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WELCOME WEEK KICKS OFF WITH MUSIC

Economics major Thien Phan shows off his breakdance moves for the crowd as the Dennis Dove Band plays at the cafeteria patio during Welcome Week, Wednesday, Sept. 25. This is the third year that the band filled De Anza's campus with its brand of old soul, funk, R&B and reggae. Welcome Week was the first of many events the DASB has planned for the quarter.

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Internships help students, despite some critics saying companies use interns to replace full-time workers
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FHDA district employees to consider 2% raise

By Stephanie Chao

A 2.07 percent pay raise - the first since 2008 - is in the works for unionized employees at De Anza and Foothill colleges.

The Association of Classified Employees, representing many office workers, has already ratified the increase.

The Foothill-De Anza Faculty Association will vote on the ratification this week.

Faculty Association chief negotiator Kathy Perino wrote in the Sept. 19 FA News pamphlet that some of the prime reasoning behind the association's request to increase the salary include "many faculty reporting fatigue

and feeling underappreciated" in addition to neighboring districts having received salary adjustments above 2 percent.

Perino explained that some members of the faculty feel "the fatigue primarily comes from the increased workload" and the constantly changing nature of the job.

"While this salary adjustment doesn't come close to matching the increased costs of living over the last six years, I do think it provides some relief to faculty," Perino wrote in an email. In the pamphlet, FA says the current salary of a new full-time faculty member

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Main Quad
Check out clubs' information tables, club performances, free treats and giveaways in the Main Quad. Set up begins at 9 a.m. for participating club members.

Main Quad

Transfer Day provides prospective transfer students the opportunity to meet and visit with admissions and outreach representatives from four-year colleges and universities. Participants at this annual event include select campuses from California State University (CSU), University of California (UC), California independent/private and several out-of-state colleges and universities.

For many of the participating institutions, Transfer Day represents the only time during the academic year that they will be available on the De Anza campus to provide information about their transfer programs. Keep in mind that there may be a waiting line at some tables to speak with the representative. Come early and come with questions you have about the colleges of interest and the application process.

Wednesday, Oct. 16 at Hartnell
Friday, Oct. 18 vs. Cabrillo
Wednesday, Oct. 23 vs. San Jose City

Friday, Oct. 11 vs. Monterey Peninsula
at 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 15 vs. Mission at 4 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 8 at Hartnell at 4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 11 vs. San Francisco at 4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 15 at Monterey Peninsula at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 9 vs. Ohlone at 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 16 at College of
San Mateo at 3:30 p.m.

Noon
Hearthside Lounge
This event will be a poetry reading, focusing on Ed Pavlic's book "Visiting Hours at the Color Line."

Ed Pavlic's most recent books are "Visiting Hours at the Color Line," "But Here Are Small Clear Refractions," "Winners

Have Yet to be Announced: A Song for Donny Hathaway,” and “Labors Lost Left Unfinished.”

Staff and faculty can earn PGA/PAA credit for attending a Foothill Authors Series session. For more information, contact Mia Casey at caseymia@foothill.edu or call 650-949-7408.

The Foothill Environmental Horticulture & Design Department presents its popular fall plant sale. Drought-tolerant and native plants, as well as hard-to-find greenery while supplies last. Sale proceeds benefit the department. Only cash and check accepted for sales; bring bags and boxes to transport purchases. The sale will feature a wide selection of shrubs, perennials, bamboos, decorative grasses, ground covers and vegetables.

Noon to 1 p.m.
KCI Gallery

Foothill College Photography Instructor Ron Herman will present a lunchtime gallery talk, discussing the images of Korda's most famous model, Norka, to commemorate her 75th birthday on this day. The gallery is located adjacent to Lot 4; admissions is free and parking is \$3.

For viewing of the exhibition, the KCI Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is closed Sundays and the following days: Nov. 11 and 28.

Monday, October 7
District Boardroom (Building D120)
6 p.m.
Foothill College
This is a regular meeting of the FHDA Community College Board of Trustees. The public session starts at 6 p.m. Review the agenda to verify time and location of the meeting. The agenda is posted 72 hours in advance. For information, call the Chancellor's Office at 650-949-6100 or email norsellpaula@fthd.edu.

Mark Kelly & Gabrielle Giffords
David Brooks
Steve Wozniak
Leon Panetta
Doris Kearns Goodwin
Jacques & Claudine Pepin
Lara Logan & Bob Simon.

