



FIELD OF BROKEN DREAMS

A questionable \$1.2 million construction job has left the baseball team fieldless and without their beloved coach

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Matt Risko is starting pitcher for the De Anza College baseball team.



Assistant coaches and baseball players deconstruct the improperly formed pitcher's mound, revealing the soft gray clay used in its construction on Feb. 23.

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Friday, Feb. 23 was supposed to be the dawn of a new day for De Anza College's baseball program.

Instead, the fallout of the day's events has left the team fighting for answers.

That Friday, the baseball team was cleared to visit its new field. The next day, Folsom Lake Junior College would come to play two games against the Dons. Neither of those games would be completed.

Robert A. Bothman Construction was contracted for the construction of the field on a \$1.1 million bid. Construction was scheduled for completion by the end of October 2017, but players were not able to access the field until that Friday in February.

As the team surveyed the field, the grass which had kept them off the field for the past three months due to it not taking root in the cold weather was the least of their concerns - when they took the tarp off the mound, it appeared to be made out the wrong clay.

"The mound was very loose and bounced like a trampoline," said sophomore catcher T.J. Solomona. "It was very unsafe for our pitchers to pitch on, and can cause a serious injury if they were to play on it."

The events following the field's unveiling are impacting the future of the athletes and coaches of the baseball team, which has been one of the more successful programs on campus over the past three years.

"We decided as a collective group that the mound was not playable," said sophomore Casey Andersen "and that the only way to make it game playable, as how we were directed by administrators, was to completely rebuild it, and we knew it could be done within a couple hours."

To the players, the problem with the mound was obvious.

"If you Google 'building a pitcher's mound,' it comes up with the pictures of the proper clay and

steps to go about building it," assistant coach Brian Richer said.

After hours of work De Anza President Brian Murphy would later deem an act of "wanton destruction," the team finally put together a working mound that was game-ready for the following day. That day came with excitement, as it was going to be the first home game in the past two seasons for the Dons.

Seven pitches into the game on Feb. 24, athletic director Kulwant Singh came out of the right field dugout and told De Anza's head coach, Erick Raich, that the team had to forfeit.

"It was the most embarrassing moment I've ever had in my baseball career," freshman utility player Sean Rooney said.

In a response to a request for comment from La Voz, Singh wrote: "I am not in the loop as far as facilities. I really cannot answer your questions because I don't know."

In response to a follow-up requesting more information, he added: "I am a facility coordinator in the Athletics Director position. I have no information that I can provide to you to help answer the questions you are asking."

The following Monday, the baseball team had shrugged off the forfeit and was looking ahead to their matchup with Skyline College on Tuesday when they received news that caused havoc within the locker room.

Head coach Erick Raich had been placed on administrative leave and replaced with an interim, former coach Scott Hertler.

Raich, who has helped 23 players move on to four-year universities in the last three years, is well-regarded by the players as one of the best coaches in the area for moving on his team to the next level

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Monday, March 19

Winter Choral Concert
7:30-10:30 p.m.
Visual and Performing Arts Center
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Friday, March 23

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A11 - Choral Hall
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DA Jazz Ensemble Winter Concert
7:30-10 p.m.
Visual and Performing Arts Center
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Sunday, March 25

DA Chamber Orchestra Concert
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Euphrat Museum of Art
"Showing Up with Care" explores caregiving, healing and the power of expression. The featured artists draw from personal experience, advocate for caregiver rights, and examine ways that art can be a vehicle for healing and transformation. Participating artists include Annabel Clark, daughter of the actress Lynn Redgrave. Clark's photographs document her mother's battle with breast cancer as well as other caregiver stories. The exhibit is presented in conjunction with Silicon Valley Reads 2018.

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Burger of the week:
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 19	March 20	March 21	March 22	March 23
SOUP Chicken Basil Chili	SOUP Chicken Noodle Soup	SOUP Mushroom Brie	SOUP Minestrone	SOUP Clam Chowder
PIZZA Ham and Pineapple	PIZZA Roast Chicken and Ranch	PIZZA Vegetarian Combo	PIZZA Mac and Cheese	PIZZA Chef's Choice
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 26	March 27	March 28	March 29	March 30
SOUP Tequila Spiked Fiesta Chicken	SOUP Vegan Vegetable	SOUP Steak and Beef Chili	SOUP Chicken Noodle	SOUP Clam Chowder
PIZZA Roast Chicken, Ranch, and Tomato.	PIZZA Meat Lovers Combo	PIZZA Califorina Bacon	PIZZA Chicken Pesto	PIZZA Chef's Choice

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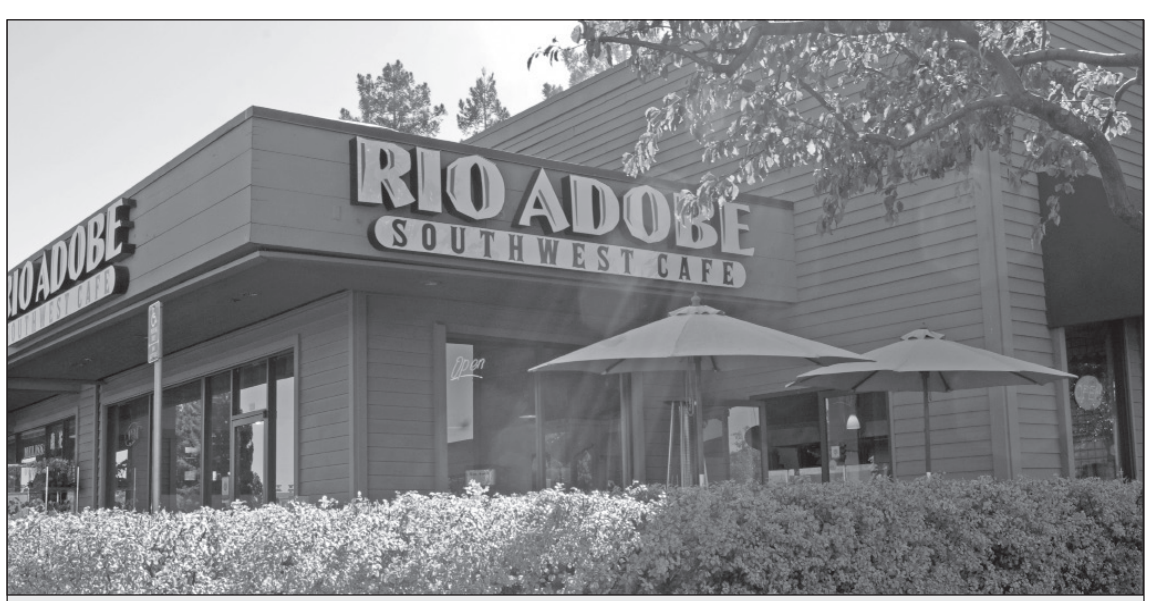
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De Anza police issued body-worn cameras



COURTESY OF THE FOOTHILL-DE ANZA COLLEGE POLICE



Andrew Shinjo
NEWS EDITOR

The Foothill-De Anza College police equipped campus officers with body-worn cameras on Wednesday, March 8.

