it is important that you and your partner get tested, and share your results with one another.
- Mutual monogamy - that means, you both agree to be sexually active with only each other. Have an open and honest conversation about this with your partner. Be honest, and protect those you love.
- Use condoms - correct and consistent use of condom or barrier/dental dam is highly effective in reducing STI exposure. Health Services has free condoms and supplies - stock up!

To celebrate Valentine's Day - Health, Education & Wellness will be out in the main Quad on Feb. 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with free condom roses makings, Valentine's cards and information about Health Heart steps. Stop by and join the fun.

Mary Sullivan is the Director of Health Education and Wellness, and can be reached at 408-864-8733 or at her email, sullivanmary@deanza.edu.

Massage therapy offers relaxation to community

Natalie Valencia
STAFF REPORTER



Liz DiGuilio, massage therapy program assistant, pats herself on the back while overseeing the massage therapy clinic in room PEL12.

The room is dimly lit. Bare shoulders, feet and ankles are exposed so experts can push and pull muscle from one side to another. Murmurs fill the room and an air of calm tranquility immediately soothes my senses.

De Anza's Massage Therapy Clinic, located in PEL2, is a center where advanced massage therapy majors perform medically trained massages on De Anza students, staff and the local community for class credit this Winter Quarter.

The clinic divides into two floors. The first floor pertains to the main office, where the client pays the fee for the massage and fills out informational forms on what specific areas need to be worked on. The fee is \$15 for students, \$25 for De Anza-Foothill staff and \$30 for community members.

The second floor is reserved for the space for the massage sessions. Ten beds are placed in the room and the client must strip down to underwear or bathing suits.

By getting hands-on experience, massage therapy students are able to venture out and gain confidence for the real world job market.

Liz DiGiulio, the massage therapy assistant program coordinator and a massage therapist said the goal of the class is to learn how to run a business. She said the massages take "critical thinking" from the massage therapists.

It is "very heavy into the anatomy of physiology. So when the students get out of here, not only do they understand how to do a basic massage, but they should be pretty well versed into basic physiology," DiGiulio said.

One of the massage therapists, Lotus Salvatore, 35, massage therapy major, said, "I learn from other students and I feel like the clinic has a real life example."

The massage therapists use a variety of techniques to help cater to clients' needs to what will help them the most. Furthermore, it helps touch base with real issues that students face, from either from slouched posture or tense muscle strain.

The program also helps students reconnect with themselves and relax from the everyday stress of life.

"It's so valuable that this service is available, especially for students. I've gotten to meet awesome people and it's really valuable to my self care as a student," said Stephanie Dittrich, 24, environmental science major.

The clinic allows both students to improve their practice on students who are in need to de-stress and relax after a long hard day.

Get to know President Trump through Trump Tweet Tuesdays



Karan Abrol
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza students now have another reason to walk by the main quad — a small sign entitled "Meet Your New President" followed by this week's pick from President Donald Trump's controversial tweets.

The De Anza Political Revolution club has begun an initiative known as "Trump Tweets Tuesdays." Every Tuesday, the main quad will feature a real statement made by the new U.S. president on Twitter.

Jan. 17 featured Trump's allegation that "The concept of global warming was created by and for the Chinese," while Jan. 24 featured his call for an expanded nuclear arsenal.

"This is kind of a hook for our club," Founder and President Eddie Cisneros, 23, public health major said, "Trump Tweets Tuesdays is something

for us to get attention from De Anza while also providing some information on who our president is now."

The club's goal is to urge De Anza students to learn more about the country's politics and to increase awareness about the presidency and its ramifications.

Cisneros is concerned by the fact that most De Anza students "won't be able to tell me who [the U.S. Vice President] is."

Club member Thomas Goodley, 21, political science major, said, "I don't want [students] to think anything other than just thinking about [the tweets]."

"It's great because there are a lot of people who feel helpless over the whole thing," Inez Snell, 20, liberal arts major, said.

International student Ta Ma, 21, history major, said, "He seems a little crazy."

Foster Clarke, 22, history major, expressed his desire to join the club after seeing the display.

"He's been saying stupid stuff since he even started running," Clarke said. "[The tweets are] undermining the president, but it's also speaking for most of the United States because most of the United States did not vote for him."