For dates and information on how to purchase tickets, go to www.celebrityforum.net.

Saturdays during the quarter
Fujitsu Planetarium
De Anza College
 Laser light shows return to the Planetarium this quarter. New this quarter are Friday Night Live Events; for dates, time and information as well as laser light show schedule and times, go to www.deanza.edu/planetarium.

October 21 to December 5
Euphrat Museum
De Anza College
Museum Hours:
Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Saturday November 2, 10 am to 1 p.m.
Group tours available by appointment
Reception with artists: Wednesday,
November 13, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Visiting Artist Presentation with Titus Kaphar, November 13, 11:30 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. and 12:30 - 1:20 pm in the Visual & Performing Arts Center Theater (VPA 115)

Making Space explores physical, cultural and historic space. Artists include: Ben Alexy, Barbara Boissevain, Elizabeth Catlett, Lee Crowley, Art Hazelwood, David Huffman, Juliana Kang-Robinson, Titus Kaphar, H. Leen Keller, Sylvia Rios, Mark Sanchez, Tracey Snelling, Cristina Velazquez and Lewis Batros.

Special Projects include “Basketball Pyramid,” “Mapping Journeys,” and “What Can I Do Now?” with De Anza students from Puente, Sankofa Scholar, Color & Design, Intermediate Drawing, Gallery & Exhibition Design and Internship in Art classes.

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EDGAR GODINEZ | LA VOZ STAFF
Joe Cooke, far right, and Reyes Hernandez, far left, move mats near the De Anza's athletic track.

Small grounds crew for campus upkeep

By Edgar Godinez

De Anza College, a campus that is 112 acres, has only four groundskeepers to maintain it.

Their duties include installing and fixing the irrigation, cutting grass, maintaining the fields, trimming trees. They also do extra work outside their jobs, if an object needs to get moved they get called to move it.

Groundskeeper Eduardo Mendes said, "Everything that goes on the floor is the grounds job to pick it up and clean."

Reyes Hernandez, a groundskeeper at De Anza said the most difficult part of the job is juggling tasks, and as a result they aren't able to complete everything.

Each worker is assigned

approximately 28 acres. On top of working their area, if another crew member needs help or is sick, they also cover that area.

Although the groundskeepers didn't say their areas are too large, they did say more personnel would help.

Due to recent budget cuts, the grounds crew lacks certain materials they said would facilitate their work and make it safer. They said they need tools, gloves, and respirator masks.

When asked how they keep the school clean and well maintained, Hernandez said, "Trabajando duro!" which translates to "Working hard!"

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De Anza employees to vote on pay raise

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at Foothill or De Anza is "not even in the top ten in the state."

On Aug. 7, the district "took issue" with the association's concerns of over-budgeting and faculty salaries but also acknowledged its proposal was reasonable and accepted FA's request to ratify the salary.

While the faculty and FA are finalizing the proposal and awaiting the Board's approval, FA and the district are working together to reach a proper adjustment for the new salary.

The pay raise is expected to appear in the first October paychecks.

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DASB Senate votes to oppose high fee classes

By Craig Morrison

The DASB Senate voted unanimously to oppose California Assembly bill at its meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 25

AB 955, allows community colleges to create high tuition, non-subsidized "extension courses" to fill the need for high demand classes, averaging \$200 per unit. The bill passed both the California House of Representatives and Senate and will be limited to pilot programs in six colleges.

DASB senators said the bill creates a two-tier education system by privatizing community colleges. De Anza joins four of the six affected campuses in opposing the bill.

"This is not a solution, as most students can't afford these new classes," Robert Yasin, a DASB Senator and political science major said.

"There has been an unprecedented amount of opposition to this bill from students," said Anita Adams, the

De Anza student trustee on the FHDA District Board.

She displayed a statewide Facebook group in opposition to the bill and noted after the meeting that six DASB Senate members spoke in Sacramento against AB 955.

The senate also discussed California Senate Bill 1358, which gives students the right to vote on a \$1 increase to their student representation fee, currently capped at \$1 per student. The bill increases the limit to \$2 only with approval in a student election.

The fee pays for both on-campus representation and representation at the state level. De Anza does not currently charge this fee, but approval of the bill means

students could put the issue on the spring election ballot. The DASB Senate voted to support the bill going forward.

