

# ELECTION FIASCO

## DASB presidential candidates' votes never counted



PHOTO BY TERRY PON

Carlos Jiminez, 20, computer science major votes for DASB senate candidates on tablets and laptops provided by the De Anza Political Revolution club on March 2. "I voted because I feel that it is the individual's responsibility to be involved in the affairs of their government," Jiminez said.

**Neil McClintick**  
OPINIONS EDITOR

For updates on the evolving story since Friday, March 3, go to [lavozdeanza.com](http://lavozdeanza.com).

A Friday morning email sent out to several hundred students revealed alarming news: throughout the course of the Feb. 27 to March 3 election week, votes cast for DASB presidential candidates Rhozhen Panahi and Cialysiah, "Cici," Washington were never counted because of "technical issues."

The email read: "Thank you for voting in the DASB student election. Unfortunately, a technical issue prevented your vote on the presidential ticket from being recorded. We are sorry for this error." Included in the email was a link for re-voting which is set to close Wednesday, March 8. Students who have not yet voted will not be given extensions.

DASB elections committee chair Faris Waiteasa, 21, mechanical engineering major, said the voting system put in place was not set up to take votes for presidential candidates running without vice presidents, so all the votes to Panahi and Washington were not counted. "They are at a zero right now," he said.

Dennis Shannakian, College Life office coordinator said this election was the first time a presidential candidate has run without a running mate since the implementation of De Anza's current system of electronic voting.

While presidential candidates Carlos Duran and Dylan Kim will be allowed to keep all accumulated votes, as of Friday, all votes for Panahi and Washington will be void unless voters choose to recast their ballots for them by March 8.

Students who voted for Panahi or Washington also have the option

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## De Anza unites in forum against anti-semitic posters



Euphrat Museum director Diana Argabrite holds up a knitted and felted nest created by her mother, a Holocaust survivor.

**Natalie Valencia**  
STAFF REPORTER

**Yane An**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

De Anza College refused to stay passive in response to the anti-Semitic posters, rebuking them in the "De Anza Stands Against Anti-Semitism" forum, hosted by College President Brian Murphy Feb. 23.

Murphy said that although De Anza is considered "an inclusive and welcoming community," these kinds of actions could occur and the community had to respond.

The posters contained statements such as "Jews are controlling what you believe" and "The Holocaust is lie."

Political science professor, James Nguyen decided to turn the posters into a topic of discussion

for his students.

"As an instructor, it was a teaching moment, and I wanted to start a conversation about free speech, hate speech, and in this case, anti-Semitism in our society," Nguyen said. "We are studying the current administration in my political science classes and my students are very concerned about the increase of discrimination and hate in the current reality."

Nguyen said, "Things like this remind us that hate is on the rise in this country, and no place is completely free of it, even here."

Murphy sent out a school-wide email in response to the posters that did not tolerate the anti-Semitic acts and invited the community to the forum. According to the email, the administration has also

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**Monday, March 6**

**Diversity Day**  
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
Main Quad  
Come and celebrate De Anza's diversity. Hosted by the DASB committee.

**Tuesday, March 7**

**Districtwide Conversations on Enrollment and Revenue Loss**  
12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Conference Rooms A&B  
With big enrollments and budget cuts, the Foothill-De Anza district is discussing next financial steps. Join and be part of the conversation with the District Chancellor Judy Miner and Vice-Chancellor of Finance Kevin McElroy.

**Thursday, March 9**

**10th Anniversary LEAD Global Issues Conference**  
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Campus Center  
The Latina/o Empowerment at De Anza (LEAD) is holding their 10th anniversary global conference. The conference will focus on stories of claim-

ing home, challenging prejudice, resisting displacement, celebrating places we love and our cherished values. Contact Marc Coronado at 408-864-8409 for more information.

**Sunday, March 12**

**De Anza Chamber Orchestra**  
3 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Visual & Performing Arts Center, Auditorium  
The DASB Creative Arts is holding a chamber orchestra performance. Admission is \$10 for general admission, and only \$5 for students. Contact Loren Tayerle at tayerleloren@fhda.edu.

**Thursday, March 16**

**London Study Abroad Information Session**  
1:30 p.m.  
Library Room 237  
For more information, contact Julie Pesano at pesanojulie@deanza.edu.

**Announcements**

**Free Tax Filing Assistance for all De Anza Students**  
Ends April 18  
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

*Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday*  
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  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 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.

**California History Center: A Woman's Fight**  
Ends March 24  
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
California History Center  
The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) is celebrating more than 100 years of

peaceful resolutions, preventing social injustices, and public demonstrations. Contact Tom Izu at 408-864-8712 for more information.

**Corrections**

*From the Feb. 21 edition of La Voz News*  
In the story about the Euphrat Museum's "Justice for All?" exhibit, sociology instructor Jennifer Myhre's name was misspelled. Her art piece, "Who(se) Shares?" is part of a digital storytelling project called "1500 stories", which can be seen at <http://1500stories.org>.

A story about DASB presidential candidate Cialysiah Washington misidentified her as a science major. She is a political science major.

The story "Students exchange language and culture" was written by Vanessa Nazareno, not Kunal Mehta.

Photos with the story "Euphrat provides an inclusive platform" were taken Shaun Chatrath, not Terry Pon.

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3/6 Buffalo Chicken Burger  
3/13 Patty Melt Burger

**De Anza College Dining Services Menu: March 6 - March 13**

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	
3/6 SOUP Minestrone	3/13 SOUP Thai Chicken and Rice	3/7 SOUP Broccoli & Cheddar	3/14 SOUP Chicken Noodle	3/8 SOUP Beef Chili with Beans	3/15 SOUP Mushroom Brie	3/9 SOUP Tortellini Vegetable	3/16 SOUP Mexican Tortilla	3/10 SOUP New England Clam Chowder	3/17 SOUP New England Clam Chowder
Pizza Asian Chicken w/Scallions	Pizza Hawaiian Ham & Pineapple & Green Peppers	PIZZA Hamburger Cheddar	PIZZA Roast Chicken, Ranch	PIZZA Margarita	PIZZA Vegetarian Combo	PIZZA Sun-dried Tomato, Caramelized Onion & Feta	PIZZA BBQ Chicken w/ Green Onions	PIZZA Chef's Choice	PIZZA Chef's Choice

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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 presidential candidates debate issues

**Omar Hashem**  
STAFF REPORTER

Candidates agreed on the vast majority of issues in a DASB presidential debate Feb. 23, emphasizing the importance of outreach to students, open dialogue between senate members, and resolving the disconnect between DASB and the administration.

"It was two and a half hours of disappointment," Joseph Lawrence, 19, business major, said. "I came here expecting a debate and what I got was three people saying very similar things over and over."

The De Anza Political Revolution club hosted the first ever De Anza debate between presidential candidates at the Fireside Lounge. Around 80 students attended the debate, moderated by Umika Kumar, 20, sociology major; Neil McClintick, 20, political science major; and Viana M.L. Roland, 23, history major.

According to Kumar, the action team within the club that hosted the debate is called 'Reclaim Democracy.'

"It essentially focused on the debate, the vote days for DA student elections, and promoting student engagement with campus government," said Kumar. "Student engagement in campus elections is key because DASB controls such a large budget."

Despite the DASB having a budget of \$1.3 million to fund different programs, voter

turnout in the last elections was 3 percent. Kumar said the debate was organized by energetic student volunteers who cared about student governance, with no help from the administration.

Three of the four candidates attended: Carlos Duran, 19, nursing major; Rhozen Panahi, 18, biology major; and Cialysiah Washington, 19, political science major. The fourth candidate, Dylan Kim, 21, business major, declined to attend.

The general concerns section began with questions about each candidate's vision, followed by more specific questions regarding student safety, library access, parking, and the quality of professors.