The club holds a Facebook chat where members of the club can make suggestions and vote on which Tweet to put up every week.

Once known as "Students for Bernie Sanders," the club had no specific agenda this year, but Cisneros indicated that the club will strongly oppose the views and actions of the President.

"Because we don't know exactly what [Trump] is going to be doing ... this quarter doesn't have a confirmed campaign," Cisneros said.

In case you missed it:

Immigration activist, Pulitzer Prize winner Jose Vargas spoke encouragement to De Anza's undocumented



Pulitzer Prize journalist Jose Antonio Vargas speaks Jan. 31 at De Anza College on the challenges of being undocumented and having to carry a license that states "Federal limits apply."

Another successful Club Day for De Anza's 60 plus clubs

Jamie Lamping
STAFF REPORTER

Tables lined the quad and music blared as several clubs at De Anza gathered to recruit new members for the winter quarter by tabling and performing.

The event took place on January 26th and had performances by members of the K-pop Dance club, Vietnamese Student Association and the 4 Elements Hip Hop Club who also announced they were releasing an album.

Calvin Truong, 20, a business major, is the president and founder of the De Anza esports club. "Club day went pretty well," said Truong, "It's not as nice as compared to Fall where all the new students come in and it's always a swarm of people."

Tiffany Kam, 19, a communications major and the current Interclub Council (ICC) Chair of Programs agreed that club day went well, but was not as busy as the Fall quarter.

"There's not so many new students, but some people still join," Kam said.

This is Kam's last quarter as an ICC officer and she is looking forward to participating in the next Club Day as a student.

President of K-Pop Dance club, Jonathan Delos Santos, 27, massage therapy major said they currently have no plans for the next club day, but will start to plan closer to it.

The K-pop Dance club performs on Club Day to promote their club, and has to consider when to practice for the performances that work with club member's schedules.

"It depends if there's a break. If it's the summer we start [planning and practicing] early," said Delos Santos, "But for Winter break we start maybe after Christmas. And then for spring we start kinda late because we only have like a week of break."

"Next year [new club members] will be the ones who hold a booth and set up a table here," Kam said.



PHOTOS BY JAMIE LAMPING

The K-pop Dance club, coordinated in all black, performs center of the quad to hit Korean music.



De Anza students proudly hold up posters and banners after a busy afternoon promoting their clubs.

DA VOICES: What are your best or worst V-day memories?

Emily Lew
STAFF REPORTER



Ethan Van Steenburgh, 21, public administration

"My best memory was when my girlfriend and I went to Castro Street in Mountain View. We played Jump frog, got appetizers from 4 or 5 places before picking something, and then at the end of the night, I gave my gift. It was a jar of 365 things that I liked about her. Each day, you are supposed to pull one out, and there's another jar that you discard them in, and once you run out, you can go back and forth."



Christine Phan, 22, hospitality

"I was a junior in high school, and I was dating a guy for a couple months. He was known to be a cheater, but I still dated him anyways. I hung out at his house, we watched the movie "Dear John," and he got me flowers. After the movie was over, he just dumped me and that was it. He was like, 'It's over.' I asked why, and he was like, 'You're too good for me.'"



Hunter Swanson, 21, computer science

"[In] high school, me and my friend were like, no one in high school is getting any, so we put together a list, an anti-valentines playlist, and it was a whole bunch of metal songs. We ended walking around the campus playing music with death metal and black metal vocals, and we ended up getting a moving moshpit of just all the people who were like 'Yeah! Some music!'"w0



Laura Baltazar, 18, biochemistry

Last year, we went on a picnic, and while we were walking to San Jose State, we saw a wall that said 'Fuck school,' and he took a picture of me next to the wall.



Aaron John Ferrer, 19, business administration

"Last year during Valentine's day, me and my girlfriend broke up and we've been together for like four years. That's my worst."

UPCOMING STUDENT ELECTIONS ARE NOT TRULY DEMOCRATIC

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STAFF REPORTER

Neil McClintick
OPINIONS EDITOR

In recent years, there has been a surge in studies which have either demonstrated that the U.S. is a partial democracy or a full blown oligarchy, and thus it seems unreasonable to claim that De Anza College's late-February DASB elections are even less democratic.