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Diversity and Events

MONDAY | 3:30 p.m. | Don Bautista Room



environmental sustainability

FRIDAY | 11:30 a.m. | Senate office



FINANCE

FRIDAY | 3:30 pm | Student Council Chambers B



MARKETING

MONDAY | 12 p.m. | Senate office



STUDENT RIGHTS & SERVICES

THURSDAY | 12:30 p.m. | Senate Office



MONEY MATTERS

Financial advice for college students



Students prefer Amazon to local bookstores for textbooks

By Rika Kumar

At the beginning of the quarter, students are shocked at how much college textbooks cost.

So where are students going to get the best priced books? The top choice of De Anza students is not De Anza or Premiere bookstores, but Amazon.

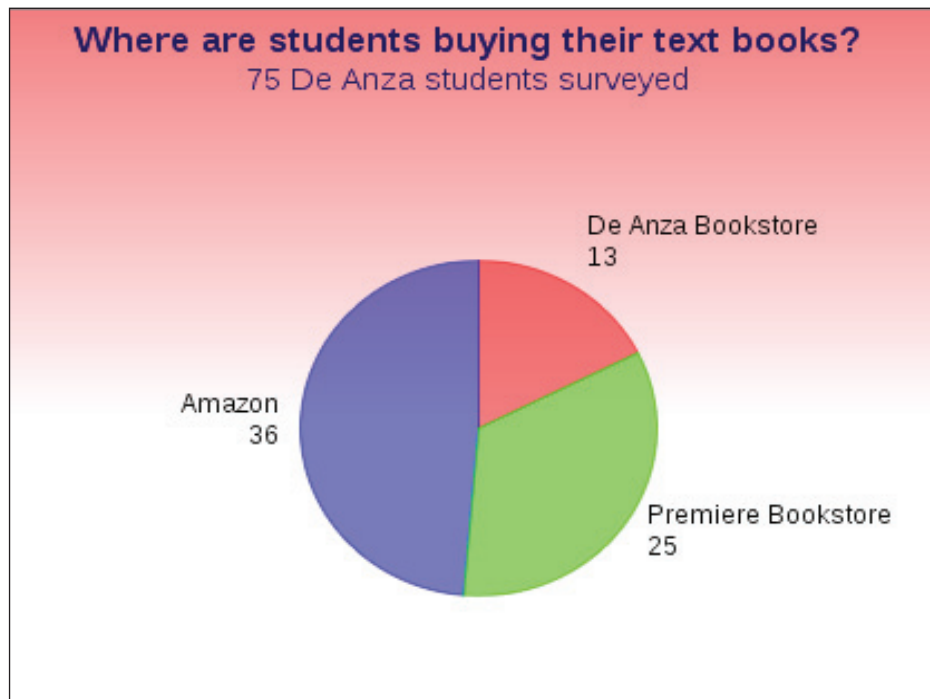
Students prefer Amazon Prime to the campus bookstore because of the return policy and decreased costs, according to an anonymous survey on 75 students at De Anza.

Forty-eight percent of surveyed students responded they would rather purchase their books from Amazon than from Premiere or the campus bookstore.

Since Amazon sells online and networks with other online sellers to create a virtual marketplace, the prices are considerably lower than traditional bookstores.

In addition, Amazon offers discounts on shipping, free return service with prime membership, and higher refunds through their buyback program.

Because of these incentives, students don't mind the short wait time involved in getting



their books from Amazon.

Premiere Bookstore across the street is the second most favored choice among De Anza students. Survey showed 33 percent of students choose Premiere.

While the prices are not as low as Amazon's, they are lower than De Anza's buying and renting prices. The location makes it easy for students to pay a

little more for books right away.

Currently only about 17 percent of the surveyed population prefers to buy their books at the De Anza bookstore.

Kelly Swanson, the director of De Anza bookstore, is planning to change that. "We are going to be very competitive in the

winter quarter because we are taking some of the steps now to change some of the price."

"The best part of the De Anza bookstore is that we have direct contact with the faculty," she said, "we should have the most current information for you and hopefully in the future we will have the best price." Swanson said.

Swanson offered some tips how students

can make the most of the new buyback and rental rules. "Get in here early," she said, "We have the most amount of rentals [and] used books and you can save quite a bit of money."