On safety, Panahi suggested having security cameras on campus to help deal with hit and run incidents, and sexual assault. Duran stressed that emergency phones need to be functional and that he would attend campus police meetings to voice student concerns. Washington was concerned with the disconnect between the police and ethnic groups on campus and suggested having open panels and dialogue to resolve it.

The second portion of the debate featured questions from students in the audience, leading to controversial answers and raised eyebrows from the audience.

Duran was questioned about his running mate Andrew Salinas' political views. He was asked if Salinas was a Trump supporter

Cialysiah Washington, 19, political science, talks about improving outreach during the Feb. 23 presidential candidate debate while Rhozen Panahi, 18, biology major and Carlos Duran, 19, nursing major, listen.

PHOTO BY TERRY PON



and how Duran feels about his conservative views. Duran said that there is no evidence that Salinas is a Trump supporter and that it is impossible to know that because Salinas refuses to divulge that information.

"That's impossible for me to know and that's impossible for you to know because being involved in the military it prohibits you from sharing who you support in politics," said Duran.

Duran said that Salinas assured him he will not push his political beliefs, and that he wants to be a representative of everybody.

Panahi said the anti-Semitic posters are not free speech because they are a hate crime, and should be treated accordingly. "You're emotionally harming someone else," said Panahi.

Washington and Duran agreed that it was free speech, but disagreed on how to deal with the posters. Washington said that she would have taken them down instantly after

taking photos to prevent the posters from hurting students who might see them.

Duran said when he found the posters he contacted the administration to make sure the situation was dealt with lawfully. "The first thing I wanted to do was take down those posters but I wanted to make sure that I'm following all regulations or rules," he said.

The candidates were asked to comment on candidate Kim's absence. Duran said, "I'm here because I want to represent the students. It's unfortunate that he didn't think it's important."

"I think it's completely disrespectful to the students to be honest," Washington said. "You're just not gonna come here because you think it's a waste of time?"

Panahi said, "I honestly think it's his loss, this is definitely beneficial to students and to us to be able to create a dialogue."

## Student government votes to cover deficit with reserve fund

**Kunal Mehta**  
STAFF REPORTER

The DASB Senate voted Feb. 22 to use \$55,000 from its reserve fund to cover the the 2017-18 budget deficit.

The reserve fund has \$400,000 left.

The budget allocates nearly \$1.3 million for DASB programs and activities, and an additional \$38,000 for advocacy activities through the Student Representation Fee.

After the finance committee made a recommendation, the DASB Senate has been discussing amendments to that budget for the past month. One meeting was canceled due to a lack of quorum.

Neither DASB President Matthew Zarate nor vice president Stephanie Rigsby was present for the final budget meeting, the former citing personal reasons.

Senators expressed their frustration with the long process during a discussion about allocating \$400 for Flea Market refreshments.

"Can we get things done?" Senator Victor Lim said. "It's just \$400, and we're wasting 15 minutes here. There's so much money. Can we be more productive?"

"There's mass confusion. What are you guys doing?" DASB Faculty Advisor John Cognetta asked.

When the senators discussed the reserve, Cognetta warned them about taking too much.

"Future senates are going to be tapping into your

reserve in the next five years," Cognetta said. "We are in a downward spiral of enrollment ... don't take everything out of the reserve and leaving future senates in the dry here, because they're going to need some of that money to get over this hump."

Not all senators looked at the long-term like Cognetta. Tal Globus, computer science major, chair of finance candidate, asked what the Senate was doing to prevent this problem in the future, and senator Faris Waiteasa said it was not their problem.

"This is our year's problem, that's for your year to solve," Waiteasa said. "We're trying to cushion it for 2017-2018, but you'll be dealing with 2018-2019's problem. That's not our jurisdiction to decide."

The senate voted to cut \$15,000 from the tutoring center's student payroll, with four senators abstaining from the vote because of a conflict of interest. They continued with cuts to the athletics playoffs account, and officials and fees account, noting that they could request funding from the special allocations budget.

The senate balanced the budget with a final set of cuts to the special allocations budget after Cognetta pointed out that it usually has money left over at the end of the year.

The budget will go through a final round of voting in the DASB Senate before being presented to the Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees for approval.

about the issue, but admin expressed concerns to him about lack of student demand and actual usage if implemented. He presented a survey conducted by the college in 2014 that reported 40 percent of students would check their .edu email multiple times a day, and 80 percent would like to have such an email address.

Student Trustee Elias Kamal commented that the Foothill student government president was also pursuing this idea and offered to help with making a connection.

After receiving a unanimous endorsement from the DASB Senate, McClintick said he will be starting a petition to demonstrate current student support, and begin talking with Foothill about working together.

The DASB Senate also approved spending \$2,092 on the FACCC Advocacy and Policy Conference after discussing the additional parking fees in the request that changed after the finance committee's approval.

"I think we should approve it," senator Dara Streit said. "I know last year they took way more people and took significantly more for parking, so that they're taking fewer people and being more conscientious of our budget ... this is something that De Anza consistently goes to every year and takes students to go to."

## Journalist Fareed Zakariah explains 'global Trumpism'

**Karan Abrol**  
STAFF REPORTER

Distinguished Indian-American journalist Fareed Zakariah explained the rising trend of global Trumpism at the Flint Center for performing arts on Feb. 28 and March 1 as part of Foothill's Celebrity Forum Speakers series.

Zakariah explained the transformation of American politics into "the greatest political reality show in history."

"People will always remember the words. They remember F.D.R.'s 'We have nothing to fear but fear itself,'" Zakariah said. "What will they remember about the 2016 campaign? Marco Rubio accusing Trump of having a small penis?"

Zakariah provided his viewers with a historical context for the pushback against globalization in both the United States and the rest of the world.

He began with the idea that Americans are living in an extraordinary period of stability, "created and marked by the end of the Cold War," he said.

He emphasized political stability, economic convergence and the technological revolution as effects of globalization, stimulated by the United States' government and citizens.

"Globalization has benefited the United States' dominance in market share," Zakariah said, emphasizing the importance of immigration for vibrant societies and the need for an economy driven by young people.

"But there's another story," Zakariah said. "Right wing populism is not only growing in the United States, but all around Europe as well."

Zakariah drew the crowd's attention to the effect globalization had on jobs, and connected the same trends that brought peace and stability to the world as also severely affecting American workers.

Zakariah said Trump represents a cultural reaction, as evidenced by his campaign. "It's much easier to sell fear than to sell hope ... he said 'your life is very hard. Mexicans are taking your jobs, the Chinese are taking your factories, and the Muslims are taking your businesses.'"

In the final moments of the speech, Zakariah stunned the audience by acknowledging the topic of radical Islam.

"The only way you're gonna succeed is by destroying this strain within Islam ... by allying with moderate Muslims," he said.

Zakariah was also highly critical of the Muslim ban. "The problem with bans is this blanket nature of it. If you're trying to find needles in a haystack, you don't add more hay," he said.

Zakariah reaffirmed his confidence in the strength of American ideals, both within the country and in its global influence to conclude his panel. "American culture is unique in its civic mindedness. It's one thing to come out and see the opera, it's another to come out and see a man telling you what to think politically and economically."

## DASB Senate takes final vote on budget and endorses .edu emails

**Kunal Mehta**  
STAFF REPORTER

The DASB Senate took a final vote on its 2017-2018 budget and endorsed a proposal to give students universal access to .edu email addresses March 1.

There was one dissenter in the final budget vote: vice president Stephanie Rigsby, who expressed her gratitude for the senators who worked on finalizing the budget, but said she did not agree with the decision to fund the Office of College Life's staff.

"I won't be supporting it because I don't think we should be giving to classified staff," Rigsby said.

The senators also endorsed a proposal by Neil McClintick, 20, political science major, to provide students with universal access to .edu email addresses. McClintick explained some of the benefits of having a .edu email address.