Unlike the current dynamic of American politics, De Anza obviously does not systematically suppress votes from certain voting blocs, nor does it allow for superfluous amounts of money in its elections, yet it faces a far greater threat to democracy and legitimacy — a pathetically low voter turnout and a system uninterested in changing this. In fact, according to estimates from the current senate, voter turnout tends to fluctuate between a measly three to five percent, roughly one-fifth of the turnout of Saudi Arabia, a country which registers as an authoritarian monarchy.

Student elections for the DASB begin on Feb. 27 and run through March 3.

Senate candidates are only given one week to campaign prior to the election, which is not nearly enough time to encourage high vote rates. While De Anza candidates are humanized through a Meet Your Candidates Day event, the forum receives only a fraction of the time and exposure of well-established events like Club Day, despite the fact that the state of DASB is astronomically more pertinent to De Anza's future than any particular club.

The seats in the student body control upwards to tens of thousands of dollars and can ultimately decide whether or not a college program lives or dies. The decisions they make during the school year greatly affect all of us, regardless of our willingness to vote or even recognize their existence.

Students vote online solely through MyPortal, but the student portal is rarely used outside of class registration season. Considering that election week ends before the majority of students are actually eligible to register, it seems nonsensical to not simply extend voting week until the week when student traffic is highest. Even then, it takes an unreasonable amount of exploration in order to find the small-font

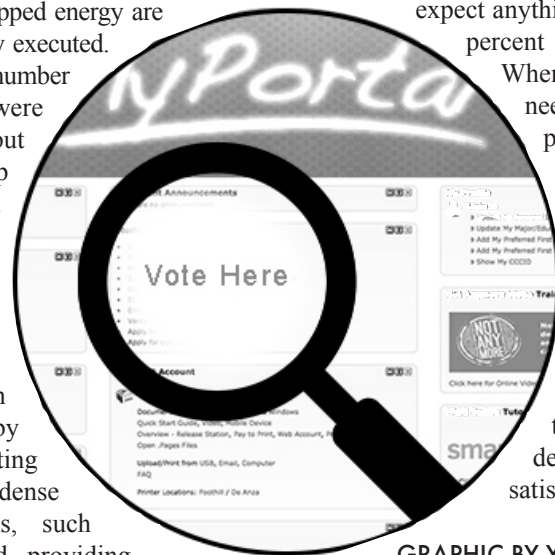
voting link; if DASB is capable of cutting over \$100,000 in budget, it does not seem unreasonable to ask for a giant graphic which captures the eye.

Perhaps most detrimental to De Anza's voter apathy is the fact that the school struggles to promote its voting booths. Partially, this is because of the school's electioneering rules which prohibit candidates from campaigning within 50 feet of a voting location. Logistically, the resources and untapped energy are palpable but poorly executed. Last year, a small number of polling sites were established, but poor wi-fi, laptop issues, and incorrect voting links hindered an already limited operation.

De Anza could host their own Rock The Vote by setting up voting stations all over dense areas of campus, such as the quad and providing

'I voted stickers' and obnoxiously loud music. Perhaps in order to combat widespread apathy, extreme measures may need be taken. Mandatory voting could be enforced by highly encouraging all faculty to dedicate 15 to 20 minutes to allow students to research and vote during class.

In a commuter campus which hosts a high percentage of working class, time-pressed students, it's unreasonable to expect anything close to a 100 percent voter turnout. When DASB senators need only win 15 percent of the five percent total turnout, or 0.75 percent of the total student population, there is no reasonable way to claim that the appetite of democracy is being satisfied.



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Fight Nazis with peaceful condemnation, not punches