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DASB card offers little-known discounts

By Leticia Castro

You may have a DASB card, but what can you use it for?

Beyond checking out books in the library, De Anza college students can get discounts with the DASB card.

Discount range from food to bowling.

Most participating venues are local, found just across the street, but a few are located in San Jose.

Coffee shop discounts include 10 percent off at Coffee Society,

Cafe LaTTea, and It's a Grind Coffee House.

Students can receive 15 percent off at Cinnabon, Erik's Deli, and Fresh choice.

Baja Fresh Mexican Grill offers a free drink with any order over \$6. Ike's Lair offers a free can of soda with a purchase of a sandwich.

For bowling lovers, Homestead Lanes offers a free game with the purchase of a game.

Pizza lovers can enjoy J.T McHarts Pizza offers of 20 percent off orders more than \$10.

Ice cream fans can get 10 percent off any Cold Stone Creamery purchase.

For more discounts visit: www.deanza.edu/dasb/discounts/ or download the Rovertown app.

"Now I'm going to go to subway and try to use this discount." Matt Amato, 19, business management major.

Many are unaware of the discounts.

"This is my third year at De Anza and I never knew I could get discounts." Mayra Espinoza, 21, child development major.

HOW TO PICK YOUR BANK

Five things to watch out for

By Rachel Schemel

•**Mobile Banking:** Many banks now have additional features for mobile banking like mobile deposit and bill pay.

•**Fees:** Banks often have student accounts options to help reduce additional fees associated with having an account. Opening a savings account or using your debit card multiple times a month can allow you to have a free account. Overdraft protection can help prevent the overdraft fee.

•**Credit:** Banks have student credit cards to help improving credit score.

•**Loans:** Ask your bank about loan options for any private student loans or to refinance your car. Low interest rate help save in the long run.

•**ATMs:** Check for close ATM locations and options when choosing a bank. Make sure the ATMs offer everything you need when pressed for time.

Best banks for students' bucks

By Samuel Reeves

GoBankingRates.com published a recent study that ranked the 10 best banks for students.

Citibank was found the best bank for students this fall based on the variety of services they provided specifically for students.

Citibank offers accounts with no monthly fees and allow students to use non-Citibank ATMs nationwide.

Citibank's mobile banking allows students to access your accounts online or by phone.

An additional bonus to Citibank's student accounts is a specialized "Citibank Thank You Rewards" that gives students reward points greater than their standard packages.

Bank of America, ranked second on GoBankingRates.com, provides students 1 percent cash back on every purchase, 2 percent on groceries, and 3 percent on gas.

Bank of America also features online banking and a rewards program that is similar to Citibank's rewards program.

A credit union can provide better deals for students than the standard bank.

A credit union is not FDIC insured, meaning it is not responsible for reimbursing customers if the bank goes under. Because of not being FDIC insured, a credit union can offer better rates.

Star One Credit Union offers an average APR of 12.75 percent on loans, considerably less than most major banks with APR's reaching as high as 23.99 percent.

Despite offering student accounts, some banks like Wells Fargo and Chase do not give benefits substantial enough for students to notice.

When asked about the benefits of a Wells Fargo bank, Samantha Leith, 19, undecided major, said, "I just wish that they would give me some noticeable benefits."

"I'm a member of Chase," said De Anza College chemistry major Vincent Vo, 19. When asked about his satisfaction, he replied, "Yeah, I'm happy with it."

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DASB CARD

Other Discounts with DASB card

- 360 Gourmet Burrito 10% off
- Bar Code Chicken Bites with milk tea and Pearls \$5
- C'est Si Bon Bakery 10% off
- Florentine Resturant 15% off
- I Love Bento 10 % off
- Nei Tea House Free drink with purchase of food
- Quicklys \$1 milk tea get one free on weekends
- Sea Port Resturant 10% off
- Simple Thia 10% off dinner dine ins
- Subway 10% off or Buy 6" and drink get one free
- Togos 6' with chips and drink for \$6.50
- Yiassoo 15% off all food

CAMPUS PROFILE

New bookstore director to change policies

By Mark Aquino

Kelly Swanson, the new De Anza bookstore director, brings a new energy to campus with innovative policies.

After more than 20 years in the literature field, she arrived at De Anza in July coming from Cal State, Bakersfield.

