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PRESIDENT MURPHY ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

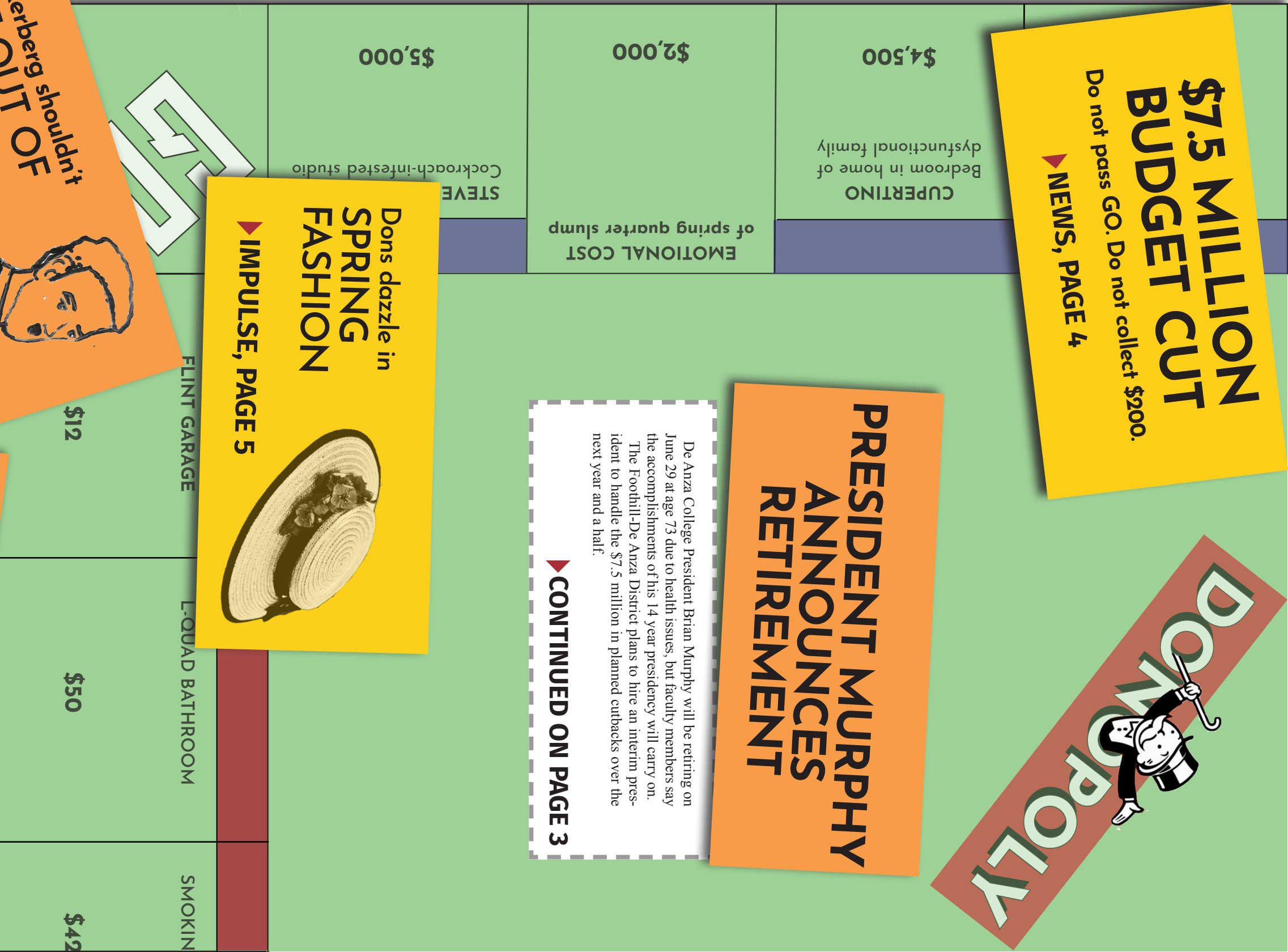
De Anza College President Brian Murphy will be retiring on June 29 at age 73 due to health issues, but faculty members say the accomplishments of his 14 year presidency will carry on. The Foothill-De Anza District plans to hire an interim president to handle the \$7.5 million in planned cutbacks over the next year and a half.

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SPORTS

WOMEN'S TENNIS TEAM COAST CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

2 EVENTS

Wednesday, April 25

Standing Up Against Hate Speech

11:30 a.m. - 1:20 p.m.
Conference Rooms A&B
Join a facilitated dialogue intended to help students understand the relationships between hate speech, free speech and the First Amendment. Like many campuses, De Anza has had people come to speak in ways intended to provoke. Learn what can individuals and institutions who witness this type of speech can do.

Thursday, April 26

Club Day

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Main Quad
Join other students in the Main Quad to share club information and treats. Enjoy live entertainment performed by club members. Go to www.deanza.edu/clubs for a list of 50+ clubs on campus. In the event of rain, Club Day will be moved to May 3.