Chief of Police Ronald Levine said, the goal with the body-worn cameras is to increase accountability and to maintain the highest level of honesty in police-student relations in a press release from the Foothill-De Anza College police.

The campus police department received a grant for \$27,194 from the U.S. Department of Justice to

cover 50 percent of the cost of the cameras and the other half was paid by the police department's budget, according to the press release.

Across the country, there have been a push to equip police officers with body-worn camera to increase transparency, but there also have been concerns about police officers not recording.

"This might have a positive effect," said Professor Robert Stockwell, a member of the community policing task-force group. "It depends of course on how that step is taken, what the policies are and to what use that technology is put."

Jean Miller Resource Room announces new staff member

Andrew Shinjo
NEWS EDITOR

The Jean Miller Resource Room announced a new program coordinator on Friday, March 16.

Shaila Ramos graduated from De Anza in 2013, and transferred to University of California Santa Cruz, where she studied community studies and Latin American Latinx studies, according to an email from Dean of Equity and Engagement, Aliciz Cortez.

"As a queer, undocumented woman of color, she has worked in the intersectionalities of immigration and LGBTQQ while utilizing activism as healing and self-care," said the email.

La Voz archives show Ramos was heavily involved in civic engagement work while at De Anza.

Ramos was the co-founder of HEFAS, a member of the Integral Movement for AB540 Student Success Club and an executive vice president in the DASB Senate.

Above: Officer Paco Vergara wears his newly issued AXON body worn camera. **Right:** A close-up of the AXON body worn camera.

DASB Senate finalizes \$1.2 million budget

Ana Acosta
Andrew Shinjo
STAFF REPORTER
NEWS EDITOR

DASB Senate finalized its 2018-19 budget during the March 7 and March 14 DASB Senate meeting.

The budget of \$1.2 million was initially postponed on March 7 because chair of marketing, Kamyar Ryan Saii, 19, business administration major, said a student was denied service by the Jean Miller Resource Room and before the senate made a decision, he wanted them to hear what the student had to say. But the student never showed up.

"Students aren't getting service," said Saii. "That calls into question the funding."

Saii later explained that after he along with a few other members of the senate consulted with the Jean Miller Resource Room, they learned that the student was ineligible to receive services due to school policies and Fund 41 was finalized on March 14.

Fund 46 which consists of \$115,841.23 for student advocacy was finalized unanimously with no issues.

Chair of Finance, Amanda Le, 21, business major, announced that the budget will soon be presented to the Board of Trustees.

DASB Senate adviser Hyon Chu Yi-Baker proposed using \$1,300 from the Senate's special

allocations to fund an inaugural dinner on March 23 to celebrate the senate's work throughout the year and to welcome new senators.

The catered lunch would serve about 60 people for \$15 each, totalling to \$900 for food and the rest for certificate frames and decorations.

"The total that I'm requesting is \$1,300, and that's pretty bare minimum," Yi-Baker said.

Le and Senator Raphael Villagarcia voiced reluctance to spend that much money and suggested a potluck instead.

Yi-Baker responded it would be a violation of food codes, and that the senators deserve a celebration after a year's worth of unpaid work.

Senator Brandi Sue Madison added that from her experience working with another non-profit that had issues with budgeting, the amount Yi-Baker was requesting was not "going overboard," and agreed the dinner was an important special occasion for the senators.

The motion was then passed 17-4. A final change was then made to the Athletics Department budget after Athletics Director Kulwant Singh asked that the senate move any unused funds from Fall and Winter sports that have already ended to pay athletics officials such as umpires and referees.

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DESTRESS AND RELAX IN

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MARCH 21
11.30AM -1.30PM
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PHOTO BY RYAN CHEN

De Anza College and middle college students march to Cupertino City Hall on March 14 to protest and honor the students killed in Parkland, Florida one month earlier on Valentine's Day.

Students walk out, march for gun control

Rebecca Arnone
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza College students observed 17 minutes of silence to honor the 17 students killed in the mass school shooting in Parkland, Florida on Feb. 14.

About 50 college students from De Anza as well as middle college high school students

gathered in the main quad and marched towards Cupertino City Hall, where they held a rally on March 14, one month later.

April Nicholson, 20, political science major, spoke at the rally about her experiences with gun violence and advocated for gun control.

"I hope to get the people who are in Cupertino to mobilize to

get gun laws here, and as I said in my speech, to be an example for the rest of both Silicon Valley, California and the United States," Nicholson said.

Organizers led marchers in chants rebuking President Trump and the National Rifle Association.

"I think we need sensible gun control laws. We cannot have the

kids being killed," said economics professor, Ravjeet Singh.

The walkout and march happened on the same day as students across the country of all ages protested by leaving their classrooms to make a statement.

"I believe that we have a problem with gun violence in our country, and we young people need to do something about it,

if the adults aren't going to do anything about it," said Jennifer Bell, 19, film and television production major.

At the end of the rally, organizers invited those gathered to participate in the local March for Our Lives taking place at San Jose City Hall on Saturday, March 24.

DASB Senate updates finance code

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The senate approved adding to the Finance Code that the senate will fund up to \$5,000 for student conference trips for no more than \$500 per person for public transportation, lodging and food not provided by the conference.

Senators also revised their 2018-2019 budget stipulation No. 16 to put it in line with the student conference travel finance codes.

Previously it was required for programs that used DASB funding for conferences to present to the senate what they learned at the conference within a month from the trip, but now they changed the presentation to any mutually agreed upon time if requested by the senate.

Vice President Ahmad Ali-Ahmad, 19, political science major, announced that election results will be revealed and possible appeals will be made at next week's meeting.

In other business, student trustee on the Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees, Elias Kamal, 20, updated the senate on announcements made at the Board of Trustees meeting.

In the coming months, the Foothill-De Anza district will make decisions about plans to cut \$10 million from the district budget, Kamal said.

"Though there were no layoffs this year besides vacant positions, there could potentially be reduced salaries or layoffs in the future," he said. "Undoubtedly, students and the quality of certain programs [and] services will be affected in some capacity."

Man arrested on campus for violation of probation

Ethan Bennett
STAFF REPORTER

Foothill-De Anza College police arrested a 36-year-old male near campus for an outstanding felony on Sunday, March 11.

Per the report of the Foothill-De Anza district police department, the man, identified as Lucas Kollerer, was arrested for violation of probation.

Chief of police Ronald Levine

said the suspect was "walking in the street near the De Anza campus and stopped for a check on his welfare."

A records check eventually revealed an outstanding felony arrest warrant. The warrant was confirmed and police arrived at the scene to arrest the suspect.

Levine said that there were no complications during the arrest and the suspect was booked at the Santa Clara County Jail.

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Students voice concerns at faculty lunch panel

Ethan Maneja
STAFF REPORTER

Students spoke out about their issues with safety on campus and suggested improvements at a lunch panel for faculty members March 2.