“Out of all the 20 years I’ve worked in this field, De Anza has the most polite and most patient students I’ve come across,” Swanson said.

As a mother of two college students, she understands how certain things could be done.

Over the summer, she and the bookstore team planned a revamp of the bookstore entirely, including policies.

One of the new policies students should be on the look out for involves backpacks.

Students will no longer be required to turn over their backpacks in order to enter the bookstore, but security in the store will be increased to prevent any mishaps.

“Students are adults so there is no need for the previous backpack policy” says Swanson.

Rental books can now be bought if the student decides to keep them for future reference by paying the original balance minus the rental fee.

The bookstore will be more student-based by including suggestions made by student committees, which will meet monthly to discuss changes to make things easier for students. Prices in the bookstore will be lowered in order to accommodate students’ needs for expensive textbooks.

“These committees will be made up of students to make suggestions for students,” Swanson said.



MARK AQUINO | LA VOZ STAFF

New bookstore director Kelly Swanson plans to make textbooks more affordable for students.

The price of clothing sold in the bookstore will be reduced as well. Since the bookstore’s convenience store does not have a name, students will be able to enter a contest to create a name and design.

Internship positions will be available to help students build their resumes.

“We want students to be able to hang out and relax at the bookstore,” Swanson said. The bookstore will add chairs and tables inside for students to be able to hang out or relax.

Book-related changes were possible with the help of fair trade Universities, an organization that supports education.

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First astronomy show of the fall sells out

By LiWei Shih

De Anza College’s Fujitsu Planetarium hosted a sold-out astronomy “Magic Tree” show on Saturday, Sept. 28.

Families with kids waited in line to see the first showing of Magic Tree.

The audience absorbed knowledge about the solar system through an animated film and participated in every activity.

The animation brought people close to the sun, earth, and the moon, investigating issues of the living situation for humans on other planets.

Through interviews of NASA astronauts, the audience learned about the challenges of living in outer space.

Program Director Mike Askins showed the stars through the projector at the end of the show.

People were also looking forward to attending other laser shows scheduled later that night. The laser shows will

be held every weekend from September to March in Fujitsu Planetarium.

“These laser shows are social events that are designed along different themes which contain various colors and motions to match different types of rock music,” said Askins.

Fujitsu Planetarium is the largest most modern school planetarium west of the Rocky Mountains.

Upcoming Laser Shows

Oct. 12-	9 p.m. Led Zeppelin LottaL
	10 p.m. AC/DC
Oct. 19-	9 p.m. Spooktacular Laser
	10 p.m. Hendrix/ Doors
Oct. 26-	9 p.m. Spooktacular Laser
	10 p.m. Pink Floyd Dark Side
Nov. 2-	9 p.m. U2
	10 p.m. Pink Floyd The Wall
Nov. 9-	9 p.m. Star Symphoney
	10 p.m. Radiohead
Nov. 16-	9 p.m. Beatles Anthology
	10 p.m. Pink Floyd Dark Side
Nov. 23-	9 p.m. Beatles Sgt. Pepper
	10 p.m. Led Zeppelin LottaL
Dec. 7-	9 p.m. Holiday Magic Laser
	10 p.m. AC/DC

If you missed it last weekend, astronomy and laser shows will be held every weekend in the planetarium. Details can be found at <http://www.deanza.edu/planetarium/contact.html>.

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Fair trade takes stand at De Anza bookstore

By Jescelame Valencia



JESCELANE VALENCIA | LA VOZ STAFF

The De Anza Bookstore adds a fair trade section and plans to expand it throughout the store. Bookstore Director Kelly Swanson is working together with LEAD to eliminate any connections with sweatshops.

The De Anza College bookstore is teaming up with a fair trade organization to set a new clothing policy eliminating connections to sweatshops.

Latina/o Empowerment at De Anza Community (LEAD) first discussed the importance of fair trade on campus after attending the LEAD Global Issues Conference last year.

“Our students asked De Anza President Brian Murphy to make sure and ask candidates for the position of Director of the Bookstore to commit to fair trade,” said Marc Coronado, the LEAD coordinator.

New bookstore director Kelly Swanson said she has always worked with fair trade and believes it should be a standard in stores. She plans to teach students about the difference between sweatshops and fair trade.

Swanson now has vendors sign an agreement guaranteeing they are sweatshop-free. If a vendor fails or lies on the agreement, De Anza will discontinue business, she said.