Saturday, April 28

ExoPlanets: Worlds of Wonder

5-6 p.m.
Fujitsu Planetarium
Follow mankind's first Space Probe as it journeys outside our solar system to the many new worlds astronomers are discovering beyond. Visit Gas Giants caught in a deadly dance with their host stars, frozen rogue planets hurling through space, molten rocky worlds now known to science and new planets drifting comfortably within the area around a star where Earth-like worlds may exist. For more information visit www.deanza.edu/planetarium

J-Walt Lucid Dreamscapes

7-8 p.m.
Fujitsu Planetarium
Lucid Dreamscapes will amaze you as you fly warp-speed through one-of-a-kind animated worlds. From the work of pioneering multimedia artist J-Walt, this digital live performance utilizes the latest in interactive computer graphics techniques to bring paintings to life. The

result is an improvised real-time immersive animated environment that unfolds before an audience. The artwork incorporates elements of animation, theater, dance, painting, sculpture, music, architecture, and interactive art. For more information visit www.deanza.edu/planetarium

Tuesday, May 1

International Transfer Fair

10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Conference Rooms A&B
Transfer Fair featuring 70 universities. Including UCs, CSUs, CA private & out of state schools. Open to all students. Admission is free. For more information contact Hayley Davidson at davidsonhayley@deanza.edu

Announcements

Banned Book Display

April 23-27
Monday to Thursday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Each year, the Library staff creates a display of "Banned Books" to promote awareness about the issues of

free speech and censorship in libraries and schools. De Anza's exhibit features about 40 books, which have been criticized, condemned and banned by authorities in the past – for such perceived offenses as discussing racism, sexuality or the treatment of migrant workers and other marginalized people. Librarians will be refreshing the exhibit on a regular basis. The display can be found inside the Library's main entryway.

1st Thursday: Open Mic Series

5 - 7 p.m.
Next first Thursday- May 3
Euphrat Museum
Join De Anza students, faculty and staff for open mic. All are welcome. Come out for good vibes, good beats and good talent!

DASB Flea Market

Every month on the first Saturday.
Next first Saturday- May 5
8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Parking Lot A&B
Come to the DASB Flea market to support your student government.

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Burger of the week:
4/23 Steakhouse Sandwich
4/30 Buffalo Chicken

De Anza College Dining Services Menu: April 23

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
April 23	April 24	April 25	April 26	April 27
SOUP Red Lentil and Vegetable	SOUP Broccoli Cheddar	SOUP Butternut Squash	SOUP French Onion	SOUP Clam Chowder
PIZZA Southwest Chicken	PIZZA Cheddar Cheeseburger	PIZZA Asian Chicken and Mushrooms	PIZZA Fig, Goat Cheese, Spinach and Bacon	PIZZA Chef's Choice
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
April 30	May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4
SOUP Cheese and Potato Chowder	SOUP Savory Beef Chili	SOUP Chicken Tortilla	SOUP Tomato Ravioli Vegetable	SOUP Clam Chowder
PIZZA BBQ Chicken with Bacon	PIZZA Californina Bacon	PIZZA Margarita	PIZZA Breakfast Pizza	PIZZA Chef's Choice

Are you happy studying at De Anza?

Yes OR NO

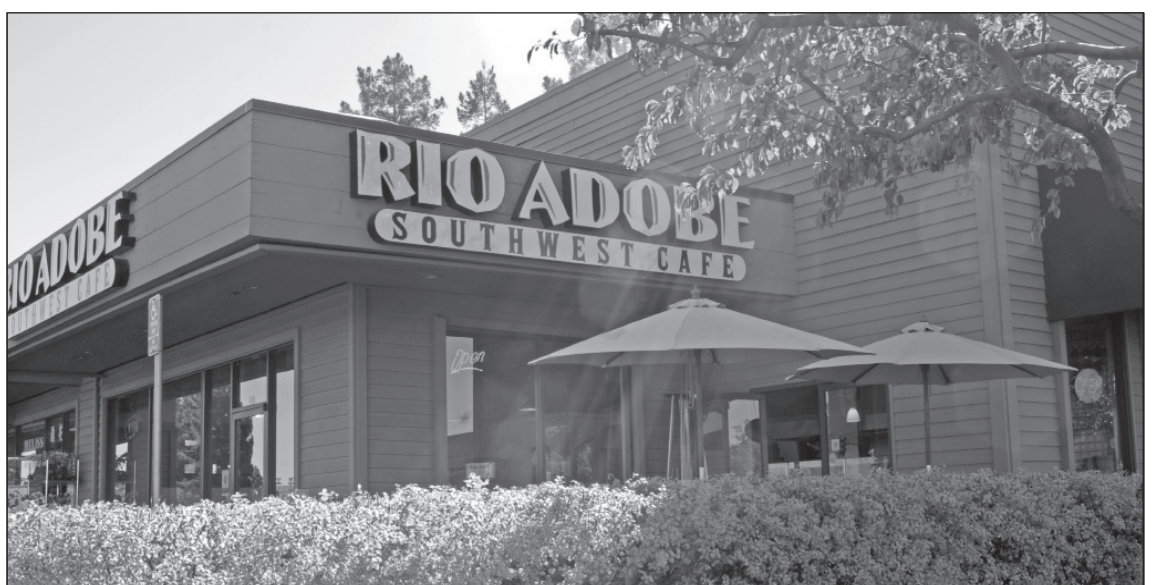
Share your thoughts → Make a change

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DE ANZA ASSOCIATED STUDENT BODY