Natalie Valencia, 21, women's studies major, said she was sexually harassed by one of her professors during his office hours and couldn't do anything about it.

"I just sit there and I don't know what to say. This man holds my grades and I'm sorry, but I don't want to lose my grade, I don't want to get an F because I just rejected his advances."

The lunch panel was part of an annual day-long faculty convocation.

Valencia said she also had problems with De Anza's Psychological Services who said her level of anxiety was too high for them to help her.

Ashley Jahja, 16, agricultural



PHOTO BY ETHAN MANEJA

(left to right) Ricky Olvera, Yazmani Ortega, Josue Lembrino, Natalie Valencia, Ashley Jahja and Carrie Chang discuss their lives at De Anza College as a Student Panel for the 2018 De Anza Convocation on March 2.

science major, said she also had problems with De Anza's Psychological Services and was turned away because of her age.

Jahja also said she was followed by someone at the Flint garage, "I don't feel safe on this campus,

and if I try to reach out, I'm too young," Jahja said.

Questions opened to the audience shifted the conversation to how De Anza can improve in light of the issues addressed by the panel.

Valencia said that De Anza's security should shift to more patrols by police than emergency blue-light phones, because many of the phones do not work and provide students with a false sense of security.

Valencia also said professors should have stronger screenings for better student safety in the classroom.

In light of the recent mass shootings, Ricky Olvera, 20, criminal justice and criminology major, said students should be provided information and protocols to ensure they would be prepared if a mass shooting were to happen at De Anza.

Carrie Chang, 23, sociology major, said student equity and representation can be improved by having course material about marginalized groups screened to ensure accurate representation and also holding sensitivity workshops about mental illness and gender issues.

"Sometimes when student

feel like they aren't being accommodated enough, they'll underperform academically or even drop out," Chang said.

Social Sciences and Humanities Dean Carolyn Wilkins-Greene, said that she intends to find solutions for the issues covered at the summit.

"I am currently working with the Dean of Counseling, Dr. Sheila White-Daniels, to see how student[s] comments and concerns can be addressed," Wilkin-Greene said.

De Anza holds a convocation every winter quarter for a workshop by and for De Anza's faculty, brainstorming ideas to help improve student learning, success and equity.

Six students discussed their experiences on campus in a question-and-answer format.

The panel was selected by faculty on the Social Sciences and Humanities and Equity Core Team. Lunch was provided for all attendees.

Use non-violence to confront hate armed at targeted people



PHOTO BY CHARLES DANG

Audience participants and Tony Santa Ana of the Office of Equity (right) engage in bystander intervention role-play activity, in which nonviolent intervention is emphasized on Thursday March 8 at De Anza college

Ethan Bennett
STAFF REPORTER

De Anza students learned how to deal with acts of hate using non-violence in a workshop led by Representatives of the California American-Islamic Relations on March 8.

Emphasizing the current political and social climate, speakers Andrew Schutts and Courtney Mangus explained the responsibility as bystanders to "bear witness" to incidents such as hate crimes and do our part to prevent the situation from escalating.

"If we are aware of an injustice, there is a responsibility on us to do what we can to reduce what's happening," Schutts said. "We are our sisters', brothers', coworkers' keeper and it is our obligation to watch over them."

Schutts said the training would help cultivate the skills necessary to de-escalate the situation, eventually bringing it to an end.

Mangus continued from this point, showing the bystander intervention principles based on nonviolence, similar to the principles used by Martin Luther King and Gandhi.

"Non-violence is the most courageous way to respond. It's easy to lash out but it's very difficult to hold your emotions and act from a principled place," Mangus said.

Mangus clarified one principle which said that "nonviolence holds that suffering can educate and transform."

"We're not saying that people should walk in and take all the suffering they can get. This is more in line with Martin Luther King's movement where people could see that people were being beaten for nonviolence and that they would go against that," Mangus explained.

In incidents of hate and racism, it is more appropriate to label the victims as "targeted persons" Schutts said.

"We feel that 'victim' is a

powerless word and when we call them 'targeted persons' instead, it empowers them and it retains the ability to decide how they respond," said Schutts.

Above all, the safety of the targeted person and their wishes must be prioritized and respected, Mangus said, signalling the end of the presentation.

"As bystanders with a new identity, it's time for us to be more aware and pay attention. Don't assume someone else will do something," Mangus said.

Freshman student Sebastian Lopez gave his thoughts on the overall presentation and being a better bystander.

"The actual problem today is that people don't care about anything or anyone. They're selfish, they prefer to stay away from troubles," Lopez said. "People have to learn about how they can intervene in those cases because the world's not going to change if we don't make the difference."

Spring break is coming - make plans



Mary Sullivan
GUEST COLUMNIST

Spring break is almost here. Be smart, plan now for a fun, safe time. Here are some considerations:

- **Prepare** before you head out for adventure. Fully charge your phone and have your friend's numbers. Be clear on the plan - where are you going, check-in times and meeting places should you get separated. Consider creating hand gestures or code words to use if you're uncomfortable or need help. Keep the hotel's business card (with phone & address) if there is a language barrier, so you can get back safely. There is safety in numbers so look out for each other. If you see others not in your group in a bad situation, look out for them too.

- **Preview** your decisions before you arrive. Do I want to drink tonight? If so, how much? Do I want to have sex tonight? If so, carry protection, at least two condoms in case one breaks. They are free at Health Services. If you want to get cozy with someone, but not have sex. Be up front with them, "I really want to make out with you, but that's as far as things are going to go. Ok?" If you are uncomfortable talking about sex with someone, you shouldn't be

having sex with them in the first place. Know that consent must be given verbally, never implied or assumed regardless of any previous history of sexual contact and NEVER can be given when a person is severely intoxicated.

- **Pre-plan** your drink choices. Avoid binge drinking - defined as four drinks for women and five drinks for men—in a two-hour period. If you pace yourself by alternating water and alcohol, you stay hydrated and feel better in the morning. Avoid open punch bowls, pitchers or tubs, and keep control of your drink, even take it with you go to the bathroom! Date rape drugs can be put into any drink, including non-alcoholic drinks. If you or a friend experiences the signs of predatory drugs: extreme wooziness, confusion, difficulty standing, or slurred speech, get to a safe place immediately and if the symptoms are severe, go to a hospital. Overindulging in alcohol leads to poor judgement and serious consequences. No survivor is to blame for their assault, but the links between alcohol and assault is alarming.

Spring break can be a fun relaxing time if you prepare, preview and pre-plan.

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DE ANZA COLLEGE SURVEY
1967 | 2018

INVESTIGATING STUDENTS' SHIFTING VIEWS ON MARRIAGE AND SEXUALITY

NATIONAL STATISTICS
THEN | NOW

50 years ago, a group of students in a De Anza College health class wondered about their peers' views on sex and purity. They decided to do a survey, and the then-infamous 'sex poll' was born. In honor of our 50th anniversary, La Voz decided to recreate the poll. In the interest of continuity, we used the exact same questions.