Although Swanson and others want the bookstore to sell only items from a fair trade vendor, items can be hard to find and are limited, Swanson said.

“It can never be 100 percent fair trade,” she said. “It is easy to find fair traded snacks like coffee or candy, but it is difficult with clothing.”

Fair trade products are typically higher priced and that may be an issue for students with a budget.

Swanson plans to expand the small section of fair trade in the bookstore.

“LEAD T-shirts are among the first fair trade items being sold,” Coronado said. “We hope that the athletic teams will soon join the fair trade cause.”

Don't leave your dreams unrealized

By Supreet Singh

Follow your dreams.

It's advice given to many young people who aspire to do what they love for a living.

It should also be the mindset of a person planning to attend college.

In today's economy, following your passion of getting a liberal arts degree isn't always the safest bet in terms of finding a job to meet your needs.

Many degrees are considered a waste in today's job market.

According to a study by The Daily Beast, the most useless majors include fine arts, theater, photography and journalism.

Anything involving some sort of creative work isn't rated high in employment potential.

This begs the question of whether it is worth following your passion to do what you love, or wiser to take the safe route and do what's practical in the job market.

It's no secret the job market dictates many students' choice of a major.

For most students, the future is about more than just themselves. The possibility of having a family to take care of one day weighs heavily on their decision-making process.

The fear of not being able to provide for the important people in your life, let alone yourself, can immediately sway someone to make a decision that makes sense at the moment.

Learning what interests you and being surrounded by peers who share your passions will better your learning experience.

You will leave college with greater confidence in who you are and what you want to accomplish.

"On virtually all measures known to contribute to positive outcomes, graduates of liberal arts colleges rate their experience more highly than graduates of private or public universities," wrote USA Today's Jason Day of his study on recent graduates.

People may tell you it's not a safe decision and you will have trouble finding a stable job, but you always have options.

In the worst case scenario, you can start fresh again and attend community college to get another degree. Teaching in your field of interest is another option to make a living while maintaining a connection to your passion.

Your goals are impossible if you never go after them. You get one shot at life.

Only by chasing what you really want will you get the most out of it.

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COLLEGES EMPHASIZING MERIT-BASED FINANCIAL AID

Focus should be on disadvantaged

By Chris Padilla

If the system used by colleges to provide financial aid to college students based on merit determined by SAT scores, academic performance and athletic or artistic ability – instead of financial need – worked properly, it would regardless be a bad idea.

After all, it still amounts to measuring a person's worth on something as arbitrary as whether they have one or more of three talents, leaving those who have not yet found their calling and cannot pay for a college education in the dust.

Those considered to have merit might not even need the financial aid to begin with.

A 2009 report done by the New York Times shows a positive correlation between SAT scores and home income level across

all three test sections: critical reading, math, and writing.

According to Catherine Rampell, author of the article, there is an average of a 12-point difference when moving up from one income level to the next. The richer you are, the better your scores will be. Logic dictates that you are more likely to receive aid if your family is financially well off than someone from a more disadvantaged background.

Unfortunately, the system doesn't work, at least not as advertised.

Shauniqua Epps, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education, was a 3.8 GPA high school student who also participated in varsity basketball and softball. She also scored high on her SAT's.

At the very least, she qualified for merit-based scholarship

because of her SAT score, which fell in line with her college of choice.

But she did not receive enough aid to be able attend her first or even second college of choice, because she simply could not afford it.

The same article points out the possible reasoning behind not giving aid to someone with so much merit and that need comes down to money.

Instead of offering full aid to students like Epps, colleges can attract multiple less-needy students, who also qualify on merit, but will require less assistance, allowing the schools to collect more tuition while maintaining prestige.

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What's the weirdest thing you've seen in the parking lot?



"I saw a person pee on his car that was parked right next to me."

– Alexandria Alnas, 21, commercial design



"One time this girl was changing, showing her ass-cheeks (to) everybody."

– Daniel Cervantes, 19, aviation



"I've seen people just swoop in and take (someone's parking spot)."

– Veronica Lewis, 18, film

Parking doesn't need to be stressful

By Krystal Alvarado

The De Anza College parking lots are a nightmare, from the SUVs parked in compact spots to double parking.