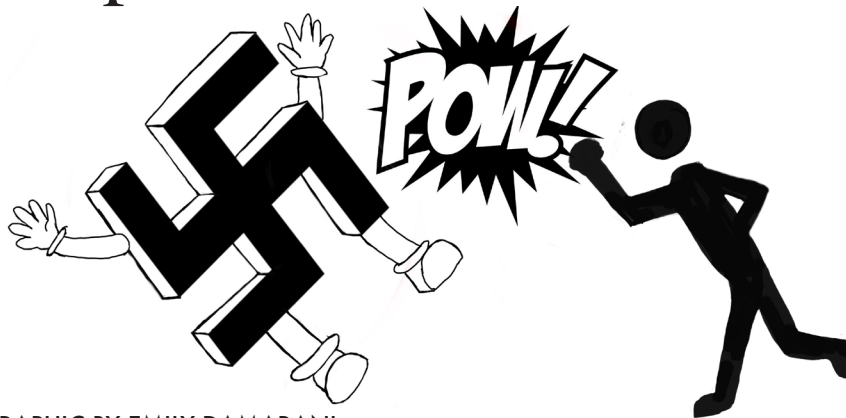
Kunal Mehta
STAFF REPORTER

We've all seen the movies — Captain America and his shield bashing Nazis left and right. If one of the most iconic symbols of American Freedom does it, are we supposed to follow his example?

After the inauguration of President Trump, white supremacist and Nazi Richard Spencer was punched in the face by a protester while giving an interview. Video of the assault quickly spread around the Internet, with many celebrating the attack.

Let's be clear - the racist views Spencer promotes have no place in our society today and should disgust all of us. We should all condemn his views and followers.

But using physical violence to suppress minority views, however distasteful, sets a dangerous precedent. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), a renowned civil rights defense organization, has gone to court to defend the rights of the Klu Klux Klan and neo-Nazis in the past.



GRAPHIC BY EMILY DAMARANI

Those decisions were crucial later on in defending the rights of civil rights protesters in the South.

We need to fight Spencer and other white supremacists using legal and peaceful means. People who used violence or bypassed the law against the Westboro Baptist Church were punished with expensive lawsuits and losses all the way up to the Supreme Court.

Protesters learned their lesson and got smarter. If the WBC showed up, there

would be an even larger counter-protest to prevent them from getting their message out.

When WBC tried to visit the United Kingdom, quick lobbying had them banned from entering due to their hate speech. There's absolutely no reason we cannot do the same for Spencer and his partners.

The First Amendment protects them against the government suppressing their

speech, but as private citizens we can peacefully take away their platform.

We must never stoop to their level and resort to violence. Spencer has already told his followers to "protect themselves" - we really don't need to give them any more excuses to arm themselves.

And for the record — Captain America agrees. In issue #275, Captain breaks up a fight between neo-Nazis and counter-protesters that turned violent. He exclaims "Don't you realize that, in your attack, you've attacked your OWN freedom as well?"

He continues: "The freedom that guarantees ALL ideas — both noble and ignoble — the expression that is imperative if our society is to survive!"

The leaders of each side in the fight turn their attention to the Captain and try to attack him instead, but he quickly moves out of the way. They collide and fall over — an analogy of what will happen to our society if we resort to violence.

Expectations for VTA overhaul: Service De Anza students

Vincente Aguilar
STAFF REPORTER

Making my way downtown, walking fast, faces pass and I'm De Anza bound.

The regular routine that students coming on and off of De Anza College campus are used to is going to change this Fall 2017. The changes to the routes, times and destinations are vast.

Valley Transit Authority planned a new overhaul for their routes and areas of service to coincide with the completion of the BART station being built in San Jose.

Some of the great changes is the '323' becoming '523,' allowing the western end to extend to Lockheed Martin Transit Center and the eastern end to Berryessa's BART Station.

VTA's problematic nature has received considerable scrutiny, even to the point that VTA itself concedes failures in its annual reports. With relationship to students, perhaps most frustrating is the

consistent wait times. The current time between departures is supposedly 11 minutes when it actually feels like 20. Supposedly, the wait times will become increasingly standardized at 15 minutes, but I nonetheless would actually like to see consistency be more strongly enforced.

Another concern has had me constantly scratching my head in confusion: the lack of public transit between Foothill and De Anza colleges. Of course, there is a means of getting to Foothill from De Anza through the VTA system, but it takes an unfathomable amount of time; while it takes less than 15 minutes by car, the trip via VTA lines consumes nearly 90 minutes of students' already precious time.

Foothill-De Anza district is a unique district in that students frequently will crossover between the sister colleges, and VTA receives significant traffic from community college students, and thus it is only reasonable to expect that they should better cater to such a nuanced need.

Kermit Cuff, a transit service development supervisor with VTA, told The Mercury News that a new transportation line between De Anza and Foothill is unlikely because the previous route had very low ridership. The previous route between the two schools had about 20 riders per day.