WHAT'S CHANGED IN THE PAST 50 YEARS?

Many studies conclude that our generation is not entirely rejecting marriage, but instead postponing it. Waiting longer to settle down may be attributed to a wide variety of factors.

For those who desire children, technological advancements make conception a possibility into ever-later years, reducing the biological need to settle down and reproduce at a young age.

Shifts in culture certainly play a part, as traditional gender roles have significantly waned in influence and women are less inclined to start a family at a young age. Fewer Americans are having children than ever, perhaps in part because this is no economy to raise a child in- cost of living is high, but so is student debt, out-of-college unemployment and income inequality.

Religion has decreased significantly, with 2 percent reporting as nonreligious in 1967 contrasting starkly with the 20 percent of Americans unaffiliated with religion in 2017, according to Pew. Many ideas about premarital sex found their basis in religion, so social deviation from tradition may also explain a lower emphasis on purity.

An increase in the prevalence and quality of sexual education, as well as an exponential increase in accessibility of contraception, makes sex much safer for those who would otherwise settle down and adopt monogamy to avoid sexually transmitted diseases or unwanted pregnancies.

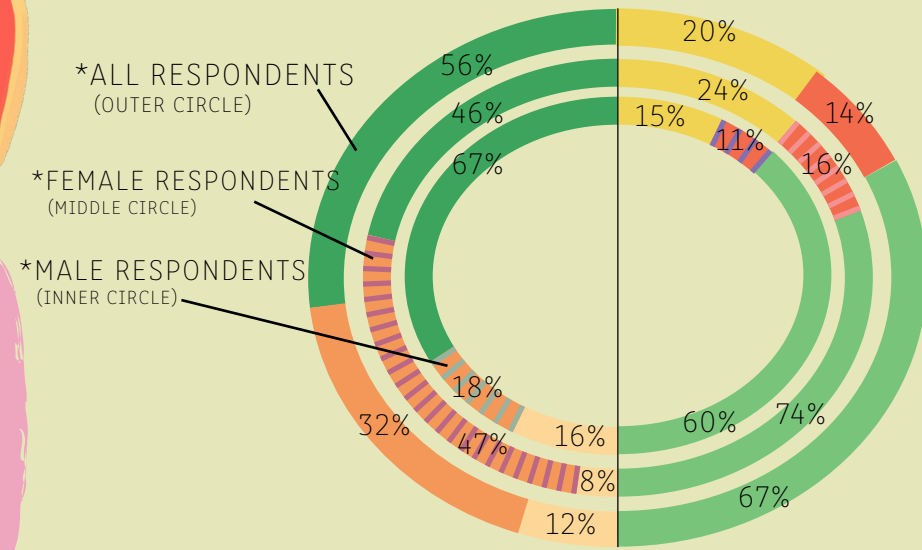
Since this poll, the women's liberation movement took place and contraception has become much more widely available, and women's sexuality has become much less stigmatized. Because of this, the idea that a woman's marriage might be 'hampered' by premarital sex is much, much less prevalent amongst college students. Women also take up much more of the workforce, so maybe they're more commonly valued for traits other than purity.

ABOUT THE POLL

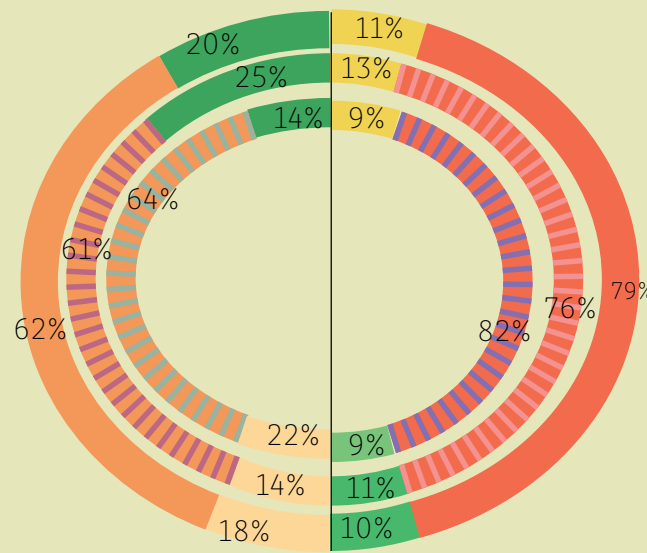
- The 1967 poll surveyed 400 students
- the 2018 poll surveyed 396: 202 male students, 193 female students, 1 nonbinary student
- Outer ring represents answers from ALL surveyed*
- Middle ring represents responses from females
- Innermost ring represents responses from males
- 100% of nonbinary respondents answered "Yes/No/No"

*percent of ALL surveyed from 1967 assume an even amount of men and women polled

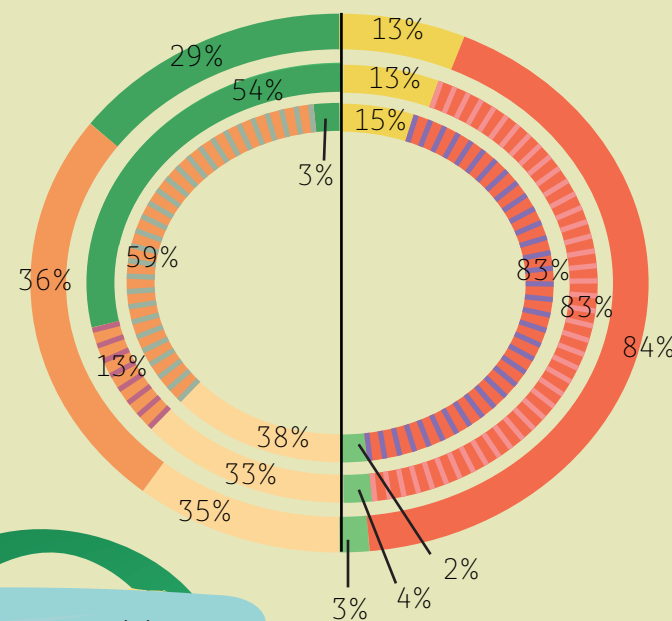
DO YOU BELIEVE IN PREMARITAL RELATIONS?



DO YOU BELIEVE THAT PREMARITAL RELATIONS ARE MORALLY WRONG?



WOULD THE FACT THAT A GIRL IS NOT A VIRGIN UPON HER MARRIAGE HAMPER HER MARRIAGE?



MARRIAGE RATE

9.7 | 6.9

MEAN MARRIAGE AGE

for women 20 | 27 for women
for men 22 | 29 for men

FERTILITY RATE

2.56 | 1.87

DIVORCE RATE

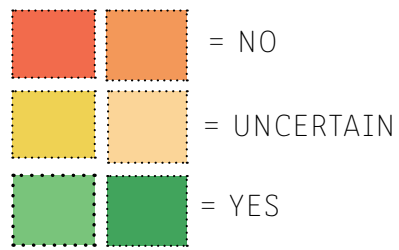
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STATS FROM
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"Premarital relations are morally wrong, but they are so common nowadays and allowed."