College students always seem to be pressed for time. Many times I've seen drivers frantically circling the lots looking for an empty space.

The stress of getting to class on time while not being able to find an empty space can be dangerous.

Unfortunately, my car was a victim of the parking lot while I was in class one day during spring quarter.

I came out to find a dent on the brand new car that I had just purchased four days prior.

It's easy to place most of the blame on careless drivers, but the lack of space in the parking lot makes everything feel tight.

According to Bay Area News Group, De Anza enrolled 21,144 students in spring 2013 and offered only 5,100 parking spots. That comes out to roughly four students for every parking spot.

"It's too small and compact. It's not made for big cars," said De Anza student Olivia Salazar, 19.

The size of the parking lots and spaces can't be changed for our convenience, but here are a couple of tips and helpful advice we can all use to reduce the stress of parking:

- **Public transportation.** Every De Anza student pays for a VTA Eco Pass with their school fees. It allows De Anza students to use VTA buses and the light rail for free. The De Anza website has more information on how to get the VTA Eco Pass.

- **Carpool.** Sharing a ride would also eliminate some

stress, as would arriving to school earlier.

Most students, at some point, have had to deal with the dilemma of being pressed for time and frantically circling the lots for a free spot. Most colleges deal with the same problem.

Foothill College, for example, had 13,272 students in spring quarter with only 2,720 parking spaces.

The saying, "rules were meant to be broken," may work with other situations in life, but following the rules in the De Anza parking lots may be the best thing to do to make everyone's life easier.

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From player, coach, mentor to Hall of Fame

By Carl Nilvall

De Anza’s Athletic Director and soccer coach Kulwant Singh has been involved with soccer for almost 30 years.

Singh has been inducted in the soccer Hall of Fame and is the current head soccer coach for the men’s soccer team at De Anza.

“It’s rewarding for me to see them go on and transfer. The academic side has become much more important to me.”

– Kulwant Singh, Athletics Director and head coach

With Singh showing no signs of slowing down, instead he looks forward to another season with hard work and dedication.

Singh, who grew up in Europe, played the game in high school and moved to California where one opportunity led to another.

During college when he played soccer, Singh decided to make coaching a career. He recalls that his time in the field has mostly been great because of devotion and commitment.

“There have been many great moments, memories and time out

on the field” says Singh.

One of the biggest challenges Singh faces as a coach is to see students struggling financially while playing at the same time.

“It’s kind of an uphill battle for them. Trying to secure financial aid and money to be able to go to school and play soccer. It’s difficult for some because of finding transportation and even for food sometimes.” says Singh.

Everyday is an honor for Singh but he says some of his rewarding moments come from seeing students transfer and continue with their academics.

“What I’m trying to do is get them very early in the process to start applying for financial aid,” says Singh.

Throughout the years, Singh has had lots of success, uch as coaching a championship team fifteen years ago while also being inducted to the Community College Soccer Hall of Fame.

“It’s not about the wins and losses. When I was coaching previously, I was very involved with the association” says Singh, “I did a lot of volunteer work and hours for the betterment of community college soccer ... I’ve served on lots of conference committees, state wide committees, national committees.”



CARL NILVALL | LA VOZ STAFF

Athletics Director Kulwant Singh talks about his accomplishments in his office Wednesday, Oct. 2.

“I was the chair of the All American. I was chair of the rankings,” continues Singh. “I think when I was recognized, I was recognized not only for the success here at De Anza but also for my work for the betterment of the sport.”

Singh is currently the chair of the National Scholar-Athlete Committee and a member of the Management Council of the California Community College Athletics Association.

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Player Q&A Rajae Delane

Sport Soccer | Position Forward | Age 19
Year Freshman | Height 5’10 | Weight 179



JESSICA SUN | LA VOZ STAFF

Freshmen Rajae Delane takes a moment to give quick interview Thursday, Sept. 26.

By Jessica Sun

How do you find balance between school and sports?

Just be organized, that’s the key thing. I say get your work done before training and take early classes. Stay involved in class, create good relationships with the teachers. That always helps. Try to get help whenever you need it. It’s a process I’m learning and it’s working so far.

What challenges have you faced pursuing your sports?