"[It provides] Spotify Premium—you get a huge discount, Prezi premium, free Microsoft Office, a Amazon Prime account, free New York Times, free Wall Street Journal, free anti-virus software," McClintick said. "Another big thing is that you get a more professional domain. Your school identity on there is actually very professional."

McClintick said he spoke with college administration

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to switch their vote to another presidential candidate during this period.

Both Panahi and Washington said the flawed presidential election should be scrapped and a new election should be scheduled, with an extension on campaigning.

"My team and myself are very frustrated as of now," Washington, 19, political science major said. "In order to move forward effectively, I would like to propose a new election

for the upcoming spring quarter where the voting takes place on a completely new system."

Panahi said students who originally cast ballots for her and Washington are not likely to spend the extra time to vote again, especially if the college's response consists of only a single email.

Duran declined to comment, and Kim could not be contacted in time of publishing.

Throughout election week, some students expressed concern that their presidential votes were not being tallied. Some assumed

it was simply a graphical or display error, rather than ballots being dismissed.

Shirley Gardner, 21, women and gender studies major, said all of their candidate selections were displayed in their voting history on MyPortal, except for their choice for the DASB presidency, demonstrating that the issue had been visually apparent. Currently, it is unclear when administration or the office of College Life first noticed that Panahi and Washington had received zero votes.

Shannakian would not

comment on the fairness of the decision to allow Kim and Duran to keep their votes.

"That's a decision for the elections committee or whomever," said Shannakian, adding that there were no plans to hold a do-over presidential election as of Friday.

After speaking with John Cогnetta, the director of College Life, Eddie Cisneros, 23, public health major, said that an emergency elections meeting might be held over the March 4 and 5 weekend, and that another election might be planned Week

10 or onward to address students' concerns with the current decision and results.

According to DASB results, Kim is winning the election with 277 votes.

Editor's note: Neil McClintick is a member of De Anza's Political Revolution, which sought to promote voter turnout without endorsing any candidates.

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launched a police investigation.

"Incidents like the anti-Semitic postings demand more than condemnation," Murphy wrote in the email. "We need to stand together now, too, to respond to hatred when it assaults anyone among us."

The conference room was filled with students, faculty and administration who came to hear what people had to say.

The event also provided an open mic to allow audience members to speak.

Murphy delivered a passionate speech about the history of anti-semitism and the importance of the role Jewish and non-Jewish people play when it comes to what he called "bigotry."

"You can't sit down when this stuff happens. If you don't stand up they'll take it for granted that they can move again," he said.

Murphy said the anti-semitic posters were a wake-up call. "What it did is confront ourselves with ourselves," he said. "Who are we in this? What is our role?"

Murphy said when Hitler took power, the universities of Germany did not oppose him. "Worse, they were collaborators," he said. "You can't sit down when this stuff happens. If you don't stand up they'll take it for granted that they can move again."

He said providing support is not only a good and ethical thing to do, but also a political necessity.

Director of VIDA Cynthia Kaufman said she "was Jewish enough for Hitler," referring to the Nuremberg Laws defining someone with a Jewish parent as having Jewish identity.

"Those of us who are Jewish carry deeply within our bodies the memory of the reality that acceptance and assimilation can turn into nothing under the quickest of circumstances," she said.

Vice president of the Muslim Student Association Anisa Chaudhry, 20, communications major, delivered an emotionally charged speech empathizing with the



PHOTO BY NICK GIRARD

Left: Dean of intercultural studies Edmundo Norte explains how systems of oppression have shaped our culture by marginalizing others.

pain of marginalized groups.

"When I heard and saw these flyers, it broke me. I couldn't stop shaking that entire day," Chaudhry said. She said she wasn't surprised anti-semitism exists, but because she understood and knew the feeling of fear.

"Why are we suffocating and feeling imprisoned while walking on the land that's supposedly the land of the free?" Chaudhry asked. She said it wasn't about politics anymore, but human rights.

"Even after a life of racism, I still can't fathom how we actively hate those we don't even know. Where is our humanization of individuals?" she said. "Where is our humanization of individuals?"

Chaudhry said being strong all the time does not make anyone weak. "You are allowed to hurt. You are allowed to be afraid. Not being strong all the time does not make you weak," she said.

Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán, or MECHA, club member Diego Gomez, 26, philosophy major, delivered a statement on behalf of MECHA.

"We deeply believe in sustaining a safe space for

our community members and oppressed people of colonialism," Gomez said. "In these present times of great uncertainty, we must trust and rely on each other for our safety."

DASB presidential candidate Cialysiah Washington, 19, political science major, said the Bay Area needs to step up. "We can't just be in this bubble of diversity and not use this to our advantage," she said. "Unity really is key."

Director of the Euphrat Museum, Diana Argabrite, said her mother was a Holocaust survivor and she grew up in a family where anti-semitism was talked about all the time. She said the stickers were heartbreaking.

Argabrite read her mother's poetry about the war. "She puts her seed into the dark earth so something will grow after the bombing. She looks forward to the splash of blue violet flowers that will grow from the skeletal remains of 45 children lost in this raid," Argabrite read.

Her mother went to Jewish elementary school with 2,450 children, of which only 24 survived the Holocaust. Argabrite held up a nest her mother felted and knitted to represent a "symbolic resting place for the souls of her classmates that perished."

"To this day she does not feel safe. She is 84 and it still an ongoing theme in her life," Argabrite said. Her mother has created about a thousand so far.

Sydney Casey-Demirtjis, 16, biological sciences major, created a Jewish club after the forum. "We want to mirror what the MSA and HEFAS has been doing with the Muslim and undocumented community, respectively, and form a collective voice of Jewish students and allies at De Anza."

She said, "I know there's a lot of tension about how political the last Jew-related club was, so I want to make clear that my focus is on Jewish culture and community."

Other speakers included Foothill Trustee Hal Plotkin, former Senior Policy Advisor Office of the Department of Education; Women Empowered member Bérénice Silverain; Dean of intercultural studies Edmundo Norte.

## DASB senate candidates' coalition 'United' finds posters vandalized, 'Trump supporter' scratched over vice president candidate's face

**Omar Hashem**  
STAFF REPORTER

"Trump supporter" was found scratched over a DASB senate vice president candidate's face on Feb. 20.

The candidate's coalition, named "United," also discovered their banners in front of the library and nearby the campus center torn down, and 75 to 100 flyers disappeared throughout the following week costing the coalition around \$145 out of the students' personal expenses.

DASB senator Carlos Duran, the presidential candidate of the coalition, said he and his team replaced the banners in the rain and it took a few hours.

He said he believes the vandalism is a result of hateful rhetoric perpetuated by his coalition's rivals. His coalition consists of vice president candidate Andrew Salinas, three chair candidates and three senator candidates.

Duran said some of his opponents have framed "United" as Republicans and President Donald Trump supporters. He said it is inaccurate and that none of the coalition's members voted for Trump.

"Elias Kamal has attempted to attack and promote and run a smear campaign

against people he disagrees with," Duran said. However, he said he doesn't think Kamal is responsible for the vandalism.

Elias Kamal is DASB senate's current student trustee. He is running unopposed for the same position.

Kamal said that Duran's running mate, Salinas, is a Trump supporter. Salinas has been a topic of controversy this election for his conservative views and for allegations of being a Trump supporter.

"In terms of his stance on Trump, it's quite shocking and something many students are frightened about," Kamal said. "I and many others were made aware of it from social media and personal conversations with him."

Kamal also condemned the vandalism. He said it is not tolerated within this election, whether Salinas is a Trump supporter or not.

Senate President Matthew Zarate said DASB archives show that campaign material vandalizing in the past had been perpetrated by rivaling coalitions, but there is no evidence yet as to who might have vandalized campaign materials of the United coalition.