"YOUNG PEOPLE NOW DON'T CARE MUCH ABOUT IT BUT MY PARENTS GENERATION STILL DO. ALSO, MY FAMILY IS RELIGIOUS SO IT AFFECTS MY PARENTS THINKING AS WELL. ONE MORE THING IS THE CULTURE FROM THE COUNTRY WE LIVE, SOME ASIAN COUNTRIES STILL THINK PREMARITAL RELATIONS IS WRONG."

KEY



"It's 2018 and we're in a free country. No one has to be criticized by other people because they are doing things against the old fashion...let people do what they want as long as it's legal."

"Sex is normal, natural, healthy"

"As long as she ain't a hoe"

"Premarital relations are very normal these days. Anyone who thinks they're wrong or shouldn't happen is being unrealistic."

"Some people never get married. Sex is a major part of life and it is important to know if you are compatible with someone before you legally devote your life to them."

"It's 2018 who even cares anymore?"

"Sex is great 10/10"

"Love whoever you want. No matter how many relationships they had in the past. Love is love."

"!!!! Out with old, in with the new"

"Purity is a construct"

"I SUPPORT PREMARITAL SEX WHOLEHEARTEDLY."

"A girl not having sex before marriage has an evil history and it shouldn't affect anything in a relationship."

"Marriage is only a certificate of a piece of paper. The true love and faithful relationship is from the bottom of the heart. It doesn't need any bond from outside."

"Quantity matters too"

"I think the key is to get to know who you're planning to spend your life with. Morally? What's morally? I think people need to quit judging and letting others arrange their lives the way that they chose to live."

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DA Voices: What kind of birth control do you use?

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"I am currently on Lo Loestrin Fe; it is non generic form and one of the lowest dosage of hormonal birth control on the market. Finding a birth control that works well with your body can take some time. I had to remind myself that a brand that works for a friend may not work for me and that is okay."

Arianna Perez, 20,
early childhood
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"I use Viorele, it's a pill. I like it because I feel good when I'm on it. I've heard some birth control has side effects, and I haven't had any. There hasn't been anything that I've disliked about it."

Lydia Fonceca, 18,
kinesiology major



"I use the Nexplanon implant. I got it mid-January, and I definitely recommend it to anyone that's looking for long-term birth control. I don't have to worry about taking a pill every day or renewing a shot/patch since it's something that is constant."

Seona Limon, 19,
sociology major



"I take birth control pills, and I like them just because they seem like the easiest ones to use (in comparison to like IUD, injection, etc.), but I dislike them because it's easy to forget to take them at the right time. And if you forget, it really throws everything off."

Valerie Rodriguez, 21,
liberal arts major



"I always use condoms because it's one of the most accessible and the most effective way to prevent unwanted pregnancy and transmission of STD. I don't like using contraceptive pills because I have to be punctual about the time and sometimes it causes skin troubles."

Kylie Jeong, 20,
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'Get Out' deserved more from Academy

Jeffrey Windham
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Annually, Hollywood's most impressive celebrities walk the red carpet, looking their best to see who the Academy will present the 24 Oscars for different categories of excellence in filmmaking. On March 4, the 90th Oscars award show was hosted by a tuxedo wrapped Jimmy Kimmel.

"Oscar is 90 years old tonight ... after all the years, all the awards given for achievement in show business, Oscar is still number one, no question about it. Oscar is the most beloved and respected man in Hollywood," said Kimmel in his opening monologue.

"The Shape of Water" was honored with 13 nominations and won four Oscars. Director Guillermo del Toro took home

best picture and director, Alexandre Desplat composed the most original music score and the films production design won as well.

The movie follows a girl who can't speak forming a bond with an intelligent humanoid amphibian held in captivity for study. Best actress nominee Sally Hawkins acted opposite a CGI male counterpart. Shockingly, there is a sex scene involving the creature.

"The water is too muddy ... an affair with an amphibian.

That is so far out there, to win best picture is amazing. It shows how good the quality of the movie was," said Ben Hartje, 25, film major.

There was popular consideration "Get Out" would win best picture, but it did take home most original screenplay.

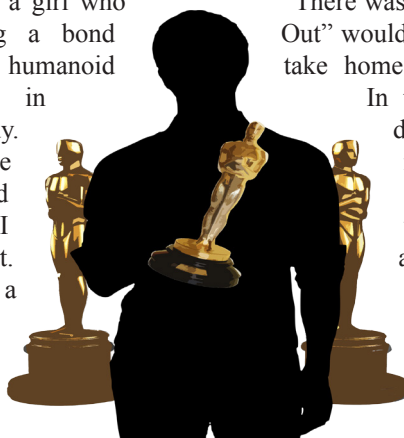
In the debut of Jordan Peele directing movies he was nominated for best director, lead actor Daniel Kaluuya was nominated for best actor.

The Hollywood Reporter quoted an anonymous Academy voter talking about "Get Out" who said, "As far as I'm concerned, they played

the race card, and that really turned me off." I bet that ignorant voter preferred the sex scene in "The Shape of Water." They also reported some voters refused to watch "Get Out."

Any voter should watch everything they're responsible for considering award worthy. Voters refusing to watch "Get Out" is a competitive disadvantage and a sign of prejudicial disrespect from the Academy.

"It really does feel like people are breathing their own air a bit. If you look at what movies are really connecting people versus what moves are being awarded. It's an elite committee choosing that, its not based on public opinion at all," said Hartje. "The politics of it have turned it to something that's not as pure for movie fans."



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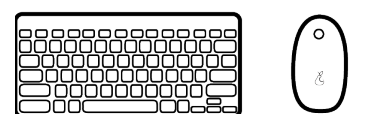
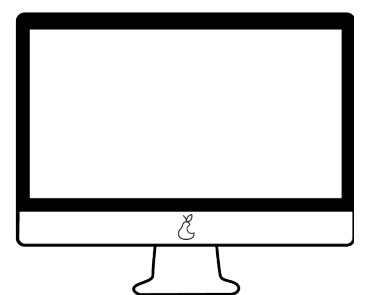
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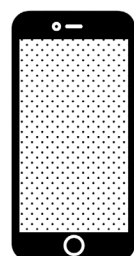
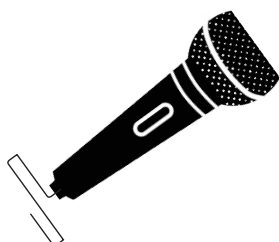
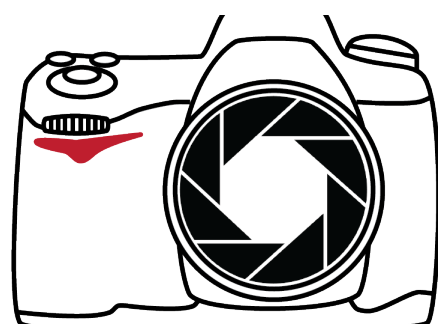
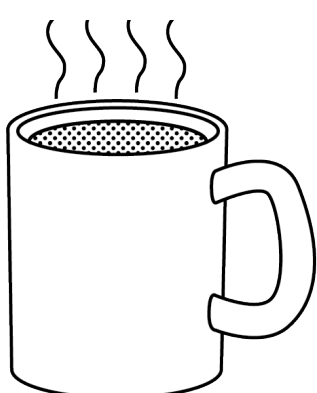
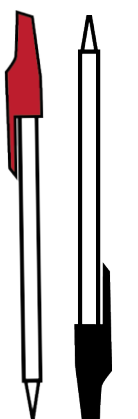
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Limit DASB Senate meetings to 2 hours



Ana Acosta
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Limiting DASB Senate meetings to two hours can improve the efficiency of the meetings and help increase focus, participation and attendance.