A mix of things. Just being patient, that’s the key thing. We have a new team this year, a lot of new guys. Last year, the team didn’t do so well, so just bettering the program, it’s a process with the new players, new coaching staff, new system and pace. So just being patient, learn our game, training and getting to know the teammates. It’s more so a mental thing. A lot of guys come from different areas and we also have a lot of guys internationally. So just playing with each other and learning can be a process. That is probably be the most challenging thing this year.

What are your most memorable moments as an athlete?

It was during track and field senior year. We had a chance to go to the state meet. It was a great experience because we won the state cup that year. Also I went to state for individuals. This was big for our school since our school has never done it before, a lot of people said we couldn’t do it, and we did it. It was a great accomplishment, outside of soccer.

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Athletes I look up to:

- Eddie Johnson of the Seattle Sounders

Teams I follow:

- Seattle Sounders

Greatest Accomplishment:

- State meet senior year
- De Anza Force Academy finals week
- Launching my own clothing company “DTFS”

What keeps you motivated on the field?

I think of family and I think of my teammates. My mom, she’s been through a lot lately and she she’s been able to overcome her obstacles and for me I understand that’s hard and a lot of pressure to also deal with seven children. When I see what my mom goes through, I realize there’s no reason to be tired. I just have to rise up. So I look up to my mom mainly. And I look up to my teammates who give it their all as well. If they’re out there sweating hard, then I gotta do the same. When the game is on the line, I just gotta suck it up and keep playing until the final whistle. That’s just how the mentality is and it has to be that way.


What do you see yourself doing in five years?

I would like to fulfill my dream of playing professional soccer. I also want to get my AA degree at least. I want run my own business. It’s called DTFS, which means Devoting Time for Success. It’s a motivational type of business where I implement a lot of positive messages on clothing. I talk to a lot of athletes and kids as well and try to encourage them to keep pushing forward. It’s my own little business I have going on. The site is www.dtfssapparel.com. Outside of sports, that’s what I like doing which is getting my business project going. So hopefully in five years it’s going to be in stores.

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Special teams' game changer

By Marion Hohlfeld

The De Anza Dons football team ended their three game winning streak after their loss to Sierra College's Wolverines 35-28 last Saturday at their second home game of the season. Ranked number seven in the State of California, the De Anza College football team headed into the match with odds-on favorite (3-0 vs. 1-2).

On a sunny and hot day, approximately 150 viewers saw a slow first quarter with both teams punting back and forth until De Anza's freshman Bryan Fobbs (1) collected the first first down of the game.

The second quarter followed with more completions on both sides and some great tackles by De Anza's sophomore defensive lineman Vic Vernon (96).

Sierra College scored first with a touch down and completed a field goal for a 7-0 lead.

De Anza counter attacked with a touch down pass from sophomore quarterback Jack Singler (11), to sophomore Bryan Fobbs (1). However a blocked field goal attempt made the Dons trail 7-6. De Anza then scored by another touch down pass to freshmen running back Lavon Donald (6) plus a

successful two-point conversion by sophomore Alex Kamara (7), they took over 14-7.

"We need to make less mistakes", said De Anza head coach Dan Atencio when asked about the improvements for the second half.

The third quarter came up to a rough start with lots of penalties on both sides before Silva kicked a 35-yard field goal for Sierra leading De Anza 14-13. The Wolverines impressed with great passes from the quarterback and a 23-yard touch down run taking the lead back 20-14.

One could think that the momentum changed again with the beginning of the last quarter when De Anza's freshman linebacker, Epie Sona (54), intercepted a pass and the offense turned that into a touchdown. With the Dons' 21-20 lead, Sierra College missed a 44-yard field goal attempt and got punished with another touch down pass by the Singler-Fobbs combo.

Sierra College would not give up and tied the game with a 33-yard touch down pass and two-point conversion to 28-28. The game turned towards the Wolverines favor when Demitrias Myart (16), returned the ball for a touch down

finalizing the game 35-28.

Singler said, "It was a close game. We fought, we came back and we had the lead, but just didn't get the win." Atencio added "The turnover on the special team was a major blow."

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Top Wide receiver Juan Lozano (80) watches a Sierra College player skip across the field. **Bottom Left** Sierra College attempts to defend their endzone from De Anza as they attempt to score at the game Sat., Sept. 28. **Bottom Right** De Anza freshman defensive back Isaiah Hardy (22) forces his opponent to the ground before Seirra could get another first down. **Photos by** Adam Conston, La Voz photo editor.



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