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Diversity and Events: Phoebe Nguyen
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Administration: Indu Kundam

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Finance-Mondays at 3:30 PM
Marketing-Tuesdays at 4 PM
DNE-Mondays at 4 PM
SRS-Tuesdays at 1:30 PM
ES-Fridays at 3 PM
Administration-Tuesdays at 5:30pm

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Take-out available

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Southwest Cafe

10525 S. De Anza Blvd.
(Corner of McClellan and S. De Anza)

Online and catering menus available at www.rioadobe.com

Brian Murphy: 14 years of student activism

De Anza president Brian Murphy announces retirement



Andrew Shinjo
STAFF REPORTER

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Murphy became president of De Anza in 2004 with the focus of preparing students to be engaged citizens committed to transforming their communities, according to the De Anza website.

“As soon as he got to campus, he wanted to get a civic engagement office going,” said philosophy professor Cynthia Kaufman and the director of the Vasconcellos Institute for Democracy in Action, which grew out of Murphy’s vision for a civic engagement office.

Kaufman said before Murphy was president, civic engagement opportunities were limited to a few activist clubs run by students.

Now, De Anza offers a host of institutionalized civic engagement opportunities through VIDA programs including: Higher Education for AB540 Students, a certificate in leadership and social change, community service learning and paid internships.

“VIDA would not exist in the state it is today if it wasn’t for Murphy,” Kaufman said.

In 2005, Murphy gave funding



PHOTO BY ANDREW SHINJO

Community organizers and activists showcase their projects at the VIDA project fair, a quarterly event in which students get involved in civic engagement work, on Thursday, April 19.

to students who were interested in the future of the Latino community, said English and women’s studies professor Marc Coronado.

This was the beginning of LEAD, which stands for Latina/o Empowerment at De Anza.

“Students were trained to be mentors, they went on field trips and met with political figures - all opportunities they otherwise would not have had,” Coronado

said. A few years ago, former Second Lady of the United States Jill Biden came to De Anza and Murphy arranged for LEAD students to meet her, Coronado said.

“None of that would have happened without President Murphy’s support,” she said.

LEAD today has grown into a program that offers courses in many disciplines, taught in a way

that promotes civic engagement.

Under Murphy’s presidency, other learning communities such as First Year Experience, IMPACT AAPI and Men of Color were also established.

Political science professor Robert Stockwell said of Murphy, “I’m saddened to see him retire... but I’m glad for him that he’s able to.”

Student Trustee on the Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees, Elias

Kamal, 20, political science major said, “It sets a really good example for a lot of student leaders and activists - how important it is to take care of yourself.”

In an email to faculty and staff in which he announced his retirement, Murphy wrote, “It has been particularly gratifying to see so many students become active in their communities, and in the social issues that define our time.”

His leadership and desire to connect students to the community will be missed, said Coronado. “That’s probably one of the most important things he gave to us, an acknowledgement that we are a community college and that community is more than just in name only.”

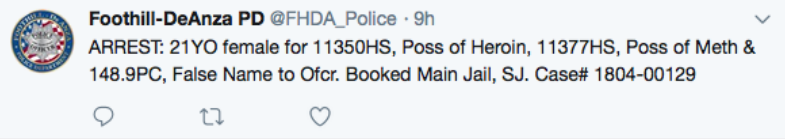
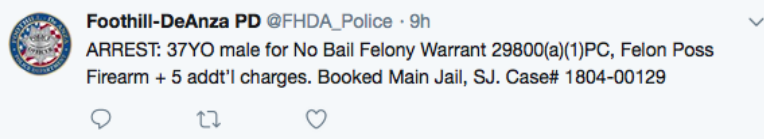
Foothill-De Anza Chancellor Judy Miner sent an email to faculty and staff detailing the next steps for finding a new president.

The De Anza Academic Senate, Classified Senate and Student Body will each select three representatives to serve on the search committee, and the committee will interview and recommend an interim, according to the email.

Miner will make the final decision and announce the interim on Tuesday, May 15.

Community News Radar

- Two individuals were arrested the night of April 19 on campus for various counts of drugs, firearms and other related charges.



Join the Conversation: Upgrade De Anza

Possible facilities bond to be on the 2018 voting ballot



William Roman
STAFF REPORTER

Upgraded classrooms, technology and facilities may become a reality thanks to a potential educational facilities bond.

A letter sent out by Chancellor Foothill-De Anza chancellor Judy Miner says a new facilities bond, similar to the Measure C bond passed in 2006, has a high chance of being added to the 2018 ballot.