-During the Feb. 23 presidential



Senator Carlos Duran of the "United" coalition found his banners in front of the library and nearby the campus center torn down and vandalized on Feb. 20, costing his team \$145 out of the students' personal expenses.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SENATOR CARLOS DURAN, "UNITED" PRESIDENT CANDIDATE

candidate debate, Duran was asked by an audience member, "How can you say you'll support marginalized groups ... while your vice president is a proud and vocal Donald Trump supporter?"

"That's unfortunately impossible for me to know, and that's impossible for you to know because being involved in the military, it prohibits you from sharing who you voted for," Duran said.

Salinas said, "I understand the elections were a tough time, but military personnel do not discuss our political views while in service. Our job is to protect, defend and

serve."

However, military regulations indicate that service members are only banned from political advocacy if they are in uniform; outside of military duties, they are free to discuss politics and attend political events.

Duran and Salinas said they don't believe their campaign was affected by the vandalism, and believe their message will resonate with students regardless.

"We are here for the students, to help make the campus a safe and, most of all, equal environment for all students from different backgrounds," Salinas said.

# Do's and don'ts Fashion tips for rainy weather

**Rachel Shin**  
STAFF REPORTER

With the rainy season in full force the past week, we began to dig through the backs of our closets, searching for our rubber boots and waterproof jackets that we shoved in the back in the year of who knows when. Some of us just cannot sacrifice style for that atrocious rain jacket that reminds you of middle school days. Before stepping out in an outfit that will make you regret your decisions, check out a couple of these do's and don't's to maintain your style while staying dry in rainy weather.

**DO:**

**"BEANIES ARE YOUR BUDDIES"**

Throwing on a beanie keeps both warmth and style in check. Pair a beanie with a coat or a hoodie to keep your head nice and warm despite the cold.

**"LAYER UP"**

Pairing a hoodie with a bomber jacket will keep you nice and warm for the duration of the day. Don't be afraid to layer a bomber jacket on top of a hoodie on top of a shirt on top of another shirt. And the list goes on. Keep yourself warm by layering up.

**"HI KNEE HIGHS"**

Wearing knee high socks on top of your pair of jeans or leggings can never go wrong. It keeps your feet warm, and pairing them with Hunter Boots are always a look.

**"SHOES' TIME TO SHINE"**

Hunter boots have been a must-have in rainy weather ever since it made its debut in 1856. With its tall design, waterproof rubber material and its ability to complement any look, a pair of Hunter Boots are a basic

**DON'T:**

**"CARDIGANS? CHILLY"**

Cardigans are a nice addition for the fall when it's not too cold but not too warm here in California. However, in the rainy season, what do you do to cover yourself from the rain if there's no hood?

**"BUT WHY?"**

Wrong season. They might keep you warm to a certain extent, but you will regret choosing them over thicker material. Keep that in your closet until the next season rolls by.

**"ARE YOU PLANNING ON SAYING GOODBYE TO YOUR SHOES?"**

Wearing a pair of UGGs or your favorite pair of Ultra Boosts in rainy weather is a huge mistake. Are you trying to destroy them by getting them muddied and soaked? It might be a good idea to store them away for the rainy day so that they stay clean and dry.

# DA Voices: What fictional female character has impacted you?

**Elsa Kebede**  
STAFF REPORTER



**Sofia Mendez, 20, English major**

"Probably 'Sabriel' by Garth Nix. It follows a female protagonist which is a really nice twist. I really like it because she's [Sabriel] really motivated and even though she doesn't want to be in the position she is in, she still goes towards the goal. She still struggles with herself and it's nice seeing her bring herself out of her anxieties."



**Chris Rajkumar, 19, biology major**

"It's probably Hermione Granger because she's kind of an outsider in the Harry Potter world yet she excels better than anyone in my opinion. Middle school is when I started reading Harry Potter and I didn't really fit in. I was kind of more outgoing when I read her. She [inspired] me to go out there and do stuff."



**John Gaspar, 21, marketing major**

"One of the characters, [Celaena Sardothien, is] from a book I read ... 'The Throne of Glass.' Basically talks about the way her upbringing has affected her, especially through the government and how they were being suppressed and how she was able to rise up against that and overthrow it. It teaches me not to give up and that my opinion does matter and that. I can change things."



**Cheyenne Appleby, 19, behavioral sciences major**

"The older girl from the Goonies, I always thought she was really cool cause she always hung out with all the guys and they treated her like one of them. She was always a role model for me in a way that she wasn't worried about what other people thought. She was able to go hang out with them and do what she wanted to do."

## What we know about Caffeine



**Mary Sullivan**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

By the ninth week of the quarter, you may remember forgotten projects and papers you put off or realize the need to read and comprehend eight weeks of reading in a single night.

Panic sets in, and many students look for ways to boost their brain with caffeine:

- Yerba mate
- "energy" drinks
- Adderal/Ritalin
- herbal products.

What should you know before you choose that path?

First, there is no pill, treatment, medication, herb, prescription drug that improves intelligence or enhances cognitive ability in healthy brains.

Know what you are taking, before you ingest. Learn how products affect you before trying it. Everyone reacts differently.

All drugs carry some risk - even acetaminophen (liver damage from large or extended use). It is important to consider your state of health, your age and genetics before you expose yourself to something as simple as an energy drink.

If you are considering "energy drinks" - know that manufacturers want you to think the "energy" is coming from special blends of herbs and other substances, but their key ingredient is almost always caffeine — often a hefty dose that's not disclosed on labels.

Moreover, the drinks supply "energy" by providing calories, specifically from sugar.

Did you know Rockstar, has 62 grams of sugar, Amp has 58 grams and Monster Energy has 54 grams per 16-ounce can.

Many of these drinks now come in artificially sweetened versions, but that doesn't make them risk-free.

Many people experience side effects from drinking energy drinks such as

- tremors
- dry mouth
- insomnia.

I even had one student pass out after gulping down a can of Red Bull!

Not surprising, as the drink contains 240 milligrams of caffeine, as in two to three cups of coffee, the stimulant guarana, taurine, milk thistle and ginseng!

The bottom line is to read the label, know what the active ingredient is and learn what the effect that could have on you.

It is possible that certain products may help you stay alert to meet this deadline, but there are other options.

Try eating a healthy diet, getting a good night's sleep, talking with your instructor, using De Anza's tutorial services.

They might serve you better in the long run... and indulge in the occasional cup of coffee and some dark chocolate!

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# San Jose flood devastates 14,000 homes, amounts to

**Yane An**  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

14,000 households were impacted by the floodwaters of north San Jose late February, according to CNN. In the same CNN story, Mayor Sam Liccardo said the water is contaminated. He also acknowledged the city did not properly alert residents, having to ask households individually in the middle of the night to evacuate.

According to San Jose Mercury News the damage amounted to at least \$100 million, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District is preparing a \$22 million plan for future floods, with renovations like flood walls levee setbacks along Coyote Creek.

San Jose City Manager Norberto Dueñas told the San Jose Mercury News, “We discovered during this emergency that we must do better.”

According to ABC7 and SFGate, fund donations neared \$1 million when Vietnamese-American billionaire Kieu Hoang donated \$5 million to the flood relief fund.

Residents are working to clean up the city with community volunteers and workers.



**Above:** The flood engulfs the usually grassy soccer field and dog park of Watson Park in northside San Jose, Feb. 21.  
**Far left, left, right:** San Jose community workers clean debris on Williams Street to aid the homes devastated by the flood.

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## De Anza students host renter rights' panel, dialogue with San Jose City Council member

**Nick Girard**  
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza College held a panel on rent control, featuring San Jose City Council member Lan Diep, on Feb. 23.

Salma Bizcaia, 19, criminal justice major, organized the panel. She opened the event with a story: “Back in 2010, I was in eighth grade, when my family was displaced from our apartment for no reason, and we had to throw more than half of our belongings away from our apartment ... we had to live in our car,” she said. “I’m very supportive to renters’ rights, because it happened to me more than once.”