It is easier to block out time in one's schedule if a meeting has a set time frame, like a class. Setting a timeframe can avoid burnout and help senators plan their days accordingly.

Without a time limit, people will sometimes have to leave early due to other obligations. Then, not all senators will be present to make decisions.

The Academic Senate, for example, has a two hour time limit for their meetings. It consists of all full-time and part-time faculty members of De Anza as well as the Foothill-De Anza Board of Trustees, and they make decisions on De Anza's curriculum. Faculty are busy people who don't have time for unlimited meeting times because they have to grade papers and take care of their families.

Student senators are no different. Some have jobs, some have kids, some have extracurriculars, homework, family obligations—and on top of that, they are unpaid.

With these obligations in mind, it is good incentive for being senators to be fully present and participate at meetings if they know it's only going to last two hours.

Having a time limit acknowledges that senators are people too, and they need to respect each other's time.

When one sees a long meeting ahead of them, they are more likely to approach it with dread. A shorter time block can be motivation to focus throughout the meeting, which will increase participation and help decisions be made faster.

Furthermore, everyone has a limited amount of time they can pay attention for. People may be on their phones and laptops during the meetings because they feel the need to cram in homework during a long meeting, or because they have mentally checked out.

Some may think unlimited time is necessary because the senate has too much to get through, but adding a time limit would force senators to prioritize the most important topics and make more efficient decisions.

For example, sometimes, meeting time is spent explaining proper procedure or reprimanding each other for not participating and doing their jobs, which are all things that can be handled outside of meeting time.

Some may also feel that adding time limits would just lead to more meetings, but again, this could instead be an incentive to get through important things efficiently, so that extra meetings won't be necessary.

Not only can adding a two-hour time limit encourage more participation and efficiency at DASB Senate meetings, but it also shows a consideration for the senators' busy schedules as well.

From Brazil to the Bay

One international student's story of coming to the U.S.



Audrey Marques
IMPULSE EDITOR

Coming to the U.S. by myself wasn't that easy, but all the things I went through before coming here helped me to grow up and face life in a different way. Even when things get hard, I know I can look back at the past to figure things out in the present.

When I first came to De Anza College, I didn't really know what a "community college" was. I thought it would be the exact same thing as in Brazil, but I also didn't know how everything would work.

I spent two and a half years in a renovated university, one of the best in Brazil. I spent one year and a half studying journalism, working internships and writing for the school paper. I quit journalism because of personal reasons, but later on realized that it is what I'm really good at. Right after I quit journalism, I transferred to nutrition. It just wasn't my thing-- journalism was.

That's when my family decided it was time for me to come to the U.S. to study English during winter break, which is July through August in Brazil. The plan was for me to stay only eight weeks in an intensive English course, but I ended up liking the program a lot, and my mom agreed to extend my stay in San Francisco.

Staying longer made me the Student Ambassador at the English School, which also got me closer to the Center Director and the whole staff. They started to mention that I should try staying for good in the country.

Of course, America is not the same as

Brazil at all. At first, I thought I wouldn't get the cultural shock everyone talks about because I lived for six months in San Francisco, but I did.

The fact is, community college has a totally different method than Brazil, plus a different language. If I struggled in math before in high school in my own language, you can imagine how much worse it was in English. However, despite my struggles, I knew being in the U.S. was for good, and there was no looking back.

"...despite my struggles, I knew being in the U.S. was for good, and there was no looking back."

Quitting two different courses back home made me adapt to different situations and face problems that I'd never imagined dealing with. Working with professionals and big bosses at my internships showed me the real world.

It's never going to be easy being an international student, but neither is college. But everyone can get through it. College is just a taste of what is out there.



Stacy Ardoin
STAFF REPORTER

Dear Stacy,

I'm about to enter my last quarter before graduating and I'm taking 16 credits...How do I find a balance in school, work/homelife?

A Need to Balance,

The best way to balance anything in your life is to first decide the importance of the things you're trying to balance. 16 units is a lot but needed in order for you to graduate so right now that would be your number one priority and work would be your second. I'm not sure how much you have going on at home that would require much of your time but if you went home right after school or work and started on homework to be completed, your weekends are free for homelife and or work. Yes you will stay up late some nights completing school work but in the end you'll see those late night studies were so worth receiving that diploma.

Dear Stacy,

I've been feeling really lonely. I'm away from my family and real friends, but I feel that there is no one I can really open up to. What should I do?

Breaking Loneliness,

It's hard being away from family and opening up to new people but in order for you to break away from feeling lonely, you have to take the initiative to familiarize yourself with your surrounding because no one knows how you're feeling but you. Being in school is your opportunity to meet many people. Find that one person that seems really friendly and ask them for their help with something and that can be the start of building a relationship with them because who knows they may be also feeling like you.

Dear Stacy

My boyfriend is terrified of talking about life after graduation, his plans and how we see our future together. I'm not asking him to make decisions based on me but I want to know what to expect from our relationship going forward. I'm not trying to scare him or make him think I expect something, I don't. What do I do?

Our Future,

You have to deal with things as they arise. You know the saying, "if something's not broke, don't try to fix it," well this is a perfect example of you and your boyfriend's relationship. Things are going fine so take it for what it's worth. Men do clam up when it comes to discussion about the future so don't be offended by his actions. If things have worked out with you all thus far, a change in location will never stand in the way of you all's love for one another and when that time comes because of the love y'all share, things will all fall in place.

Should we arm teachers?

CON: DISARM, LESS HARM



Genevieve Kolar
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The idea of arming teachers to deal with gun violence would be absurd if it wasn't so terrifying.

The way to maintain the security of the school environment is to target what threatens it—that is, America's sensationalist gun culture—not put a bigger target on teachers by arming them.

Beyond being a huge liability, arming teachers normalizes gun violence and does nothing to treat the causes of mass shootings.

Public school teachers, coaches and other staff die regularly in these incidents as heroes and martyrs to save their students. Would it be better if they actively pursued the shooter with a gun? What is the likelihood that a bullet fired in the midst of a high intensity situation by a civilian unprepared for combat would hit its mark, and even if it did hit, be accurate enough to stop the shooter without hitting another student or staff member?