The current plan the VTA has drafted is still open to changes, and they are fully open to hearing your suggestions until Feb. 20 when the plan finalizes.

VTA has limited resources and certainly can only do so much in a framework of an aged-old system of buses, but hopefully VTA begins to take its stigma seriously. Maybe one day, there will even be a reality in which the light rail actually moves at a speed which makes it worthy of having light in its name!



Opinions

Trump protests: Keeping it real

Omar Hashem
STAFF REPORTER

Since Trump won the presidential elections in November, hundreds of thousands have hit the streets nationwide protesting him as a president, his rhetoric and the policies he is trying to enforce. Various mainstream media outlets have covered the protests. However, many political pundits have criticized the movement's lack of goals, leadership, tactics and effectiveness.

> **Does the movement need goals?**

It is an anti-Trump movement. Its goals, though unspecified, are clear: push back against the hateful, sexist rhetoric that Donald Trump ran on and is now turning into policy.

> **Why hit the streets?**

When one party controls Congress, Senate and the Presidency; when the President only pays attention to his own supporters and personally attacks journalists who try to

criticize him and when his right-hand man asks the media to shut up, protesting becomes the only viable option.

In addition, the rest of the world is watching the USA very closely right now, so it is essential to send a message to the world that what Trump says and does does not represent real Americans or American values.

> **What about violent protesters?**

Throughout history, civil liberties' movements have had moderates and radicals. Despite the fact that moderates and radicals tend to criticize each other's tactics, both tactics are viable and useful. In fact, they complete each other by creating a "good cop bad cop" situation where moderates are able to negotiate with the government based on leverage that radicals have created. While MLK was promoting peaceful protest, Malcolm X was promoting "The Ballot or the Bullet." For every Booker T. Washington willing to compromise there needs to be a

W.E.B Du Bois.

Violent protests also serve another goal: to confront this society with its hypocrisy, by asking the following questions.

If you care about a broken window or a burnt police car, why do you not care about your fellow human beings? Why is property more valuable than the health of 20 million Americans that are insured under Obamacare? Why does a Starbucks matter more than the millions of Syrian refugees who have been displaced and those who are dying in Syria every day?

The most valid criticism for the current protests is lack of leadership. Since the anti-Trump movement includes various types of people with different ideologies, it would be hard to find one specific leader for the movement. In fact, if Democrats try to overtake the movement it could lead to divide amongst protesters, many of whom are anti-establishment, Republicans or Independents.

GRAPHIC BY JAERICA VITUG



A bite out of Apple

Alex Rodriguez
STAFF REPORTER

It's not hard to see students on campus with their noses in their phones, or the plethora of corporate casual workers around town their faces buried behind the glow of a phone screen. Nine times out of 10, if you take a look at whatever device holds their utmost attention, you may notice a familiar symbol: an apple with a bite taken out of it. The logo of Apple, Inc, no doubt one of the most recognized logos in the world.

Why does Apple continue to hold a cult-like fascination with us, despite its many shortcomings in workers rights, environmental policy, and culture in general? Despite the fact that there are still investigations into grueling work weeks, the disposal and production of toxic waste such as lithium ion batteries, and the exploitation of workers and consumers for profit, Apple seems to be one of the few companies where people overlook its oppressive policies for the sake of comfort.

As a firm believer in corporate ethics and how they relate to consumer, human, and environmental rights, I can't seem to justify nor understand such a blind devotion to an intrusive corporate entity, one that wants to monopolize all of your wants into their products and relinquish the opposition.

It doesn't seem like a mentally sound idea to be so enamored, so devoted to an inanimate object that you fly from another country or camp out on a cold city street just to be one of the first to get it. Nor does it make sense to shell out thousands of dollars yearly just for the annual addition of an inch of screen.

One of the worst parts is that the "new," "revolutionary" additions are just reappropriations of technologies developed by competitors such as Samsung, Nokia and LG.

Look at the price of Apple products compared with competitors, or, even more heinous, the cost of production. The technology is produced with components that are quite common in the field, so it already seems bad that the prices are jacked up. According to ZDNet.com, an iPhone 7 costs a grand total of \$224.80 to produce, and retails anywhere from \$649 to 700. That's nearly triple the production cost. Most competitors average from \$200 to 400.