Diep said he understood Bizcaia’s pain as a fellow renter. “I was in a room in somebody’s home, and now I’ve finally got a place to myself,” he said.

Melissa Morris, who supervises housing rights practice at the Law Foundation of Silicon Valley, a free legal services organization said for those seeking renters’ rights in San Jose, eviction protection and the Ellis Act ordinance would be coming

before the city council this Spring.

A local Ellis Act Ordinance “creates a standardized and formalized process for issuing notices, providing relocation benefits, and creating some protections for tenants when a rent stabilized property owner makes the financial decision to remove their property from the rental housing business,” according to the draft recommendations for the city of San Jose document.

“Get involved with the student renter’s rights group. Learn about what’s coming up in city council, talk to your city council member about why protecting tenants is so important to students and to the community,” she said.

Diep said the solution of high housing prices is more housing supply and San Jose is a bedroom community, losing out on jobs. “Residents sleep in San Jose and go to other cities to work and shop,” he said. “We need to preserve industrial land, mom and pop shops.”

Diep said the community needs to get more tax revenue off of employment tax dollars. “We don’t have the revenue to

fund our police department, to fix our potholes,” he said.

Morris said Lan Diep “did mention a lot about economics, the market and how it plays a role.” She said she didn’t agree with everything.

“There’s more to it. It’s not all about the market ... There are certain other ways to relieve homelessness and displacement rather than just focusing primarily on economics all on its own,” she said.

The meeting was opened with a screening of a documentary on youtube called “Million Dollar Shack: Trapped in Silicon Valley’s Housing Bubble.”

In the film, a bay area realtor said the people who work in tech industries tend to be really brilliant, great people who work amazingly long hours.

“The person who’s working hard at Google [has] more of a right to be here than somebody just because their parents were here and they complain they can’t afford a home. I would say just work harder,” the realtor said. “Get more education, is my advice to them.”

This comment offended renter Daniela

Richey, who has owned her apartment for many years and is nearing senior citizen status. “Cities are responsible for this happening because they’re allowing the landlords to come in and tear down these old apartments, and then rebuild them and double the rent. That’s wrong,” she said. “Not even people coming out of college can afford that in many cases.”

Richey said young people don’t have a future in San Jose. “Who can afford \$2500 a month?” she asked.

Suleima Ochoa, 21, women and gender studies major, community studies major, said, “It would be nice to not live at home ... being responsible on my own, not living with my parents.”

A realtor in the documentary claimed residents with high IQ were preferable. Ochoa said the comment “made me feel like I’m not good enough to be here.”

Diep concluded the panel thanking the crowd for the input and said he would “bring these experiences with me as I contemplate the issues that face the city in the future.”

# at least \$100 million in damage



**Top:** San Jose community workers and volunteers help flood victims clean and clear debris and ruined items Saturday, Feb. 25 after the flood.

**Above:** San Jose residents clear ruined items from their homes in Brookwood neighborhood with San Jose community workers and volunteers.

# Hundreds turned away at first town hall with U.S. Rep. Ro Khanna

**Shaun Chatrath**  
STAFF REPORTER

Hundreds were turned away at Ohlone Community College during U.S. Rep. Ro Khanna's town hall forum on Feb. 22 and those who made it in the building weren't guaranteed an audience. Car horns and the yelling of traffic directors encompassed Mission Street along the roadside of the school as Ohlone had underestimated the amount of people that would show up.

While many packed the Administration section of Building 7, Khanna, D-San Jose, spoke upstairs to the 125 people who had reserved a spot for the town hall gathering. Marna Schwartz, a Los Altos resident, along with a note taker, encouraged the audience downstairs to participate in a group dialogue she called "structure conversation" as they waited for Khanna to come.

Barbara Fukumoti, a Sunnyvale resident of 23 years, said she wanted "to try and get my voice heard." She also wanted to emphasize her concern for climate change and other issues.

Topics ranged from Affordable Healthcare to Immigration and the appointment of Betsy DeVos as United States Secretary of Education. Those who spoke used their own personal experiences to guide the discussion: a mother speaking for her daughter, an army veteran in need of leg surgery and a high schooler worried about fundings for science programs.

Some debate arose between Doug Hal, a Veteran and Fremont resident of 45 years, and a woman from across the room when the topic of immigration was brought up. When asked by Schwartz whether he would "like Mexican's to be charged \$25 to cross the border," Doug Hal had said he would. However, multiple voices in the crowd said, "everyone is free to their opinions, we have to respect each other" and tensions dropped.

Mason Fong, a 25 year old Senior Congressional Aide to Khanna, made his way downstairs during the discussion. He informed everyone that the building was too packed and the police department had deemed it a fire hazard. Fong also let the crowd know that Khanna wouldn't be able to speak them that night but he will hold town meetings monthly, with the next one scheduled in Cupertino.

Martin Pyne, a software engineer and 20 year resident of Sunnyvale, said "I'm somewhat irritated, but on the bright side we had a really great conversation. I thought talking about democracy was great. Super kudos to the woman [Schwartz] who helped facilitate our discussion."

Before going into his next forum, Khanna came downstairs and apologized to the crowd, while also promising to review their concerns written by Marna Schwartz's notetaker.

# Clothing Swap needs more donations, participants

**Anas Mustafa**  
STAFF REPORTER

The Clothing Swap is not only giving students opportunities to swap clothes to fill out your closet with new clothes, but also raising money for charitable donations, helping the environment by reusing clothes and allowing students to save money.

On Feb. 22, De Anza College club members hosted a clothing swap in the main quad in hopes of saving the environment, raising donations and increasing awareness of clothing waste in the U.S.

Anahita Biglari, 21, business and math major, said she wanted her group to mainly focus on creating a sustainable environment.

"Making people aware of the increase in waste of clothes is our group's main focus and reason why we decided to host



PHOTO BY ANAS MUSTAFA

**Left:** A bright poster advertises the opportunity for students to swap clothes, reducing waste and saving money.

**Right:** De Anza students flip through the colorful variety of clothing options at the Feb. 22 Clothing Swap in the main quad.

this clothing swap," Biglari said.

Unfortunately for Anahita and her club members, not many students showed up to the event because not many students knew about it, due to unpreparedness and poor advertising. They were

also disappointed by the number of donations.

"We were expecting way much variety and options of clothes and a bigger collection of other things, but sadly, many students bailed out and didn't bring anything in so we have a

very limited collection so not many students were interested in taking anything," Biglari said.

On March 15, the club members are hosting another Clothing Swap, offering a larger variety of clothes and a

collection of different stuff.

"Next time, we are going to be more prepared for this event," Biglari said. "We are going to properly advertise the event so people can exchange clothes and gain a new collection of clothes."

## Review: “Lego Batman” The movie we needed, and deserved



**Kunal Mehta**  
STAFF REPORTER

**RATING:**



“Lego Batman” is the movie we deserve, and the one we needed. After years of dark Batman movies, “Lego Batman” is a humorous and sometimes absurd treat for longtime fans and first-timers that will have you leaning forward in your seat, longing for the next scene.

It takes everything you could have ever wanted in a Batman film, and then adds on extras. Lesser known Batman villains? Check. Batgirl and Robin? Check. Dastardly plot that would end the world as we know it? Check. Oh and, constant jabs at Superman? Check. It’s all there.

It’s able to balance Batman’s lack of social skills and perceived self-importance into a character we feel sympathy for.

Directed by Chris McKay, the film is a spin-off of the well received “The Lego Movie,” featuring the same voice actor for Batman, Will Arnett.

On the surface it looks like a traditional Batman animated film for kids that was Lego-fied, but it’s much more. The film makes itself accessible to newcomers who aren’t familiar with the extended Batman Family like The Riddler, Poison Ivy, and even the Condiment

King.