A previous \$491 million bond approved by voters of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District in 2006, ended on June 30, 2017 and paid for upgrades to the library, lighting and new multimedia and technology.

“A facilities bond would require voter approval of only 55 percent, yet 77 percent of respondents in a fall survey of likely voters were willing to support a bond this November,” Miner writes on a

“Join the Conversation” website.

The district’s upcoming educational needs and priorities include upgraded classrooms and labs in science, technology, engineering, math, healthcare, early childhood education and auto repair/technology training programs. Expanding resources for veterans and accessibility for students with disabilities are also on the list.

Basic repairs must also be addressed such as earthquake safety, fixing roofs, upgrading electrical wiring, gas, sewer lines and making repairs to aging plumbing systems to prevent flooding and water damage.

De Anza student Sanika Utturkar, 23, communications studies major weighed in on topic, saying, “I think it would be beneficial and efficient. The ratio of students is higher compared to the resources that are provided, so it would be cool to implement new tech and computer labs for students to have more access.”

Al Vo, 27, science nursing major

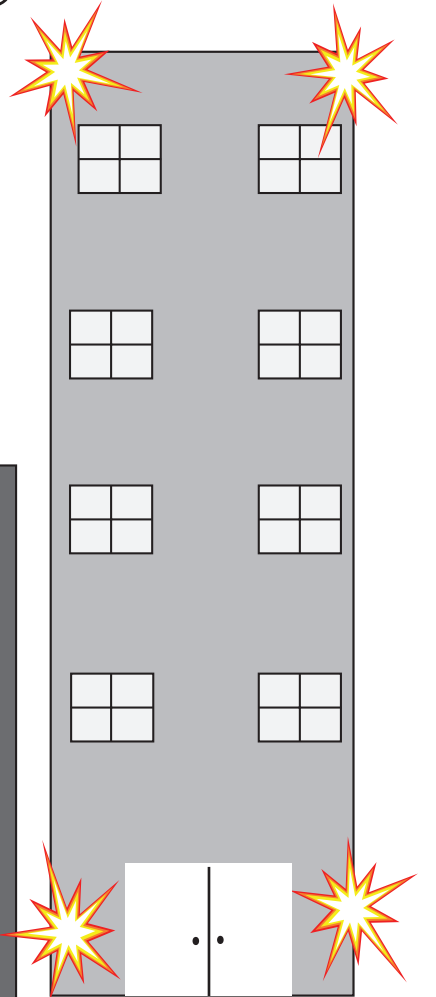
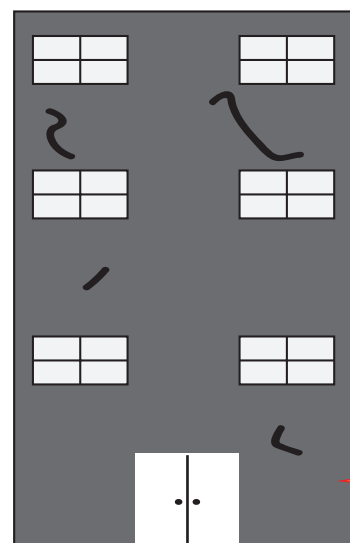
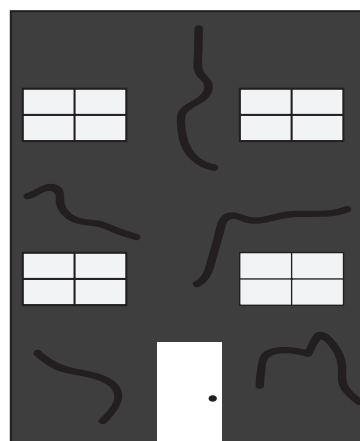
said the campus bathrooms need an upgrade. “They need more updated technology because they are such a widely used school,” he said, adding that the college needs to, “keep up with the trend of technology in order to keep ahead of the technological boom which is Silicon Valley.”

Paula Norsell, assistant to the chancellor, said the district’s governing board has not made a decision about whether to put a new bond measure on the ballot and the administration recommended gathering

additional community input before any decision is made.

The district is still soliciting feedback from the community regarding priorities and students are welcome to join in on the conversation by completing the survey at the following link:

(<http://www.fhda.edu/JoinTheConversation>).



Interclub Council at risk due to budget cuts

Plans for 2019 - 2020 may put programs at risk for elimination



The InterClub Council is among programs that may face cuts as De Anza College's budget is being reviewed.

A report by the Student Services Planning and Budget Team suggests significant deficits to Student Development & EOPS programs may be implemented, which may negatively affect the Interclub Council, which oversees and counsels the college's clubs.

ICC adviser La Donna Yumori-Kaku voiced her concerns in an email, saying she "was informed that my job - Student Activities Specialist was being identified as a possible budget reduction."

But ICC Chairman Rex Zhang said, "Clubs are not at risk of being eliminated because of these reductions."

"The notion is that the ICC advisor position may be at risk of being terminated, which will have detrimental effects on clubs oversight," he said.