Couple that with the fact that these devices are produced outside of the US, under often questionable conditions, such as child labor, unsafe working environments, and 65+ hour work weeks, and one may realize that they're being duped just for a brand name. A brand name that doesn't do anything for De Anza College, despite being literally down the street, and that uses outsourcing to skirt taxes and environmental policy, and that puts the sake of profit above the sake of people.

Spend your money elsewhere.

GRAPHIC BY EMILY LEW



Age of 'fuck' is here

Karan Abrol
STAFF REPORTER

Madonna was among the many celebrity presences at the Women's March in Washington, but her face disappeared from news stations after her use of an expletive in her speech: the word "fuck."

To this day the FCC collects a fine for "obscene" language broadcasted on television, but doesn't have a list specifying what kinds of words are considered obscene, and in what context.

The 21st century has brought a slew of social and cultural advances in society. The internet and other forms of globalization have forced us to actively mingle with one another. We are now more accepting of each other's sexual, religious and ethnic preferences — and because of this, my friends, I'm afraid the era of labelling certain kinds of language as filthy, obscene or unsuitable for children has come to an end.

"Fuck" is a word that is probably on that list as it is always perceived as filthy and unacceptable in any context — both on television and even in most households. Parents worry about the influence of the word, and kids respond by giving it respect and by using it as many times as they fucking please. Ironically, those who often censor others' use of the word are no less guilty of throwing around a fuck or two.

Fuck is no ordinary word. This word's colorful history, ability to merge with other words and tendency to give its user a great deal of plosive satisfaction puts it in the spotlight. "Fuck" is king.

The movement to censor "fuck" has broader roots based in society's desire to sanctify sex and consequently — to limit it.

The supposedly ungodly, life-giving act that fills every aspect of our lives also infects those same aspects with its taboo and uncouth undertones. Sex is everywhere, and yet it is nowhere, because we are far more afraid to talk about it than we are to do it.

I come from India, with high rates of rape and violence against women, yet where the use of sexual language like "fuck" is greatly chastised. My mother is one of the most progressive women you'll ever meet and even she holds some bias against the liberal advocacy of sex.

Can you imagine how cruel it is to be a teenage rape victim, and be told that you can't say "fuck" because it affects your purity and innocence?

If news stations and daytime programs wish to disassociate themselves from perhaps the most empowering word in modern English, they have to accept the consequences of taking that stance; by distancing viewers from the word, such institutions continue a repressive culture.

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Dons fail to upset Mission College Saints, fall 82-68



Above left: Sophomore Conner Bennett, center, disrupts a shot in a 82 - 68 loss at De Anza on Wednesday Feb. 1. Bennett finished with a team-leading 20 bench points.

Below left: Sophomore Abrianna Guido, guard, grabs a rebound with the assistance of sophomore Angela Obasohan, center.

Right: Sophomore Angela Obasohan, center, looks for an opening against an aggressive Mission College defense.



De Anza softball looks to recover after tough losing season last year

Sarah Helwig
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza College's softball team aims to finish out the season after forfeiting the last six games of the 2015-2016 season due to grade ineligibility.

"I just want to see us improve as a team and finish the season," said player Molly Mills, 19, social and behavioral science major. "Not enough people made grades. We have a lot more committed players this year so I think it's going to be better."

Coach Megan Kravets said she wants to make sure the players have their grades up to about a 2.5 GPA to ensure a safeguard against grading errors.

"We had some issues last year," she said. "This year it feels really good. I have more confidence in our team this year. We're at practice more, and we're giving more effort."

Kravets encourages the sport to be family-oriented so players can feel comfortable with each other.

Caitlin Shannon, 21, communications major, said building that trust was hard at the

beginning of the season.

"A bunch of different girls didn't really know each other and then

"This year it feels really good. I have more confidence in our team this year."

-Megan Kravets, softball coach

throwing them all together now... There's a lot of different types of girls and different skill levels on the team," Shannon said.

Kravets has been with the De Anza athletics program for two years now.

"I think at this point since we basically have been building our

program from last year and previous seasons, all of the teams regardless will be our rivals because we want to make sure that we go out there and we do really well," Kravets said. "We had some close calls last year with teams such as Gavilan and San Jose City and even CSM we had one really good game against them and I think it would be really good for the girls to compete and step up to the level."