The Joker sets up his character by explaining his relationship with the Batman for those not yet familiar with the jester, while Alfred adds in backstory of Bruce Wayne’s childhood.

The plot focuses on relationships and family – setting itself apart from The Dark Knight trilogy that eschewed family and focused on saving the city.

The only disappointment was the lack of creative Lego use. “The Lego Movie” utilized Lego building in creative ways integral to the plot. However until the very end in “Lego Batman,” there were probably three or four scenes that depended upon the use of Legos, with none of them being crucial to the progression of the story.

It did not detract from the film though, as “Lego Batman” made up in other ways. The use of music from the ‘70s and ‘80s gave it nostalgic feeling, similar to the “Guardians of the Galaxy,” as well as included a snippet of everyone’s favorite pop song: “Everything Is Awesome!”

For the hardcore DC Comics fans, there’s references to just about every Batman movie, the rest of the Justice League, and even rival Marvel hero Iron Man.

“Lego Batman” espouses the value of Legos – just as you can play Legos with anyone and everyone and have a great time, this film is exactly the same. Take a friend or your entire family, it’ll be two hours well spent.



## Review: “FUTURE”

A variety of raps that’ll please old fans

**Jarra Gojolo**  
STAFF REPORTER

**RATING:**



“FUTURE” is now, and it’s business as usual for Future Hendrix.

The Atlanta rapper released his fifth and self titled album, the first of 2017.

“Mask Off” is definitely one of the highlights of the Album. Future lays down bars over a flute Metro Boomin beat, rapping about his come-up from broke trapper to his now-lavish lifestyle. “Mask on, f--- it, mask off,” he raps, referring to the braggadocio he uses as a figurative mask.

Taking it off the reveals the true, vulnerable emotion that shows up in his music. It’s one of my favorites on the album.

In “Poppin Tags,” Hendrix spits about his wealthy buying habits over a Southside-produced beat. His verses are chock-full of strong, “ooh”s that resemble moans, mimicking the reaction eager customers have upon finding an exquisite piece of clothing, jewelry or Bentley Continental GT. This is definitely a song that should be blasted in the car at high volume while “hitting them folks.”

“When I Was Broke” tells the tale of a girl who held her man down, even though he was dirt poor. Future’s lyrics dance well over Zaytoven’s trademark piano keys, and as a result, this is one of the only songs on the album that’s not meant to be blasted at a high volume.

If I had to describe this track, it would be the type of Future track that you would raise a lighter to and sway back and forth, while shedding a tear or two.

This is a solid Future project, but it’s not on the same tier as “Monster,” “56 Nights,” and “DS2.” It’s not going to win over new fans like the old three albums do, but if you’re already a fan of hustler Future, this is something you will most likely enjoy.

## Review: “A Dog’s Purpose”

A tearjerker for dog lovers, but unoriginal

**Rachel Shin**  
STAFF REPORTER

**RATING:**



Falsely accused of animal cruelty in January before its premiere and cleared recently in February, “A Dog’s Purpose” faced heavy cutbacks in viewer attendance ever since its debut on Jan. 27. I figured I would break my own assumption of the false hashtag, watch the film and form my own review.

It is unfortunate that the movie ran into a wall right before its premiere, repelling many movie watchers. Those who did watch the film will agree that it is a tear-jerking movie for any dog-lover.

Universal Pictures publicized their trailer in August 2016, introducing a story line between a high schooler and his loyal dog. However, five months later, right before its premiere, a cell phone video surfaced on social media targeting the film, with “#movieanimalcruelty” accompanying it.

Many, including myself, cancelled plans to watch it and turned to other movies instead.

From January to February, crew members were investigated for animal cruelty charges and were cleared of accusations in February.

I have never owned a dog, but I am definitely a dog-lover. I will gladly give any corgi on the street 5 minutes of my day.

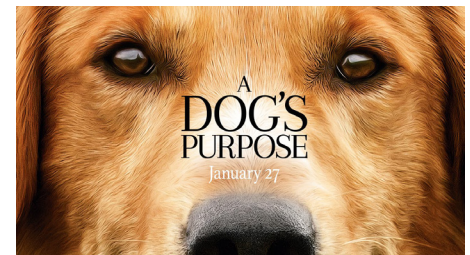
However, although the movie powerfully evokes several emotions, “A Dog’s Purpose” is cliché. Most of the scenes are too cheesy or similar to other movies for my taste.

“A Dog’s Purpose” has the typical scenes that other dog movies have. Dog is abandoned and picked up? Check. Dog accidentally causes a mess in the house? Check. Dog’s health deteriorates? Check. Dog is euthanized somewhere in the plot? Check. Dramatic transitions? Check.

Sidenote: why bubbles? You do you, editors.

There was nothing particularly different about “A Dog’s Purpose” aside from the cool fetching trick that the dog does by vaulting off of its owner’s back to catch a flat football, but that’s it. Nothing different. It’s like any other dog movie.

Although it was a movie that was up to par with other dog movies, it did not excel expectations. No unique factor came into play. However, if you are a dog-lover and you are looking for a movie like “Marley and Me” that will make you cry, you found it.



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**Write, talk to La Voz if you want to better our coverage and the De Anza community**



**Yane An**  
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Nine weeks into the quarter, and we've received one letter to the editor, a correction of our photo spread of the Euphrat's "Justice for All?" exhibit. With this unfortunate fact, I can only assume that La Voz has done zero things worth criticizing or commending.

We're not a faceless corporation whose job is to make students, faculty and administration feel uncomfortable. We're unpaid, amateur, community college student writers, trying to create the highest-quality student media possible. We have a high turnover rate, meaning that we often have completely new, inexperienced writers every quarter. This also

means that the tone of coverage could be completely different depending on who comprises the staff.

Additionally, with our limited staff and resources, we can't cover every event in a timely fashion despite our best attempts. Editors spend late nights working to create the best content possible just to have our readers make vague comments in whispers or on social media about how we've failed them, without directly giving us reasons why.

Please keep this context in mind when you comment on a La Voz story, or talk about our paper with your friends. There's nothing wrong with completely tearing us apart, as long as you have valid reasons, and are willing to write to us so that we might correct our errors or review any written pieces. Ask yourself if you are perpetuating a narrative for the sake of doing so, or if you are honestly concerned about the way something is specifically covered.

An iconic instance of meaningful communication between our paper and the campus occurred several years ago after La Voz published coverage without using the most

appropriate terms for describing transgender individuals, as the Associated Press had not yet updated its standards for describing LGBT groups. Concerned students personally came to our office and had a civil conversation with our board, where La Voz became more socially aware and afterward made sure to be considerate of preferred terms.

We cannot function with students, faculty, and admin refusing interviews or other forms of communication with our staff. We've had student reporters completely new to La Voz tell us how people around campus refused to talk to them. We've had to explain that members of our campus don't like La Voz, and it discourages our reporters from continuing.

Not only are important perspectives not covered, the disconnect between the campus and the paper broadens. Effectively, in the pursuit of chastising La Voz through silent criticism taken to the depths of Facebook, rather than through direct channels with us, you ensure that we never improve, and that you are likely to be continuously

disappointed.

Our office doors are always open to the public, and we welcome any opportunity to discuss our coverage. We want to promote discussion, and right any wrongs. The more feedback we receive, the better we become, and the more we can figure out what our student body's response is to our writing. We'd love to interact with everyone as much as possible.

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**De Anza students don't like Donald Trump, but our survey statistics will shock you**

**Shaun Chatrath**  
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza College students really hate Donald Trump and the numbers do not lie.