Even if the teacher was somehow able to accomplish this feat, a school shooter has already resigned themselves to a lifetime in jail, if they aren't killed first. A teacher with a gun probably isn't their greatest concern and would not deter them.

Furthermore, spending hundreds of millions of dollars on the screening, training and arming of public school teachers is absurd considering it is these same teachers who struggle to gain funding for the most basic of classroom supplies.

Gun advocates and casual gun owners argue that arming teachers meets a need for protection. 'The bad guys have guns, so everyone needs 'em,' the thinking goes. But this need for safety will never be met by arming unprepared civilians.

The true remedy for this issue is sensible gun regulation to ensure that fewer of the 'bad guys' end up with guns in the first place. This means waiting periods, regulation of private sales, mandated reporting of missing firearms and requirements on the storage of ammunition and firearms in secure, separate locations.

Ultimately, arming teachers accepts the terms of the mass shooter: the redefinition of the school as another place of combat. For the safety of our students and our teachers, this is a definition we cannot accept.

PRO: ARM AND PROTECT



Megan Wong
STAFF REPORTER

Valentine's Day of 2018 saw a deadly school shooting in Parkland, Florida which claimed 17 lives, the most recent in a long history of school shootings in America. Arming school teachers is a solution to lowering the amount of school shootings.

Guns have been apart of our society since colonial America. The Constitution's second amendment states that "the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

Removing guns from the people and the streets is not a realistic option: mentally ill and at-risk people are already gaining access to guns legally and illegally, and bad people will always find a way to get guns. If we cannot remove guns from the streets, the American public must re-evaluate alternative options, such as arming historically gun free zones like churches and schools.

There is a misconception that school shootings are not shut down by law enforcement quickly enough. In 2013, the FBI reported that "in 63 incidents where the duration of the incident could be ascertained, 44 of 63 incidents ended in five minutes or less, with 23 ending in two minutes or less." One must protect the students directly because the police, though quick, still cannot prevent massive loss of life.

People with mental illness and at-risk individuals are going to campuses unafraid. Churches and school are targeted because these are gun-free zones.

It is uncommon that a mentally ill individual attempts to shoot a police station or fire department because these areas are protected with firearms. Arming teachers who are vetted by the U.S. Department of Justice could present a deterrent to one considering committing a gun crime.

If 10 percent of teachers in a school voluntarily agree to firearm training, then simply carrying could lower the amount of school shootings and protect students.

Adequate training by law enforcement and providing incentives to staff could encourage teachers. Ultimately, arming teachers would keep those who are considering gun violence away from these previously gun-free zones.



GRAPHIC BY RAMONA WANG

Don't worry about your major, it's bad for your health



John Bricker
STAFF REPORTER

While college students should be encouraged to choose a major and make the most of their education, students at De Anza College should do their best not to obsess over their major.

Your major will most likely not directly determine your career.

According to a 2013 study by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, only 27.3 percent of college graduates work in a job directly related to their college major.

For example, my father earned a creative arts major from San Jose State and ended up working as a project manager at Apple. That job was not anything close to what he envisioned during college, but has supported him and his family well.

Plans change, and you can be exposed to opportunities that you would never expect.

Even on the off chance that your college education will determine your career, the average student does not have choose a major while they work on their GE

courses, especially with the less expensive tuition at De Anza.

If you take more than two years to figure out what you want to do with your life, you will still only spend a fraction of what you would at a four year university. Community college is a safe space to experiment and find a feasible career you can excel in.

Of course, if you have a grasp on what major you want to pursue, go for it. But don't panic if you decide to change majors. Just adjust your education plan and keep going.

If you don't know what major you want to pursue, start working on GE courses, declare a placeholder major to keep priority registration, and keep your eyes open for something you might love.

And if you have college figured out, don't pressure your fellow students into committing to a major. Students don't need even more stress.

According to the American College Health Association, 34.5 percent of college students felt so depressed that it became difficult to function at some point in 2015.

Letter to the editor

Brock Turner judge has pattern of leniency towards sexual misconduct

Editor:

Judge Persky's recall is not just about the Stanford swimmer sexual assault case. He has a history of giving special treatment to privileged men, particularly athletes, convicted of sex crimes. Just since August 2016:

Robert Chain was convicted of possessing pornographic images of toddlers being penetrated and in lewd positions. Persky gave him a four-day sentence and the opportunity to reduce his felony to a misdemeanor after only 1 year of probation.

Ikaika Gunderson was convicted of domestic violence after punching, strangling and pushing his girlfriend out of a car. Following the conviction, Persky allowed Gunderson to delay his sentencing for over a year, so he could play football at the University of Hawaii without having to notify the state's probation department. During this time, Gunderson was rearrested for domestic violence against a different victim.

Tony Chiang was convicted of domestic violence for beating his girlfriend and pulling out fistfuls of her hair; Persky sentenced him to 72 days of "weekend jail," so it wouldn't interfere with his work schedule. Keenan Smith too was convicted of domestic violence against his girlfriend; Persky again tailored his sentence around his football schedule.

This pattern of doing special favors for convicted sex offenders warrants an immediate recall of Judge Persky.

Natalia Lima
Santa Clara

> Baseball (from front page)

Head baseball coach on leave indefinitely



PHOTO BY GENEVIEVE KOLAR

Matt Risko shows the condition of De Anza College's baseball field's mound.

"I'm from Fremont, California, and there are bunch of other junior colleges that are near me," said sophomore pitcher Daniel Ramos. "But I played for Raich over summer, and I really liked how connected he was with my future, and that set him apart from all the other coaches. Losing Raich affects me because I trust him to move me on to a four-year, and now, with him being put on leave, it puts my future in question."

Throughout the process, the parents of student-athletes have been up in arms with the way the administration has handled the situation.

In an email De Anza President Brian Murphy sent to parent, Jerry Nastari, Murphy wrote, "several players and coaches – including the head coach—(have) essentially destroyed the pitching mound."

Parents said the problem with Murphy's comment is the severity of injury that De Anza and Folsom Lakes players could have had experienced if the

mound wasn't fixed within the time period the administration had allotted for the field to be ready for the game.

"I have never heard of a school that would rather have their own students hurt themselves so they can cover their own butts than have a mound that is safe and playable" said sophomore Josh Longabaugh.

The team has been battling to get their head coach back.

At the beginning of his official email to the team, Murphy stated, "The head coach was informed every step of the way as to the status of the field and the timeline for it to be ready for use."

However, neither Raich nor any of the baseball staff were allowed to assess the field's safety prior to Feb. 23, including on any of the walk-throughs to assess field readiness. This was confirmed in an email to La Voz on March 15 by Pam Grey, De Anza's associate vice president of college operations, who said she would not have permitted it.

"The players and their parents

have repeatedly explained to De Anza President Brian Murphy and associate vice president Marisa Spatafore how their abrupt action of suddenly removing coach Raich is damaging the futures of the De Anza student-athletes," Nastari said.