Acting Vice President of Student Services Rob Mieso said, "Budget planning for the 2018-19 academic year will only involve vacant or retiring positions."

"Which means no person holding a position would be in danger of being terminated," he

said. But in 2019-20, occupied staff positions may be cut.

Elias, Kamal De Anza's student trustee, said budget reductions will be based on the recommendations from various shared governance committees on campus. These recommendations will then go to College Council by the end of the April for revisions and further recommendations before being sent to the Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees in May.

The total budget for Student Development & EOPS Dean Michele LeBleu-Burns, will be cut by 32 percent or \$2.2 million.

"This is a serious crisis that we need to address, and students should be advised that it doesn't just concern Students Services and College Life," LeBleu-Burns said.

"Other departments such as Admissions and Counseling are at even more risk, which may lead to issues students may need to face very soon."

WHAT'S NEXT?

Student Services and instructional budget recommendations to be reviewed by:

- Campus Budget Team on April 24
- Campus Council on May 8

Programs Requiring Additional Review

- Athletic Teams
- Massage Therapy
- Basic Skills
- Basic Skills
- Journalism
- ESL
- Real Estate
- Paralegal
- ES and ESCI
- Wildlife Science Tech
- Nursing
- FTV/Theatre
- Music
- Photography
- 1 ICS Program
- Dance
- Red Wheelbarrow

VACANT FACULTY POSITIONS TO BE PERMANENTLY TERMINATED

- Massage Therapy
- Native American/Chicano(a) Studies
- Music - Piano
- Physical Education Coach
- Music - Instrumental
- Environmental Science
- Photography
- English as a Second Language
- Math

STONER CORNER

A place for your new best buds to discuss the latest in cannabis culture, controversy, trends and legislation.

Glad tidings, and welcome to the first edition of the La Voz News Stoner Corner. This column will focus mainly on marijuana's medical and recreational uses, while illuminating the laws and practices that make enjoying marijuana safe, legal and efficient.

We hope that everyone who participated in 4/20 festivities had a safe and fun weekend. Amidst the excitement of 2018 being the first year of recreational marijuana's legality in California, users both medical and recreational should be aware of laws which are in place:

Recreational marijuana consumption is only legal for those aged 21 and over. However, medical marijuana may be prescribed to minors.

In order to properly enjoy some good bud and play your part as a law-abiding citizen, note that California Law states that you can only consume marijuana in the privacy of a home. You may not smoke on campus or in any other public place.

Driving: Driving under the influence of marijuana is a criminal offense, just like driving under the influence of alcohol. Additionally, if you are driving with mary jane in the passenger seat you can be cited per regulations akin to open bottle alcohol laws (Calif. 2016 prop. 64).

Recreational marijuana legalization was a big step in the history of weed decriminalization. It's important to stay informed and respect the laws.

Stay green and chief responsibly.



CAMPUS BEAT

Banned Book Display fights censorship



In honor of Banned Book Week, an annual event founded by the American Library Association (ALA), De Anza has set up a display of controversially banned books in the campus library, organized by faculty members and librarian Pauline Yeckley.

"It's a functioning display, meaning any student is free to go ahead and check out any of the books if they wish," said Lena Chang, librarian at De Anza.

The ALA compiles a list of book: current and classic, that have been challenged and/or banned in school districts across the U.S. and themes relating to sensitive topics such as racism, sexism or self-harm.

In order to raise awareness about censorship of literature, De Anza has been following the ALA in its initiative to bring books into the spotlight. It has been a

tradition at De Anza to celebrate Banned Books Week, typically staged during the last week of September.

"Librarians and teachers alike are participating in this celebration, to fight against the censorship of information and to assert our freedom to accrue knowledge," said Jessica Silver-Sharp, an adjunct librarian at the De Anza Library. "People often take for granted the availability of books, so we need a reminder once in a while that access to them is a privilege."

This list of banned books include classics such as To Kill A Mockingbird (Lee Harper) and Catcher in the Rye (J.D. Salinger), to contemporary works like the recently turned Netflix motion-picture, Thirteen Reasons Why (Jay Asher), among other titles.

The banned books will be on display in the library until Friday, April 27.

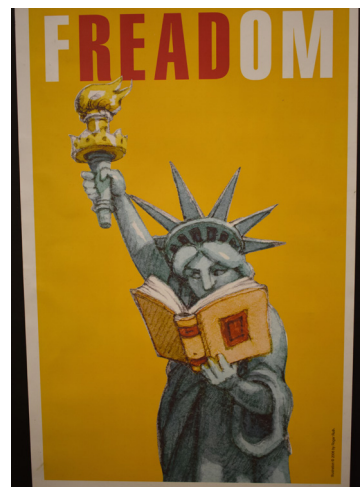


PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN TRUJANO Banner about the freedom of reading right next to the display of banned books at the De Anza College library.

Vibrant vibes shine through student style

With the sensational season of spring setting ethereally upon De Anza College, styles of all sorts follow in close pursuit. One trend on campus is mesh knit-wear. From cardigans to handbags, this comfy, yet artistic type of garment is perfect for the Bay Area spring climate.