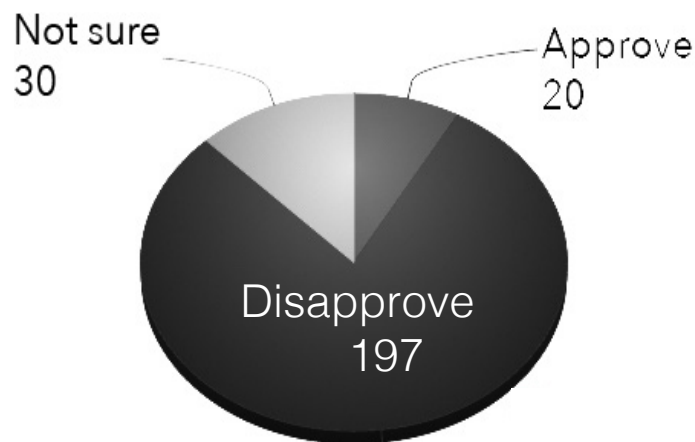
La Voz conducted an approval rating poll for Donald Trump, randomly asking students what they think about the President.

Of 247 students surveyed, only 8 percent of them said that they approved of Donald Trump as President, while 79.9 percent said otherwise. While he has a net disapproval when rated in scientific studies done across all of America, as many as 43 percent approve of him across the country. He might not be very popular in general, but the numbers show that he is absolutely despised here on campus.

While it is common knowledge that the U.S. is a divided country - the 2016 Presidential Election further solidified that - there is bigger issue revolving around freedom of expression without judgement. The 20 students who were surveyed for La Voz's poll that were in favor of Trump's administration were very private about their opinions.

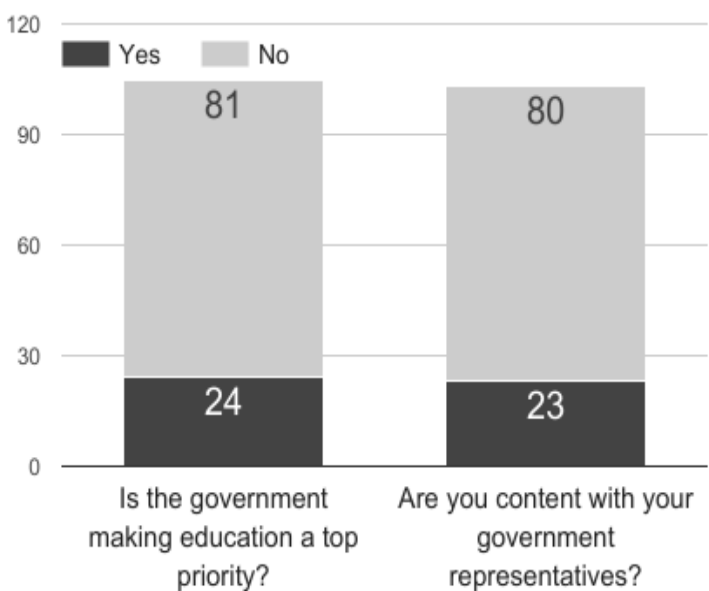
This made it difficult to even quote Trump supporters since many of them agreed to participate in the poll, only if their name was redacted. Yet, the 197 De Anza students that disapproved often didn't waste a breath, especially those who were sitting with their friends. In fact, everyone surveyed that was sitting within a group highly disapproved of President Donald Trump.

**What is your opinion of President Trump?**



247 students polled.  
Polling by La Voz staff.

Data gathered by La Voz News using unscientific polling.

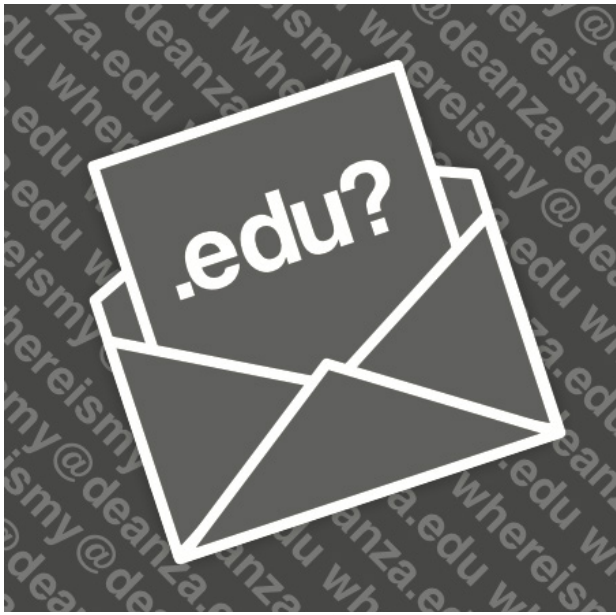


105 students polled.  
Polling by Shaun Chatrath, Jarra Gojolo and Natalie Valencia.

**How De Anza stacks up:**



# De Anza students deserve a better answer from administration on .edu emails



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Student emails ending in .edu, which provide many useful benefits are a staple for many four-year institutions as well as a small number of lucky community colleges. But, the marketing behind edu emails has been frail. According to Stephanie Rigsby, the DASB Vice-President, De Anza can provide .edu emails, but students must adamantly request one from the administration.

The status of the implementation of these emails is so arcane that while Rigsby states that they are obtainable, College Life Office Coordinator Dennis Shannakian notes that it is currently impossible for De Anza students to obtain a .edu email, even if they specifically request one.

In terms of the benefits of such an implementation, universal student emails would provide all with free Amazon prime, a spotify premium discount, free Microsoft Office, an Amazon Prime account, free New York Times, free Wall Street Journal, free anti-virus software, and increased professionalism.

De Anza administration continues to obfuscate and pretend that there is a lack of support. When asked about serious implementation of .edu emails, Marisa Spatafore, associate vice president, communications and external relations, repeated a previous statement she had given to La Voz — that she would want to see widespread support from students before administration takes action.

That response does not make sense given that a 2014 study conducted by the College Office of Institutional Research and Planning revealed that 80 percent of students would like .edu emails, and 40 percent would in fact use them multiple times a day.

She added that the survey results were invalid because they are four years old, but back when the study was published, she stated a complete inverse: “De Anza College and the district are definitely considering the wish many students have to obtain a college email address.”

The assumed narrative that students would neither want nor use .edu emails ironically comes at a time when the DASB student government just unanimously endorsed universal access to .edu emails, coupled with the already demonstrably high levels of student support.

While educational emails may seem insignificant given the many day-to-day challenges, saving money and opening professional gateways are no doubt beneficial at a community college composed of many working and middle class students, and this is precisely what an edu domain accomplishes.

Administration is no doubt busy, but honesty and transparency would be much preferred to beating around the bush. However, despite the administration’s its befuddling choice of language, some students have decided to meet the high burden of proof which administration is requiring.

Sobia Chahal, 20, said “We will be collecting student signatures and providing data to backup importance of addresses for students to advocate.”

As well, Mako Mori, 20, working alongside Chahal expressed her interest which stems from the elevated professionalism the domain provides, allowing for more credibility when contacting faculty and administration.

Admittedly, a great deal of data storage and work would be needed by De Anza’s educational technology services. Luckily, a widespread swath of students are ready for such a transformative change, and based on the current climate and all given data thus far, this hard work would be put to use.

You have to wonder why studies like these are performed if the high authorities of the school have no interest in taking student opinions seriously.

Instead, administration chooses to indulge in circular logic that will ultimately require an unnecessary amount of activism to demonstrate something that has already been proven.

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No	232	21%	168	29%	400	24%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,107</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1,694</b>	<b>100%</b>

Data courtesy of De Anza College Office of Institutional Research and Planning

## How ICC bureaucracy squashed the De Anza LGBT community

**Jon Dupin**  
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Once upon a time at De Anza, there was a club on campus known as the Rainbow Club, a relatively non-institutionalized space where LGBT students could safely identify while developing community. Sound like a nifty idea? It was, but it was lost in the abyss of community college turnover rates.

At a time when conservative politics are beginning to strip away the rights of the LGBT community to exist as equals within American society, LGBT associations at De Anza are more vital than ever.