Players said Raich was attempting to make De Anza's home field safe for his players, whom he consistently calls his "sons," and now the team is battling with the administration, who would rather see them injured and unsure of their futures, than working together to make their field a place where they can do what they signed up for.

Sophomore pitcher Daniel Ramos said: "That mound didn't seem playable at all. I knew once I stepped on it, it wasn't a mound I have been familiar with all my life. It was soft after months of the field not being done. I stepped on it and immediately five inches around my foot sank in. I've never seen a mound like it. It was nowhere near playing."

Genevieve Kolar
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Head baseball coach Erick Raich, has been put on indefinite paid administrative leave as of Monday, Feb. 26.

Scott Hertler, Raich's predecessor and a tenured kinesiology instructor at De Anza, has stepped up to the plate in his absence.

While the details are confidential, Raich's leave comes in the wake of the abrupt, administration-enforced forfeit of a game against Folsom College on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The forfeited game was set to be De Anza's first home baseball game since 2016, as well as the long-awaited debut of the \$1.2 million baseball field, which was initially scheduled for completion in October 2017.

Athletic Director Kulwant Singh, who arrived in the game's first inning to announce the forfeit, stated in an email on March 13 that he lacked sufficient information to comment on the situation.

The baseball team was informed of Raich's leave on the following Monday, Feb. 26.

In an email to parents of the baseball players on Tuesday, Feb. 27, De Anza President Brian Murphy provided the following statement explaining the reason for forfeit: "I had presumed the game would be canceled, and was therefore surprised to find that it had begun to be played. I made the call to stop play, as we could not vouch for the safety of the field."

Murphy went on to apologize, saying "the opposing team and fans should have been clearly informed of the reason the game was forfeited, and I am sorry that no one stepped up to do so. The head coach is on leave."

John Buchman, the baseball team's head pitching coach, said that he believes administration to be "pushing the blame on someone [Raich] who has nothing to do with the situation."

A source who wishes to remain anonymous alleges that Raich may have grounds to file a grievance against his employers, citing workplace safety mandates established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

Decisions regarding Raich's return and the status of the baseball field remain to be seen.

To some, Raich represents the baseball program's redemption.

Before his arrival in spring 2015, De Anza's baseball team was the lowest-ranked in the entire state of California, with a win-loss record of 3-31 for the 2014 season- the worst in De Anza history. Before hiring Raich, Athletic Director Singh and dean of physical education Coleen Lee-Wheat were even considering terminating De Anza's baseball program.

In 2015 and 2016, under Raich's leadership, the Dons made it to playoffs. In the seasons

since, their win-loss ratio has improved consistently, achieving a record of 22-17 in 2017.

Players, parents and coaching staff have expressed concern for recruitment prospects in Raich's absence. In his three years at De Anza, Raich has seen nine players recruited to Division I programs, 13 recruited to Division II and one player recruited to Division III.

"He's probably one of the most connected guys in the state of California...he knows who to talk to," Buchman said. "It's difficult to move guys on, it's difficult to recruit guys because right now we're in limbo."

"We're really just looking for resolution," Buchman said. "We're trying to right the ship right now."

In his Feb. 27 email, Murphy explained the coaching situation moving forward, saying "I want to assure you of the continuity of the baseball program, as the previous coach, Scott Hertler, has agreed to lead the team for the time being. We believe he will provide the best possible support for your students in their athletic and academic goals."

Associate Vice President of Communications and External Relations Marisa Spatafore said that Hertler "has extensive baseball coaching experience and is well known in the baseball community. We very much appreciate his willingness to provide leadership to the student-athletes."

Hertler was head coach of the baseball team from 1999 until his resignation in 2015.

Hertler said it feels good to be coaching again. "It's nice to be back in the dugout, hard to get back into the logistical side... but being back around the kids and coaches is a good thing, I'm enjoying it," he said.

The team is currently 10-11, following a 6-5 loss to West Valley College on March 15. This is the third loss in a row for the Dons.

Despite recent losses, Hertler has an optimistic outlook. "I believe we can still get back in this thing. We've got good talent, the guys play hard," Hertler said.

"We have to make a few improvements, but I think we can make a run at this thing...We're on a three-game skid and we need to get on a run. If we do that we can turn this thing around."

Buchman emphasized the uncertainty surrounding the coach and the field, saying "we have a team that doesn't really know their future. We have a coaching staff that doesn't really know their future"

"But we have a lot to play for. We're a good team. There's a lot of distractions, and I think that's going to be the determining factor...whether we can put those aside," Buchman said. "We just want a chance."

La Voz will continue to provide coverage on the status of the baseball field and the coaching situation.



PHOTO BY GENEVIEVE KOLAR

De Anza College baseball players gather to discuss the game after their loss at West Valley College on March 15.

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De Anza's women's badminton team scrim to prepare new players



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Heather Ho smiles after a successful return at the March 2 Coast Conference Doubles Scrimmage at De Anza College's main gym.

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De Anza College's women's badminton team participated in a scrimmage with their competition matchups on Friday, March 4.

Of the teams participating in the season, only three came to the scrimmage: Mission College, Skyline College and City College of San Francisco.

Head coach Mark Landefeld commented on the scrimmage between the teams.

"Though we would've liked to fight Fresno, the Coast Conference champions last season, the matchups today look favorable," Landefeld said.

Landefeld stressed the importance of the scrimmage, noting several key factors to take note of and remember as the season begins.

"We're working on how to play in the moment, focusing on what's important now. We're also trying to recalibrate our thinking tactically and being more aware of our game, not making the same mistakes," he said.

Assistant coach Radu Milevschi said that the scrimmage matches were a good way to, "get a lot of game experience."

"It's good to play a bit because some are still nervous. Most of the team is new. Most of them is their first time playing so they get more relaxed by playing. At the moment, they just need to play and be exposed to different styles from different schools," Milevschi said.

Milevschi expressed confidence

in the team as they look to practice and improve every day.

Assistant coach and former varsity member Yuyu Liu said based on the performances from the sets, the team looks very aggressive.

"The team plays pretty well, but we still need to concentrate more and work on our doubles rotations," she said.

Liu recalled some important notes to keep in mind during her time playing on the court.

"Don't give up, try to win and keep concentrating on your own game," Liu said. "Also, try to win efficiently to save energy for the next games."

Liu's last pointer for the players is to have a lot of fun in the matches, citing that stressed players don't focus well.

Player Srilaxmi Pappoppula, who played doubles alongside Jinny Chung, gave her thoughts on how best to play in each game.

"We prepare for the worst and just play to our heart's content. Also, listen to coach's tips and pointers because they're helpful in the game," Pappoppula said.

Team captain Negar Hosseini offered advice for her team as they approach the beginning of the season.

"Make time for practice. I know that finals are approaching, but we've got to focus. We have priority enrollment, so we should schedule our classes for practice."

Hosseini also offered advice for newcomers to not feel nervous and to do their best in the upcoming season.

The women's badminton team's first match will be on March 16 against Pasadena City College.