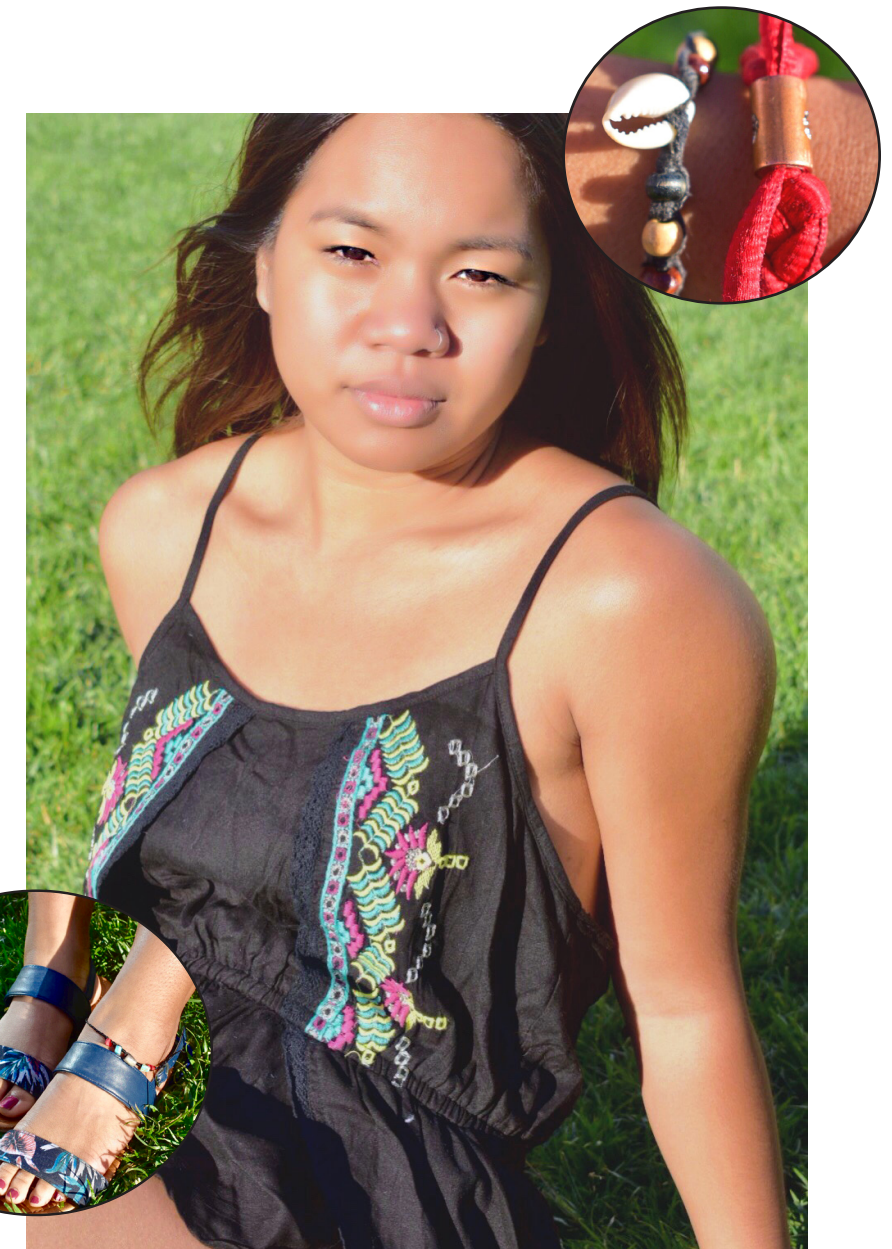
BEACHY VIBES Montserrat Rael, 20, political science major, displays a mesh-knitted cardigan to drape over her white and ocean-blue striped romper, giving off a beachy vibe.



BREEZY IN BLUE Samantha Girard, 20, theatre major, exhibits an outfit which conjures up images of Mary Poppins, with a flowery straw boater, button-up day dress and floral-detailed knitted handbag.



SPRINGTIME SHINE Ismata Sannoh, 21, nursing major, shows off her brightly colored skirt wrapped in a yellow fabric knot-belt to match, contrasted by a black turtleneck adjoined with bicep cuts. I mean, what reminds us more of spring than the color sequence of a bumblebee?



BRIGHT BOHO Amy Cabarrabana, 19, nursing major, showcases her hipster spring wear with a boho-designed romper, puka shell/jasper lined bracelets and double-strapped floral sandals.

Are petitioners welcome at De Anza?

PRO: Petitions essential to awareness



Ethan Maneja
STAFF REPORTER

Petitioners play a vital role in our local and federal governments' political processes. They are an essential part of our campus, whether we like their presence or not.

The First Amendment guarantees us the right "to petition the government for a redress of grievances," along with our rights of freedom of speech, press, religion and peaceable assembly.