The DASB and ICC proudly espouse the school’s inclusive mission statement (which refers to the students and faculty as agents of change) but do not review how the restrictive tenants in Inter-Club Council code keep some clubs from being formed and others from surviving.

Library technician and ex-adviser to the now dead Rainbow Club David Byars reaffirmed that club vitality is hindered by a two-year community college environment.

Additionally, the ICC requirement of five officers means that although there may be constant interest, it is difficult to find five people who have the time and are willing to commit.

“There might be three people interested (in being officers) one quarter and two new people interested the next, but it never gets formed,” Byars said.

The amount of paperwork, bureaucratic hoops and hurdles and the busy schedule of students make it hard for clubs to get started and to maintain activeness, he said.

The Rainbow Club, when active, was a force for unity and community. In addition to field trips, movie nights, and regular meetings, “it created a space for mourning, unfortunately something that was necessary

over the course of the club,” Byars said.

On Nov. 20, the club used to hold vigils on Trans Remembrance day.

Even at De Anza, a progressive focal point, the greatest crime is not that queer students constantly face harassment on campus, but that there is seemingly no community on campus to accommodate the unique challenges that we LGBT students face outside of campus.

Currently, De Anza and other colleges do not track success rates of LGBTQ students. But clearly having a club and other social outlets allowing students to socialize with others can only encourage students to feel safe and succeed on campus.

De Anza should make creating and maintaining clubs an easier process to foster community, especially for a marginalized group that needs it.



GRAPHIC BY MARIA ORTIZ

# Extra inning walkoff leads to first win

## Softball team snaps losing streak with 9-8 victory



**Virgilio Gonzalez**  
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The De Anza College women's softball team had its first win of the season in a 9-8 extra-inning walkoff home victory against Mendocino College on Saturday Feb. 25.

Earlier in the week, the team lost their seventh game of the season on Thursday, Feb. 7, in a 16-3 rout against Butte College at home.

In the victory, sophomore pitcher Molly Mills and freshman third baseman Jessica Artega led the team with two RBIs each. Six of the nine players in the lineup recorded at least one hit, and six players stole at least one base.

The Dons scored eight runs in the bottom of the first to establish an 8-2 lead. But they were held scoreless through the next six innings allowing Mendocino to mount a comeback in the top of the seventh inning.

Tied 8-8 in the bottom of the eighth, the Dons broke through their cold streak, scoring one last run to win the game.

In the Feb. 23 loss, Mills gave up eight runs in the first inning and then seven in the second inning. Mills wasn't able to set up a rhythm early on, but once she did, it was too late. The deficit was too much to comeback from.

"It was pretty cold and it was hard to get a good spin on it, but they're also a good hitting team" Mills said. "Once I got warmed up it got a little bit better"

At the plate, Jolyssa Ramirez provided De Anza with four hits and two runs, Caitlin Shannon had one run and Karina Jacobs had one RBI

"I feel that we're a strong hitting team," Ramirez said. "It's just that a lot of us didn't come to perform and I was just doing my job as the second hitter to get people in and to get things started."

Coach Megan Kravets said the game wasn't the team's best performance, but something they could learn from.

"We were much happier with the second game because in the first game we didn't do so well," she said. "In this game we were able to get runs and hits so

that was better for us."

Despite being down by such a wide margin the Dons never lost their cool. On the contrary, when a player would make a big play, the team would come together at the mound to congratulate each other.

"I think that comes from us being so close, bonding a lot and being on good terms with everybody because we're one big family and we pick ourselves up," Ramirez said. "We don't let it be known that we're mad at anybody."

Coach Kravets agreed with

**"That is one of our main goals, to never get down on each other. so I think that was one of the reasons we continued to stay positive through the game."**

**-Megan Kravets, softball coach**



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**Top:** De Anza College freshman Carina Carrasco, short stop, fields a ground ball at the first game of a double header at home on Feb. 23. De Anza lost the 20-0 shut out recording three hits and two errors. Carrasco generated zero hits during her two at bats.

**Bottom:** Sophomore Molly Mills winds up to pitch. Mills surrendered 30 hits including a home run in the first game. At the plate, she recorded one of the team's three hits.

Ramirez and said the team has a great bond.

"The team has great bonding this year and I think that helps and we all try to pick each other up,"

Kravets said. "That is one of our main goals: to never get down on each other, so I think that was one of the reasons we continued to stay positive through the game."

## Exercise became competitive passion

**Rachel Shin**  
STAFF REPORTER



De Anza track athlete Cheianne Armstrong, 19, meteorology major, originally joined a track team in eighth grade to lose weight, but wound up discovering her passion for competition.

In high school, she competed in both cross country and track, but after excelling in sprints and jumps, Armstrong shifted her focus to track. She represents De Anza in the following events: 100-meter sprint, 200-meter sprint, 4x400 relay and triple jump.

Unlike some athletes who have pre-meet traditions, Armstrong stays away from such routines.

"I don't even like wearing the same socks or the same sports bras at meets," she said. "I compete with my own abilities that way."

Prior to meets, she prefers to carry on her life as usual, practicing ways to calm nerves.

"I try not to think too hard about the meet the day before because I think it would psych me out," she said. "I usually visualize all my races the day before, so that I feel less anxious on the day of."

Before races, Armstrong takes deep breaths and holds them for as long as she can.

"It helps me to think that it increases my lung capacity so that when I feel like I'm dying out in the race, I still have some air left in me to push forward," she said.

Despite the stress, Armstrong said she aspires to break her own personal records this season.

Like any other student on campus, Armstrong also has to juggle her time as a college student. Among her academics, track schedule, work hours and her personal hobbies of attending concerts like Ariana Grande's, Armstrong works hard to accommodate to each part of her life.

"One thing I always tell myself is that I'm not going to go out there and not do my best," she said. "I could be doing other stuff. I could be sleeping or doing my homework, but I choose to come out here and do track everyday. At meets, I make sure I do all I can because if I don't, what's the point of all those hours of practice?"

## Men's and women's track teams take first place at home



PHOTO BY TERRY PON

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De Anza Track and Field started out strong with multiple first place finishes at the De Anza Open held at De Anza College on Saturday, Feb. 25.

One standout was sophomore Alyssa Renteria, who placed first in the women's 3000-meter steeple chase.

This was Renteria's first steeple chase of the season. She went to the state championship in the event last year.

Renteria said she had issues with the water jump in previous steeple chases.

"I was super nervous the whole morning leading up to the race," Renteria said. "I was frustrated with my water jumps, but I used that to push myself harder."

Renteria finished the 3000-meter steeple chase 28 seconds ahead of the second place finisher.

Sophomore Anya Tonga also had a notable finish in the shot put, and she credited her supportive team.

"My team is literally my backbone," Tonga said. "Most of the time, I throw far for them. I'm captain, too, so I feel the need to set the example,

but even when my throws aren't good, they still cheer me on."

With the team cheering for Tonga, she earned first place throwing for a distance of 12.63 meters.

"My team is literally my family out on the field and that's what I love about them" Tonga said.

Sophomore Melissa Borello also won first place in a strong performance in women's pole vault with a height of 2.80 meters.

Sophomore Joseph Ilaoa beat 25 other throwers in men's shot put, throwing for 13.71 meters and first place.

Sophomore Juan Pablo Magana had a close call during the 1,500-meter with a time of four minutes and eight seconds, finishing a second ahead of his closest competitor.

The men's 4x100 team also won first place with a time of 42.45 seconds.

"It's always nice to win at home," Head Coach Nick Mattis said. "The teams that competed were a good test for us and for both teams to win the meet it was a good day."

The next track event at De Anza is the De Anza Invitational on Friday, March 10 at 10 a.m.

Anthony Balas, sophomore, runs the 110-meter hurdle event at the De Anza Open track meet, held at De Anza College on Saturday, Feb. 25. Both the men's and women's teams took first place in their meets.

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