Carina Carrasco, 18, nursing major, said the team needs to improve throwing on the field.

"I think our nerves got the best of us. We know what we did wrong," said Karina Jacobs, 21, kinesiology major. De Anza lost 12-3 against Cabrillo.

The team had errors early on in the game allowing Cabrillo to put in extra runs.

"Overall, we did really well. It's just a couple of errors really hurt us," said Kravets.

Kravets thinks that nerves contributed to the errors, "But you have to get past that and work through it. I definitely think it was an issue, but it shouldn't have carried through the whole game."

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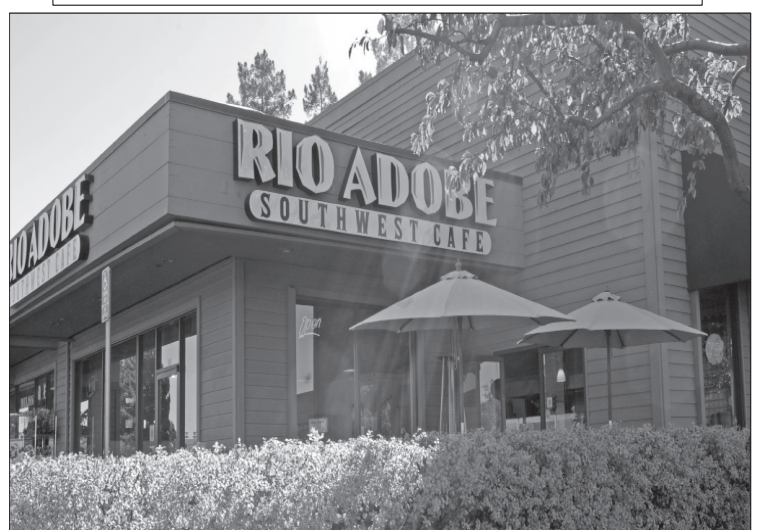
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De Anza Dons reign in 24-point blowout

Men's team stuns Gavilan College Rams with 86-62 win



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Left: Freshman Marquel Hodge, wing, runs to the basket for a lay up against Gavilan in a 86 - 62 victory at De Anza on Friday, Jan. 20.

Above Right: Sophomore Steven Garverick, wing/post, makes an uncontested lay up. Garverick scored nine points with four field goals on five attempts.

Below Right: Freshman Nemanja Rajic, wing/post, shoots over three Gavilan defenders for the bucket. Rajic finished the game with four points and five rebounds.



Dons baseball homeless but hopeful for season

Kunal Mehta
STAFF REPORTER

The De Anza Dons baseball team is off to an extremely strong 4-1 start to the season. Despite not having a home field, the team pulled off two wins against a tough Yuba College team and split with Folsom Lake College.

"We've been kind of over achieving in a lot of people's minds, other than ours, but it's going really well so far," Devon Canty, 19, shortstop and communications major said.

Canty said he is excited for the rest of the season.

"We look really good and have a lot of good guys; a lot more talent than last year, and a lot better team chemistry."

Coach Erick Raich also likes the composition of this year's team.

"Last year's group was four sophomores and all freshman, this year we're about fifty-fifty," Raich said. "That part is great so we don't have to worry about a huge amount of turnover, and we'll have good core group of returners next year."

The De Anza baseball field is currently being used for the drop and go parking lot, so the team is practicing at Shoreline Baseball Field in Mountain View, and will use it for home games later on. Most of their games are being played away.

"[Shoreline Field] is all turf, so there's no prep time; with the rain that's come right now if we had to pick a year to be off-

campus, this would be the year," Raich said. "It's somewhat been a blessing in disguise."

Canty said he does not mind playing away from De Anza, but he finds the constant road trips exhausting.

Raich said he believes the team can keep up their strong start as long as they stay injury free.

"Last year we were in first place with two and a half weeks to go, and we lost four of our key starters – two starting pitchers and two extremely important relief pitchers," Raich said. "If we don't have any crazy injuries we should be OK as long as we don't lose four arms again like last year!"

Both Raich and Canty called out Drew Mount, outfielder, as one of the players excelling this season.

"He's just been tearing the cover off the ball," Raich said. "Two home runs already and he stole a few bags."