Petitions allow us to request action by elected representatives for or against legislation that we feel strongly about. Petitions gathered at De Anza provide students an outlet for political advocacy on campus and lets their voices be heard.

Critics of petitions may argue that they don't do anything; they are just a collection of signatures and nothing more. This is true, if one only focuses on the petition itself and ignores what it can do in the legislative process.

Signatures provide evidence of public support for the petition request and with enough signatures, advocacy groups can influence policy shifts through the pressure they create. It is easy for students

"Petitions gathered at De Anza provide students an outlet for political advocacy on campus."

to underestimate the value of petitions if we only see the signature gathering and not how those signatures are put to use.

Petitions on campus also serve another purpose: awareness. Policies that only some of the public are aware of may be of concern to others. Petitioners at De Anza may raise awareness of certain issues for students that they would not have been informed of otherwise.

Above all, we have the right to not sign petitions. A quick detour, the tactical use of earbuds or a simple "no thanks" should be enough to deter petitioners.

Though they may be irritating to some at De Anza, petitions are an important part of reform and we should not waive the right of petitioning based on inconvenience it may pose.

CON: Rude petitioners ruin campus



Simone Clay
SOCIAL MEDIA EDITOR

Petitioners at De Anza College should leave our campus and never come back.

Students at De Anza are constantly bombarded with petitions. Despite the mostly optimistic spirits on campus, some students just want to get to class without the distraction of intolerable petitioners.

They don't need your time or attention, nor do you owe them anything. They're smart for coming on to campuses because they can easily pray on the naive, more approachable students and get signatures or a simple response.

These petitioners will often follow you or call you out based on what you're wearing. If you don't respond and keep walking, you'll be met with a mean reaction.

A man with a clipboard once ran up to me and said, "Hey pretty lady, you have a moment to talk?"

I shook my head and apologized because I was going to be late to class. He replied, "Fine then bitch, I'll ask another girl."

Despite my especially horrific experience, no student, professor or any person should have to deal with petitioners on campus.

Weirdoes can be found on every college campus but petitioners always feel as though they are entitled to guilt-trip or scare students into giving their signatures. Another danger is that you may be signing something completely different from what petitioners describe. Making up a fake petition is one of the easiest ways to get your personal information and scam you.

Petitions are important; they play a huge part in changes in policy and government. But every student's time is precious and should be spent on better things than signing a petition out of pity and annoyance.

"Petitioners always feel as though they are entitled to guilt-trip or scare students into giving their signatures."

Zuckerberg hearing not a joke, Facebook needs regulation



Jeffrey Windham
STAFF REPORTER

Our biggest takeaway from Mark Zuckerberg's testimony on April 10 should not be memes about his robotic demeanor, but knowledge that Facebook has been spreading misinformation and protecting itself from liabilities while leaving its user's information exposed.

Until now, Facebook has been mostly self-regulated and operated with little transparency. Lawmakers should be acting on behalf of the people by holding Facebook accountable and working towards security.

According to the New York Times, Facebook user's data was harvested through an app developed at Cambridge University's Psychometrics Center by professor Aleksandr Kogan. The unrelated political consultant agency Cambridge Analytica purchased the data of 87 million Facebook users from the app for \$800,000.

Zuckerberg claims that Facebook learned of this in 2015 and ordered Cambridge Analytica to delete all the data, and that they believed it had been. Facebook should have reported the data breach and taken appropriate action to protect users. Other app developers could be incentivized by this incident to take advantage of Facebook's negligence.

The Internet Research Agency, a Russian company that the Office of the Director of National Intelligence called "a close Putin ally with ties to Russian intelligence," used Facebook to interfere in the 2016 presidential election.

At Zuckerberg's hearing, Senator Dianne Feinstein said, "The IRA ran a coordinated campaign through 470 Facebook accounts and pages, the campaign included ads and false information to create discord and harm Secretary Clinton's campaign, and the content was seen by an estimated 157 million Americans."

When confronted with information like this, Zuckerberg



Cartoon by Aysha Rehman

apologized, took responsibility and claimed that the company needs to take a more proactive role in protecting users.

This conversation needs to lead

to effective regulation of social media. Connecting people is the cornerstone of Facebook, but the privacy of individuals must be maintained.

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SPRING SPORTS
SCORECARD

PHOTO BY AUDREY MARQUES

Women's Tennis:
5-0 in Coast Conference (First place)

13-1 overall

Badminton:
3-3 in Coast Conference (Third place)

3-5 overall

Baseball:
6-11 in Coast Golden Gate Conference (Fifth place)

17-19 overall

Softball:
0-11 in Coast-North Conference (Fifth place)

1-32 overall

Track & Field:

Men's:
1st place (1)
2nd place (1)
3rd place (2)

Women's:
2nd place (6)
3rd place (2)

Men's Tennis:
5-0 in Coast Conference (First place)

7-2 overall

DONS TROUNCED IN FIVE INNINGS

PHOTO BY MICHAEL NIJMEH

Dons infielder Jolyssa Ramirez attempts to tag out an Ohlone baserunner during a softball game at De Anza College on April 12.