Canty jokingly said that he deserved some credit for Mount's success, having worked with him prior to the season start.

Overall, Raich is impressed with all of his players.

"We have a lot of guys performing well, guys that have gotten off to really good statistical starts," he said. "But I would say top to bottom, every single one of our guys is playing really well right now."

In spite of injury to coach, cheer team takes home first



Cheer team members Angela Jose, Sayaka Makino, Christine Krepelka, and Hannah Robinson perform at a men's basketball game at De Anza on Wednesday, Feb. 1.

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The De Anza College cheer team faced their first obstacle at the start of winter quarter when their coach sustained a foot injury that required surgery. After receiving the news over a Facebook message, the cheer team learned that the surgery would require their coach to take an unspecified amount of leave.

Despite this predicament, the cheer team claimed first place at the Athletic Championships' American Masterpiece in San Jose Jan. 28-29.

"Their victory really is a testament to the team members," cheer coach CJ Smith said. "This is especially so because I, the coach, have been off campus since the second day of winter quarter."

Initially, the team was discouraged, and considered withdrawing from the competition. However, even without a designated advisor for the time being, the De Anza cheer team set out to organize practices themselves.

"When I first heard about my coach's injury, I was extremely worried and anxious," said cheer captain Christine Krepelka, 23, pre-nursing major. "I knew that as a team, we would have to scramble to find appropriate places to practice and work extra hard to learn the formations via text messages and online communications."

To accommodate the adjusted practice times, the De Anza cheer team cancelled social events, worked around personal schedules, and held practices early on Saturday mornings, preparing for

the first competition of the season. Since the coach usually provided the team with routine formations, stunts, and performance details, the cheer team cooperated to designate and arrange the details on their own.

"Our victory at this recent competition definitely reflected all the time and effort we poured into this choreography," Krepelka said. "We definitely earned our championship title through all our hours of practicing and perseverance, and as a captain I am so very proud of my team and how we blossomed in the face of adversity. I hope this victory will serve to remind us all that anything is possible if you truly work for it."

De Anza men's basketball edges division rival 68-65



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Freshman Marquel Hodge, wing, drives past two West Valley players for a layup. Hodge scored nine points in the Feb. 1 game to help the Dons secure a 68-65 home victory at De Anza College.

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Nemanja Rajic, forward scored the go-ahead basket with 35 seconds left as the De Anza College Dons defeated the West Valley Vikings 68-65 Wednesday, Feb. 1.

Rajic, 18, computer science major, scored 14 points on four of four shooting to go along with four blocks.

"Before going into the second half coach Billie told me to focus on two things," Rajic said. "He said I want to focus on talking on defense and rebounding, so that was my motivation for the second half, and the rest followed."

The score was close all game long, with no team leading by more than eight points. De Anza trailed 21-29 before reeling West Valley back in to close out the first half.

Both teams hustled around the court in the second half, coming up with offensive rebounds and stealing opponents' bad passes. West Valley put up an airball with the shot clock running out, but another player caught the offensive rebound, leading to a shot-clock beating bucket with two minutes left in the game.

The teams went back and forth, culminating with a game tying three point shot at one minute remaining.

With 35 seconds to go, Michael Orlich, guard, found Rajic open underneath the basket with a great pass over multiple defenders for one of his 10 assists on the night.

"I like setting guys up to score more than setting myself up to score," Orlich, 20, psychology major, said. He did both on Wednesday, recording a double double with 10 points and 10 assists.

De Anza cranked up the defensive pressure after the score. Marquel Hodge, wing got a timely deflection of a Viking pass, with the possession ending in a West Valley miss.

"Whether it's a deflection, whether it's on the offensive end, it doesn't matter as long as I contribute," Hodge, 19, computer science major, said.

Orlich caught the rebound and made one of two free throws after being intentionally fouled with 15 seconds left.

De Anza slapped a rebound out of bounds after West Valley missed a shot with five seconds left.

With one second remaining, the Vikings got a good look at a shot from the right corner. The shot bounced up off the rim, landed on the back and crept off as the buzzer sounded.

As of publication on Feb. 3, this is the Dons' second straight win and they are now 9-12 on the season (5-2 in conference play), and 5-3 at home.

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