Nick Bauersfeld
STAFF REPORTER

Jazalynn Seguritan scored De Anza College's lone run as a softball lineup missing key players lost to Ohlone College 20-1 on April 12. Freshman Sarina Maldonado, the only pitcher on the current roster, was forced to stay on the mound until the mercy rule was applied in the fifth inning, ending the game.

The Dons only got three players on base, with one hit from sophomore outfielder Leila Fletcher, and one walk apiece from Fletcher and Seguritan. "We did not execute on hitting," head coach Megan Kravets said. "But we kept our attitudes up and kept playing hard."

Although their roster is limited for the remainder of the season, Coach Kravets was confident about the Dons' current pitching situation.

"We all make sure to pick up each other when one of us is down."

- Jessica Arteaga,
softball player

"[Maldonado] is our only pitcher for the rest of the season, with two games left," the third-year coach said.

"We do have a new player coming in, that can hopefully come in and relieve her through the last two games."

"They [Ohlone] are a very talented team and are a great group of hitters," third base/catcher Jessica Arteaga, a kinesiology major, said. "We, as a team, need to work on defending the gaps."

Despite the Dons' continued struggles (0-9 in conference play, 1-30 overall), Arteaga had nothing but praise for her teammates. "We all still have fun," she said. "And we all make sure to pick up each other when one of us is down."

BADMINTON STUMBLES vs FRESNO

Following loss, Dons locked in as second seed for tournament play

Ethan Bennett
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza College's women's badminton team fell at home to Fresno City College 15-6 on April 12. Despite close matches in both singles and doubles sets, the team struggled to keep their momentum going against the reigning state champions.

Head coach Mark Landefeld said the team performed better than they did in their 12-9 loss against Fresno last week. "We struggled to get over our mental game," Landefeld said. "But we still played tight matches."

"Some of the games magnified little mistakes that we can still work on and practice," he added.

Assistant coach Yuyu Liu said the players have to "believe in [themselves] and be more self-confident," but she lauded the team's mindset and focus. "Our players are becoming more mature, they're applying more strategy but we can still improve," she said.

"As a team, it's hard to keep momentum," team captain Negar Hosseini said.

"Sometimes we think that once we lost the first match, it's hard to keep up. But we played closer than last time."

Despite the loss, Hosseini is positive that the players will still be able to bounce back. "Just continue to practice and focus on our mental game," she said.

"This is a learning experience and definitely a lot of the pressure is let out so we can focus on our technique."

With the loss, the team is assured a spot in 2nd for the Coast Conference team placements. Looking ahead in the season, Landefeld said that the team is more than ready to perform well considering the experiences they've had mentally, physically and tactically.


"The team knows the stakes and they're ready for it," the coach said. "They're ready to compete."



Negar Hosseini prepares to attack a shuttlecock during De Anza's badminton match against Fresno City College on April 12

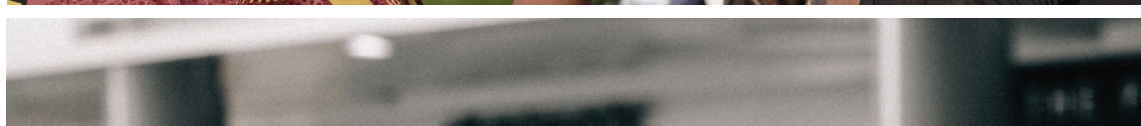

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After shaky start to season, Dons strive to come back swinging

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Daniel Ramos winds up to pitch at home against West Valley College on April 14. The Dons lost 2-1.

Having finally regained their head coach and home field, the De Anza College baseball team is looking to regain momentum and right their season record.

On Friday, March 23, Erick Raich was reinstated as head coach of the baseball team.

Before his reinstatement, Raich had been on administrative leave since Feb. 26, following issues with the new baseball field.

Raich provided the following statement:

“It feels great to be back and I love each and everyone of my players for their support.”

As for the baseball team’s prospects for the rest of the season, Raich acknowledged obstacles.

“We dug ourselves a little hole in regard to our conference record,” he wrote.

“However, I think once we get healthy we can make a push for a conference championship.”

After a series of delays in opening, the Dons played their

first complete home game on the new field over spring break, on April 3.

De Anza emerged victorious over Chabot with a final score of 8-4 despite a 17-3 loss to Chabot the previous day.

While team members and staff expressed appreciation for the new field, parents have continuing aesthetic, functional and safety concerns surrounding the state of the baseball facilities.

Parent Jerry Nastari voiced concerns via email to various administrators, citing “debris pile in the spectator area... Degraded dugouts and poor viewing/seating...scoreboard in need of repair...baseballs roll under the outfield fence...edges of the infield grass were not well trimmed.”

Additionally, a plot of land behind the dugout is cordoned off for the preservation of nesting grounds for native killdeer, a protected species of bird.

De Anza baseball’s current win-loss record is 17 – 19.



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A killdeer nests mere feet from the Dons’ dugout during the baseball game on April 14.